

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter One (August-October) Due Nov. 10

Neighborhood\_ East Lawrence Neighborhood Assn \_\_\_\_\_ Completed By\_ Phil Collison \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_ 11/10/2019 \_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number/Email\_ 785 843-8098

Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1	<u>08/12/19</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>09/09/19</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>10/14/19</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email	<u>X</u>		
	newsletter	<u>X</u>		
	other announcement? (please specify)	<u>X</u>	Social Media, Facebook	
Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes	No	X	
Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>Sept. 1 2019</u>	Copy Attached? (required)	<u>Yes</u>

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

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

Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome. (recommended). *Plan Ahead! We held our block party and we had poor weather. Fortunately we had a rain contingency plan and moved and held a successful event. Also, keep it simple. We moved our block party to be a street party and were confounded with excessive City fees and regulations that were unfriendly to the type of event it was. We'll be back in Hobbs Park next year with many less*

Any other information your neighborhood association feels will be information that will help to provide a clear view of your neighborhood associations accomplishments. (recommended). *We worked with LAN to help sponsor a public engagement with the Chamber of Commerce and the City to discuss the new Opportunity Zone. By being involved in this we were able to bring different players to the table and had a positive impact on the content of the presentation.*

# East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Minutes

*Monday August 12th , Delaware Street Commons*

Present:

Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, Catherine Reed, Crystal Miles, Dave Lowenstein, Dr. Sabrina Winfrey, Holly Myers, James C. Dunn, Joe R. Bickford, Joshua Davis (NY), Kaitlin Stanley, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Mike Anderson, Pam Blackburn, Peggy Robinson, Phil Collison, Sacie Lambertson, Tom Leffert

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

1. Introductions were made
2. Housekeeping Announcements
3. Approvals. The agenda and the July minutes were approved.
4. New business
  1. Timothy Leffert, Assistant Principal and Dr. Sabrina Winfrey, Principal of Liberty Memorial Central Middle School came to introduce themselves and to urge neighbors to contact the school and be aware of events. They passed out door hangers with contact information. Training in Restorative Practices is underway: rather than punishment, kids are helped to consider the sources and consequences of their behavior and what they might do to make things right. ELNA can help with the Fun Run fundraiser, the last Friday in November, plus there's a fund to purchase yearbooks for students who can't afford to buy them. Those interested in volunteering should contact the school. LMCMS should send announcements for publication in the ELNA newsletter.
  2. City Tree Policies - Crystal Miles City Horticultural Resources Manager. City guidelines cover tree planting. Developers must pay for tree planting, and in newly developed areas street trees are on private property. East of Iowa, street trees are in the public right of way. Trees cost about \$365 apiece and it's hard to find them. In response to the emerald ash borer ash trees are being treated (700 per year) or removed and replanted (250 per year). Planting is limited by the need to water trees. Damaged trees are being removed near Pickney. Along 9<sup>th</sup> St. in East Lawrence trees were removed to make way for stormwater pipes: if 40% of roots are damaged the tree cannot be saved. Forty trees will be planted along E. Ninth, shorter trees under the power lines. Westar trims them every 4 years. Homeowners may trim street trees up to 8 ft above the ground, and trim stump sprouts. No permit is required to cut down trees on private property, and dead trees must be removed by the landowner. Call 832-7970 or visit the city website to report tree issues. If you are doing sidewalk work, call Parks and Rec, they will come and trim the tree roots. Note that tree species vary in their tolerance of fill over their roots.
  3. Hope House Update. Tami Nevels sent a report. They are doing major paperwork with the city, civil engineers, architects, and in connection with the grant. They'll contact all the neighbors re this housing for people with persistent mental illness (8 units, including one for a professional). The remodel of 1241 Penn is almost complete after several major projects—people will be moving in this week.
  4. Election of Treasurer. Mike Anderson is taking a job in Savannah GA. ELNA thanks him for all his work. Aaron Paden was elected treasurer.
  5. Block Party Committee. Lane reported that the street closure regulations have become extremely complicated. She is working on this with the City. The Arts Center will loan barriers. The party is Saturday Sept. 28, in conjunction with New York School's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will

get new t-shirts. Raffle items, gift cards, donations and help including beer serving are needed. Music is needed. Phil, Aaron, Kaitlin and Joe will be on the committee. They'll meet next week.

