

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Two (November-January) Due Feb. 10

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings.	Meeting Date #1	<u>November 2nd</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes - minutes note election</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>December 7th</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>January 4th</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email	<u>yes - Thursday enews</u>
	newsletter	<u>Yes - see attached</u>
	other announcement? (please specify)	<u>facebook, twitter, website</u>

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes Officer Elections in November - see board contact info
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Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>Nov-Dec</u>	Copy Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
		<u>Jan-Feb</u>		<u>Yes</u>

Also to be attached: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood activity list for the quarter, including method of notification as well as estimated attendance. (Required)

Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome.

Any other information your neighborhood association feels will be information that will help to provide a clear view of your neighborhood associations accomplishments.

ELNA also participated in adopt-a-family

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## ELNA Minutes – November 02, 2015

No meeting was held due to the ELNA elections. The election was run and monitored by the League of Women Voters. 328 members voted.

## ELNA Minutes – December 07, 2015

Present: Eric Jay, Brenda Nuenez, Kt Walsh, Codi Bates, Josh & Amanda Davis, Pat Watkins, John Sebelius, KH Harris, Boog Highberger, Cindy Suenram, Aaron Paden, Josh F Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Mark Francis, Pam Blackburn, Nate Freiburger, Magali Rabasa, Jesse Fitzpatrick, Judy Romero, Dave Loewenstein, Linda Kuczka, Jacki Becker, Mark Simpson, Christy Wittmer, Amanda Maciuba, Timothy B Morland, Jesse Carleton, John Wafire, Jake Lester & Katie Beckwood

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. No minutes were available for review.

Jake Lester & Katie Beckwood from the American Institute of Architecture Students spoke about their project at New York Elementary. Freedom by Design finds projects in the community involving architecture students. They are building a garden shed for the school in March. Currently they are fundraising including a silent auction at the MLK Chili Feed for donated bakery goods along with a Final Friday event in February. The goal is to raise \$4000. There is also a GoFundMe account for donations.

Sarah Bishop brought the new artists in residence from the Arts Center. They are Amanda, printmaker, Christy, ceramics and Elle, dancer (was unable to come). There is an upcoming class presented by Artist Inc to teach artists about the business practices of professional artists. Financial aid is available.

Guy Hupy came to discuss the properties owned by Mary McDowell on New York (1225, 1229, 1235). He asked for opinions about demolish vs renovate. Eric Jay offered resources to collect more historical information about the houses and specialty craftsmen.

Officer elections followed. Aaron Paden was nominated to continue as president and was elected. Phil Collison and Josh Davis (NY) were nominated for Vice President. Phil was elected. Pam Blackburn was nominated as secretary and was elected.

President's Report: Aaron would like to have a brain-storming session about what we want to accomplish this year.

Treasurer's Report: \$3584.80 in the bank. It was moved by KT and seconded by Josh (NY) to make a donation of \$100 to the League of Women Voters for their assistance in the board election. Motion passed.

Coordinator's Report: Board interviews will be collected and published in the next newsletter. The location of the January meeting is still being determined. The Adopt a Family wrapping party will be Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Aaron volunteered his studio at 835.5 Mass.

Dave Loewenstein reported on his research on Board Training and Liability Insurance. The insurance costs most groups between \$300-\$400 / per year. There are several groups that offer Board Training. Dave will continue to look into both.

East 9<sup>th</sup>: At the last CAC meeting (10/28), it was noted that 9<sup>th</sup> is a truck route. The initial street designs will not work for a truck route. There is also a need for an ADA sidewalk at St Luke's Church. The next meeting is 12/16 at 6:30 at the library.

LAN: Brenda reported one of the LAN members has a concern about the fireworks both around the 4<sup>th</sup> and other festivities. Person wanted a letter of support to have more police in neighborhoods to monitor. Generally it was felt that the police are doing a good job currently on monitoring this situation.

There is concern about the Marriot parking basement off of 9<sup>th</sup>. Drivers going in and coming out are not paying attention to either pedestrians or cars on the street.

City Commission: KT brought up that the Horizon 2020 plan section on neighborhoods needs better language on what is a neighborhood.

Safe Routes to Schools: NY didn't qualify to add LED.

Quonset Hut on 8th: KU Art department has signed a long term lease to rent.

Sunrise Garden: is pursuing a change in zoning to light industrial. The request was deferred back to planning. They are asking for neighborhood support.

Leon's property was discussed.

NY PTO: the recent intruder into the school was discussed. PTO Book drive is collecting books to give away for Holiday reading. Drop off donations by 12/15. MLK chili feed is looking for cookie donations.

Yart sale will be in March.

Pam moved to adjourn the meeting. Cindy seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

## ELNA Minutes – January 04, 2016, New York Elementary, 7pm

Present: Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh, Porter Arneill, Joe Bickford, Tamara Cash, Amanda Davis, Erika Hane, Arch Naramore, Brenda Nunez, Jan Schaake, Frank Janzen, Judy Romero, Anna Tangeman, Adam Williams, Matt Williams

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. October and December minutes were reviewed. KT moved and Cindy seconded. The minutes were approved.

Erika Zimmerman, director of Habitat for Humanity, spoke about the organization and of upcoming homes to be built -- one in Barker and in North Lawrence. The group is looking for more ways to expand services for the community.

Tamara Cash of Community Village Lawrence (CVL) gave a background of the organization, rooted in helping people stay in their current homes as they age. CVL is a 503c organization. Currently they do reassurance calls and safety checks. All services are provided by a totally a volunteer organization. Clients call the office and the Vista volunteer maps to a volunteer. Membership for most is \$360/year. This allows 6 rides a month. They are looking to add more services.

Adam Williams & Matt Williams of 820 Penn, spoke about their plans to develop the brewery. They brought renderings for proposed apartments above Seed Co. They are in discussions with the city on what era is historical. Their plans call for more closely resembling the 2 story building with a setback 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from the 1950s. Of concern is the available parking for the proposed businesses and the apartments. Although board members were hoping the land behind the building and south of Poehler would be utilized it was discussed that the current owner is planning on townhomes. This leaves utilizing land across Pennsylvania which is currently zoned for other things.

Porter Arneill announced that Lawrence and Douglas County have joined Americans for the Arts. Various events over the next year will collect surveys to articulate the contents of a strategic plan and achievements meaningful to community life.

