

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

Neighborhood__East Lawrence Neighborhood Assn__ Completed By__Phil Collison____ Date__02/09/2020____
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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1	<u>11/11/19</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Y</u>
	Meeting Date #2	<u>12/09/19</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Y</u>
	Meeting Date #3	<u>01/13/20</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Y</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>Facebook and Twitter</u>

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes <u>X</u>	No
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Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter	<u>11/11/19 and 1/2/2020</u>	Copy Attached? (required)	<u>Yes x2</u>
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Also to be attached: _____

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

Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome. (recommended) *In this quarter we went to other neighborhood association's meetings and we attended LAN meetings. We adopted 2 families via the Ballard Center and the good work they do. And we helped to host New York School's MLK Chili Feed in January. All to further the objective of making our neighborhood stronger and better informed.*

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 have been closely involved with new developments within our Neighborhood and impacting our neighborhood. The developer of the Warehouse Arts District came to 3 of our meetings so that we could be better informed about the progress there. There is much development pressure on our neighborhood and it is important that we pay attention to that.*

ELNA activities for 2nd Quarter Nov Dec 19 and Jan 20

We usually have at least one rep at all City Commission and all the Historic Resources Commission Meetings during the time frame, and all 3 LAN meetings. We also have Reps at NY School Site Council Monthly Meetings September through May. Every Thursday we send out Thursday E-news to about 400 email subscribers. We rented our tiller 2 twice. Our East Lawrence / Arts Center Arts Grant Collaboration team met about 10 times each month. This Project will bring forward Art on the East Side that will have an impact for years to come.

11/6/19 Attended Brook Creek NA meeting to report on Opportunity Zone Committee Outcomes at East Lawrence Rec Center

11/11/19 2 ELNAn's met with 2 potential residents to discuss special use permits and implications of buying a home with restaurant potential within residential zoning

11/11/19 ELNA regular monthly meetings with 167 people. Highlights included Penn St. Lofts and other updates

11/12/19 Attended Historic Books Fundraiser at Cider Gallery for Dennis Domer. 5 ELNAn's attended

11/13/19 Attended Livewell Lawrence Healthy Built Community Environment Meeting with 8 people representing 3 neighborhoods and more

11/14/19 Attended Safe Routes to School Open House at the County Fairgrounds. Provided inout on routes to NY elementary and Central Middle school

11/16/19 Community Conversation on the Homeless Meeting at Library with 2 ELNAn's

11/18/19 Strategy Meeting with Assn Officers at Red Lyon

11/20/19 LAN Meeting with 14 people, 1 ELNAn

12/9/19 ELNA Meeting with about 15 neighbors. Warehouse Arts District development big topic

12/11/19 Researching history of a teardown in the neighborhood at 1227 Connecticut St. Built in 1873 by a James Bennett who was a stone mason. He lived there until about about 1900

12/11/19 ELNA Adopt-a-Family Wrapping party. We provided Christmas Presents to 2 families, about 10 people. Attended by 12-14 ELNAn's

12/16/19 Meeting with KT to strategize and assess issues. Put together a Pros and Cons Statement on 800 Penn Development. At Red Lyon

12/18/19 LAN Meeting with 1 ELNAn, and 13 more people.

1/13/20 ELNA Meeting with about 19 neighbors. More discussion on Pros and Cons document.

1/15/20 LAN Meeting with 19 people, 1 ELNAn

1/16/20 Attended Lawrence and Douglas County Heritage Grant Meeting with 2 other ELNAn's. Understanding how it works.

1/20/20 Strategy meeting at Red Lyon talking sidewalks and potential grants

1/21/20 MLK Chili Feed at NY School. ELNA provided vegetarian Chili and desserts. 200-250 attendees.

1/22/20 attended CDAC mandatory meeting for potential grant applicants. 4 NA's and a Social Org were there

1/28/20 Parks and Rec Right of Way Street Closures new permit process with 2 Elnan's.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

Meeting Agenda

Monday Nov 11th • 7:00pm-9:00pm New York School

1. Introductions - 2 min
2. Housekeeping Announcements - 2 min
3. Approvals 4 min
Agenda / Minutes - October
REMINDER: CDBG qrt report: fill in meetings attended, esp BOARD
4. New business
 - a. Warehouse Arts District Plans - Pat Watkins for Tony K, - 30 minutes
 - b. Elections -- members present vote to accept the slate - 15 minutes
 - i. Officers
 - ii. Evaluation committees (members, and duties)
 - iii. CDBG application committee
 - c. Letter of Support for AME Grant - 5 min
 - d. Donation to LMCMS fun run - 5 min
 - e. Letter of Support to fund the Shelter - 5 min
 - f. Loop and Riverfront Park Progress - 5 min
5. Recurring Updates
 - a. Holiday Family - 10 min
 - b. East 9th Update, City portion - 2 min
 - c. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update -- 5 min
 - ~~d. Opportunity Zone update - 2 min Phil~~
 - ~~e. Conservation Overlay - 2 min~~
 - f. 20 mph Speed Limit and stop sign at 9th and DE- 10 min
6. Reports - 10 minutes
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Coordinator
 - e. Committees - 10 min
 - i. Budget/ Fundraising
 - ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods Castle Tea Room SUP
 - iii. Planning Commission
 - iv. Historic Resources Commission
 - v. City Commission
 - vi. CDAC
 - vii. New York PTO/Site Council - Food Bank update
7. Updates / Announcements - 2 min

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East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday Nov 11, 2019 New York School library

Present:

Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, Brenda Nuñez, Catherine Reed, Joe R. Bickford, Kathryn Clark, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Matt Lord, Pam Blackburn, Pat Watkins, Peg Robinson, Phil Collison

The meeting was called to order at 7:02

Introductions

Housekeeping Announcements

Approvals. The agenda and the October minutes were approved.

The board was reminded to fill in meetings attended for the CDBG report.

New business

a. Warehouse Arts District Plans - Pat Watkins for Tony K. Three projects are planned. Penn Street Lofts at 9th and Penn must conform to the Warehouse District Design Overlay. The drawings displayed show structures similar to the warehouses on the east side of Penn St. On the ground floor there will be 4000 square ft of commercial space and 7 live-work units. The second, third and fourth floors will be residential, all affordable for the sake of tax-credit financing. There is parking to support the tenants; additional parking north or south is contemplated. There's no bus stop at this time. Question: will retail space here compete with downtown? Suggestion: a laundromat and day care center are needed here. The second project is the Delaware St Live-Work (not tax credit). There will be 6 units with commercial space downstairs, living space upstairs, and garages. The third project is the Turnhalle. It will be restored with no structural changes, no definite use planned at this time. The Turnhalle project has federal and state historic tax credits.

b. Elections. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the slate of board members, and of officers.