6. Paper Newsletter overview. This is still the best way to reach people, and it's ELNA's biggest expense, about \$600 for printing and over \$300 for postage for each issue. Mike has hand-delivered about half of them in the past. We could reduce publication to quarterly (rather than 6 times per year). We could shorten the newsletter. We could sell more ads. Aaron will put a fact sheet together, and we should all think about ways to make/save money, and to improve the content of the newsletter.
5. Recurring Updates
  1. East 9th Update, City portion. Ninth St. is finally open.
  2. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update. The committee is working on getting permission for artists to install. Ardys Ramberg reports that the fish will not be reinstated—perhaps it could be placed at the N. Lawrence Depot? Some artists will be at the block party.
  3. Opportunity Zone update. Phil will follow this to see if there's anything in it for East Lawrence.
  4. Arts Center Greenspace Update -- Lane. The city has approved use by the Arts Center but the Center can't afford to develop the area right now.
  5. Advertisers for next newsletter. Aaron will talk to Slimmers. City Commission candidates may be willing to advertise.
6. Reports
  1. President. Phil sent in the CDBG report. He personally supported Brook Creek's objections to the affordable housing plan. No action was taken by ELNA on this. There's a meeting Thursday Aug 22 at 7 pm at the East Lawrence Rec Center to discuss this issue. We have a new city manager. People are needed to mow.
  2. Vice-President. See above.
  3. Treasurer. We have \$5084.41 in checking. BonBon will donate patties for the block party.
  4. Coordinator. Frank sent letters to board members. The Sept/Oct newsletter deadline is August 19. Lane will contact City Commission candidates, also the East 9<sup>th</sup> artists to publicize their events. Lane will clarify the cost of ads and how to submit them.
  5. Committees.
    - i. Budget/ Fundraising Committee
    - ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
    - iii. Planning Commission
    - iv. Historic Resources Commission
    - v. City Commission. On the agenda, plastic bags, sanctuary cities, sidewalks, budget audit, reducing the homeless shelter budget.
    - vi. CDAC
    - vii. New York PTO/Site Council. See above.

7. Updates /Announcements. Dave. Epicenter will have a show of posters and news photos at the Murphy-Bromelsick house August 24, 6-9 pm on August 24.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

# East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

## Meeting Agenda

Monday September 9th • 7:00pm-9:00pm New York School

1. Introductions - 2 min
2. Housekeeping Announcements - 2 min
3. Approvals 4 min  
Agenda / Minutes - August  
REMINDER: CDBG qrt report: fill in meetings attended, esp BOARD
4. New business
  - a. Kim Brook and Irene Tsuneta -- East Ninth Project
  - b. Board of Zoning Appeals Vacancy -- ELNA rep wanted
  - c. KH resignation
  - d. Hope House/ Penn House update -- email from Phil
  - e. Block Party -- Lane
5. Recurring Updates - 20 min
  - a. East 9th Update, City portion - 2 min
  - b. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update -- 5 min
  - c. Opportunity Zone update - 3 min Phil
  - d. Advertisers for next newsletter
  - e. Conservation Overlay - 2 min
6. Reports - 20 minutes
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Coordinator
  - e. Committees - 10 min
    - i. Budget/ Fundraising
    - ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
    - iii. Planning Commission
    - iv. Historic Resources Commission
    - v. City Commission
    - vi. CDAC
    - vii. New York PTO/Site Council

7. Updates / Announcements - 2 min

Special thanks to Marshall and Malcom Maude, plus Jake Coffman and Hannah, plus Amanda Thompson, for running the concessions at kickball Sunday 9/1.

Note about our meetings: ***We appreciate our neighborhood meetings as an opportunity to learn more about what is happening in our neighborhood. For this reason we request that our interactions reflect our pursuit of knowledge and assume that we are all in it for these same reasons. Assume good intent on everyone's part. We will make every effort to recognize everyone's viewpoints.***

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday September 9 2019, 7pm New York School

Present: Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, Catherine Reed, Dave Lowenstein, Irene Tsuneta, Joe R. Bickford, Joshua Davis (NY), Kim Brook, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Pam Blackburn The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by KT Walsh.

1. Introductions

2. Housekeeping Announcements

3. Approvals. The June and August minutes were approved as read.

4. New business

- a. Kaitlin Stanley, East Ninth Project. She will attend next month.
- b. Kim and Irene, East Ninth Project. They will create a narrative of East Lawrence into the future using yarn. Eight crochet events will be held at Sunrise, 6-8 pm on Tuesdays, starting Sept 10. All are invited to participate. Crochet lessons will be given. The project will be displayed at Art Tougeau and Art in the Park, then pieces will be auctioned with proceeds going to the remodeling of St. Luke AME. For more information email yarnitforward@gmail.com.
- c. An ELNA rep is needed for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Barry may apply.
- d. KH wants to resign.
- e. Nevel update in letter from Phil. There's a neighbors meeting Tuesday Sept 17 at 6:30 outside Penn House. On Monday Sept. 23 at 6:30 they go to the Planning Commission.
- f. Block party. Lane. The street closure, alcohol permit and barriers are in place, T-shirts have been ordered. Outlets are needed for the stage. Lane needs to meet with the school. More volunteers are needed.
- g. Board elections will be held Monday November 11th. Declarations of intent to run are needed at the October 14 meeting. Board members reach out to other community organizations and projects, work on ELNA committees, and support Lane in her work.