The discussion on specific ideas for ELNA for focus on for 2016 was postponed.

An update was given on Leon Kimball. His advocate, Shelly Wakeman is working toward getting Leon enough time to process his things and decide which plan he is going to pursue – rebuilding or selling. He has 90 days.

President's Report: River Cleanup – April 23, Burroughs Creek – March 5 (has since been changed), Yart Sale – March 26.

Coordinator's Report: MLK Chili Feed will be 1/19. Dave and Aaron volunteered to person the ELNA table. They are looking for dessert donations.

Zoning: Pam met with Scott McCullough and the planning staff on 12/18. It is expected we will get some concrete information on their findings this month. They have been working and are drawing close to the end on their work on the Oread overlays.

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

# East Lawrence News

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## ELNA

### General Meeting

**MONDAY, NOV. 2nd, 7-9pm**

**New York Elementary**

**9th & New York**

Agenda item includes:

⇒ ELNA Board Elections

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## ELNA Board Elections and Candidates 2015-2016 Year

Annual Meeting Monday November 2nd 7pm at New York School

The ELNA Board is comprised of a maximum of 14 members. Our bylaws require that the previous year's president must retain his or her seat on the Board into the following year. Only 13 seats are open for re-election at this time.

The seat of the Board member who holds the Treasurer's position WILL be up for re-election, contrary to previous statements.

The candidates for the ELNA Board, along with each person's contact information, are listed below. You may contact each personally with questions regarding his or her opinions and positions on neighborhood issues.

All bonafide, resident in-neighborhood ELNA members may vote to select a maximum of 13 of these 23 to represent as the ELNA Board.

### Current Board Candidates

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## ELNA Adopts-a-Family for the Holidays

Want to help ELNA adopt a family for the holiday season?

Each year, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association adopts a family (or two) in need of assistance through the Ballard Center. As a group, we purchase gift cards and gifts for the selected family. In the coming weeks, we will receive a wish list of items from the family. As soon as we acquire this list, we will be looking for neighbors to purchase and donate gifts. If you would like to volunteer to donate items, contact Christine Kosirog, 218-6786 or ckosirog@yahoo.com, or Lane at east-lawrence@yahoo.com.

## ELNA Presidents of the Past: A Retrospective -- Lane Eisenbart

I asked all former ELNA presidents still available for contact to reflect on their time as President --when they served, and what they felt was the defining issue of their presidencies. I also allowed for each to elaborate as they wished.

Josh Davis Nov 2012 – Nov 2013

*The biggest issue in my time was the designation of Lawrence's "Cultural District", comprised primarily of East Lawrence in addition to downtown.*

Leslie Soden interim June 2011 – Nov 2012

*I served as President from August 2011 to November 2012. A month after I became President, the development plans for the Marriott Hotel building at 9th & New Hampshire appeared. I spent most of my term working on that project, and while I wouldn't use the word "fun" to describe that time, it stretched my personal boundaries of what I thought I could and couldn't do. If it weren't for that time, I wouldn't have become fascinated with city hall issue and politics, which eventually led to me becoming a Lawrence City Commissioner last April. Representing diverse voices is hard work, but incredibly meaningful for me.*

*I wrote these words for the March 2012 ELNA newsletter as President, and they still apply today:*

*"Living in Old East Lawrence for 8 years, it certainly seems like we are constantly fighting off other, more influential people and what they think our neighborhood should be. Behind the vague adjectives of "revitalize" and "improve" and "unstable" and "blight" runs a basic undercurrent that there is just something wrong with our neighborhood and that it needs to change. But people choose to live in our neighborhood for how it is now! Flowing through our neighborhood are the twin philosophies of "live and let live" and "one person's trash is another person's treasure". While "open-minded" is merely a buzzword for some people, it is an actual way of life here, and people really respond to that refreshing change of attitude."*

Deron Belt Nov 2009 – June 2011

*"I have little recollection of any one defining issue during my time with ELNA. I will say that I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to contribute. My fondest memories are those where the collaborative efforts of neighbor's came to fruition in reaching a common goal (i.e. block party, YART sale, a BCRT clean-up, and so on).*

*I do remember pondering the pace of change within the neighborhood. East Lawrence is a stew of changing pieces, persons, and place. The neighborhood is steeped in a history of passionate citizenry with a penchant for the dramatic. I believe that this tireless intensity has served the neighborhood well. Still, change is difficult. We literally cannot stop this change from happening. Often the process of change is slow. Other times fast, maybe too fast for those whose voices may go unheard. Even change intended for the betterment of all can leave some with profound feelings of loss and fear. How do we account for these folks? These are real people with concerns, whether we agree with them or not.*

*That said, I do think it's helpful when parties contributing to change are mindful of what came before them and to what may follow as a consequence of their actions. Showing some compassion and empathy may go long way to being perceived as neighborly. While it may be the very least we can do assuage fears, it's certainly worthy of the effort."*

Phil Collison Nov 2006 – Nov 2009

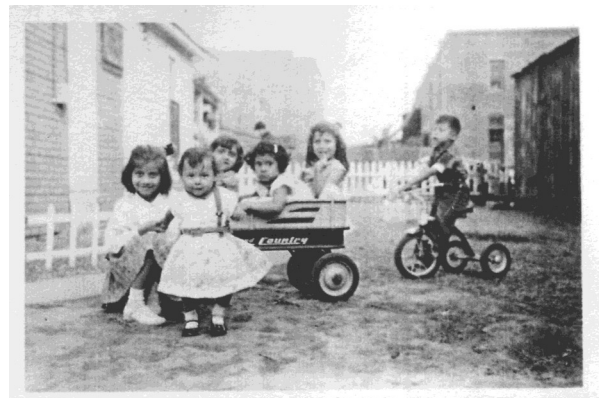
*"I was ELNA President during a quiet period in the 'hood. Things had quieted down in the 800 Penn area. During my time as President, we worked on trying to build a more inclusive ELNA with the introduction of the Thursday ELNA News, and we also created the first ELNA website. The KVKL Sunday Night game came to Hobbs Park and ELNA began selling concessions there. I continue to live in the neighborhood and continue to advocate for our neighbors."*

