

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Four (May-July) Due August 10

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings.	Meeting Date #1	<u>May</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>June</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #1	<u>July</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>

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

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	<u>No</u>
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Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>May-June</u>	Copy Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
		<u>July-Aug</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.

May 2nd 2016 ELNA Meeting – New York Elementary 7pm-9pm

In attendance: Pat Watkins, KT Walsh, Cindy Suenram, KH, John Sebelius, Mike Anderson, Timothy Morland, Kristin Morland, Jacki Becker, Amanda Davis, Joshua Davis, Elizabeth Keever, Umut Bayramoglu, Frank Janzen, Matt Pryor, Christine Kosirog, Logan Isaman, Rachel Perry, Phil Collison, Aaron Paden, Josh F. Davis, Eric Jay, Jay Holley, Gregg Herrod, Gotfred, Mike Myers, Judy Romero, Jesse and Dayna Carleton

March 2016 Minutes Approval: Phil moved to approve with corrections, Matt seconded, vote unanimous. Minutes approved.

Lawrence Public Library: Logan Isaman (library and Americore Vista volunteer) is completing a needs assessment. Where are there information gaps that the library can help cover? They will start collecting data by survey (digital and print), interviews, and focus groups from June 2016 to December 2016. Data will be analyzed and it will be determined what gaps are within the library's scope to cover. Overall goal is to make library a hub within the community. Rachel Perry added what is currently offered, what isn't and how can we get the word out better. They feel the library serves a role as keepers of community resource information. What can the community do? Take the survey, potentially participate in take-home focus group. Incentives will be offered for participation. All organizations, city wide, will be talked to as well. Aaron wondered if we can advertise it. Yes, but all of Lawrence will be covered. ELNA will discuss adding paper survey to paper newsletter.

Food Truck Festival Update: Maps given out re: street closures, parking, signage, and set up of event. NJ tenants with alley access have been talked to and given car passes in order to access their alleys. 802 and 812 were not talked to personally but letters and dash passes were delivered. Event will start at 4pm, barricades will be placed by 2pm. Judy Romero suggested a 'no parking' sign added for corner of 9th and NJ due to safety concerns of parking in that lot. LPD will be there and some off-duty officers have been hired as well.

Parking: Downtown/9th St and Event: The effects of Compton's new building and desire to rebuild Borders has put a burden on parking on RI street. New developments would add more units in both buildings, with no additional parking. KT-tentative underground parking at Borders. Also with 9th street plan moving forward, parking is reduced further. In addition, events like Food Truck fest are adding to the stress. Ideas how to deal with this moving forward? Parking permit system, new city manager seems to have a greater understanding with this concept and when it works and when it doesn't. Umut-make developers have the onus of parking, ask them what they will do to accommodate? Keep pressure on developers and city officials. Also, encourage car-free or limited car lifestyle. JFD-see what the Oread does, they are a few years ahead of us and we can learn from them. AP-maybe not the best model, so few home owners, the ones who do own have parking, less pressure to get anything done. Mike Myers-text amendment to zoning to help deal with parking issues for development in central business district next to neighborhood. Find out what city manager, Tom Markus, knows, talk to City Commissioners, and discuss further. Talk to Toni Peterson because he feels passionate about this. Kristin Morland-ask neighbors about parking. Where do they park, how are they using their streets, how many vehicles do they own, how many parking spots do they have, etc. This would give us real numbers to use with new developments. Jacki and KH will do some research to turn into possible action items next month.

1231 Pennsylvania Street: On CC tomorrow, May 2. Action requested, new public hearing set for June 21. July 22 deadline to remove debris and scrap materials. ELNA has list of people who are willing to help.

Free State Festival: Festival will run from June 20-25. John Sebelius said, based on feedback from last year, there will be no screens, no outdoor music, no street closures, no outdoor events in EL.

Hike through History: Lane out sick, KT shared that Henry Fortunado will be speaking at Library June 16, time not known.

Board Training: No update

Community Village Lawrence: No update

Downtown Grocery: No update

Reports:

President: Summer meetings (June, July, August) at Makerspace. Winter meeting (January) at St. Luke's AME if possible.

Vice-President: Meeting to discuss parking at NY School on May 16 from 4:30-5:30 at NY library. Talk about new parking along NJ and the traffic flow it's creating in the neighborhood. District is holding these meetings with 3 schools.

Treasurer: No update

Coordinator: No update

Committees:

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods-will meet this coming Thursday.

Planning Commission-No update

Historic Resources Commission-KT-9th street: HRC pushed vote to next month, lots of discussion. Next meeting is May 19 at City Hall at 6:30. 1106 RI: KT motions that we send a letter of support for them to be on local registry, Phil seconds, motion passed unanimously. Aaron will write the letter. 1324 RI: will be put up for local register. Aaron will research to get more info, may send letter of support with more info.

City Commission-Committee on public health going on now. Santa Fe Depot has been extended 2 more years to find use and funding source. Urban agriculture passed. Mike Myers added that Bicycle Pedestrian Taskforce will present tomorrow, please attend and speak up.

CDAC-No update. Jay H-All neighborhoods will be funded equally.

New York PTO/Site Council-Movie night 5/13 at 8:30pm at NY School, Iron Giant will be shown. Garden shed will be built by Struct ReStruct.

Updates/Announcements:

Emerald Ash Borer Beatle (KT)-Brainstormed ways to approach the city about ways to decrease cost to neighbors

Map of US (KT)-used to have map of US on playground, school would like it back. KT will donate paint, helpers will be needed. Stay tuned.

Meeting adjourned. KH motioned, KT seconded, motion unanimous.

ELNA Minutes – June 07, 2016

Present: Jacki Becker, Pam Blackburn, Josh Davis (NY), Josh Davis (Penn), KH Harris, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, John Sebelius, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh

Mike Anderson, Katy Clagett, Amanda Davis, Logan Isaman, Frank Janzen, Alicia Kelly, Brenda Nunez, Tony Peterson, Judy Romero

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. May minutes were reviewed. KT moved to accept minutes and Matt seconded. Minutes were approved.

Alicia & Katy reported on the Intersection Repair issues. The different surfaces of the pavement seem to be affecting how well the paint is adhering. Some parts are already showing significant wear. Samples have been sent to Sherwin Williams for analysis. Rain soon after probably did not help. Repainting will occur later in the summer. Hot weather is better for the paint adhesion.

Brief discussion of fundraising. During the summer ELNA sells concessions at the KVKL game of the week. Remaining weekends this year are 6/12, 7/3, 7/17 & 8/28. Other topics for potential funds are a Home/Alley tour in the neighborhood in 2017. KH moved, Matt seconded to form a committee to look into this idea. Motion passed. Eric, Josh (Penn), Kate to investigate.

As the CDBG budget has been reduced going forward more fundraising will be needed or ideas to reduce costs.

Hike thru History. Henry is inviting East Lawrence residents to a walk on the Burroughs Creek Trak on 6/18 starting at 10 am. The panels are at the library through the end of June.