5. Recurring Updates

- a. East 9th Update, City portion. Ninth St. is almost complete. Remaining issues include broken bricks, lights, tripping hazards, gravel pile in front of Wishing Bench, continued flooding at Connecticut. KT will bring these to the city.
- b. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update. Lane. About half of the art projects are getting started--9 have hired assistants. Youth corps will be started soon: open to all under age 18. KT: oral histories are being collected.
- c. Opportunity Zone update. none
- d. Advertisers for next newsletter. Aaron: Slimmers will sponsor next month's.
- e. Conservation Overlay. KT. This is still up in the air with the City Commission. LAN has helped speed up the process. Design guidelines are needed.

6. Reports

- a. President. None
- b. Vice-President. KT gave her report in notes above.
- c. Treasurer. Aaron does not have access to full records yet. We have \$601 in PayPal and \$360 to deposit from concessions.

c. Coordinator. See above.

d. Committees

- i. Budget/ Fundraising will become active after the Block Party and Board elections.
- ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. No representative in attendance.
- iii. Planning Commission. Hope House is on the agenda for Sept 23 at 6:30.
- iv. Historic Resources Commission. Studying a ramp at St. Luke AME.
- v. City Commission. Issues include sidewalks, sites for industry, sanctuary city designation.
- vi. CDAC. No news.
- vii. New York PTO/Site Council. The school is preparing for their 150th anniversary. Snacks are still needed.

There is water in the basement.

7. Updates / Announcements

Irene and KH are having a tie-dye sale on Saturday Sept 21, 9-5 at 916 Rhode Island.

The new City Manager needs his sidewalk repaired.

Pam will write an article on tree maintenance for the newsletter.

Special thanks to Marshall and Malcolm Maude, plus Jake and Hannah, for running the concessions at kickball Sunday 9/1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Minutes prepared by Catherine Reed

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Monday October 14th • 7:00pm-9:00pm New York School

1. Introductions - 2 min
2. Housekeeping Announcements - 2 min
3. Approvals 4 min  
Agenda / Minutes - September  
REMINDER: CDBG qrt report: fill in meetings attended, esp BOARD
4. New business
  - a. Chris Tilden, LiveWell Lawrence - 10 min
  - b. Board elections
    - i. Monday November 11th
    - ii. **Declarations - 5 min**
    - iii. After election -- evaluation committees (members, and duties)
5. Recurring Updates - 20 min
  - a. Hope House/ Penn House update - 5 min
  - b. East 9th Update, City portion - 5 min
  - c. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update -- 5 min
  - d. Opportunity Zone update - 2 min Phil
  - e. Conservation Overlay - 2 min
  - f. RS5 Double Density - 5 min
  - g. 20 mph Speed Limit - 10 min
6. Reports - 20 minutes
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Coordinator
  - e. Committees - 10 min
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East Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
Minutes  
Monday October 14th 2019

Present:

Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, Brenda Nunez, Catherine Reed, Chris Tilden, D Cooper, Dave Lowenstein, Holly Heitmann, Jay Holley, Joshua Davis (NY), Kathryn Clark, Kelly Rodriguez, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Liz Koepp, Nick Kozmyak, Peggy Robinson, Phil Collison

The meeting was called to order at 7:03

1. Introductions were made.
2. Housekeeping Announcements. No.
3. The September minutes were approved.

REMINDER: CDBG qrt report. Minutes must be submitted to CDBG within one month. ELNA must have a DUNS number and we do have one.

4. New business

a. Chris Tilden, LiveWell Lawrence. The group got started in 2008 with a KS Health Foundation Grant. Their focus is on chronic diseases e.g., cancer and diabetes. They are also concerned with healthy food, physical activity, the reduction of tobacco use and domestic violence prevention. Safe Routes to School, double up food bucks, the Lawrence Loop, a healthy built environment, and the transit system are projects. The group meets to discuss and clarify health issues, to publicize issues and to attract funds. They do not endorse City Council Candidates.

b. Board elections will occur on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>. If we have more than 13 candidates, voting will take place – by voice or silently, more involved or not depending on size. If there are exactly as many candidates as seats, a vote to accept the ballot will happen. Exactly 13 people have declared for the board:

1. KT Walsh, 2. Kaitlin Stanley, 3. Pam Blackburn, 4. Dave Loewenstein, 5. Kelly Rodriguez, 6. Barry Shalinsky, 7. Joshua Davis, 8. Peggy Robinson, 9. Brenda Nuñez, 10. Catherine Reed, 11. Aaron Paden, 12. Hannah Sroor, 13. Kathryn Clark

5. Recurring Updates

a. Hope House/ Penn House update. Phil. The neighbors oppose converting the old Penn House into transitional housing. The Nevels hope that a suitable location can be found.

b. East 9th Update, City portion. KT. KT and Brad met with the City Manager. Much of the work done so far has been of poor quality and will be re-done. Call Dave Wagner if there are any issues. KT notes there are 8 kinds of bricks—the solid flat purple ones with no lettering are the strongest. Could sorting bricks for sidewalk repair be a spring workday?

c. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update. Lane. The Youth Corps applications are now available. There are five slots for individuals or groups of artists, with a \$1000 grant for each. The youngest artists must have an adult mentor. Stephen Johnson has a related show at the Arts Center, Soup and Stitch is carrying on, Karynn and Kelley, musician and poet, are getting their show ready, and the Wishing Bench movie has been filmed.

d. Opportunity Zone update. Phil. Large corporations will be the actors in this as capital gains taxes and land sales are involved. A meeting will be held on October 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds to discuss options.

e. Conservation Overlay. KT a new person being hired by the city may favor this.

f. RSS Double Density. Phil. An ordinance is being crafted. Brook Creek neighbors are concerned.

g. Guest Question: Liz: 20 mph speed limit throughout East Lawrence on residential streets (not collectors or arterials). Phil. Nick from the Transportation Commission says there is no problem with that, Old West Lawrence already has 20 mph throughout. Should ELNA pursue this now? Or wait to get buy-in from residents and the new board?

## 6. Reports

a. President. Phil. The DUNS number is in process.

b. Vice-President. KT. No report.

c. Treasurer. Aaron. We have \$ 3795.00 in the bank and \$ 590.00 in PayPal.

d. Coordinator. Lane. The Block Party went well despite the move to the smaller space. The newsletter deadline is October 25 and there is still room for more articles. We'll do Adopt a Family. There will be no e-newsletter this week as Lane will be out of town.

### e. Committees

i. Budget/ Fundraising. No.

ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. No.

iii. Planning Commission. No.

iv. Historic Resources Commission. KT. 835 E. 13<sup>th</sup> will be torn down. 711 CT is being rehabbed. 941 Penn is under discussion.

v. City Commission. Parks and Rec is asking the community what we want. Sanctuary City status is likely.

vi. CDAC. No.

vii. New York PTO/Site Council. Issues include the support of para-educators by the district.

7. Updates / Announcements. Barry: Open House on Halloween at 645 CT from 6:30 to 9:00, all ages welcome. Dragon's Hoard will be moving due to lack of parking.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Minutes prepared by Catherine Reed

# East Lawrence News

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September 2019



## ELNA

### General Meeting

New York Elementary  
Library

9th and New York  
September 9 • 7-9 pm  
Agenda

the agenda as it is known can  
always be viewed on our website:  
[http://  
www.eastlawrence.com/meetings/](http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings/)

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## From the President:

Hello East Lawrence! Welcome to this, the September issue of the East Lawrence News. For years we have printed our Newsletter 6 times per year. We went to an 8 page format because those extra 4 pages only cost a bit more to print. Alas, printing and mailing costs have increased and our budget has been reduced. We are in the beginning stages of considering reducing the number of pages or the number of issues we do in a year. We really believe that mailing a paper newsletter to the neighborhood is our most effective way to communicate with all of you. Sure, we also have our Thursday enews, but that goes to about 400 email addresses, and it has taken us about 10 years to build up to that number. The paper newsletter goes to 1200 addresses within our boundaries. What do you think about the newsletter? Send an email to us at eastlawrence@yahoo.com. Put newsletter in the subject line. Or, no email? Send us a letter or postcard to East Lawrence NA PO Box 442393 Lawrence, KS 66044. Send us ideas about what you want to see in the newsletter, too. Thanks!

This month we say goodbye to Board Member and Treasurer Mike Andersen, who has found a job out of state. We wish him the best as his career goes in a new direction. Mike has also been walking the newsletter for delivery, or lining up folks to get it done. So that has been a money saver for us that will be hard to replace. Thanks Mike!

That said, we have a new treasurer in Aaron Paden. Per our by-laws we elect a new treasurer in August, and we welcome him as our new treasurer.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our big combination Block Party and New York School's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>. This year we are closing down 10<sup>th</sup> street between New York and New Jersey Streets. It has been quite an adventure navigating the new rules the City has enacted regarding street closures. Special thanks to Lane our fearless Coordinator for navigating all the hurdles.

Some things we are keeping an eye on are the new double density amendment that would allow 2 houses on a lot in certain situations. That question has boiled down to how small a lot can be used. We are also watching the Opportunity Zone discussion occurring with the City and Chamber of Commerce. Our neighborhood was declared an Opportunity Zone which is a component of the tax overhaul that occurred in 2017. We were designated as such with no public input, but we are participating in creating the material that will go out to potential investors. Needless to say grocery store and pharmacy are top on the list. Let us know what other projects could benefit the neighborhood!

Have a great Autumn in East Lawrence!