The 2019-2020 Board includes: KT Walsh, Kaitlin Stanley, Pam Blackburn, Dave Loewenstein, Kelly Rodriguez, Barry Shalinsky, Joshua Davis, Peggy Robinson, Brenda Nuñez, Catherine Reed, Aaron Paden, Hannah Sroor, and Kathryn Clark, with Phil Collison returning in a required position as past president. Phil Collison will serve as President again, along with KT Walsh as Vice President, and Catherine Reed as Secretary. We thank each person for their service. Board members will be interviewed for our website in the near future, and the January February paper newsletter will contain more details about each board member, along with their contact information.

c. CDBG is still writing its rules. Barry, Hannah, Kathryn, Phil and Aaron will serve on the CDBG application committee.

d. Phil wrote a letter of support to the Kansas Historical Society for a grant for remodeling of the AME church. It was moved and passed unanimously that he send it.

e. It was moved and seconded to send \$100 to Liberty Memorial School.

f. Letter of support to fund the homeless shelter. People are camping by the river, a bad situation for everyone. Phil will write a letter to both the old and new City Commissions supporting more funding for the shelter. The day shelter, open 2:30 to 6 pm at 10th and Kentucky, needs a washer and dryer, and their clients badly need hats, gloves and socks.

g. Loop and Riverfront Park progress. KT. Negotiations are going on with the railroad re the loop. This will take at least a year. A grant has been received for the trail north of 11th St by the river, the southern bank is eroding, action will be taken next year.

Recurring Updates

a. Holiday Family. Lane. We have adopted 2 families of 5. Sign up on the wish list for items you will buy. Cash donations are also accepted. The wrapping party will be at 835.5 Mass St on Dec 11, 6-9 pm. Food and drink will be served. thanks Aaron

b. East 9th Update, City portion. KT. The lights are on, bricks are being laid, a meeting will be held. KT will talk with the City Commission about this.

c. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update. Matt Lord for the East Lawrence Family Tree Project. He and 3 other artists will make family portraits and display them at a potluck. The portraits will be given to the families, who might not be able to afford art. A signup sheet was passed. Matt will write a piece for the ELNA newsletter. Lane. Youth Corps applications are due Nov 25, for artists 18 and under, individuals or groups. All ideas are welcome. The Epicenter recipe book needs recipes. Caryn and Kelly will have song and story workshops in February. Yarn it Forward is meeting Mondays 6-7 pm at the library. Public feedback is requested for the big sculpture.

d. 20 mph Speed Limit and stop sign at 8th and DE. Phil emailed the traffic engineer. The staff is now conducting research on city-wide speed limit reduction. This will come up at the transportation committee meeting. The stop sign request was denied. Barry suggests consolidating the traffic issues for discussion in January.

Reports

a. President. Phil. The DUNS registration is confirmed.

b. Vice-President. no report

c. Treasurer. Aaron. We paid \$165 for web hosting. We have \$3795.00 in the bank and \$425.61 in PayPal. We'll pay \$700 for the newsletter. We need more sponsors and business card ads.

d. Coordinator. Lane. Barbara Higgins-Dover from the River Kings wants to put together an outdoor film festival with local history emphasis. Lane wants to too! We'll see if we can make this happen in the spring.

Committees - 10 min

- i. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. The Castle Tea Room isn't sustaining itself. There's a proposal to open a restaurant there. Public engagement is sought for opportunity zones, but the beneficiaries will be developers, not small businesses.
- ii. Historic Resources Commission. 711 CT is going well, 941 Penn has been deferred.
- iii. City Commission. They support St. Luke AME restoration. New generators will be installed at the water treatment plant. A tenant is needed for the Amtrak depot.
- iv. New York PTO/Site Council. Barry. The big issue is a living wage for paraprofessionals. The TraumaSmart program facilitates helpful responses to behavioral challenges. Barry will follow up on the school food shelf/snacks program.

Updates / Announcements. Aaron: put homelessness on the agenda. There's a conversation on homelessness at the library, Nov. 16 from 1:30 -3:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58. Minutes prepared by Catherine Reed.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

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3. Approvals 4 min
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REMINDER: CDBG qrt report: fill in meetings attended, esp BOARD
4. New business
 - a. Warehouse Arts District Plans - Pat Watkins for Tony K, - 20 minutes
 - b. Position Statement on WAD Plans, 20 minutes
 - c. Habitat for Housing Block Revitalization Project - Erin Schmidt - 10 minutes
 - d. Lawrence Community Shelter Update - Joe and marci 5 min
5. Recurring Updates
 - a. Holiday Family - 10 min
 - b. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update -- 5 min
 - c. 20 mph Speed Limit and stop sign at 9th and DE- 2 min
 - d. Loop and Riverfront Park Progress - 5 min
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1. ELNA Minutes – December 9, 2019

Present: Pam Blackburn, Phil Collison, Josh Davis, Lane Eisenbart, Dave Loewenstein, Brenda Nunez, Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, KT Walsh, Joe Bickford, Pat Watkins, Hannah Sroor, Kelly Rodriguez, Peggy Robinson.

Meeting called to order by Phil Collison.

Patrick Watkins came to speak again on the WAD, Penn St Lofts, Delaware Live/Work and to answer any other questions. ELNA would like the Penn St Lofts to be permanently affordable. It is slated to be affordable housing for 30 years. The project is asking for waivers for increased density. The overall height (it will be 9 feet shorter than the Poehler building) will include 3 stories in about ½ of the building and 4 stories on the northern ½.

Parking is still being worked on by the involved business owners. They are all in agreement that a solution is necessary for this project to be successful. One solution discussed is to add a sales tax to the businesses in the area. There is a plan for an overflow lot of 60 spaces. A Community Improvement District is planned to be formed to encourage business investment for public art work, beautification and to assist startup businesses. This is not yet finalized. The money would be administered by the city.

Patrick looked into permanent affordability with the Kansas Housing Authority. Tax credits and subsidies are generally given for 15 years and then extended for 15 more. This is generally the life cycle of buildings. Then another application is made to renovate the building.

The housing is designed to be work force housing.

Further discussion on the pros and cons of the development continued at the end of the meeting. Dave moved that a letter be written to outline thoughts on this. Hannah seconded. Pam to write letter for review 12/18 at Red Lyon.

Erin Schmidt & Erica Zimmerman from Habitat for Humanity spoke about their neighborhood revitalization project. They especially try to help seniors with exterior repair to stay safely in their houses. They are looking into an area or block to help. East Lawrence has one of the poorest areas in Lawrence. Applicants apply for what they think they need. Generally up to \$2,500 is granted to each property. The group does fundraising and applies for grants to fund the program.

Community Shelter has lost a \$100K donor this year. They are struggling to meet the needs of the homeless. They need donations of food and clothing. Barry moved for ELNA to send a letter encouraging the city and county commissioners to increase funding. Peggy seconded. Motion passed.

Holiday families' gifts are going well. The gift wrapping party will be at Aaron's, 835 ½ Mass from 6-9 on Wednesday.

Youth corp applications are being taken. 5 groups of youth will be selected.

A discussion of the need for a stop sign at 8th and Delaware followed. It was suggested that the January meeting have a more in depth discussion.

Officer reports:

VP: KT brought Census yard signs to encourage people to apply as workers. Pay is \$15 an hour.

Treasurer: \$2847.51 in the bank + 425.61 in paypal. There is \$962 outstanding for the newsletter (577 printing and 385 in postage)

Coordinator: working on Jan/Feb newsletter. Reminder about MLK chili feed. Board interview forms due back by December 17. Yart sale will be March 28th.

Site Council: there is a Food Bank at NYE. It is open for donations. It is connected to Just Food.