Parking. Eric Kirkendall spoke about parking issues around NY school. Kids are running between the cars. Need for improved signage. Eric is looking for feedback.

Penn House Update. They are still looking for money and help with fundraising.

Board Training. Dave has spoken with Block School for Non-Profits about various options. Cost for a couple hour session would run about \$200 or \$300. Dave to talk about availability in mid-August thru mid-September timeframe.

Dave & Jackie are to look into costs of board liability insurance.

Update given on downtown grocery store. It will be at least a year before the store will open. Talk is under way with different stores. May have affordable housing component to rental units above the store. Parking options still being addressed.

Coordinator: working on newsletter & cleanups. Block party will be 9/28.

LAN: Cindy reported there are concerns over increased bus traffic.

NY Garden shed project has been taken over by Eric.

Matt moved to adjourn the meeting. Jackie seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

ELNA Minutes – July 05, 2016

Present: Jacki Becker, Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis (NY), Josh Davis (Penn), KH Harris, Lane Eisenbart, Eric Jay, Christine Kosirog, Dave Loewenstein, Aaron Paden, Matt Pryor, Cindy Suenram, KT Walsh,

Joe Bickford, Charlie Bryan, Dennis Constance, Dave Crawford, Amanda Davis, Lauren Davis, Jennifer Distlehorst, Bruce Eggers, Dave Evans, Bill Fleming, John Gascon, Boog HighBerger, Logan Isaman, Frank Janzen, Janice Melland, Henry Morland, Timothy Morland, Brenda Nunez, Judy Romero, John Swift, Pat Watkins

Meeting called to order by Aaron Paden. April minutes were reviewed and approved.

Members of the Downtown Grocery committee along with the development group and architects went over their plans. They are currently working with the old Border's site and plan to expand the footprint. The envisioned building will be approximately 40 stories high with 3 above ground stories. The first floor will house the grocery store. The size of store is planned to be 40,000 sq ft which includes storage space which makes the store more viable. The upper two floors will contain 82 apartments, studio, 1 bedroom & 2 bedroom. As they will be asking for tax abatements, there will be 15% of the units available as affordable housing. The development group is interested in partnering with housing groups to have these units be permanently affordable housing.

An underground parking garage will be built with 200 stalls. The top floor of parking will be for the grocery store. They plan for an IKEA like escalator for shoppers to take grocery carts to their cars (the carts catch on the escalator and don't roll down). The bottom floor of parking will be restricted and for tenants only. There are plans for a drive thru pharmacy in the store.

The historic building on the corner of 7th & NH will remain. The underground parking will not go under the building. The development group is in talks with Hobbs Loft as that building has a covenant on the property that there will be no expansion. They are hopeful that this will be approved.

Lawrence Loop representative Charlie Bryan talked about the status of the Lawrence Loop, a mixed use path encircling Lawrence. Currently there are 15 miles of the 22.4 mile path completed. One of the major missing pieces is the portion that connects Hobbs Park to city hall to the river path. They are looking for feedback on the proposed route and are hoping for strong community support. Jackie move to write a letter in support of continued work on the Loop and the proposed route thru East Lawrence. Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Board training will be Monday, August 8th at 7 pm at Delaware Commons Center (this was later changed to August 13th in the morning).

KH gave a treasurer's report to give a picture of the end of the year financials. ELNA is currently \$900 less than normal for a bank balance. Pam moved to accept the report. Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Hike thru History opens 7/18 at the Library. They are looking for feedback.

Home tour committee did not have a report.

President: Gotfred has approval for his mural on the building at 9th & Delaware. He is currently seeking donations.

Coordinator: September meeting will be the Monday after Labor day.

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

East Lawrence News

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May 2016



ELNA

General Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 2nd, 7-9pm
New York Elementary
9th & New York

Agenda items include:



New Summer Meeting Space Location!

ELNA's summer meetings will take place at the
Lawrence Creates Makerspace
at 512 E 9th.
Monday June 6th

Yart Sale 2016 Thanks

Tony Peterson
Deborah Newman
Derald Carson
Nancy and Carol
Schwartzing
New York PTA
Cari Davis
L Marie Avila
Staci Ahlvers
Chelsey and
Adina Scanland
Joe Bickford
marci francisco
Jean Burgess and
Eric Farnsworth
Brenda Nunez
Tamara Cash
Daneka Vann
Drew James
Teresa Dixon,
Jerry and River
Frank Janzen
Mike Rundle

Rae Johnson
Karen Seibel
Jacki Becker
Uma Outka
Christine Brandt
Gary Brown
Hillary
Marshall Maude
Malcom Maude
Cindy Trask
Emily Myers
Blue O'Leary
Mike Myers
Christine Kosirog
Matt Pryor
KT Walsh
Connie Fitzpatrick
Judy Romero
LisaMarie Benke
Community Village
Lawrence
Boy Scouts of St Luke
League of Women Voters

Mick Palmer
John Thompson
Alonzo Beadshear
Ardys Ramberg
Tom Krause
Arminda Guerrero
Joe Bickford and
Jane Live
Phil Collison
Lily Pryor
N'Ums Up
New York Elementary
Nancy DeGarmo and
Emily Pearson
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River Clean Up Thanks



On a perfect spring Saturday morning 40 neighbors, friends, relatives, and students met to spend some time in the woods down by the river on the north edge of our neighborhood. We removed an enormous pile of trash in four hours and cleared honeysuckle vine from hundreds of feet of trail.

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Joe. Joe Dotson. Caveman Joe. BMX Joe. Joe the Mumbler. Joe.

Joe passed away on Thursday March 31st in a tragic house fire at his home in the 900 block of Pennsylvania. A memorial for him was held at South Park on April 17th.

To many of us, Joe was just a guy you saw. Lots of folks have stories of odd encounters with Joe, and the wild things he said. He was a character, a part of the scenery, a thing that we all knew. But maybe not so many of us knew him well.

Did you know that Joe had two brothers and a sister? That he moved around a lot as a kid. That he was an avid fisherman from a very young age, and he had just bought a new rod shortly before his death. He caught catfish from the Kaw "as big as you" some said. Joe must have been uncommonly fond of corndogs and hotdogs, judging by the quantity of them littering his yard in the days after his death. Joe was a constant source of comedic material for his brother, Bob. He and his brother Dan nearly came to blows over math homework when Joe was a kid. He was a sweet kid, said Dan, and never got in trouble. Living with him was "just ok" said Bob. "Just being honest." His friend Kathy will always remember him fondly as one of her first friends in Lawrence. "He was decent, honorable, caring, and conscientious." He had a good memory and always paid back loans.



Diane Werner, Joe's brothers and sister at the memorial



Diane Werner, Joe's family



3 Joes by John Clayton

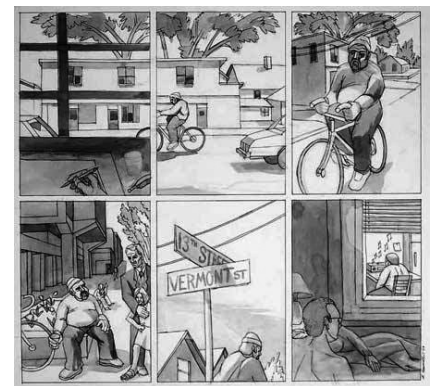
However irascible, Joe was a person. Joe was our person. Joe was a marker of time, of seasons. Joe's out on his bike! The roads must not be too bad. I just saw about nine cats falling off the roof at Joe's house. Must be springtime! Joe was one of those things that make us a community. We all knew Joe, even if we didn't know Joe, and that was a thing we shared.