Janet Good Nov 2003 – Nov 2006

*"The big issues in my time as President were Bo Harris at 8th and Pennsylvania and Krause Fine Dining. Bo Harris wanted to construct a brownstone live-play-work kind of inclusive development. (The economy tanking took that one down.) These two issues were very similar to what's happening now, in that they divided the neighborhood, especially between newer residents and long established ones. Bo Harris said that he thought EL would gentrify no matter what ELNA or the residents did, because of where it is in Lawrence. Sadly, he might be right. We'll lose something great if it does.*

*EL is what it is, great, because it was allowed to change very organically. No major development made it what it is, the people who have lived here fighting to keep it an affordable single family neighborhood, while preserving it's history, have. There would be no neighborhood at all had people not fought for it all along."*

To illustrate her feeling of what she felt might be lost, Janet included some of her favorite historical East Lawrence pictures – "of the hispanic neighborhood that was at 8th and Penn and bulldozed to make way for the "eastern bypass" before people realized what was coming and stopped it."



8th and Pennsylvania





## River Clean Up Thanks

Thanks to everyone who came out October 3<sup>rd</sup> to help clean up the River. The weather was perfect and we had a bountiful harvest!

Thanks Tom Harper, Joshua Davis, Aaron Paden, Oscar Paden, Elliot Paden, Benjamin Wright, Katy Meston Ward, Jenine Meston, Daniel Ward, Lexi Meston Ward, Dani Flani, Daina Bitters, Zoe Bitters, Charlotte Pessoni, Linda Lips, Matthew Bellemere, Cris Combs, Erin Besson and Family, Goldy Stephens, Melissa Freiburger!!!

Let's do it again in the Spring!

~Mike Myers

## Block Party Thanks

Thank you! That was a pretty good party, neighbors, and we couldn't have done it without your help. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, donated raffle items, played music, and set up their tables to inform us about some stuff. And special thanks to everyone who brought delicious food for us to share!

Lindsey Frye	Aaron Paden
Russel Benke	KT Walsh
Lisa Marie Benke	Michael Davis
Cindy Suenram	Patrick Watkins
Arch Naramore	John Myers
Gotfred Beardshear	John Sebelius
Greg Herrod	Phil Collison
Rowyn Fisher	Chris Lempa
Jason Fisher	Mike Rheim
Brenda Nunez	Eric Farnsworth
Pam Blackburn	Community Village
Scott Blackburn	Lawrence
Christine Kosirog	Sunrise Project
Blue O'Leary	Intersection Repair
Tim VonHolten	Erin Adamson
Cari Davis	Lawrence Percolator
Stephen Mason	Emily Myers
Annie Neri	Jacki Becker
Eric and Josie Jay	James Krause
Josh Davis	Sugarfoot Detour
Joe Bickford	Clementine
Mike Myers	Tony Peterson

Decade  
The Recyclery  
Cottin's Hardware  
Ladybird Diner  
Aimee's Coffeehouse  
La Familia  
KH and Irene  
Acme T-Shirt  
Burger Stand  
Dave Loewenstein  
The Roost  
Liberty Hall  
Merchants  
Mass Relaxation  
Yankee Tank Brewing  
Pride of Gumbo  
Screen Printing

Lane Eisenbart did all the things, and her board won't let her publish the list without including herself, even if it's lame.

## Neighborhood Thanks from KT

Neighbors would like to extend special thanks to Shelley Wakeman for her (pro bono legal) help to our friend and neighbor, Leon, at 1231 Pennsylvania. Her willingness to help Leon is appreciated. We'd also like to thank neighbor Don Kantory for his assistance in bringing attention to the rehabilitation of the Amtrak Depot. Don put lots of work into the project in its early stages and we appreciate that, too!

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# Block Party

September 2015



## Downtown Grocery Project Current Status and Goals

The Downtown Grocery Store core group has met weekly for nearly three years, and continues to work toward our common goal of an affordable full-line store to serve downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods, which comprise a federally-recognized food desert. A recent news story described a renewed focus on the site at 7th and New Hampshire, the building formerly occupied by Borders bookstore. (Because of limited space for parking, the 11th and Mass project plans no longer include a grocery store.) We are very pleased that the building owner, our city commission, and adjacent neighborhoods are all pulling in the same direction to make a downtown grocery store a reality. We are encouraged that multiple grocers and a pharmacy are seriously interested in establishing downtown retail locations. The Old West Lawrence neighborhood association has supported the downtown grocery store project since the beginning. As plans move forward, your support, and that of the other central-city neighborhoods, is still vital to the success of the project.

Thank you for your continued support, and please let me know your thoughts or questions about the project.

Downtown Grocery Committee  
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## How to get around on the bus in Lawrence

Many people know that the City and KU created a coordination transit system a few years ago. What it means is that riders can get on any bus in Lawrence and pay only one fare. Whether you see a blue bus that says “KU” or “T” on it, anyone is welcome to ride.

Lawrence Transit System provides service in East Lawrence with several routes. Routes 1, 11, and 15 all have bus stops in the neighborhood. All three of those routes connect to the downtown hub at 7th & Vermont, where you can transfer to reach other parts of the city.



Route 1 offers service between Downtown and Prairie Park. Route 11 connects Downtown with the KU campus and 31st & Iowa. Route 15 goes from Downtown to the Peaslee Center and East Hills Business Park.

So, how much does the bus cost? If you pay cash, it is \$1.00 for full fare and \$.50 for reduced fare. Reduced fare applies to those in grades K-12, Haskell students, seniors age 60 and over, or people who have a T Lift or Medicare card. Bus

## New York Garden Club News

Some very exciting things are happening with New York School Garden Club! The New York School garden is now officially a participant in the District’s Farm 2 School garden program. With some help from the School District, we hope the school garden produce will be served in the school cafeteria with breakfast and lunch meals as early as this spring. Fantastic news! AND, The American Institute of Architecture Students at KU has selected New York as their project for the year. Each year this group of student architects picks a project to design and build for a group of handicapped or low income individuals. They raise all the money and do all the construction. Mrs. Saltz and Mrs. DeGarmo have met with their lead student and decided to build a shed in the SE quadrant of the playground for our garden! The plan is to design and fund-raise for the project this winter, and to begin building a very unique and kid-accessible structure in early spring. If we can raise enough money, we will also get a greenhouse! Please stay tuned for upcoming fundraising/ donation opportunities. Some ideas in the works are a partnership with Cottin’s Hardware, direct donation of building materials from friends and neighbors, a Chipotle fundraiser, a can collection, and an event for silent auction. Also, keep a look out in early spring for the call for new Garden Club members. With questions and ideas, contact Mrs. Saltz [ssaltz@usd497.org](mailto:ssaltz@usd497.org). For frequent updates, check out the New York Elementary Garden Facebook group.

passes can be purchased at Dillons, Hy-Vee, The Merc and City Hall. Monthly passes are \$34 for full fare and \$17 for reduced fare, and 10-Ride punch cards are \$10 for full fare and \$5 for reduced fare.