Barry moved the meeting adjourn. KT seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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 - a. Changes for 923 DE - 10 min Eileen Horn / Rick Martin
 - b. Monthly Burroughs Creek Clean-ups - 10 min - Hannah
 - c. Secretary Resignation, Thanks Catherine! Set Election for Feb - 3 min
5. Recurring Updates
 - a. Holiday Family recap - 10 min
 - b. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update -- 5 min
 - c. 20 mph Speed Limit and stop sign at 9th and DE- 2 min
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 - i. Budget/ Fundraising -- newsletter costs and solutions
 - ii. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
 - iii. Planning Commission
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East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

Minutes Monday January 13th

Present:

Aaron Paden, Barry Shalinsky, Brenda Nuñez, Catherine Reed, Dave Lowenstein, Eileen Horn, Hannah Sroor, Joshua Davis (NY), Kaitlin Stanley, Kelly Rodriguez, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Lisa Larsen, Peg Robinson, Patrick Watkins, Phil Collison, Rick Martin

1. Housekeeping Announcements. KT Walsh has ELNA gear for sale including onesies, T-shirts and hoodies. We can support and promote ELNA by buying and wearing these.
2. Approvals. The agenda was approved.

REMINDER: CDBG quarterly report: fill in meetings attended, esp BOARD

3. New business

a. Changes for 923 Delaware. Eileen Horn / Rick Martin. They have a contract on 923 Delaware. They plan to live there and operate an event space, including community events, with food service, with a maximum of 30 people attending, one seating per day, hoping to open in August or September. Cooking classes may be offered. They're arranging parking with Allen Press. ADA access will be from the back door. Neighbors will receive letters. Eileen and Rick will apply for a special use permit. They want to partner with local vendors. They'll keep ELNA informed about the Planning Commission's decision. Eileen will resign from her legislative position.

b. Monthly Burroughs Creek Clean-ups. Hannah is inspired to give back to the Creek by facilitating one Saturday cleanup per month. The group suggested she contact Courtney Masterson and Suzan Hampton. The Barker and Brook Creek neighborhoods and Parks and Rec may also be interested. ELNA will promote the cleanup events.

c. Secretary Resignation, Thanks Catherine! Set election (or appointment) for February. Phil will check by-laws to see whether a new board member should be elected or appointed.

5. Recurring Updates

a. Holiday Family. Lane. A van load of presents was delivered to two families. Lane describes this as a good experience and she hopes someone else will take over next year.

b. Rebuilding East Ninth Together update. Lane. Five young people or groups have each received a \$1000 grant. Projects include sculpture, dance, and a bus bench with history. Hang 12 will do an art exchange similar to a little free library. A local youth band, LK Ultra, will make an album. KT reports that the film Jayhawkers will be shown at Liberty Hall at 7 pm on February 27, with the proceeds going to the St. Luke AME restoration.

c. 20 mph Speed Limit and stop sign at 9th and DE. No action on this yet.

d. Discussion of Phil's draft letter to the Historic Resources Commission re the Penn St. Lofts. Part of 3 lots will be rezoned for this construction. Numerous pros and cons were brought up by the group, some of which went beyond a single project. Increased density is considered a pro, but why should East Lawrence become more dense rather than other parts of the city? Parking is an issue, as always. Affordability is seen as a pro, but the housing is not permanently affordable. Loss of green space is a concern, but design guidelines limit lawns. There will be a rooftop garden but this will not be public. Cultural concerns include more difficult access to Hobbs Park and the Wishing Bench, and increased traffic near NY school. The historic La Yarda site is not interpreted. Patrick noted that the project follows the design guidelines which ELNA was involved in developing. Phil will work on the letter, to be sent in on Thursday, and requests input from the Board. Individuals can write their own letters also.

6. Reports

1. President. Phil will attend the Douglas County Heritage Foundation meeting. Should ELNA apply for a cultural preservation grant? LAN has new officers. The 21st St. bike boulevard will be built, 13th St. is on hold. A committee is getting ready to apply for the CDBG grant.
2. Vice-President. K.T. A snow shoveler has been found. The new utility bills are easy to use.
3. Treasurer. Aaron. We have \$2034.83 in the main account and \$425.62 in the PayPal account. The newsletter is our biggest expense.
4. Coordinator. Lane. Planning is starting for the YART sale. The MLK chili feed at NY school is January 21. We can bring vegetarian chili and desserts. One person is needed to sit at the ELNA table. We won't have a spring workday but will wait til summer.

5. Committees - 10 min

- a. Budget/ Fundraising -- newsletter costs and solutions. See below.
- b. Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods. See above.
- c. Planning Commission. See above.
- d. Historic Resources Commission. The Nevels will attend the Thursday meeting. 1201 CT has been lost.
- e. City Commission. No report.
- f. CDAC - Deadline for application is 2/21. No report.
- g. New York PTA/Site Council. Chili supper.

7. Newsletter. It costs about \$600 for printing and \$400 for delivery of about 1200 copies. It's not known how many copies are read. Peggy volunteers to hand-deliver some copies—it's necessary to sort them by address. Could we reduce the size of the newsletter? We need sponsors at \$250 per issue, back page and ¼ page, as an attainable goal. In the past (1980s), an ad salesperson received a commission, and volunteers distributed the newsletter; this had the advantage of making contacts with neighbors. The Board is challenged to bring ideas on saving and earning newsletter money to the February meeting. Aaron, Barry, Kelly and Kaitlin are forming a committee to work on this issue.

8. Updates / Announcements. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

Minutes prepared by Catherine Reed

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November 2019



ELNA

General Meeting

New York Elementary
Library

9th and New York
November 11 • 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:

Welcome to the November issue of the East Lawrence News. I am writing this as the leaves are just starting to change. You are reading this and they have probably fallen! I am counting on a few more warm days to get more chores done before Winter sets in. We had a good Autumn in East Lawrence. We held our Block Party on a rainy day but the party was still a success! Thanks to the Lawrence Creative MakerSpace for allowing us to move it into their space. That day was also New York School's 150th Anniversary Celebration, and we turned out for that, too. The AME Church held an open house that was also well attended. A very good day. Thanks for coming out!

LMH has opened a new Health Care Clinic on the campus of Independence Inc. called East Heights Family Care. From their website "The clinic offers essential day-to-day healthcare services for a wide range of conditions; everything from the common cold, immunizations or a wellness physical, can be completed at the new clinic. The clinic is staffed by a community primary care provider." It is nice to have healthcare options a little bit closer to home.

Some things we are keeping an eye on are:

The repairs being made along 9th street as the City and Neighbor's note things about the rebuild that weren't done quite right on the first try. I do note the lights are working now for night time pedestrians.

Changes being proposed to the Design Guidelines within the Warehouse Arts District that would allow larger and taller buildings and erode the historic attributes of the area. We helped write those guidelines so you can count on us voicing an opinion in regards to the changes being proposed. The Developer's Attorney will be at our November meeting to tell us about that project.

City Commission and School Board Elections. Find your candidates and get out and vote! It is so important that we vote in every election, and these local elections impact us in a different way than national and state elections. Get out and Vote!

Have a good rest of the year! Enjoy our East Lawrence ambience.

ELNA BOARD ELECTIONS NOV 11TH

The annual election of the ELNA Board of Directors will occur on Monday November 11th 2019, during our regular monthly meeting time, 7-9pm at the New York School library. Interested parties declared their intention to run for the Board at our October meeting. Because we have 13 candidates, the precise number of open slots, we will vote to accept the slate.