Joe will be missed, in whatever way we each will miss him. We, as a community, are lacking a piece without Joe. Something just isn't right with him gone.

Goodbye, Joe. We are sorry for the terrible way you had to slough off your mortal coil. We are sorry for your suffering. We wish you well in your next adventure. May your afterlife be filled, Joe, with all the 80's wraparound shades you'll ever need. May your bike tires never go flat, your chain greased, and your ride be smooth. May you find many strangers to mumble and yell and curse at to your heart's content. May all your cats always be fertile and well fed.

Here, kitty, kitty, kitty.

Dave Loewenstein -- A 2004 piece about one of my first memories of Joe, circa 1992



Katie Conrad -- Joe was my first Lawrence neighbor in the late 90s, back when he lived in Pinckney where Mike West's studio is now and I lived in the house up front. He came up to my front door once, and as we chatted about something or other, I saw that his hand was bleeding from a huge gash. The blood was a shock to see; he had seemed unbreakable. I clucked over him a little, told him he needed to go clean it up. I realized then how vulnerable he was, despite his (in)famous orneriness. Once he was in Love Garden and shouted, to no one in particular, "I'm not made of iron. I'm not made of steel." I made a woodcut of it. I still find that a moving statement. He wasn't made of iron or steel. Didn't we all sort of assume he was? Didn't we all expect him to outlive us? But we aren't iron or steel, none of us. RIP Joe.



Brian Shay – Nobody could ride a bicycle slower than Joe.



Diane Werner telling stories about Joe at the memorial

Joe Dotson had lived cross the alley from me for a number of years. I would often encounter him as we both rode our bikes along 9th St. He probably found frustrating his difficulties communicating with others. He was one of the people that made our neighborhood what it is. He was one of us, and will be conspicuous in his absence. – *Don Kantory*

From neighbor *Cindy Trask* – The East Side will never be the same. Oh how much we will miss him.



From the memorial: Joe and his brothers, Bob and Dan

New York Movie Night!

Friday May 13th

7pm, band and teacher fundraiser

~8:30, sunset, movie showing

We'll set up on the North playground of New York School. Starting off at 7, we'll have a band and concessions for sale provided by the New York teachers. This is a fundraiser for special teacher training and materials for school wide Ci3T improvements next year. For more information about that, you may contact

Nancy Ornburn nornburn@usd497.org.

Around sunset, approximately 8:30pm, we'll start the movie. Due to copyright limitations, we're not allowed to tell you what the movie is! But, here's a hint: it's a 1999 movie about something metal and really big. ;)

The movie is a free, all community event, and everyone is invited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own comfortable seating.



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Summer of Service with the Sunrise Project

Youth ages 12-18 are invited to join us for a summer of learning, service and advocacy! Projects Sign up to make a difference, learn, and have fun volunteering in the months of June and July with projects that focus on LGBTQ+ issues, hunger, art with preschoolers, shelter animals, farm to school, cooking, nature, and more! Enrollment for Summer of Service is Open! Enrollment will remain open until all positions are filled, and once filled, names can be added to the waitlist to gauge interest in future projects.

Sign up at www.sunriseprojectks.org Questions? E-mail Melissa, Director of Programs: programs@sunriseprojectks.org

Summer Classes at the Lawrence Arts Center

Summer Enrollment is going on now! With classes for all ages, interests, and skill-levels, we're excited to welcome you and your family to a summer jam-packed with creativity and imagination. There are STEAM-themed camps and Summer Youth Theatre courses for the kids, and everything from printmaking and jewelry making to ceramics and mixed media classes for adults. A robust financial aid program promises access for all, regardless of income level. Check out our summer course offerings and enroll now: <https://ada.lawrenceartscenter.org/browseclasses>. Or, call us at 785.843.2787. We look forward to making the enrollment process quick and hassle-free!





YART Sale 2016



How Can I Keep From Singing

Hello Neighbors, I am happy to announce that the East Lawrence Center now has a piano! I am extremely grateful for this wonderful gift from our friend Melissa Warren and can't wait to see what kind of great uses the community will have for it. The piano will be available for drop in use or can be used privately by reserving the Meeting room. The keys will be kept covered to protect the piano but generally won't be locked. Bring down your church choir, relive your Glee Club days with friends, or practice some scales (amount of scales practiced in a row might need to be limited eventually☺). Please feel free to contact us at the ELC if you have questions about the piano or any other programs offered through Parks and Rec. Finally, with a piano here, I'm going to be expecting some carolers this year; so find some friends, start practicing and I'll see you in December. And hey, if you need space to practice I might know someone who can help.

Free State Festival 2016

June 20th through 25th

The Lawrence Arts Center's Free State Festival is a week-long celebration of film, music, art, and ideas. Started as a small independent film festival in 2011, the Free State Festival has become an interdisciplinary festival featuring a slate of more than 10 feature films, 40 short films, outdoor concerts, stage performances, digital media installations, and panel discussions. The 2016 Free State Festival will feature a free outdoor concert by hip-hop group Public Enemy, led by artists Chuck D and Flavor Flav. More notable persons of the 2016 Free State Festival include comedian and television star Maria Bamford, Radiolab founder and co-host Jad Abumrad, and artist and activist Aurora Robson.