## 3 Easy Ways to Give to ELNA

1. Membership -- Fill out the membership form on the last page of this newsletter, and mail it in with your membership fee. If you're feeling generous, or you don't have change, consider enclosing an additional donation.
2. Purchase an ad -- If you own or work for a business you think East Lawrencians need to know about, consider purchasing an ad in this paper newsletter. A business card sized ad can be as little as \$16 for a single issue run. New this year, we can offer a ½ page, back of the fold, single issue ad for \$150. Full advertising rates are listed on page 7.
3. Donate your metal -- the 12th and Haskell Recycling Center (actually at 11th and Haskell) will accept your metal recycling and donate the proceeds to ELNA. Just tell them you'd like to put the money in our account. *Thanks!*



# Block Party 2019

We're having a BIG PARTY for our LITTLE SCHOOL.

Happy 150th to New York Elementary! New York Elementary is celebrating its 150th year with an all day celebration at the school on Saturday September 28th, 2019.

Here's the breakdown:

## 1-4pm Historic Tours

New York school and PTA, the Watkins Museum, and the NYE C.5 group, an East Ninth grant recipient, will have several activities from 1:00 to 4:00pm, including tours of the school, a school history exhibit, oral history collection, and more! Please note, if you want to see the school, have a tour, be sure to show up 1-4, only the bathrooms will be open during the party.

## 3-5pm Kids Carnival

Super Saltz and co are all over planning a fantastic kids carnival from 3-5pm. Face painting, games, balloon art, and a bouncy house, are in the works. Free!!

## 5-9pm ELNA Block Party

It's not just A Block Party, it's THE BLOCK PARTY. The We Love New York Elementary Party continues from 5:00 to 9:00pm. New this year, we're having the party IN THE STREET! That's right! STREET BLOCK PARTY! We'll set up on E 10th between New York and New Jersey.

Potluck -- bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share, and ELNA will provide burgers (carnivorous and vegetarian) and drinks -- Live Music, Raffle, Information Tables, Bike Repair Station, and all the usual goodness.

TSHIRTS! We'll have fresh ELNA tshirts (and hopefully hoodies and stickers too) for sale. We'll try our best to have new merch printed with the original ELNA logo, as designed by the illustrious Anne Patterson, plus some new EL Opossum Lady shirts. Between tshirts and beer and raffle items, you'll want to bring some cash!

Wanna help? We'll need lots of volunteers to help set up and clean up, person the grills and beer table, and run the raffle table. Email Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) if you're willing and able to take a shift. Raffle items! We need raffle items. Do you, or your buddies, provide any kind of service? Willing to donate a gift card? Are you an artist? Willing to donate something you made? It'd be cool if you did. Email Lane about your contribution.

See you soon, neighbors! Invite your friends! All are welcome!



## A Note from New York PTA

WE DID IT! New York Elementary has been awarded National PTA School of Excellence. This award is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

We hope our School of Excellence designation will help attract new, action-oriented PTA members who want to focus on the issues that affect our children the most. Plus there are other opportunities opened up to us with this designation, such as grants.

Our focus this year continues to be learning concrete steps on how to be trauma-informed as a school community. Our approach is Smart Connections training open to caregivers and school staff that will take place this fall.

We'll also have a Bookfair this fall, sometime in November. And once again, our classrooms and programs would appreciate supplemental snacks -- anything easily portioned, non perishable, and whole grain or low sugar, like Cheerios or crackers. Just put an extra item in your shopping cart next time you're at the store, and drop it off at the school. So easy and so helpful! Thank you!

We've got a very active Facebook page, so be sure to like and follow for updates on events and needs and how you can help. Just search New York PTA.

## New Leadership at Central

Dr. Sabrina Tillman-Winfrey and Mr. Timothy P. Leffert are the new interim principal and assistant principal of Liberty Memorial Central Middle School. Dr. Winfrey comes to us from the Hickman Mills school district in Missouri, and Mr. Leffert comes to us from the Shawnee Mission school district just to our East. Dr. Winfrey and Mr. Leffert want to increase the community/school connection and visited with us briefly at our last neighborhood association meeting.

There are a few ways you can get involved and stay connected with LMCMS:

- (1) like their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LibertyMemorialCentral/>
- (2) follow them on Twitter <https://twitter.com/LMCentralMiddle>
- (3) check out their Instagram posts <https://www.instagram.com/lmcentralmiddle/>
- (4) visit their new website <https://www.usd497.org/lmcms>
- (5) email Althea Schnacke at [ASchnack@usd497.org](mailto:ASchnack@usd497.org) if you are interested in helping with this year's Fun Run on Friday, October 25th and/or
- (6) keep a lookout for information on how to purchase a yearbook for a student in need.