Declared candidates include: KT Walsh, Kaitlin Stanley, Pam Blackburn, Dave Loewenstein, Kelly Rodriguez, Barry Shalinsky, Joshua Davis, Peggy Robinson, Brenda Nuñez, Catherine Reed, Aaron Paden, Hannah Sroor, and Kathryn Clark

As always, only in neighborhood individual (not business or nonprofit or out of neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote for the ELNA board. Dues are payable at the time.

Further questions can be addressed by reviewing the bylaws on the ELNA website or directed to the Coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.



Kickball Concessions Thanks

We owe special thanks to Aaron Paden for organizing concessions sales at Kickball games again this summer. Pam and Scott Blackburn braved the mosquitos to be his stalwart helpers. When Aaron was out of town and couldn't attend, Marshall and Malcom Maude, Jake Coffman, Hannah Sroor, Amanda Thompson, and Brandi Cooper swooped in and saved the day. Thanks too to KVKL for the opportunity to feed our friends and pad our coffers.

ELNA Adopts-a-Family for the Holidays

Want to help ELNA adopt a family for the holiday season? Each year, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association adopts a needy family (or two) through the Ballard Center. As a group, we purchase food and gifts for the selected family. In the coming weeks, we will receive a wish list of items from the family. As soon as we acquire this list, we will be looking for neighbors to purchase and donate gifts. If you would like to volunteer to donate items, contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.



THE DRAGON'S HOARD GAMES AND HOBBIES

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Come and join us for a game!

A Note from New York PTA

– Barry Shalinsky, October 2019

With the sesquicentennial celebration behind us, New York Elementary School is turning its attention to the future. We are the oldest elementary school in Lawrence, serving a diverse student body.

The New York Elementary PTA, administration, educators and staff are working together to implement best practices in making New York a “trauma informed” school. As part of this ongoing initiative, the PTA is offering cost-free training to caregivers and school employees at “Smart Connections” workshops this fall. The PTA values the important role that every stakeholder plays in the education of our children.

At the September 2019 meeting, the New York Elementary PTA identified support for paraeducators as its highest advocacy priority for the 2019-2020 school year.

New York Elementary School has seven paraeducators who play an invaluable role in supporting the school's classroom teachers, including working with students with IEPs. Paraeducators in Title 1 (low income) schools must have particularly strong training, skills and qualifications to do their job well. New York's paraeducators meet these high standards and are key partners in making it a trauma informed school.

Lawrence Schools are not doing well for our paraeducators who give the best of themselves for our kids. Paraeducator starting salaries in Lawrence are less than a dollar more than in the 1990's. Paraeducators receive no pay for summer, spring and winter breaks, holidays or snow days. Neighboring school districts provide better pay for paraeducators. Some paraeducators must work second and third jobs to make ends meet. One of New York's paraeducators became homeless. Another left the position to work at a grocery store because the pay was \$4 an hour higher.

Due to the vital role that paraeducators play, the PTA is concerned that high turnover is detrimental to education. These professionals deserve a career with respect and dignity. Our goal is a competitive employment package with livable pay and benefits.

For more information, Contact: Jamie St. Viva, PTA President jamiest.viva@outlook.com

Block Party Thanks 2019

Thanks to all our neighbors who braved the rain and the change of plans to join us at our Mini Block Party at the Maker-Space. Extra special thanks to Eric Kirkendall and Bill Wachspress and our Makerspace friends for making space for us. Thanks to Samantha Saltz and Mary Leek Stolz for collaborating with us to celebrate New York Elementary's 150th Anniversary. As always, thanks to our volunteers and donors.

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Amanda Meyers
Barry Shalinsky
Brad Gibson
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Catherine Reed
Checkers
Codi and Simon Bates
and Bon Bon
Cottin's

David Haigh
Diana Lehman
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Elegant Design Beauty
School
ELNA Board
Eric Farnsworth
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Frank Janzen
Fuzzy's Tacos
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Hear and Now
Hoopla
Jared Johanning

Jeff and Pride of Gumbo
Jimmy Johns
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Joe Bickford
Jonathan Jay Holley
Josh Gentry
Jungle House
KT Walsh
Ladybird Diner
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Liberty Hall
Lisa Marie Benke
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Mad Greek
Mandy Enfield
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Charlotte Pemberton
McDonalds
Mick Palmer
Mike Rheim
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Phil Collison
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Sugarfoot Detour
The Fish House
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The Raven
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Weavers
Wild Territory
Zippy

LFK Lunch Santas

LFK Lunch Account Santas is an all-volunteer group and 100% of funds raised go towards paying down USD 497 overdue lunch accounts. From now 'til the end of December, we're participating in a few "Eat to Earn" events at local restaurants. Simply mention "LFK Lunch Account Santas" or "Lunch Account Santas" when purchasing your meal and we will earn 15% of the sale!

- Nov 7th at Jefferson's Downtown from 4-9pm
- Nov 28th at Jefferson's Westside from 4-9pm
- Nov 29th at Pie Five from 4-9pm
- Dec 18th at Basil Leaf Cafe from 4-9pm

And ALL month of December, Wake The Dead will be donating 25% of their donut sales!

If you cannot make it to one of these events, donations can also be made through our ongoing GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/winter-2018-lunch-account-fund>, PayPal via lfklunchsantas@gmail.com, or at either Meritrust Credit Union by just mentioning the "Lunch Santas" account, OR, by visiting your local school and asking to pay off some student lunch debt. Thank you!

Rebuilding East Ninth Together Project Update

YOUTH CORPS!

The Rebuilding East Ninth Together Team is now accepting applications for Youth Corps members. Applications are available on the Rebuilding East Ninth website: <https://www.rebuildingeastninth.com/openingsandrfps>. Full details can be found in the job description and application listed on the above website. Applications are due November 25th. Questions can be directed to Youth Corps Coordinator Richard Renner at elyouthcorps@gmail.com.

The goal of the Youth Corps is to support young artists in (or with roots in, or ties to) East Lawrence in learning and creating, providing life skills and public art experience to carry into adulthood. Youth Corps artists can make art individually, as part of a group, or through their school. Projects can be permanent, temporary, event based, and any medium. Projects must be public, in a place where people can see or experience them. We are especially interested in projects and artists who are committed to their community and will give their creative energy toward art with a little extra thought! Positions are open to all youth under 18. Each selected Youth Corps kid will receive \$1000 financial compensation.

Richard will hold public presentations to help explain and guide anyone who wants to apply on Saturday November 2nd, 3:30-5pm and November 16th, 3:30 -5pm in one of the downstairs meeting rooms. Richard will also hold one-on-one consultation on Mondays November 4th, 4-6pm and November 18th, 4-6pm at an upstairs study room at the Lawrence Public Library. Or, you can schedule a presentation to your group by contacting Richard at the email or phone number listed below.

As always, you can contact Richard or any member of the Rebuilding Ninth Street Team.

Richard Renner : elyouthcorps@gmail.com 913-634-1711

LMCMS Volunteers, Nurse's Office Donations Wanted

Volunteers are needed every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and/or Friday from 11:00-1:00 to help run the STOMP Store during lunch. These volunteer positions are for individuals who can regularly fill the day of their choice. This is a fun and easy opportunity that is available for the duration of the school year. Please email lmcmsparents@gmail.com.