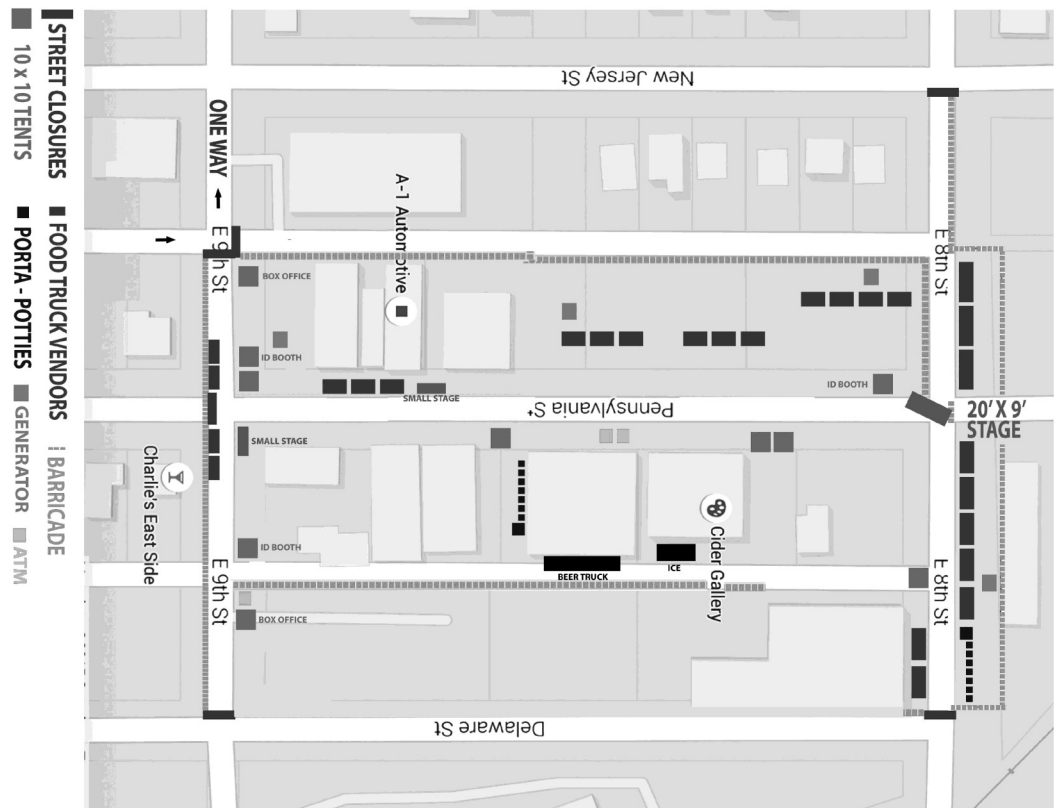
A full schedule, tickets, and maps will be available in May at www.freestatefestival.org.

Food Truck Festival

The 3rd Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival to benefit Just Food will take place Saturday May 7th from 4-10pm in and around the 800 block of Pennsylvania St. Tickets to enter are \$10, free for kids 12 and under, and can be purchased at the the Cider Gallery, Just Food, Granada Theater, both Lawrence Hy-vee locations, and Merchants Pub & Plate. Only 4,000 tickets will be sold, so get yours fast!

In addition to 26 food trucks from near and far with a variety of fare, the festival will feature live music, performance art, and hand made items for sale. A full list of food vendors and attractions can be found on the Food Truck Festival website <http://www.ksfoodtruckfest.com/>.

Street closures will begin at noon that day and will likely be down by midnight.



Got a question? Any special parking circumstances? You can contact event organizers Jennifer and Elizabeth:

Jennifer Letner, Cider Gallery Director
Jennifer@cidergallery.com

Elizabeth Keever, Just Food Director
ekeever@justfoodks.org

Hike Through History

items on the Lawrence Public Library calendar.
Please join us, neighbors!

A Hike Through History with Henry Fortunato

THURS | Jun 16 | 7-8:30 PM | Auditorium

Get an advance peek at the Burroughs Creek Trail Hike Through History exhibit coming to the Lawrence Public Library in late June.

Hike Through History On the Burroughs Creek Trail

SAT | Jun 18 | 10 AM | Burroughs Creek Trail, meet at Hobbs Park

You've experienced it sitting down, now it's time to get moving! We'll do an approximately 3.2 mile roundtrip walk along the Burroughs Creek Trail on a lovely summer morning and learn about the history that happened here.



For Immediate Release:
April 11, 2016

Lawrence Public Library Foundation Obtains Grant from Freedom's Frontier NHA for Burroughs Creek Trail Traveling Exhibit

(LAWRENCE, KS) - Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area has awarded the Lawrence Public Library Foundation a \$4,525 grant for the "Hike through History on the Burroughs Creek Trail" project.

The funding will assist Lawrence Public Library in the development of its traveling exhibit examining key historical points along the Burroughs Creek Trail and Linear Park, a 1.7-mile concrete-paved path running 11th Street to 23rd Street in east Lawrence.

Exhibit panels funded by FFNHA cover the Oregon Trail, the 1863 Quantrill Raid, early railroad history, and the stories of several prominent families that settled in Lawrence near the present-day trail, a former rail line once operated by the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe. Additional exhibit panels supported by other funders focus on Langston Hughes, Lawrence's WWII-era POW branch camp, Beat Generation author-artist William S. Burroughs who is the trail's namesake, and Douglas County agricultural history exemplified by the South Lawrence Co-op Elevator.

The exhibit is built around well-designed pop-up display panels presenting engaging narratives based on scholarly research and illustrated with archival images from the Watkins Museum, the Kansas Historical Society, KU's Spencer Research Library, and other sources. It aims to connect public humanities with health and wellness, with the overall goal of encouraging individuals to exercise their bodies and their minds at the same time.

A series of bookmarks complementing each display panel will offer suggestions for further reading about each topic. Following its run at the Library, the exhibit will travel to various venues throughout Lawrence including East Lawrence Recreation Center, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and the KU Memorial Union. The FFNHA grant augments funding and in-kind support from Watkins Community Museum of History, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and Dolph and Pam Simons. The project also enjoys formal support from the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association and the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association.

The "Hike through History on the Burroughs Creek Trail" is scheduled to be unveiled in late June 2016 at the Library as a complement to its Summer Reading program, which has an emphasis on fitness. The exhibit builds on initial research conducted by a graduate student intern assigned to the project by the Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas in summer 2014. The project is under the direction of Henry Fortunato, formerly the award-winning director of public affairs at the Kansas City Public Library and now a

visiting fellow at the Hall Center. Lawrence historian Katie Armitage serves as project scholar.

"Since 1904, Lawrence Public Library has served as an indispensable resource for local history information in Lawrence," said Brad Allen, Library Executive Director. "This is the library's first ever interpretive grant. We are proud to partner with Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area on this exciting project."

The Freedom's Frontier Interpretive Grant program was started in 2012. Since then, more than 48 projects have been awarded grant funding. Grant projects have been completed on both sides of the Missouri-Kansas border, in the 41-county region that comprises the heritage area.

Projects awarded grant funding must interpret local history, and connect to one or more of the three major themes of the heritage area: the shaping of the frontier, the Missouri-Kansas Border War, and the enduring struggle for freedom. Grants range in amount from under \$1,500 to \$5,000. All awards over \$1,500 require that the grant recipient show a local match of half the amount of the award. This match can be in the form of cash, or in-kind donations and staff and volunteer time.

Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area is one of 49 heritage areas in the U.S. Heritage areas are non-profit affiliates of the National Park Service (NPS). They act as coordinating entities between the local organizations telling nationally significant stories and the NPS.

Freedom's Frontier was established as a heritage area on October 12, 2006, when signed into law by President George W. Bush. The heritage area's management plan was approved by the Department of the Interior and the NPS in 2010. Freedom's Frontier is headquartered in the Carnegie Building, 200 W 9th St., in Lawrence, KS.

Grant applications are accepted from organizations within the borders of the heritage area which have signed a partner pledge with Freedom's Frontier, and meet all other qualifications for grant funding. Applications are reviewed quarterly by a peer group from the partnership. Organizations are asked to complete their grant projects within a year of the grant award. For more information about Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, visit the Web site at www.freedomfrontier.org.

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Local Fresh Vegetable Subscriptions in East Lawrence for 2016!