# Rebuilding East Ninth Update Together

*The Rebuilding East Ninth Together project has fifteen projects in the works and you can expect to see some projects beginning right now! Many projects have their own websites and social media, so be sure to check the Rebuilding East Ninth Together website -- [rebuildingeastninth.com](http://rebuildingeastninth.com) -- for links.*

*Here are a few updates from the artists:*

## **New York's 150th**

The NYE C.5 group will be at the New York Elementary Sesquicentennial and ELNA Block Party event on Sept 28th, and we will have a table to gather information from attendees. Our first meeting with the Student Leadership Club is on Sept 5. The plan is to get the students engaged, to gather history and ideas from the New York Elementary & East Lawrence communities, along with input from Watkins Museum and the designated East 9th local experts. Then we'll move into the design phase. I'm delighted to have a former Van Go Arts Train graduate Torbis Laughlin as our assistant. They'll be a great addition to the team with their skills at drawing and excitement to be working with the students.

## **Yarn It Forward**

### **Soup and Stitch #1**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6 PM – 8 PM at the Sunrise Project, 1501 Learnard Ave. Ste. E, Lawrence

Join us, Tuesday, September 10th at Sunrise Project for our first Soup & Stitch! We'll have yummy food (vegetarian option provided) and start working on building our yarn art mural while building new friendships.

## **St Luke AME and the Langston Hughes Community Center**

St. Luke AME will host an open house on September 28th from 2-5 pm. Please stop by and visit! We are "The Friendly Church on The Corner!"

## **East Lawrence Family Tree Project**

The East Lawrence Family Tree Project is a portrait project focusing on east Lawrence families. Over the course of several months a group of local artists lead by project coordinator Matthew Lord will organize and

conduct portrait sessions with east Lawrence families at Art Emergency. The resulting portraits will be featured at an exhibition and community potluck at the project's end. As a gift for their involvement, the families that participate will keep the artwork. This experience will tell the stories of the people in the neighborhood and honor their connections while presenting them with a cherished heirloom.

For info about how to participate contact Matthew Lord at [eastlawrencefamilytree@gmail.com](mailto:eastlawrencefamilytree@gmail.com).

## **Mona Cliff / Natives Now**

My project Natives Now, is comprised of 4 parts.

- 1) Providing 4 "artistic seating opportunities" for community members, contracted collaboration with Jamakee Blackburn & Steve Spacek,
- 2) a projection project of native american community members,
- 3) the planting of 2 indigenous fruiting trees, and
- 4) to tie it all together a mural (with input from Native students) which will hopefully be on 11th street.

These 4 aspects of my project are in development phases. Planning, scouting areas, reaching out for support for various aspects of the project. The projection phase of my project will be ongoing and begin end of Fall. All other aspects of Natives Now will mostly likely start early spring 2020. I'd like to ask the East Lawrence Neighborhood where they would like to see projections? I'd also be grateful to work with someone who has some technology electric knowledge for rigging the projector to be mobile. Please reach out to me at [jonamane77@gmail.com](mailto:jonamane77@gmail.com)

## **Stephen Johnson | 9th Street Rhythms**

October 25 @ 5:00 pm - December 21 @ 9:00 pm

The words and ideas generated by the great American Poet and former East Lawrence resident Langston Hughes provided the inspiration for this project. Hughes writes, "Rhythm is something we share in common, you and I, with all the plants and animals and people in the world, and with the stars and moon and sun, and all the whole vast wonderful universe beyond this wonderful earth which is our home." Like Hughes, Stephen Johnson looks for visual rhythms in search of the ideas and associations they may elicit. 9th Street Rhythms is a celebration of East Ninth Street and its adjoining streets and alleyways. With this work, Johnson aims to encourage Lawrence residents to discover joy in the most unexpected details of a neighborhood.

Reception: October 25, 5-9 pm

INSIGHT Art Talk:

November 11, 7 pm

## **Battle of the Builders**

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019

9 AM – 6 PM

\$5 admission

1445 Prairie Ave, Lawrence

TWO SMALL HOMES, TWO LOCAL CREWS, ONE EPIC DAY!!! Join Tenants to Homeowners for Battle of The Builders, a daylong "tiny home" construction competition and fundraiser event celebrating more than a quarter century of permanently affordable housing for the Lawrence community!

Eat, play, and have all of your affordable housing queries answered in one epic day! Food Truck, bouncy house, craft beer, music by Zydeco Tougeau, participatory workshops, and much, much more! A fantastic family friendly experience!

# Untold Stories

Eastside People's Intercultural Center (Epicenter) is excited to announce the opening of the exhibition "Untold Stories: Douglas County Social Movements from 1968-2018," and the companion "People's History of East Lawrence Walking Tour."

Untold Stories: Douglas County Social Movements from 1968- 2018, will include material never exhibited before from the collections of the Kansas Key Press, C.J. Brune Radical Library, Food Not Bombs, and Wakarusa Wetlands, among others. Funded by the Douglas County, Heritage Conservation Council (HCC), Natural & Cultural Heritage Grant Program.

Opening: Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm Location: Murphy-Bromelsick House at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> & Delaware in Hobbs Park.

The Exhibit will be open to the public on Saturdays & Sundays from August 24th to September 28th of 2019, 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

People's History of East Lawrence Walking Tour, has approximately ten stops in East Lawrence, each with particular social, cultural or historical importance. The tour is funded by Freedom's Frontier.