There are also several needs for the nurse's office.

- Deodorant sticks for both girls and boys.
- Stretchy pants/leggings (black), XS-XXL, as many as possible.
- lice kits, as many as possible.

Please email lmcmsparents@gmail.com with your availability for volunteering or with your donation. Donations can be brought to the office or dropped off at the parent teacher conferences'.

YARN IT FORWARD ONGOING

Though the Soup and Stitch events came to a close at the end of October, the project will continue! Groups still need to finish their panels, and they still need your help! Can you knit, crochet, or otherwise create with yarn the following items?

for garden scene -- total size 28" tall by 36" wide
sunflowers, scarecrow, leaves, vines
the vines will be 3" to 8" long, leaves to compliment

strips: need lots! 2" to 4" wide by 60" long
all colors, for a rainbow!

streetscape: flowers, approximately 1"
(flowers other than daisies please)
bicycle, 3" tall by 6" long

landscape: clouds, tree trunk, 1"-3" circles (lots!)
Pies! (no really, pies. for a pie tree. genius!) approximately 2"

Look at the Yarn It Forward facebook page for scale and colors: <https://www.facebook.com/YarnItForwardProject/>

Need some yarn? Got questions? Contact Kim and Irene at their project email address with your yarnitforward-project@gmail.com.

SONGS AND STORIES OF EAST LAWRENCE

Songs & Stories of East Lawrence with Kelley Hunt & Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg celebrates the vibrant mosaic of this neighborhood's diverse communities, histories, flora and fauna, and stories. Launching in 2020, and funded by a grant from Rebuilding East Ninth Street, our project encompasses a series of writing, singing, and story mapping workshops, plus a Wild East Lawrence walk with Ken Lassman, collaborative song-writing, publication of an anthology of

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Block Party 2019

Photos by Amanda Meyers





East Heights Family Care

East Heights Family Care clinic opened this fall in a shared office space with Independence Inc at 2001 Haskell Ave Suite A. We provide comprehensive primary care services for all members of your family. Dr. Ashley Bloom is a Family Medicine doctor, which means she cares for patients from 1 day old to 100+ years old. Primary care offers more than just annual wellness exams to make sure you're up-to-date with preventive care. We also manage diseases such as anxiety, asthma, depression, diabetes or high blood pressure (just to name a few!) And if you find yourself with a cold, ankle sprain, or other acute issue, we're here to care for you through any of our scheduled appointments. Dr Bloom also provides contraception services and well woman care for her patients.

As flu season starts, we're encouraging all patients to get their flu shot. This is important to not only protect you, but also our neighbors, friends and family members who are at high risk for complications from the flu. Babies, older adults, pregnant women, and people receiving treatment for cancer or chronic diseases are especially at risk for ending up in the hospital due to the flu. If you have a primary care provider who is an LMH doctor, you can call East Heights to schedule your flu shot with our nurse, Tiffani. If you do not have a primary care provider, flu shots are available at many pharmacies around town, including Dillons on Mass St.

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our stories, and a book launch concert. We invite all people, age 10 and up, who live or have connections to East Lawrence to participate. The workshops are being held at the Cider Gallery 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. Feb. 29 and Sat. March 14, and the book release concert will be held 2-4 p.m. at the Cider Gallery Sun., May 10. More at <https://bravevoice.com/> (BraveVoice.com)

"Songs & Stories of East Lawrence" draws on creating and holding brave spaces for people to sing together, write their truths, and listen to one another, all geared toward greater unity without diminishing any individual voices. Writing and singing together can help people better hear themselves and witness each other's most vital stories; such a process can begin to bridge polarized pockets of the community and to heal fractured community identities. Because humans and human settlements are part of ecosystems, our project also incorporates the watersheds of East Lawrence, which give us an ecological window into the land formations, waterways, and other environmental dimensions of this particular place. Participants can better contextualize their own turning points and experiences – in writing, discussions, and getting to know each other – through learning about this place's ecosystem now and in the past.

SCULPTURE SURVEY

Kent and Mike want your opinion on what kind of sculpture they should create. Please read and respond to their questions in the survey you'll see on page 7 of this newsletter.

2020 Census Still Hiring

The census tract that includes East Lawrence is doing quite well in terms of applicants. However, the goals increase weekly and if a few more people don't apply, this tract will drop below current 2020 Census Recruiting benchmarks. The Census Taker positions pay \$13.50 per hour in Douglas County. Census Field Supervisors make \$15.00 per hour. While we ask that candidates apply now; most offers will be for jobs starting after April 2020.

For more information, visit the Census jobs website <https://2020census.gov/jobs>, or find them on youtube playlist <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEwVzKXDZkjL0EFRiuFaAxxJBDY1uFCI&feature=share>

If you have questions, contact
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Habitat Holiday Homes Tour

Lawrence Habitat for Humanity is excited to partner with The Holiday Homes Tour this holiday season. The popular fundraiser previously benefited Health Care Access and most recently Heartland Community Health Center. Lawrence Habitat would love to have one or two homes in East Lawrence showcased on the Holiday Homes Tour. The tour is Sunday, December 1 from noon-5pm. As a participant on the tour, all we ask is that homeowners open their homes to ticket holders during tour hours so that they can view the beautiful holiday decorations and what makes the home unique or special.

If you would be interested in participating in the tour please contact Stacie Schroeder at stacie@lawrencehabitat.org.

Holiday Homes Tour tickets will be available for purchase starting October 1 at the Lawrence ReStore, both Hy-Vee locations, and online at www.lawrencehabitat.org.

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Help us Make a Sculpture!

Lawrence artists, Mike Riggs and Kent Smith were awarded a Rebuilding East 9th grant to build a sculpture that represents the history and culture of East Lawrence through the use of iconic and symbolic objects connected to the area. The artists are looking for input from the community to help achieve the best possible design for this sculpture and they need your help!

Please fill out this survey and return to the front desk of the Lawrence Art's Center (or email your answers to Kylie Smith at mrs.kyliesmith@gmail.com) by November 30, 2019.

What objects (or elements) would you like to see represented in an East Lawrence sculpture?

Please rank your choices in order of preference
(1=top choice, 13=last choice)

Which objects do you associate with Lawrence, the neighborhood, and our history?

- Poem/script for Langston Hughes -----
- Cross for St. Luke's -----
- Beer stein for Turnhalle -----
- Shot up spray paint can for William S Burroughs -----
- Torch for Quantrill's Raid -----
- Phoenix -----
- Fishing gear/Catfish for history of river workers -----
- Food cart and home business history -----
- Train or connection to railroad -----
- Sunflowers -----
- Buffalo -----
- East Lawrence Yeti -----
- Other -----

Who would you like to see represented in the sculpture? What object(s) might help tell their story?

What historical moments would you like to see represented? What object(s) might help represent these moments of history?

Safe Winter Walkways Registration

The City of Lawrence and the Senior Resource Center for Douglas County need your help! The Safe Winter Walkways Program, a collaboration between the two organizations, is underway for 2019-2020, and volunteers are needed to help elderly and disabled individuals clear public sidewalks following snow events.

The Safe Winter Walkways Program is an excellent resource for members of our community who are physically unable to keep their sidewalks clear during snow events. The goal is to create safer and more accessible pedestrian walkways, and it is a structured version of what already happens in many neighborhoods - neighbors helping neighbors.