How it works:

- **What:** Our diverse seasonal array includes vegetables, fruit & berries, sweet corn, melons, gourmet mushrooms and/or eggs.
- **When:** Mondays, 4:30 - 6:30pm
- **Where:** Delaware St. Common House, 1222 Delaware - Enter from 13th
- **Cost:** \$19 per weekly share, includes sales tax
- **Share:** Based on approximately 4-5 adult meals, 6-8 selections with some choice.
- **Payment:** Full season or Monthly. Due first pickup of the month. \$81 non-refundable deposit upfront includes last 3 pickups + small admin fee. Online payment available.
- **MORE INFO:** Mudfloodacres@gmail.com
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River Clean Up Thanks *continued*

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We are eternally grateful for everyone showing up and making the woods and riverfront a real showcase. It was a great way to spend Earth Day Saturday. Please consider spending some time enjoying the habitat and river in our neighborhood. It is one of our most valuable neighborhood resources.

Let's get together again in the fall!

Sincerely, Mike Myers

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- Baking/Cooking
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ELNA

General Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 5th, 7-9pm
New York Elementary
9th & New York

Agenda items include:

- ⇒ Downtown Grocery Update
- ⇒ Treanor with Downtown Grocery Building design
- ⇒ Lawrence Loop presentation

ELNA's summer meetings will take place at the
Lawrence Creates Makerspace
at 512 E 9th.
Tuesday July 5th

From The President, June 2016.



Aaron's gone out on summer travels and I've been asked to fill in this month. What a tough year it has been so far. The East Ninth Project has been impaired by a City Budget that cannot withstand so many new requests for funding in areas that are all important to Lawrence citizens. The Ninth Street Project was already projected to be \$1 million over budget, and that didn't include phase 2 funding. New City Manager Tom Markus pulled the funding and accepted responsibility for that. Some of the new initiatives being requested include more support for affordable housing, more effective mental health programs, general pedestrian and bicycling improvements all over the City, as well as a new Police facility and new jail. As Markus put it at the budget session at the East Lawrence Rec Center earlier this year, which of these already funded and necessary City services should we take from to fund the new requests? There is no question we need our sidewalks improved all over our neighborhood. We need

to rally around some new effective way to get that.

Summer has begun in East Lawrence. There are many things to look forward to. Kickball at Hobbs Park has already begun, and ELNA has been selling concessions at a couple games already. We always need volunteers to donate food and also help with prep, setup, working the tables, cooking and teardown. 200 and often more people generally turn out to watch the game of the week. It is quite the scene. Email our coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you'd like to contribute your time or food.

Our meetings will be at the Makerspace at 9th and New Jersey on the regular dates and times this summer. Except for July, which is delayed one day, due to the holiday, to Tuesday, July 5th.

I know a lot of folks are discouraged right now. Come out to the meetings and let's get going on some new initiatives. Bring your ideas to the meetings. As ELNA we should be doing a whole lot of things, it takes new blood and new champions to own and see new projects come to fruition. I know we have the diversity to do that! I encourage you to continue to be involved! — Phil Collison, Vice President

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School News

Back to School in August!

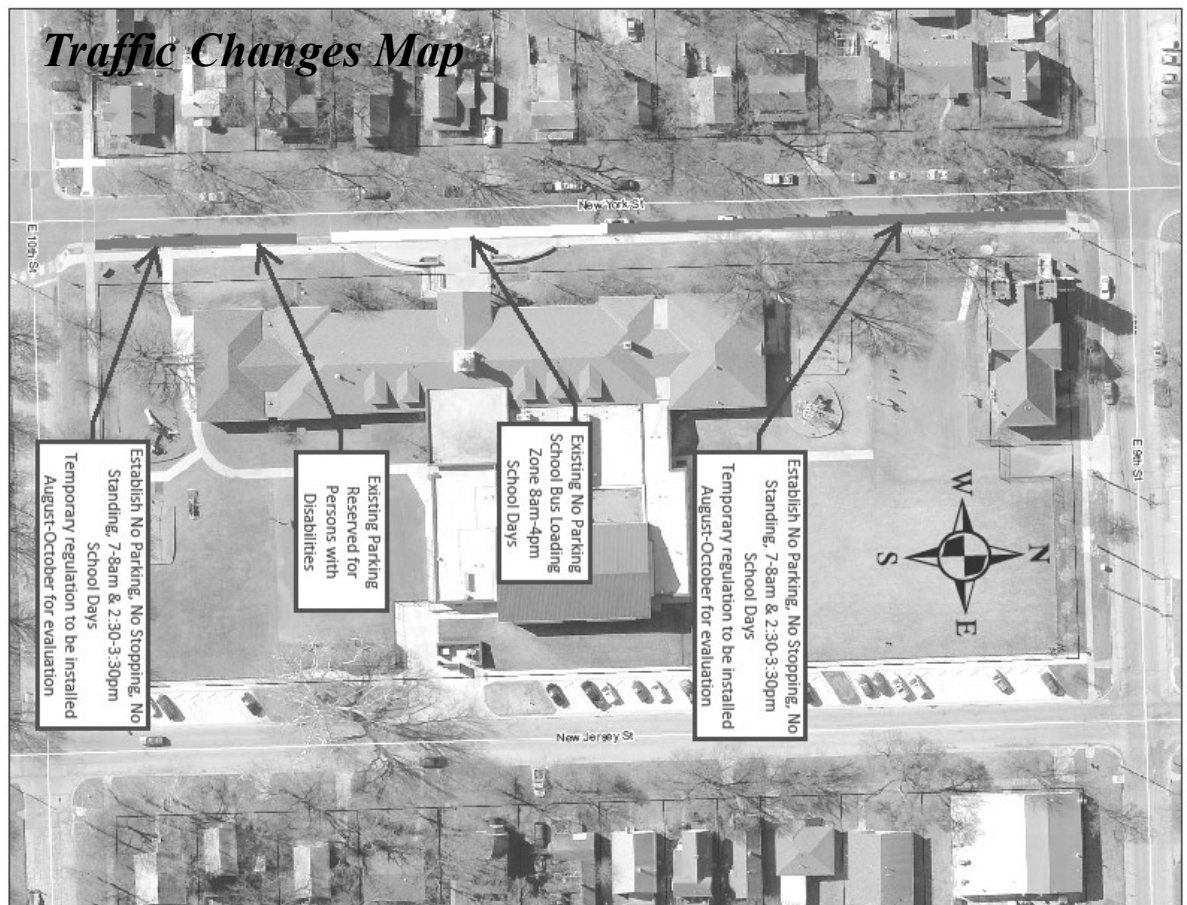
New to Lawrence? New to the 'hood? Don't forget about USD 497's Welcome & Enrollment Center, the first stop for all new students enrolling in the Lawrence Public Schools. It's your "One-Stop Shop" for enrolling new students K-12 and Enrolling kindergartners that did not attend round up. You can come prepared by downloading enrollment forms at www.usd497.org, and some items you will need include: a birth certificate for the enrolling child, family contact information, the child's immunization record, and family proof of residency. Your proof of residency must be a current utility bill, a lease agreement, or a contract on new home purchase. At the welcome center, you can pay fees and establish a fee payment plan and applying for child nutrition benefits (free and reduced price school meals) and fee waivers. The Welcome Center is located at 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS. Enter on the south side of the complex. The welcome center is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-4:30 pm. Walk-ins are welcome, and daytime/evening appointments are available. For more information or to schedule and appointment call 785-330-1921.