Date: Self-guided Maps of the tour will be available at the Murphy-Bromelsick House and on the Epicenter website [www.epicenterks.com](http://www.epicenterks.com)

Watch soon for another Epicenter Project, *Homemade*, funded by the Rebuilding East Ninth grant. *Homemade* will be a cookbook featuring traditional east side foods and stories. Watch the Epicenter website for calls for recipes in the near future.

All events are free and open to the public.

About Epicenter Epicenter, which stands for East Side People's Intercultural Center, is an up and coming arts-based organization celebrating and supporting the cultures and stories of underrepresented groups in Lawrence, especially people of color. Our events and projects explore the intersections of art, culture and social change. We value radical inclusivity and cross-cultural collaboration, and seek to elevate authentic, first-person narratives. These are essential ingredients for combating oppression, as well as promoting understanding, empathy and social action. We partner with fellow community groups to collaborate with an equitable and intercultural mission, and we help to provide resources to people with their own projects.

The coordinating members of Epicenter (Alex Kimball Williams, Christopher Santee, Connie Fiorella Fitzpatrick, Dave Loewenstein, Leah Evans, and Tai Amri Spann-Ryan ) each bring unique perspectives and professional backgrounds, with multilingual, multiracial, and multicultural insight. We are community organizers, musicians, poets, muralists, a documentary photographer and more. We decided to create a new intercultural group after recognizing we were already organizing similar events separately.

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# ELNA News Cycles and Outlets --

Coordinator Lane, August 2019

Do you have an event or notice you'd like to share with the neighborhood? Want volunteers for your community event? Patrons for your fundraiser? Perhaps you have some poems or art, or a story about the history of our neighborhood to share. Below are listed the news cycles, types, reach, submission process, etc.

## Paper Newsletter -- The East Lawrence News

**Cycle:** published bimonthly -- July/Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec, etc. In mail boxes in the first week of the issue month.

**Reach:** mailed to 1500ish households and stacked at a couple local places -- ReStore, Cottin's, LPL, etc.

**Newstype Notes:** The average article is less than 500 words, but you can very likely have more if you need. Submissions can include images, but only black and white, jpg format. Long range items and static notices are best for this venue, because of the timing of submission and publication.

**How to Submit:** Email Lane, at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) with your submission. The deadline for submission is always about mid-month in the month before.

## Weekly Enewsletter -- Thursday ELNA News

**Cycle:** weekly edited each Wednesday, by 8pm, scheduled for email each Thursday morning

**Reach:** about 400 email addresses

**Newstype Notes:** Submissions need to be pretty small, less than 250 words, but, again, more if you need it. Links are ok. No images or pdfs. Short range notices are ok.

**How to Submit:** Email Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com), before 8pm on Wednesday evenings

## Social Media -- Instagram, Twitter, Facebook

**Cycle:** as needed, but, typically 2-3 times per week, plus scheduled posts

**Reach:** \*about 1600

**Newstype Notes:** \*Our target demographic -- people between 18 and 60 living within 15 miles of downtown Lawrence Kansas -- is statistically more likely to spend social media time on Facebook. So, I focus my efforts on Facebook. We have about 1600 followers and good engagement. We also have a connected "discussion group" for neighbor to neighbor interaction. If you'd like to join the discussion group, just request to be added. ELNA does have an Instagram, but it doesn't see much use. I log in to post pictures, from events mostly, and have them autopost to other platforms. Same with the Twitter. I have an IFTTT bot tweet everything that appears on our Facebook page and very rarely login.

Our facebook page is largely "curatorial". Meaning, I mostly share items of interest (events, notices, etc) from other pages. For example, I share posts from Cottin's Farmer's Market, The City of Lawrence, non-profit public service fundraising events, etc.

**How to Submit:** again, email [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com)

## Website -- eastlawrence.com

**Cycle:** updated at least once a month

**Reach:** Analytics reflect an average of a couple hundred users every month, less than 50% bounce rate (not bad), average session of two minutes (also not bad), largely organic search in origin.

**Newstype Notes:** I think of the ELNA website as an archive. I post unchanging information there, like meeting notices and newsletters and details for the big neighborhood events. There are sections for linking other groups websites as well.

**How to Submit:** email me!

**AND ONE MORE THING:** ELNA meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7-9pm at New York School during the school year, at Delaware St Commons in the summer and school breaks. If you'd like facetime with the ELNA Board, and neighbors attending, you can request to be added to the ELNA Meeting agenda. More than a week's notice is preferred. Email ELNA President Phil Collison at [phil@pcollison.com](mailto:phil@pcollison.com) with your request and some details about what you'd like to discuss.





## VOTE COURTNEY NOVEMBER 5TH

Lawrence needs Commissioners that will listen, that will make well-informed decisions, and that will represent all members of our diverse communities.