Able-bodied Lawrence residents with a passion for helping others and who enjoy winter weather are needed to volunteer for the Safe Winter Walkways Program. Volunteers are matched with residents needing assistance, and the program makes every effort to match volunteers with residents in their neighborhoods. All volunteers are asked to commit to the entire snow season and shovel after each snow fall. Volunteers are not required to provide snow removal for private

driveways, sidewalks or walkways, but they may choose to also clear those areas.

Individual volunteers are welcome, but the program also encourages volunteer groups, civic organizations and youth groups to consider volunteering as a team. Please contact Larry Woydziak to find out how to sign up as a group and for the requirements for volunteering.

Elderly and disabled individuals who are responsible for the care of public sidewalks, but are physically unable to keep them clear following snow events, are encouraged to participate in the program. Participant registration will close on November 22, 2019, so that all volunteers and participants can be matched before the holiday season and winter weather begins. The program is for public sidewalks only and priority is given to homes with public sidewalks.

The City is again offering online registration for both participants and volunteers. Visit our website to sign up: lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways. Interested participants and volunteers can also register by calling Larry Woydziak with the Senior Resource Center for Douglas County at (785) 727-7875.

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ELNA

General Meeting

New York Elementary

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9th and New York

January 13 • 7-9 pm

Agenda

the agenda as it is known can
always be viewed on our website:

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From the President:

I can remember when the first Star Wars came out in 1977 (I saw it at the Varsity Theater downtown). And now the last Star Wars in the series is playing! I dreamed of the time the saga would end and I'd be able to binge watch all of the movies in a day or 2. That time has arrived! Oh wait, wrong blog! This is the East Lawrence News! Look how East Lawrence has grown since then!

There is a lot of good going on in our neighborhood. Habitat for Humanity has announced a program that will help seniors with basic exterior maintenance. KU has the Big Event where Students do a day of service also helping with basic maintenance. They offer ways to get help with general maintenance around your house. Watch for how you can connect with those services this Spring. And, the City offers loans for folks who need big repairs to their homes who could not afford to make those repairs on their own.

We hope to have another good year. We'll be at the Martin Luther King Chili feed on January 21st. Our YART Sale is set for March 28th. Our Arts Collaboration Project with the Arts Center rolls on. One of the goals of that project is to build neighborhood participation into them. There are numerous opportunities from knitting to gardening to music and singing to even movie making. The Sunrise Project is doing wonderful things at 15th and Barker. Van Go, the Social Service League, the Habitat ReStore, the Library(!) all help to contribute to our quality of life. These are all mostly within our environs. And there are many more places where you can help or be helped. Now if we only had a little grocery store a bit closer.

This Winter we'll be looking at how we push information. Of course this newsletter is the best way, but it costs us \$800 – 900 an issue. And that is a big expense to maintain with shrinking resources. We also do a weekly email, and we try and have a presence on social media. We are also following some big developments on our edges, and are working to help shape the Downtown Master Plan.

Come on out to our meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month at NY School, and come out on the 3rd Monday at the Red Lyon at 8:00 pm for neighborhood discussions. We hope to see you in the New Year! -- Phil



Adopt a Family Thanks

It's ok to pat yourselves on the back a little bit, friends. This year, we adopted two families instead of our usual one, and you all rose to the occasion beautifully. Because, dang, that was a lot of presents. You gave money, you shopped, you wrapped presents, you had a little party, and together, we were able to bring some Christmas joy to a couple of local families. Good job! Well done! Happy holidays to one and all!

Aaron, Oscar, and Arlo Paden

Amanda Thompson

Arch Naramore and Cindy Suenram

Barry Shalinsky and Robin Rosenberg

Dave and Andrés Loewenstein

Diane Taveggia

Doug Byers

see Thanks on page 6

Board Interviews

All candidates were asked the following questions:

1. Introduce yourself -- what do you do for a living? for hobbies? what do you want people to know about you?
2. What projects do you want to work on, or issues do you want to learn more about, in this year of your board service?
Basically, what's so important to you that you want to serve on the ELNA Board?
3. The obligatory silly question that is supposed to give us some insight into who you are as a person --
If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be? and why?



Aaron Paden

1. Aaron Paden- 13 years in East Lawrence, soccer dad of two boys, works on campus at the Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets, and as a photographer specializing in documenting art work. Trash is often my greatest treasure.
2. ELNA puts on some great neighborhood events - the ELNA block party & YART Sale are two of those - I have always enjoyed helping and am again looking forward to

working on those.

3. I would want to be the giant old Bur Oak in my neighbor's yard. Why? I am 5th generation Kansan on both sides of my family ... I feel like I have roots that go way back and that is best represented in a big oak. Also the top of my head suggests a deciduous tree. ;)



Catherine Reed

1. I'm a retired scientist now doing art work. In the past I spent all day with bugs, now I work in the studio with cloth, yarn and beads.
2. I'm interested in all projects involving the outdoors, especially preserving and planting trees. An important function of ELNA is to keep people informed about what's going on in our neighborhood.

3. I would be a mountain ash (the rowan tree of Celtic mythology), so I could supply nectar and pollen for the bees and berries for the birds.



Kaitlin Stanley

1. I work at the Lawrence Public Library and am a proud aunt of three phenomenal, curious and brave human beings. I'm happy to be a biped and I'm particularly fond of riding my bike on dirt roads and meandering around in search of stargazing spots.

2. I hope to learn more about the concerns of all of my neighbors and, when I lack the ability to personally help, do my best to connect people to supportive resources. As an East Lawrence resident, I'm specifically interested in addressing affordable housing needs and creating more opportunities for bike safety and awareness.

3. A piñon pine because they're stubborn and their sweet scent makes me nostalgic. Plus, pesto is delicious and it just ain't the same without pine nuts.



Pam Blackburn

Pam Blackburn will serve on the ELNA Board again this year, and has since 2014. Pam is a software analyst and lives on Connecticut Street with her family. Pam loves dogs, traveling, and we hear she was once a dancer with the Chiefs!



Barry Shalinsky

1. I have been a long time resident and activist in East Lawrence, starting in the late 1970's. I served the neighborhood association as a VISTA volunteer, Newsletter Coordinator and President in the 80's, and as a Board member after that. I left Lawrence with my dog and cat in 1999 for what I thought would be a few months. I returned twenty years later with a family. I am semi-retired and work part-time assisting people who receive disability benefits to understand how working would affect those benefits. I enjoy walking and bicycling in and around East Lawrence and doing projects to get my house shaped up. I am working to get it on the state and national historic registers. I like taking my family to local cultural and sporting events. I was appointed by the mayor to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals and I serve on the Site Council for New York School. I love being here again!

2. East Lawrence is historically a diverse working class neighborhood with historic buildings and streetscape. For as long as I have been active here, large scale redevelopment and gentrification have threatened the essential character of East Lawrence. I will continue to work to counter-balance these forces to help East Lawrence to stay true to its roots. I see the continued viability of New York School as essential to these efforts and look forward to working to keep the school strong.

3. I will give two answers here: 1. Ginkgo. I have two of these magnificent trees on my property. It is an ancient species that grows tall and strong, with uniquely shaped leaves, a lot like our neighborhood. 2. Evergreen. The name says it all. We must be ever green for our species to have any shot at long term survival.