School starts for grades 1-5 on Wednesday, August 17th, with an early dismissal at 1:35pm. Grades 1-12 return on Thursday, August 18th, for a full day of classes. Kindergarten classes will be on an alternative schedule. On Monday, August 22nd, all grades will return to a regular schedule.

Traffic Changes at New York School this Fall

Due to concerns about safety during pick up and drop off at New York School, the City of Lawrence will be making traffic flow changes to New York Street this Fall. These changes will be implemented temporarily as school starts this August, and continue through October. In October, after this trial period, a public meeting will be held to discuss the efficacy of the traffic changes and seek new input and insight. The map below gives a visual of the traffic flow changes. In summary – **from 7:00-8:00am and 2:30-3:30pm there is no parking or stopping on the east side of New York Street on the block in front of the school.** Parking on the west side of New York Street for residents of the homes on the west side will remain unchanged. Caregivers are advised to park on the side streets if they wish to park and walk into/ up to the school with their children. Between 8:00am and 2:30pm, in the event of a tardy or an appointment that a guardian must walk in to excuse, for example, caregivers **may** park on the east side of New York Street in front of the school where it is permitted as indicated by signage (not in the bus loading or handicapped accessible zone). With your comments and questions, you may contact Mark Thiel, Assistant Public Works Director at mthiel@lawrenceks.org

With questions specific to New York Elementary you may call the school at (785) 832-5780. With questions about Liberty Memorial Central Middle School, you may contact the front office at (785) 832-5400.



Downtown Grocery Project Update

For the past 2-plus years a core group of 8 to 10 people have met every week to discuss various ways to bring a full line affordable grocery store to downtown in order to address food desert issues which primarily affect North and East Lawrence, although there are other areas of the city affected, involving about 20% of the city. We have also met regularly with representatives from Hobbs-Taylor Loft staff, City Commission members, including the Mayor, who are all strong advocates for the project, the new City Manager Tom Marcus, County Commissioner Nancy Thellman and other representatives of food-related interests in Lawrence as well as area neighbors. Our core group has members from East, North, Old West and Pinckney neighborhoods, as well as members from the Douglas County Health Department (who did the survey many of you participated in).

Our ideal space has always been the former Borders building, because of its central location. When local developer Doug Compton purchased the building, we initially thought a store on that site was not going to be possible, but it's looking more and more likely. Negotiations between Mr. Compton and his partner in the venture, Treanor Architects, and a well-established area grocery chain have been very promising. Treanor staff will meet with our DTGrocery group in late June, and present at the July ELNA meeting, to solicit feedback from people who will be most impacted by such a venture. In addition to issues about the actual process of a grocery store (which will be addressed once the grocer agrees to a lease,) site design elements and ways

the City can facilitate the project (which might look like assistance with pedestrian walkways and parking lot patrol), right now we are trying to address concerns about the building's footprint, parking on site both surface and underground (NOT on Rhode Island St) for both customers and employees, safety issues such as effective but unobtrusive lighting, site screening/fencing, historic district concerns, preservation of the building's historic north wall, and visual integration of the building's architecture with surrounding buildings.

East Lawrence residents and others who are interested in the Downtown Grocery Committee and increasing access to food for all in general can follow us on our Facebook site (go to Facebook and search Downtown Grocery for Lawrence KS) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DTGrocery/> where you can check out posts, events and join the conversation. Also the Downtown Grocery Committee meeting is open to the public the last Thursday of the month when we meet at the Lawrence Public Library downstairs in the Local History Room at 9am. We hope to see you online or at our monthly open meeting or at the July 5 ELNA meeting with Treanor Architects.

— Submitted by Janice Melland, DTGrocery core member, East Lawrence resident and DT business owner

VanGo Recruiting for Fall

DO YOU NEED A JOB? ARE YOU BETWEEN 18-24 and NOT IN SCHOOL? WOULD YOU LIKE HELP PLANNING YOUR FUTURE? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN VARIOUS FORMS OF ART? IF SO, CONSIDER APPLYING FOR VAN GO'S THE ARTS TRAIN, A NON-PROFIT TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

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A Note from Intersection Repair

Friends and neighbors!

We want to let you know that we are aware of the wear on the intersection mural at 10th and New Jersey and are actively working on figuring out why. We have submitted samples to our paint vendor and are awaiting a final determination as to why, in certain parts, the paint did not adhere properly. Once we get the results, we will figure out our next steps. If you have any questions/ comments, please feel free to reach out.

We will keep you updated and we thank you for your continued support!

The Intersection Repair Team

Katy Clagett katy.clagett@gmail.com

Sunrise Pie Auction!

It's the moment you've all been waiting for! Mark your calendars: Sunrise Project's annual Pie Auction will take place on Saturday, August 20th, 5-8pm in Hobbs Park! We are on the hunt for a professional auctioneer, so if you know someone, email info@sunriseprojectks.org.

Hike Through History on the Burroughs Creek Trail

The Hike Through History Walk and Talk happened. Principal of the project, Henry Fortunato, pictured, gave a presentation on the collaborative project to a crowd at the Lawrence Public Library on Tuesday, June 16th.



Henry Fortunato

On Saturday, June 18th at a very warm and sunny 10 am on the Burroughs Creek Trail, approximately 65 people gathered to hear the presentation in real space. Topics covered in the Burroughs Creek Trail Hike Through History project include; the history of the railroad line that came before the trail, the German POW camp on 11th, Langston Hughes's recollections of his time in Lawrence near 12th, the Oregon Trail crossing at 15th, Quantrill's raid crossing near the same location, William S Burroughs near 19th, some local notable families including Haskell and Barker, and the history of agriculture in Douglas County, as told through the story of the grain elevators south of 19th.

Look for the informative panels about the project on display at the Lawrence Public Library in July, and again at our East Lawrence Rec Center in the fall. Feedback forms will be available at the Library exhibit to collect your own stories of history along the Burroughs Creek Trail. Questions, comments, and input for future topics of discussion on history along the Burroughs Creek Trail can also be directed to Community liaison Lane at leisenbart@yahoo.com



Pictured, the crowd at the Hike Through History Walk



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What's Up at the Penn House?

There are some exciting changes at the Penn House these days. Do you know much about it? Here's an interview with Shine Adams of Sun Cedar, a History of the Penn House, and a small article about what's new and what's the same and how you can help.

Interview with Shine Adams of Sun Cedar, April 2016 -- Lane Eisenbart

LANE: OK. So I really only have three questions. I've read about Sun Cedar before, I think in the Journal World.

SHINE: Cool.

LANE: So I think I have a vague idea of what it is, but, why don't you tell me, in your words, what Sun Cedar is to you.