Buses run from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday – Saturday. For after-hours service, you can schedule a ride on the Night Line by calling (785) 312-7054 Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Night Line will pick you up and drop you off anywhere in Lawrence. It runs from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday – Saturday. The fare is \$2.00, cash only.

For assistance with route planning, call (785) 864-4644 to speak to a customer service representative. Transit Guides with maps and schedules are available at most grocery stores, City Hall, or the Public Library. An online trip planning tool can suggest multiple ways to reach a destination. Try it out at [www.lawrencetransit.org](http://www.lawrencetransit.org).

To get real-time information on when the next bus will arrive, you can download the app “MV Transit Where’s My Bus,” available on both iTunes and Google Play. You can also send a text to (785) 312-2414 with the bus stop number as the message. All bus stops have the stop number displayed on the sign. You will receive a message back with the upcoming bus arrival times for that stop.

For more information on Lawrence Transit services, go to [www.lawrencetransit.org](http://www.lawrencetransit.org).

# Safe Winter Walkways Program

The City of Lawrence and Douglas County Senior Services needs your help! The Safe Winter Walkways program kicks off this week and volunteers are needed to help elderly or disabled individuals clear public sidewalks during snow events.

Able-bodied Lawrence residents with a passion for helping others and an enjoyment of winter weather are needed to volunteer for the Safe Winter Walkways program. The goal of the Safe Winter Walkways program is to create safer and more accessible pedestrian walkways. This is a joint effort of the City of Lawrence and Douglas County Senior Services (DCSS). Volunteers will be matched with residents needing assistance with snow removal for the winter season.

In 2014, 87-percent of people who signed up for help did get paired with a volunteer. Last year, 80 households signed up for assistance but 10 people were unfortunately not paired with volunteers due to the demand for the program and a need for more volunteers.

This year, the city is again offering online registration for participants and volunteers. Visit [www.lawrenceks.org/safe\\_winter\\_walkways](http://www.lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways) to sign up for the program. This year, the program will close participant sign up on November 20, 2015. This date has been selected so that participants and volunteers can be matched prior to the holiday season, and hopefully, prior to snow season.

"This program is an excellent resource for members of our community who physically can't keep their sidewalks clear during snow events," said Megan Gilliland, communications manager for the city. "This program is a structured version of what has happens in many neighborhoods - neighbors helping neighbors. With volunteers, we can make certain that the neighbors can count on a volunteer to be there if snow needs to be removed."

"This year, it is critical that anyone who is interested in volunteering sign up in advance," said Gilliland. "Our program is most effective when the volunteers and residents are paired up before bad weather hits and we can react quickly."

Volunteer groups, civic organizations and youth groups are encouraged to consider volunteering as a team. Please contact Larry Woydziak with DCSS to find out how to sign up as a group and requirements for volunteering.

"This program is for public sidewalks only," said Woydziak. "We give priority to homes with public sidewalks and volunteers are not required to provide snow removal for private driveways, sidewalks or walkways--this is left to the volunteer's discretion."

Volunteers can sign up by calling (785) 832-3338 or registering online at [www.lawrenceks.org/safe\\_winter\\_walkways](http://www.lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways).

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and look for updates regarding neighborhood events.

July 1, 2015

Raymond Hall

## SNAKE STEW – part two

I carried my 12-gauge sawed-off semi.  
We headed down the Neosho River,  
to Cow Creek, its tall trees dimly crowding,  
the mud, primeval; dank, musty ragweeds.  
A railroad bridge crossed it, up fifty yards.  
It clouded up quickly. Some raindrops plunked.  
"They're easier to spot on days like this,"  
he said. Two bullfrogs croaked. He had a plan.  
He'd walk through the woods to the railroad bridge.  
He'd wait there for the snakes I could scare up.  
"We'll shoot enough for a snake stew pig-out  
with a keg of Coors for the neighborhood.  
He started out, then hesitated. "Dad  
was killed up there. " He pointed at the bridge.  
At my respectful nod, he continued,  
"He and I were here for bullfrog legs then.  
He had a pint of moonshine white. He was  
nipping at it, he stretched out on that bridge.  
I was shooting frogs, and I had got to here,  
when I heard the train. I ran, waving my  
arms, yelling, Dad! Get the heck down from there!  
He dropped, decapitated. The creek  
was shallow there. Then like a chicken with  
his head chopped off, he ran." He watched me blanch.  
He straightened up, and as he headed out,  
said, "See you later," disappearing fast  
in the gloom. Suddenly, he was perching  
on that railroad bridge. Then chugging the pint,  
leaning back further, and further, let his  
legs dangle, the only part of him that  
I could see. I heard a train. I jumped in,  
running in that shallow, soiled water.  
I shot his legs. He was too far away.  
The train tunelessly rumbled and roared on.  
Nothing was left above his chin; just two  
red, pulsing, vertical wires. He stumbled.  
Dark, gray cottonmouth snakes, mouths white inside,  
seized festively. A dozen. Then some more.  
And then, on top of that, a viper  
head popped up too close. He watched me, briefly.  
And sullied. I got a head shot in time.  
It wrapped my arm, lovingly, going home.  
I fillet out two pounds of stewing meat.  
I didn't take off for the funeral.  
So what? He hardly was a good old boy.