Our city needs **Courtney Shipley** on the City Commission.

visit [courtneyforcommission.com](http://courtneyforcommission.com) to learn more.



Look what we found on Instagram! Our new neighbor Kylie is fond of walking the neighborhood, then painting the favorite houses she sees. Is one of these yours? We know whose they are! Check out all the neighbor houses she's painted on Kylie's Instagram @y.e.a.n.o. Love your house and want an original painting of it? Kylie accepts commissions! [kalie.a.mcginnis@gmail.com](mailto:kalie.a.mcginnis@gmail.com)



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# Stuart Boley

for CITY COMMISSION

*Paid for by Stuart Boley for City Commission Campaign*

*Lene Carttar Brooke, Treasurer*

*Contact: VoteBoley@gmail.com*

## Lawrence City Commission Election

Our Lawrence City Commission consists of five seats. These five seats are currently filled by Mayor Lisa Larsen, Vice Mayor Jennifer Ananda, and Commissioners Stuart Boley, Matthew Herbert, and Leslie Soden. Commissioners are elected to two or four year terms, depending on how many votes each received at their election, and so not all Commissioners are up for election at the same time. This year, Boley, Herbert, and Soden's seats must be re-elected. Both Herbert and Soden have declared that they are not seeking re-election. Boley is campaigning to retain his seat. Therefore, on November 5th, 2019, Lawrence voters must select three Commissioners. The six candidates seeking to fill those three City Commission seats include: Stuart Boley, Ken Easthouse, Brad Finkeldei, Joey Hintzler, Rob Sands, and Courtney Shipley.

Although the East Lawrence Neighborhood does not endorse any candidate, we do encourage our residents to educate themselves about the issues and the candidates, and to exercise their right to vote!

Candidate reports, as well as polling place and voter registration information can be found on our Douglas County Clerk website: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections>

## Brad's Key Commitments

- Effectively implementing the affordable housing sales tax
- Ensuring our city has a well-developed and well-maintained infrastructure
- Supporting smart job-creation opportunities
- Engaging with all members of our community to thoughtfully consider their opinions and suggestions



**Brad  
Finkeldei**  
CITY COMMISSION

**Vote on November 5th. Advance voting starts October 16th.**

Finkeldei for City Commission. Doni Mooberry Slough, Treasurer





I want to make sure Lawrence lives up to its promise as a **proudly progressive** community.



- ✓ Smart policy to ensure adequate, **affordable housing**
- ✓ Bold sustainability programs to tackle **climate change**
- ✓ Just reforms to address systemic **racial disparities**

**ONLINE:** joeyforlawrence.com

**FB/TWITTER:** @JoeyForLawrence

## Advertising Rates for the ELNA Newsletter

Have you considered advertising in the ELNA paper newsletter?

The East Lawrence News is published bi-monthly in odd months. Over 1200 copies are printed and distributed to over 1000 East Lawrence homes, several local businesses, and mailed to associate members far and wide. We have special rates for ELNA members (business and individual members) and offer a 10% discount for buying ads for the year (6 issues).

Contact Lane, eastlawrence@yahoo.com, if you are interested in purchasing ad space.

### Single Issue Rates

One issue, various sized ads, member and non-member rates

Ad Size	Non-Member Rate	Member Rate
Business card	\$20	\$16
1/8 page	\$30	\$24
1/4 page	\$45	\$36
1/2 page	\$90	\$72
Full page	\$200	\$160

### \*NEW! Back Page sponsorship Ad \$150

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One ad in each issue of the paper newsletter, 6 issues per year, various sized ads, member and non-member rates

Ad Size	Non-Member Rate (Per Issue)	Member Rate (Per Issue)
Business card	\$18	\$14
1/8 page	\$27	\$21
1/4 page	\$40	\$32
1/2 page	\$81	\$64
Full page	\$180	\$144

*\*You may apply a membership fee at the time of purchase to receive a member discount. Membership rates upon request.*

*\*The deadline for each newsletter is approximately mid-month of the month preceding publication.*

*\*Please have all ads print ready in pdf or jpeg format. The newsletter is printed in black and white and no color ads are accepted.*

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

\$100.00 lifetime membership                      \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood members

\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses      \$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profits

*(Please note personal memberships are per individual, not household.)*

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- ☐ We print the names of new and returning ELNA members in the ELNA newsletter . Check here if it is okay to print your name.
- ☐ Please add my email to the “Thursday ELNA News” (the weekly enewsletter) email list.

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## ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

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

\_\_\_ Work Days / Snow Shoveling

\_\_\_ YART Sale

\_\_\_ Block Party

\_\_\_ Adopt-A-Family

\_\_\_ Music

\_\_\_ Art

\_\_\_ Photography

\_\_\_ Gardening

\_\_\_ Historic Preservation

\_\_\_ Serving on the ELNA Board

\_\_\_ Baking/Cooking

\_\_\_ Grilling / Concessions

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_