SHINE: I started Sun Cedar a couple years ago. I moved to Kansas, to Lawrence, from New Orleans, Louisiana, in order that I could, kind of reset my life. I went to rehab in Atchison, Kansas, and quit drinking. And as I quit drinking, I found myself ultra inspired and I realized that as I am approaching middle age, the second half of my life, I can do whatever I want. So I made of list of things that meant something to me, and social service was one of them, and learning was the other. Those were the primary things. I started going to KU and volunteering at the Lawrence Community Shelter and the local jail, and from that, it just sort of organically happened. I am also a carpenter, so I started hiring people I would meet in the twelve step programs, or at or through the jail or the shelter to help me out in my woodshop. I had such positive support from the community that I decided to go legit, so to speak. I went to the Secretary of the State's office and filed to become an above board organization, and I've been focusing more and more on making Sun Cedar its own thing. We're thinking in terms of big picture now, making it repeatable so other organizations can use the template we're creating. Sun Cedar is an organization that exists to get people who are facing significant obstacles in re-entering the workforce the chance to build skills and develop a resume so that they can reintegrate into the mainstream workforce. We're a stepping stone. We give people a chance to work. It's super simple.

LANE: What kinds of things do you make?

SHINE: We make these tree shaped air fresheners.

LANE: Yeah! I have one in my car. Christie [Dobson, director of the Ballard Center] gave it to me.

SHINE: Awesome. I was going to bring some today, as gifts, but... my mom has them all. She's helping with packaging.

LANE: Ha ha. Nice.

SHINE: Yeah, we made these, and we're expanding our range of products. We make a cedar shoe box, which is very nice. And cedar hangers, which are also very nice. Kind of high end. Craftsman style joinery.

LANE: Where do you sell them?

SHINE: We have a website that we do some sales through. We also have a wholesale page on our website. Our business plan calls for us doing primarily wholesale, but I've been so busy with the nuts and bolts of starting this business, that I haven't had a really great chance so far to get deep into marketing. I need to be traveling around to trade shows, and getting the product exposure. This phase of the business is so much about establishing the day to day protocol. Hopefully 2016 will see me collecting more wholesale accounts. We sell through the Merc, and we did a special sale at 10,000 Villages. Wonderfair is another outlet here in town. We're always looking for more.

LANE: Why East Lawrence? Why do you want to be here?

SHINE: I met Christie about a year ago. She had read about Sun Cedar in the paper, and you know how Christie is, she's very engaged. She called me up and she said "I wanna check out what you're doing." I said, "come on by." And Christie and I developed a friendship and kept in touch. We'd go out have juice together every couple of weeks, just to kind of gossip and stuff. And when she became Executive Director of Ballard Center, there was a need for changes to be made at Penn House, and she invited me, Sun Cedar, to be a part of that. I think that Ballard Center and Penn House see a benefit to bringing in some fresh energy, and I'm certainly that. I'm energetic. And I think that social entrepreneurship, if that's actually a term, I don't know.

LANE: I don't know either. It sounds good. I think we just made it up.

SHINE: (laughing) Social entrepreneurship is a very hot topic right now and a lot of people involved in charity and the non-profit social service world are tired of dumping money into a black hole, basically. Especially in Lawrence, with some of the intrigue and problematic decisions made by certain leaders, the idea of social entrepreneurship is a hot topic. People like to see results, and people like to see value. There's a difference between just taking money that's for emergency services from the community and stimulating the economy and giving an actual exchange with the community, and focusing on solutions. And Christie is a very solutions oriented person, as am I, and together we are ratifying the mission of Penn House. Keeping the emergency services that exist and have been in place here for years, but now adding this new way of thinking, using the slogan, "community solutions". It's about getting people rehabilitated and reintegrated, not just saving people at the last minute, with the last ditch effort. It's about putting people on the right path. So! They have the space, I'm the new blood. And of course, Penn House being an institution, they're lending their credibility and community and presence to Sun Cedar. They got their chocolate on my peanut butter.

It's just a great fit. And then my relationship with the Sheriff's Office, from volunteering and getting to know people in the re-entry program is also an asset. You know, this room, the room we're sitting in will be used for programming that is pertinent to all three of our [*Penn House's, Sun Cedar's, and the Sheriff's Office*] missions. We'll do GED classes. We'll focus on education and skill building. We'll do MRT classes -- Moral Reconation Therapy -- which is a rehabilitative, cognitive, behavioral therapy that's about developing empathy and an understanding of the impact of our actions.

LANE: Moral training?

SHINE: Uh huh. So I'm super excited about that. The Sheriff's Office will do that, and Sun Cedar is going to host the resume building and GED workshops through the Adult Education Center. We'll have some cooking classes, some nutrition courses. My mom is going to come in and show us some recipes that people who are getting started can do for cheap that aren't horrible for them. And then Liz Keever from Just Food will be cooperating with that. Just the other day, I met with Women's Fresh Start. Have you ever heard of them?

LANE: I have not. no.

SHINE: Women's Fresh Start is a kind of partner with Willow. A program for women that is very much like Sun Cedar, but specifically for women who have had a lot of traumatic experiences, who have lifestyle problems that are holding them back from entering the workforce and being self-sufficient. I'm a big fan. They make soaps. They'll be sharing in the programing in this space as well.

LANE: Nice.

SHINE: I love the idea of having a community center. And this all goes back to what I was saying about marketing earlier. I've been so busy meeting people and working with people, trying to get the press to write about us, that I haven't had enough time to dig into sales and marketing, and this, having this cooperative environment means that I can lean on the partners to help with the programming I'm looking forward to.

LANE: Ok. Last question. What can we, as the neighbors, as the neighborhood, do to help you in your mission?

SHINE: High fives.

LANE: (laughing) High fives? Ok.

SHINE: We're doing a fundraiser on Go Fund Me. We've spent weeks talking to donors in private meetings, to get it kicked off right. We've got some local businesses that have been supportive in the past. We're looking at needing about \$75,000, and that will give us, all three agencies, security, and enable us to remodel the building and keep hiring and keep expanding our services, while keeping a baseline operating budget.

LANE: Keep the lights on?

SHINE: Yes! We sat down together and we figured out the absolute minimum required to walk into mid 2017 with the doors open and continuing what we're doing now.

LANE: So that's the magic number?

SHINE: That's the minimum number. And then everything else we generate throughout the year will be really useful in adding to our plan. We're pretty confident about that number. But, you know, crowd funding is weird. Sun Cedar did a successful Kickstarter campaign last year. I was tearing my hair out. And then about three weeks into it, we got an Upworthy article and everything was great. But, I don't know if we'll get Upworthy again. And also it's a very local concern so we're definitely depending on the support of the people of Lawrence. But Lawrence is such an awesome town, and this is such an awesome, ground breaking idea of cooperation! I really feel other Sheriff's Offices in other cities can look at what we're doing and do it in other cities. This is yet again, Lawrence being a leader in the Midwest. Whatever happens, we're doing it. It sure would be a lot easier if our fundraiser was successful. Barring that, high fives for real. Positive feedback feels so good. I'd like to feel like I'm working with the community, not just for the community. I really love getting high fives.