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- Work Days
- YART (Yard/Art) Sale
- Block Party
- Adopt-A-Family
- Art
- Music
- Photography
- Gardening
- Grilling
- Fund Raising
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Website/Technical Management
- Baking/Cooking
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# East Lawrence News

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January 2016



The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association will hold a regular monthly meeting on **Monday January 4th** from 7-9pm. Even though New York School will not be open for students until Wednesday January 6th, the meeting will still be held in the New York School library. Agenda TBD.

## ELNA Board Elections 2015

238 ballots were cast on the evening of November 2nd; a record turnout for the neighborhood! The results are as follows:

Christine Kosirog 205	Matt Pryor 123
jacki becker 194	Cindy Suenram 122
Eric Jay 191	Amanda Davis 95
Josh Davis (PennSt) 168	Patrick Watkins 90
John Sebelius 155	Codi Bates 86
KT Walsh 150	Mike Anderson 84
Dave Loewenstein 145	Kent Frye 70
Phil Collison 142	John Gascon 69
KH Harris 138	Bruce Eggers 66
Pam Blackburn 134	Mark Francis 61
Joshua Davis (NYSt) 131	

As of the ELNA meeting on December 2nd, Board officers include President Aaron Paden, Vice President Phil Collison, Secretary Pam Blackburn, and KH Harris continues as Treasurer through the fiscal cycle ending in August. Lane Eisenbart, non-elected staff, continues to serve as Coordinator.

We owe ENORMOUS thanks to the League of Women Voters Lawrence/ Douglas County for their invaluable assistance in organizing the election. Join the League! Consider making a donation to their good work! We'd also like to thank New York School for sharing their space with us and being so very willing to accommodate our needs. THANK YOU!



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## Other Notes:

If you're cleaning out your spaces this winter, save your junk for ELNA! Save it and give it to us to sell at our annual Yart Sale in March. Watch our news outlets in the coming months for an exact date for our sale, and details about where you can drop off your donation.

# Board Member Interviews December 2015



## Aaron Paden

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Since the summer of 2007

Why do you choose to live here? It may be the best place on the planet. Our structure is made up mainly of affordable vernacular homes on old streets and sidewalks, that while humble, are rich in story and in walkable distance to many day to day destinations. The history of East Lawrence isn't your typical white man's history tracing time by the actions of pocketbooks but instead it celebrates the hands that built Lawrence. I see us, East Lawrence, as a neighborhood of predominantly working class people that embody a live and let live life, a life of helping each other get by.

How long have you been on the Board? I think this is my 5<sup>th</sup> year – but I can't remember – this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as president.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I believe that healthy local social networks are fundamental to a good standard of living. I believe ELNA enables neighbors to work together for the betterment of the community but also of themselves. When we host a clean up by the river or sell food at Sunday night Kickball or raise money at the YART sale or host a discussion at a meeting we are accomplishing much more than the direct task at hand. Neighbors get to know neighbors – trust is formed – information and history is shared or created. Our stories combine and community happens.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I think ELNA is experiencing an influx of development interest at a rate that exceeds the community's ability to respond and interact with it towards a positive end. I'm not sure that we can 'slow' development interest – but we can try to implement tools that help slow it from eroding the culture, community, and history that already exists. I'm interested in those tools.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Sticky notes - They are so dang handy and it is much less wasteful than an entire sheet of paper and I can stick them everywhere – they even fit in my pocket. 2<sup>nd</sup> would be the rubber band... because projectiles are always fun.



## Eric Jay

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Resided for 2 yrs. and owned business for 7.5 yrs.

Why do you choose to live here? Because the eclectic nature of the neighborhood and its proximity to the projects I work on. I also enjoy living near like-minded folks who care about their neighborhood and school.

How long have you been on the Board? 3 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? To be involved in decision making processes that affect the neighborhood and to learn more, and to be a voice for, folks who live in the hood.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? Interesting ways to create affordable housing is always on my mind and it's a project I'd like to work on.

What's your favorite office supply and why? A nice pen, because it's the tool for me that allows ideas to come to life.

## Dave Loewenstein



How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 20 years

Why do you choose to live here? It is where my friends are, where my work is and is the place that inspires and supports my sense of community. It is beautiful. It's where I've put down roots.

How long have you been on the Board? The first time about two years. This time 1 year and 1 month.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? It's critical, if we want a healthy neighborhood that has a voice on the issues that affect it, that those with relevant experience, skills and knowledge serve in some capacity. My work and experience intersects with many of the challenges and opportunities our neighborhood is engaged with now so I feel the responsibility to serve.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I am especially interested in working with neighbors to better understand and then act on the potential opportunities and impacts of the arts-based development projects that are being proposed for East Lawrence. I'm also interested in helping with board training and capacity building.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Rubber band for all my rolls of drawings and mural designs.



## Jacki Becker

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 12 years

Why do you choose to live here? love it. close to downtown, close to work.

How long have you been on the Board? long time.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? love my neighborhood and hope i can be a fair and accurate representative for those who surround me in the neighborhood

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? zoning. making sure we are keeping single family homes in the neighborhood. also supporting local businesses / craftpeople / creative endeavors in the neighborhood.

What's your favorite office supply and why? my phone. enables me to work where ever.



## Cindy Suenram

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 29+ years

Why do you choose to live here? This house was for sale 29+ yrs ago, near my at-the-time new job, and near lots of amenities. It worked out and I love it.

How long have you been on the Board? 2 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? To stay in contact, and up-to-date, with the neighborhood and fairly represent it.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? The YART Sale and Block Party for sure; continuing with the printed newsletter involvement; see what comes up.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Hole reinforcement labels; their self-stated purpose.





**Josh Davis (NY)**

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 8 years  
Why do you choose to live here? East Lawrence is an amazing group of eclectic individuals who as a whole, care more about their neighborhood than anywhere I have ever lived. It is a neighborhood where you know your long term neighbors, you often know someone on every block, and you even get to know the college student just passing through because the whole neighborhood leads to connections. There is an appreciation of the small things like a simple walk or the big things like helping neighbors, preserving history and being active in discussions. I also appreciate the walk-ability of the neighborhood.

How long have you been on the board? New this year.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? To be more involved in continuing existing traditions and trying new ones. I am more aware of community issues than in the past, and would like to continue to learn and help where I can.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? All the existing traditions. Highlights for me are River Cleanup, Holiday Adopt a Family and YART sale.

Additionally...