Joshua Davis

1. I have lived in Lawrence for close to half of my life, most recently for the past fourteen years in East Lawrence. I work in publishing with an emphasis on research. I appreciate opportunities to travel and read a good book. I am passionate about the structure policy debate programs in our schools (go Lions and Firebirds!), as I feel I got some of my best education from this activity.

2. I have always been impressed by how ELNA brings in so many interesting guests to our meetings that inform all of us on services and opportunities. The issues I care about most about are affordable housing, preventing domestic violence and the arts.

3. A palm tree. As much as I love East Lawrence, I miss the ocean.



Kelly Rodriguez

1. I am a Realtor with Keller Williams Integrity here in Lawrence. I have 2 kiddos, a dog, a cat and lots and lots of plants. I have been an East Lawrence resident and homeowner since 1998.

2. As a former event planner, I am most excited to help with ELNA events such as the block party and YART sale.

3. I've always identified more as the hardy Kansas coneflower more than a tree. If I could choose to be any tree, right now I would be the palm tree. Location! Location! Location!

Dave Loewenstein

1. I'm a dad first. I'm also an artist focused on community-based projects. I've lived in East Lawrence for 20+ years. I like to garden and adventure.

2. I serve on the ELNA board because I want to help ensure that the neighborhood continues to be the affordable, welcoming and imaginative place beloved by so many.

3. Ginko for the beautiful leaves, especially the way they fall into a golden blanket after the first frost.



Hannah Sroor

Hi folks! Happy to be here sharing a bit of myself with you all. I've lived in East Lawrence for about 3 years with my partner Jake, and our pup Lu.

I am a community advocate at The Willow Domestic Violence Center and I work with communities in rural Douglas County and Franklin County. Prior to that I worked at our shelter as the art program coordinator.

I love to create ...whether that be painting, collaging, making flower arrangements or cooking. I also have a great reverence for nature and enjoy traveling, bird watching (especially spotting hawks along the Burroughs creek) and fostering animals from the humane society.

2. I am excited to be getting more directly involved with conversations affecting our neighborhood. Specifically, being an artist, I'm looking forward to being more involved with some of the projects created in our backyards, images and experiences that will live on throughout our time here and after we're gone. Really though, I'm looking forward to collaborating with my neighbors and playing on each of our strengths to continue to strive towards inclusivity and acceptance.

3. If I was a tree I would be a sugar maple because they are just so dang beautiful and classic.



Peggy Robinson

I am a middle child from Nebraska. Go Big Red! I retired in 2018 after 29 years of public service.

2. East Lawrence is pivotal. So much mix, from poverty to extreme wealth. Why?

3. My nickname is Safety Peg. Wealth builds and infrastructure lags.....20 mph speed limit, signage and traffic calming devises to protect pedestrians, viable sidewalks leading to polling places.

4. I would be a money tree with \$5 bills for leaves.



Kathryn Clark

1. I am a Realtor with Keller Williams Integrity and also work for Boulevard Brewery. I love living in East Lawrence and it's rich history. For fun, I love going out for a coffee, cocktail, or beer. I'm a sucker for long chats with friends - and strangers! I love listening to music, especially live, as well as theater. Lawrence is a perfect town to see art work and I try to see as many exhibitions as possible. I would also consider myself a foodie and love to go to our incredible restaurants in town.

2. I'm thrilled to be serving on the ELNA Board this year. Not only am I excited to really get to know my neighbors better, but to help us all feel engaged. It's important to me that the integrity of our neighborhood is held on to while also allowing growth. We are such a cool, diverse neighborhood and I want to make sure that everyone still feels like this is where they belong. I'm excited to learn about projects and issues that will have an impact on our community and how East Lawrence will be a part of it.

3. This is an easy question - I would be a Weeping Willow. I find them to be so serene and beautiful. In my own way, I think I embody the resilient, yet flowy nature of them.



Brenda Nuñez

Brenda Nuñez has returned to serve on the ELNA Board as well. Brenda has lived in East Lawrence almost her entire life, and has been a part of the ELNA Board many times over many years. Brenda is a Supervisor at Cottonwood and a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and has the most fascinating stories about Lawrence's past that you will ever hear.



KT Walsh

1. I'm an artist, a housecleaner and a gardener for clients. Wish I could just make art. I go down to the Mighty Kaw all the time to climb around & dig for cool stuff.

2. This year I want to team up with board members to work on gentrification and the cultural changes it is bringing to our neighborhood. We can dog the City & County Commissioners to fairly distribute \$ and services to the Eastside. Perhaps we can convince this new City Commission & the new head of City Planning to help us update our Neighborhood Plan in preparation for a Conservation Overlay that protects our Vernacular architecture and important history.

3. I'd be an Osage Orange tree cuz they are squat and strong but especially since I would have hedge apples that are fluorescent green and look like brains.



Phil Collison

1. I have been retired since 2013 and I love playing in the wilderness.

2. East Lawrence has always done things a bit differently than in the mainstream. We've always known it is a bit nicer to be a bit closer to downtown and to schools. Progress continued and those traits went out of style and now the mainstream has embraced them again. I want to help the transition to the future not follow the latest trend but hold on to the core values we have always known.

3. I want to be a redwood and watch the trends of society come and go.



Save the Date! ELNA YART Sale

ELNA will hold it's annual yard and art sale – YART! – fundraiser again this year on Saturday, March 28th 2019 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the New York Elementary gym. This year, the sale will be nearly two weeks after USD 497's Spring Break, so you'll have lots of time to clean out your spaces and collect those useful and unique items to donate to our sale. Check our March/ April paper newsletter, enews, website, facebook, and twitter for details later. Plan to come!

2020 ELNA Meetings

The ELNA Board meets on the second Monday of each month, unless we must reschedule due to a holiday. During the school year, we meet at New York School, 932 New York St, in the library. During the summer months, when the school is closed, we usually meet at the Delaware Street Commons common house, 1222 Delaware St.

Here's a list of dates for the new year.

Cut it out and stick it to your fridge!

MONDAYS January 13th, February 10th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th.

And please make note of these yearly events as well: YART Sale in March, Block Party in September, Board declarations in October, and Annual Meeting and Board Elections in November.

One More Thing! The agenda for each month can always be viewed, as it is known and updated, here: <http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings/>

Please Attend!

**New York Elementary Annual MLK Chili Feed
Tuesday January 21st 2020, from 5-7pm
In the New York School gym and cafeteria**

All friends, family, and neighbors are welcome. This is an all community event! A free will cash donation will be collected at the door to benefit New York Elementary.

Chili (both meat and vegetarian), with sides, drinks, and desserts will be served.

What you can bring:

Students of New York are asked to contribute an item to the Chili Feed and to bring that item to school the day of the event, Tuesday January 21st.

Kindergarten and 1st: carrot and celery sticks, for sides
2nd and 3rd: shredded cheese for topping
4th and 5th: saltine crackers, for sides

Students, families, friends, and neighbors can bring:

Anyone can bring desserts to contribute. Bars, cookies, slices of pie or cake, anything easily portioned would be great. If anyone would like to contribute vegetarian chili, that would be welcome too. Community contributions can be brought to the school any time during the school day January 21st.

Let's celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr together! See you there!