LANE: Ok. Excellent. Bonus question: Is Shine your real name?

SHINE: My birth given name is Shining Mountain Adams. My father was adopted by native people in the sixties. And it's kind of an odd name to carry around, but I've done it all my life, so...

LANE: Right, so, it doesn't seem at all weird to you.

Penn House History

After reading Dave Evans' 27 pages on the history of the Penn House, it's not difficult to see that the organization remains, even in 2016, not far from it's roots. The Penn House has always been a public service organization, seeking to help people, and help people help themselves.

In 1967, the Kansas Endowment Association received an anonymous donation of \$9,000 for the purpose of purchasing the house at 1035 Pennsylvania Street, in order that it might be turned into a community services center. The house was, at that time, a one hundred year old two story home, on a double lot. 1035 Pennsylvania was built in 1872 by Joseph Rahskopf. The Rahskopf family had deep roots in Lawrence, among some of the first settlers, and well known millers, wagon builders, and businessmen. The Rahskopf family owned 1035 Pennsylvania until 1960. Years later, it was revealed that the anonymous donor of the \$9,000 was Anna Ballard "Petey" Cerf. Anna Ballard Cerf was a well known philanthropist throughout Lawrence. With money made by her father in the insurance

business in New York, and her own investment, Anna Ballard Cerf donated thousands of dollars over many years to help establish the Ballard Center (named after her mother,) Kansas Audio Reader, Kansas Advocates for Better Care, and the LMH Endowment Association.

After the building was purchased as a location for community services on the East Side, in 1969 the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, Department of Human Development and Family Life, granted approximately \$97,000 to establish a research and outreach program at the Penn House. The program called the "Family and Community Research Project" was directed by KU Sociology Professor Keith Miller and his wife Ocoee Miller. The Project leased the Penn House building from KU Endowment for \$1 a year through 1974, when it was deeded to another Douglas County Improvement group. Funding from the OEO, along with public donations, saw the Penn House through 1973. In 1974, the Penn House began receiving financial support from the United Funds (now United Way) group. In the mid 1980s, the Penn House also began to receive revenue-sharing funding through the City of Lawrence. Cuts to federal Community Development Block Grants under changing government ideals and constant changes to program requirements with the United Way ensured that the Penn House always sought creative new ways of funding their services.

Throughout the 1970s the Penn House day to day operations were largely run democratically by a group of mothers in the neighborhood, with Ocoee Miller as director. Families and individuals in need could come to the Penn House to purchase household goods, such as clothing, linens, dishes, and kitchenware. Those in need without money could get items for free or in trade. Sewing and craft space, tools, and classes were offered, and many of the items made put up for sale in the thrift shop. Classes on budgeting, cooking, household management, rape prevention and self defense, basic car care, and home repair and winterization were also available to Penn House clients. At one time, the Penn House even held it's own kind of "currency" -- a yellow sheet of paper with the words "Freedom Credit" printed on, earned through work at the Penn House and used to purchase items there. A 1970 report shows the Penn House boasted an active membership of 80 families. A 1980 report tells of 400 to 600 clients served per month. Patrons of the Penn House used the shared commodities food store, the thrift shop, the nursery and sewing and crafts center. Families in distress, battered women, and single parents also came to the Penn House for help in applying for government assistance, legal assistance, emergency rent, utility, or medical bill assistance, access to job training and tutoring services. The Christmas Adopt-a-Family program that continues today at the Penn House, has its roots in the Penn House's Soul Santa of 1971. Another mission of volunteers to the Penn House was to help elderly and low income persons, those unable physically

or financially, to comply with City codes governing junk in and hazardous home conditions. A Penn House newsletter was once published monthly, circulating to over 1,000 homes, to keep clients informed of changes in government programs and as a progress report for supporters and friends.

By 1980, the Penn House building was in desperate need of repair. After a small fire, by arson, damaged the nursery and sewing area, the electrical and heating systems showed their age, and termites had done their damage, 1035 Pennsylvania was slated for demolition. Not without conflict and disagreement in the neighborhood, on the City Commission, and among area public service agencies, 1035 Pennsylvania was razed to the ground in November of 1981.

The Friends of Penn House Inc, comprised of preeminent developers of the time, Billings, Schwada, Moore and others, and Penn House Board members, collected an estimated \$70,000 in donated materials, equipment, and labor for the construction of a new building at 1035 Pennsylvania. National Guardsmen helped the Penn House move goods to temporary storage. A sort of publicity stunt and record setting, a modern day barn raising, the new (and current) Penn House was built in nine and a half hours on Saturday, December 5th 1981. The construction crew included about 150 laborers, with professional construction workers (both union and non-union and from often “competing” firms) and people from the neighborhood and Penn House volunteers.

Through the 1980s and the early 1990s, the Penn House continued to offer services to those in need in East Lawrence and all over town. Federal and City and United Way funds continued to fluctuate, leaving Penn House scrambling but persevering. Records show that more than 6,000 individuals sought assistance at the Penn House in 1993, with the help of only three full time employees, one part time employee, and numerous volunteers.

In 2005, Ballard Community Services acquired Penn House, and has continued services and operations at the Penn House location to this day, providing Douglas County residents with rent, utility, prescription, food, commodities, clothing assistance, and more.



Christie Scanlin-Dobson and Shine Adams

At the Penn House Right Now!

A full list of services currently offered at the Penn House can be found on the Penn House website. The clothing pantry, including a work clothes closet, continues to be available to clients of the Penn House. Rent and utility assistance, as well as the Holiday Bureau, the holiday adopt-a-family program, can still be accessed at the Penn House. The food pantry once housed at Penn House has moved entirely to the Ballard Center, but a multi-agency diaper bank will soon be housed in the building, as well as some employees of the Sheriff’s Office reentry program, and of course, Sun Cedar. Donations of new and gently used clothing and shoes, especially clothes for laboring and sturdy boots, as well as some office wear, large sizes, pots and pans, dishes and utensils, and diapers of all sizes are always in need. Drop off of donations can be made during office hours at the Penn House.

In addition to donating to the Sun Cedar/ Penn House fundraising campaign, you can contribute to the Penn House’s yearly school supply drive. Every year at this time, the Penn House, in partnership with EKCAN, the Salvation Army, United Way, Just Food, and other agencies, collects funds and items to give to low income kids to start the school year. Each child receives a new pair of shoes and a backpack full of supplies. The most needed items are traditionally ear bud headphones, highlighters, backpacks, and 3 ring binders. Items can be donated at the supply drives at both Walmart locations, all Dillon's and Hy-Vee locations, Checkers, and Office Depot on July 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th.

Douglas County residents wishing to receive from the Back to School program can fill out an application at the Penn house July 11th to July 29th, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Applicants will need to bring identification and social security cards for the applicants, proof of income and/or a free or reduced lunch letter.

Questions can be directed to Wayne at the Penn House during open hours or by email at wayne@ballardcenter.org.

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- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
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- Baking/Cooking
- Other: _____