Addressing housing issues (via committee or otherwise)

-Affordability

-Zoning

-Appropriate Development

-Property tax freezes if certain conditions are met (length of ownership, age of owner, property tax % increase).

Picking up trash - I like to pick up trash. I do that now just when I walk, and I would like to be involved in more organized efforts around that simple act (similar to the River Cleanup). I spend a considerable amount of time on a computer each day, so that is something basic that I enjoy doing.

What's your favorite office supply and why? The inkello Matchbook Calendar. Every year, I get three so I have a three month physical calendar I can reference on my desk. And even better, they are from East Lawrence! <http://inkello.com/collections/calendars>



**Pam Blackburn**

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 2.5 years

Why do you choose to live here? I was looking for a house close to downtown with character. I didn't want to be in the Burbs.

How long have you been on the Board? 2 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? Initially, it was to get involved and understand the neighborhood. Now, it is to keep the neighborhood a neighborhood and not downtown apartments.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I am continuing to work with city planners on rezoning "north of 9<sup>th</sup>" to current usage. We are seeing great progress on the preparations necessary to present to the city commission. As more changes happen in the neighborhood, I would like to get involved in property tax changes for low income home owners and property owners who rent to low income.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Mechanical pencils. I have finally decided I like to be able to erase occasionally. And I never seem to be able to find a sharpener, or work a sharpener.

**KT Walsh**



How long have you lived in East Lawrence? approx. 40 years

Why do you choose to live here? East Lawrence has a relaxed, scruffy aesthetic that I cherish. It's also home to preservationists of all ages who work to honor our culture, multi-racial history, and our internationally recognized largest remaining neighborhood of vernacular architecture in the nation.

How long have you been on the Board? Off and on since the Umbrella Incident that taught me that united neighbors can fight, and win at, City Hall.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? It's fun, challenging and you get to work with engaged, committed people. Also it's like taking an advanced, hands-on course in civics, history, and community building and social justice combined.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? Continued work on the East Ninth project to ensure the promised process is adhered to and the Arts Center and city work with ELNA to help the hood rather than just the developers. Plus, getting more East Lawrence sites and buildings on the local historic register.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Stapler. Hands down. But, would someone please open a stapler repair shop?

**John Sebelius**



How long have you lived in East Lawrence? My family is new to the neighborhood and we have lived in East Lawrence since 2014.

Why do you choose to live here? We moved to East Lawrence because we love the culture, history, artistic significance, and close proximity to my studio (Seed Co.) and downtown.

How long have you been on the Board? 1 month and still going strong.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I want to give back to my community that I care so deeply for. My aim is to help bridge divides amongst the neighborhood and get more individuals involved.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? YART Sale, connecting community resources to neighbors, Freestate Festival, and continuing my grilling prowess at the Block Party.

What's your favorite office supply and why? I have an untraditional office and it would definitely be spray paint. Colorful, permanent, and dries quickly.



**Board Member  
Christine Kosirog**



**Board Member  
KH Harris**

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### Phil Collison

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? I moved back to East Lawrence in 2004 for my current stint here. I moved to Lawrence in 1976. Back then Lawrence was the mecca for a liberal community and there were so many progressive ideas going on. The ELIA was getting started by leading the charge against the destruction of Pennsylvania

Street by the Haskell Loop, a road conceived by City Fathers to solve the problem of poor, awful East Lawrence. Over the last 40 years I have lived, worked and played in Lawrence and East Lawrence.

Why do you choose to live here? I choose to live in East Lawrence because it is a place where I am not dominated by mainstream culture. Where I can walk to shop at places not owned by corporate conglomerates and where my neighbors feel the same way. It is a place where I can tend my own garden and not be absorbed by the mainstream. My environment has always reinforced my ideals. Time is passing, and now East Lawrence is facing a coming out party. We have been discovered for the wonderfulness that we have espoused over the years. Now the trick: how do we continue growing and have an impact on keeping these wonderful values we have shared?

How long have you been on the Board? I have been on the board since getting my current residence in 2004.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? ELNA has been a positive force in Lawrence and our neighborhood since its inception. Without ELNA, folks would be driving in from K-10 on the bypass to downtown to shop at the big box mall at 7<sup>th</sup> and Massachusetts. There would be no Liberty Hall, no Free State Brewery. No Van-Go, no WAD. ELNA has been at the forefront of keeping Lawrence unique. We were EFL before there was LFK.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I sit on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Arts Center sponsored 9<sup>th</sup> street project. I have been a part of that for the past year and hope to impact it in a way that can make it be a win-win for both Neighbors and the City, with Neighbors coming out a little better. I want to use Planning to help shape the future here, rather than leaving its outcome to chance. That is what community does. What if there were infrastructure (sidewalk!) improvements beyond the immediate environs of 9<sup>th</sup> street?

What's your favorite office supply and why? I suppose my printer that is now capable of making copies. I use it more than my stapler (because I can never find my stapler...).



### Lane Eisenbart

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Ten years this last fall. Minus a summer here and there.

Why do you choose to live here? In the beginning, it was a matter of convenience and necessity. It was affordable and within walking distance to KU, where I was going to school. Since then, as my life has changed and changed again, I have chosen to stay in East Lawrence because it feels like home. There are lots of people and places I love here, and hate to be parted with.

How long have you been on the Board? I am not part of the Board. I am ELNA's only (very part-time) employee.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I choose to serve my neighborhood for the *glamour and profits*, of course. (*font for sarcasm*) Seriously though, I continue to work for ELNA because I have skills that are of use to the people and places I love.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I'll do all the usual things. From a technological standpoint, I'll like to look again at automating some of our communications so that more platforms can be utilized without additional effort. From a person-centric point of view, I'd like to invite a more racially diverse cross section of our neighborhood to be involved in the Association.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Paperclips. Because they are the truest of free spirits. I have never in my life bought paperclips, and yet I have a handful in my desk drawer right now. How did they get there? They just like, roam, man.



### Matt Pryor

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 15 years

Why do you choose to live here? all my stuff is here

How long have you been on the Board? off and on for about six years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? to try and repair the rift in our neighborhood

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? neighborhood potlucks and other social events

What's your favorite office supply and why? no comment



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### Josh Davis of Pennsylvania Street

How long have you lived in East Lawrence?

Almost 16 years.

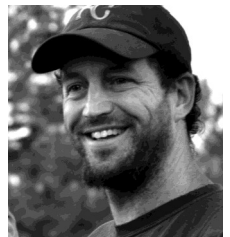
Why do you choose to live here? It keeps me young.

How long have you been on the Board? Maybe 7 years? Time goes fast and I've lost track.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I like knowing what's going on and taking part.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? We shall see what the year brings.

What's your favorite office supply and why? White Out. Because stuff happens.



# East Ninth Project Update

The East Ninth Citizen Advisory Committee last met on December 16th. East Lawrence Citizen representatives Phil Collison, Dave Loewenstein, and John Sebelius offer these words of reflection from that meeting:

**Phil Collison:**

At the last meeting, we took a look at two concept proposals for the 9th Street Project. One which featured an 8 to 10 foot shared use path on the south side of 9th street, along with a 5 foot sidewalk on the north side, and another which had 5 foot sidewalks on both sides. Folks leaned towards rejecting the idea of a shared use path. Both plans showed losing at least half of the parking along ninth street, with the WAD end increasing parking, and the residential center and downtown losing parking. The design group will be using the comments from this meeting, including some public comment to put together a finalized plan that will be presented at the January 27 CAC meeting, and that will ultimately come to the City Commission in late March.

Helper Artists were announced that will work with the 3 Artists who will receive \$100,000 commissions for their installations along 9th street.

Send your comments to Porter Arneil at the City.

**Dave Loewenstein:**

The three \$100,000 infrastructure artists are "idling" J. Shelton said. None of the selected artist were present at the meeting to comment on their work. J. Shelton said that Associate Artists (working as assistants to the three infrastructure artists - \$5,000 each) selected so far are -

Kate Dinneen to work with Jarret Mellenbruch

John Sebelius to work with James Woodfill

and possibly Tyler Peck and Alicia Kelly to work with Derek Porter

J. Shelton said that the East Ninth Artists (for individual projects along E. 9th - \$10,000 each) are also idling. They include – Zia, Rachael Perry, Nick Carswell, Meredith Moore, and Steven Johnson.

**John Sebelius:**

Associate Artists have been chosen by the Intergrated Artists, although Derek Porter is still in discussion with two local artists. The East Ninth Artists that have begun working are Zia (ceramicist) and Nick Carswell (musician). There was discussion of collaborative crossover potential between Carswell and Associate Artist James Woodfill.

CAC gave input of coexisting with the delivery truck route and both design plans embrace this. There was also concern raised about the historic relationship of the Turnhall being preserved -- mainly the connection between the building, sidewalk and curb. Earlier designs where this was disrupted have been omitted. There was two different design plans discussed. The overall reaction of the CAC and public comment was the more "traditional" design with sidewalks on both sides and bike paths in the street was supported more. The sidewalks will be made ADA compliant and the original materials, like brick, will be used to make theses changes. We were assured that the sidewalks will not be demoed, just repaired and widened, keeping the integrity of its historic nature.

**Updated East Ninth CAC Schedule:**

The design team will meet to synthesis the notes from CAC and public comments.

CAC will meet Wed, Jan. 27th at 6:30pm at Library and Wed, March 2nd at 6:30pm at Library

El Dorado will go before ELNA to discuss these changes and the plan once these comments are consolidated.

March 9th - El Dorado and the project go before the Cultural Arts Commission

March 17th - El Dorado and the project go before the HRC

March 22nd - El Dorado and the project go before the City Commission

## At the Judicial Center

by KT Walsh

In the long hallway  
tall lawyer lays out options  
family is scared  
court workers walk fast  
no eye contact, folders stacked  
arrests ensure jobs  
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## Artist Opportunity at Lawrence Arts Center

The Lawrence Arts Center will host Artist INC this spring March 22- May 10, 6-9pm.

Artist INC is a cutting edge training program that empowers artists to create opportunities and take control of their careers. By addressing the specific business needs and challenges artists of all disciplines face every day, participants learn the business skills specific to their art practice and how apply those skills cooperatively with peers. Leveraging a class design that focuses on the three major components of adult learning (mentorship, peer networks, knowledge), artists learn collectively through artist facilitator mentoring, small group application activities, as well as large group discussion and multi-media lecture. The program is open to artists of all disciplines: visual art, theater, literary arts, dance, and film. The Artist INC Lawrence program peer facilitators will be artists Matthew Lord, Kent Smith, Nick Carswell, Molly Murphy and Kirsten Paludan.

To participate in the program, artists need to submit an application online at <https://artistinc.submittable.com/submit/48038>. Applications are being accepted November 16, 2015 through January 18, 2016. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, live within an 80 mile radius of downtown Lawrence, be available to attend all sessions of the Artist INC session, students are ineligible to apply. Twenty-five applicants will be accepted per session. The fee to enroll for the 8 week session of Artist INC Live Lawrence is \$150, however financial aid is available to those who qualify through the Lawrence Arts Center's financial aid program.

## ELNA Meetings 2016

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, unless a holiday, 7-9pm

Meetings are held at the New York School library during the school year, and usually at the Lawrence Percolator during the summer months.

January 4 <sup>th</sup>	*July TBD*(4 <sup>th</sup> of July)
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	*September TBD* (Labor Day)
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 7 <sup>th</sup>
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	December 5 <sup>th</sup>

## Sunrise Project Update

On Tuesday, December 8th, the former Sunrise Garden Center site received final city approval to rezone the site to Limited Industrial. While Central Soyfoods and Seeds from Italy will still need to apply for a Special Use Permit to begin their operations, the agricultural and nonprofit portions of the site can begin their activities immediately. With the environmental assessment and zoning finalized, Sunrise Project, the nonprofit arm of the site collaboration, will now need to raise the funds to renovate its portion of the site. The mission of Sunrise Project is to empower people to live healthy, self-determined lives through engagement with food and the environment to build a socially just community. Currently, the organization implements four programs off-site, which include Lawrence Fruit Tree Project, Summer of Service youth volunteering, Food Rocket cooking and gardening with elementary students, and Healthy Sprouts farm to preschool. Sunrise plans to renovate the retail building so that it includes a classroom and meeting space, as well as a classroom kitchen. Once the site is fully operational, Sunrise will be able to expand its programming and engage the neighborhood in food and environmental activities on a larger scale. We greatly appreciate all of the support we've received from the East Lawrence neighborhood and look forward to a continued partnership as we become neighbors over the coming year! Please consider giving whatever you can to help us renovate the site and move in as soon as possible. You can click "Donate" on our website: [www.sunriseprojectks.org](http://www.sunriseprojectks.org), or mail checks to Sunrise Project, P.O. Box 1454, Lawrence, KS 66044. ALSO, we look forward to seeing all of you at the New York Elementary MLK Day Chili Feed on January 19th. We'll be kicking off our Food Rocket cooking club with New York students and helping prepare veggie chili for the community that day! See you there!

## Adopt A Family Thanks



With the remarkable turn out for the Board election this year, organizers were inspired to adopt not just one, but TWO families for the annual Adopt A Family project. We were able to get clothing, toys, and household items, as well as over \$200 worth of gift certificates for our families. Thank you, neighbors!

*Do you get our weekly enews? Each Thursday morning, we send out an email full of news and information regarding things happening in the neighborhood and the city at large. Email [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) if you'd like to be added. Or, you can self subscribe at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/join/thursday-enews/>.*

## New York School Shed Project

Hello my name is Jake Lester I am the chair for an organization called Freedom by Design. We are part of the national organization American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS). Every year the Lawrence chapter of AIAS and Freedom by Design picks a project to help better the community, we then design, fundraise, and build the project. This year we have picked New York Elementary school, which is in need of a garden shed. This garden shed will not only store the tools for the gardens but also include and outdoor classroom space all easily accessible for K-5 students. The design process is underway along with fundraising. We are trying to reach the goal of \$4,000 for this project. We have many different fundraisers that we are going to be doing; such as the MLK chili feed on January 19th where we will be having a silent auction of desserts, on February 26th we will be having a final Friday at New York Elementary we will be accepting donations at the door there will also be musical entertainment, and possibly an art auction. We also have a go fund me online, the link is on many different Facebook pages such as: NY garden club, New York Elementary, AIAS KU, ELNA, and the NY PTO page. Some in the community have already decided to help us such as Eric Jay at Struct/Restruct donating materials and desserts donated from the companies Perkins. We've also got donations from Henderson Engineers Inc. Any help we can get from the community will be greatly appreciated, this is a great project that we are all very excited about doing for the kids! If you have any more questions feel free to email me at aias-kufbd@gmail.com

## FAST Time at LMCMS

Are you a Lawrence Public School Family?

Do you need help accessing the internet?

Visit FAST time, Family Access to School Technology, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6-7:30 at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School. Devices and WIFI are available for students and families of Lawrence Public Schools in the LMCMS commons area. Enter through the Northeast doors and use school resources to support student success. Thanks, USD 497!

## ReStore: donating and volunteer needs

Many East Lawrence residents have discovered the Lawrence Habitat for Humanity ReStore. It is located in the heart of the neighborhood at 708 Connecticut. For those not familiar with the ReStore, it is a non-profit home improvement and donation center that resells new and gently used furniture, building materials, home accessories, and appliances to the public at a fraction of retail price. The ReStore works as a funding mechanism for the Lawrence Habitat for Humanity affiliate and supports its mission of building safe, decent, and affordable homes for the residents of Douglas and Jefferson counties. It also diverts salvageable construction and household materials from the landfill while providing the local community with a unique shopping experience.

Materials are generously donated by individuals, contractors, suppliers, property managers, and decorators. Items must be intended for residential usage, be structurally sound, and cosmetically acceptable. Inventory is constantly changing as new donations are received daily.

Information about donation criteria can be found by visiting our website or by calling the ReStore itself. Donations MUST be inspected by staff and can be brought to the Donation Center located at the back of the ReStore, accessible from the alley behind the store. (Don't forget to ring the bell if nobody is on the dock.)

Items can only be dropped off during donation hours: Monday-Friday 9a.m.-4p.m. and Saturday 9a.m.-1p.m. It may be possible to have your donation picked up and accepted items may be tax deductible—the ReStore can provide a receipt. (Donations dropped off after hours are considered illegal dumping.)

While the Lawrence Habitat ReStore depends on donors to bring materials and shoppers to purchase them, we **MUST** also have **VOLUNTEERS** to help accept, clean, and process donations. ReStore volunteers make time to give back to the community by working in the warehouse receiving donated materials, organizing stock on the sales floor, or assisting the driver while picking up materials with the ReStore truck.

For more information about volunteering at the ReStore or questions concerning donations, please call the Lawrence ReStore at 785-856-6920.

## New York Elementary MLK CHILI FEED

Mark your calendars for the annual New York Elementary MLK Chili Feed, Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7pm. This is a community event and all are welcome. Free will donation will be accepted at the door. Information tables from the Sunrise Project, the Garden Shed project, the Front Porch project for East Ninth, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association, and more will be there!

In addition to inviting our East Lawrence neighbors to the event, New York PTA would like a few folks to volunteer to contribute vegetarian chili. Email PTA president Joanna Bonee [jjbonee@yahoo.com](mailto:jjbonee@yahoo.com) if you're able. Thanks!

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## Join ELNA for \$1.00

### HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD – GET A BIG BANG FOR A BUCK!

Your \$1.00 membership in ELNA and contact information help us represent East Lawrence in our city and county government and to meet the needs of our neighborhood. Please note, memberships are per individual, not per household.

#### *Support us. Let us support you.*

\$1.00 for in-neighborhood individuals      \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood individuals  
\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities      \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses  
\$100.00 lifetime individual membership

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- We print the names of new and returning members in the bimonthly paper newsletter. Check here if it's OK to print your name.
- We're working on creating a block-by-block calling/check-in network of neighbors to contact in the event of an emergency. It's a work in progress. Check here if you'd like to be contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:

ELNA, PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

**Plus! Visit ELNA's website for information on \*new\* tshirts and merchandise!**

**Click the paypal button to donate securely there!**

## ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer for:

- Work Days
- YART (Yard/Art) Sale
- Block Party
- Adopt-A-Family
- Art
- Music
- Photography
- Gardening
- Grilling
- Fund Raising
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Website/Technical Management
- Baking/Cooking
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_