Low Income Elderly Resident Reduced Water Charges

The City Commission passed an amendment to the City Ordinance that allows qualified elderly residents reduced water, sanitary sewer and sanitation charges. Those residents that meet the guidelines below should complete the application available on the City website (<https://lawrenceks.org/utility-billing/low-income-elderly-application/>), provide the needed verification materials and mail to the Utility Billing Division of the Department of Finance: City of Lawrence, Utility Billing Manager, 6 East 6th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

The purpose of this amendment is to permit qualified low-income elderly persons to have reduced water, sanitary sewer and sanitation charges. A low-income elderly person is one who is sixty (60) years of age or more before the 1st day of January of the year in which the reduced service charge is applicable. To qualify for these low-income elderly reduced charges:

- The individual shall have an income during the preceding calendar year from all sources of less than \$13,354.00 or
- Any elderly person whose filing status is "head of a household" on their annual tax return, with a household income during the preceding calendar year from all sources of less than \$18,106.00

A low-income elderly person who applies for reduced water, sanitary sewer and sanitation charges, whose application is approved, shall pay a flat rate monthly charge per dwelling unit of 35% of the regular monthly residential water, sanitary sewer and sanitation charge. The applicant shall supply all information required on forms. Applications made prior to the first of any month and approval shall be granted for the following billing month and through the balance of the year. All qualifying persons must submit new applications annually to be eligible for the reduced rate through the next year. An individual may transfer this special rate status from one address to another unless such individual is disqualified by other circumstances.

For more information please call (785) 832-7878.

K-12 Bus Passes Available

The K-12 Student Spring Bus Passes went on sale Monday, December 16th. With the pass, students can access unlimited rides on any city or university fixed-route bus from January 1 until April 30 for only \$10.00. The K-12 Student Bus Pass is a great way to get to and from school, go to after school activities and to get around Lawrence.

You may purchase a K-12 Student Spring Bus Pass at any of the following locations:

Dillons stores, Hy-Vee, The Merc, City Hall – First Floor Utility Billing, Community Building, East, Lawrence Rec Center, Holcom Rec Center, Sports Pavilion Lawrence, and the Indoor Aquatic Center.

For more information, call (785) 864-4644. Find us on facebook: @lawrencetransit.

Water Billing Changes Effective May 1st 2020

-- from the City of Lawrence

On December 3, 2019, the Lawrence City Commission approved on second reading a new water consumption rate methodology that will go into effect for all City of Lawrence water customers on May 1, 2020. With the new methodology, residential water consumption rates will be calculated using a three-block system that bases each property's monthly rates on its winter quarter average consumption.

The new methodology encourages water conservation and provides better equity among customers. Residential customers who use water for everyday tasks (i.e. bathing, cooking, laundry, etc.) with little to no additional warm-weather uses, will likely remain in the first block rate throughout the year. Those customers with additional usage in the warmer months (i.e. irrigation) will be charged accordingly for the higher amount of water they are using.

The residential blocks are calculated using each resident's winter quarter average, which is a monthly average usage calculated based on the customer's actual water usage in December, January and February (the winter months). The winter quarter average will be used to calculate the monthly water charges for all subsequent months, until a new average usage is calculated the following year. Starting May 1, 2020, the monthly water charges will be based off each customer's winter quarter average from the months of December 2019 and January and February 2020.

Billing blocks are determined each month and are contingent on each residential customer's water usage for that month. Residential customers will be billed at the block one rate for all consumption up to and including 125% of the winter quarter average in any given month. Any usage in a single month that is between and includes 126% through 200% of the winter quarter average will be billed at the block two rate. Any usage in a single month above 200% will be charged at the block three rate.

Example: Say the winter quarter average for a property inside the city is 3,000 gallons of water used each month. Later, during a warm-weather month, that property uses 6,150 gallons in a month. That property would be charged at the following rates for that month:

The Residential – Block 1 rate for 3,750 gallons (because 3,750 gallons equals 125% of their winter quarter average of 3,000 gallons per month)

The Residential – Block 2 rate for 2,250 gallons (because water consumption from 126% to 200% of the winter quarter average would be 3,751 gallons through 6,000 gallons, which equals 2,250 gallons total)

The Residential – Block 3 rate for the remaining 150 gallons (everything above 200% of the winter quarter average)

Below are the water volume charges that will go into effect starting May 1, 2020

Customer Class	Inside City	Outside City
Residential – Block 1*	\$6.70/1,000 gal	\$7.37/1,000 gal
Residential – Block 2*	\$7.37/1,000 gal	\$8.11/1,000 gal
Residential – Block 3*	\$7.71/1,000 gal	\$8.49/1,000 gal
Multifamily	\$5.33/1,000 gal	\$5.95/1,000 gal
Commercial	\$6.11/1,000 gal	\$6.73/1,000 gal
Industrial	\$5.60/1,000 gal	\$6.16/1,000 gal
Irrigation	\$7.71/1,000 gal	\$8.49/1,000 gal

*Residential blocks calculated using individual Winter Quarter Average

Separate from the new residential block rate billing structure, new water volume and sewer service charges that will be effective January 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020, were also approved at the December 3 City Commission meeting. For more information on this topic, read the City's press release here.

Contact:

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Municipal Services & Operations –
jcarson@lawrenceks.org | 785-832-7822

Census 2020 is Hiring!

The census tract that includes East Lawrence is doing well in terms of applicants. But we need to keep on track if we are to reach 2020 Census Recruiting benchmarks.

Census Taker and Field Supervisor positions pay \$15.00 per hour. While we ask that candidates apply now; most offers will be for jobs starting after April 2020.

It's very important that we get every Lawrencian counted. The better our numbers, the better opportunities for grants and other funds available to our community. We need your help!

Interested in more information? <https://2020census.gov/Jobs>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEwV-zKXDZkjL0EFriuFaAxxJBDY1uFCI&feature=share>

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Friends of Oak Hill

Mission Statement

The Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery is a 501c3 non-profit organization in Lawrence, Kansas with a mission to promote the preservation and appreciation of the historic Oak Hill city cemetery. Our purpose is to serve as an advocacy group for addressing maintenance practices, funding, historic preservation efforts, education and community involvement at Oak Hill. Friends of Oak Hill is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and historical reasons. It is our goal that

Oak Hill Cemetery be a sustainable and valued asset to the community of Lawrence, Kansas.

Call for Board Members!

Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery has an immediate need for board members. Serving on the Friends of Oak Hill board is a great way to engage in historic preservation and grassroots community development. Board members are expected to attend one hour long meeting per month, held on the 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm. Additionally board members are expected to serve on a minimum of one committee (as needed) and to participate in events such as fundraising, work days and meetings with city officials approximately 5-6 times annually. Board members will serve as active advocates and community ambassadors for the organization, and are expected to faithfully follow the organizations bylaws, policies and resolutions, and maintain confidentiality about internal matters of the organization.

If you are interested in working with us, please contact at: FriendsOfOakHillCemetery@gmail.com or by phone at: 785-550-4388

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Earth Care Forum Series - 2020

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Sundays, 9:40-10:45 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church (Fireside Room), 2415 Clinton Parkway

Sunday, Jan. 5: **Plant a Tree for Your Heirs Air** - *Ryan P. Rastok is Forest Entomologist for Kansas Forest Service.* This will be a lesson on the many wonders of trees, bark beetles and an answer to "Kansas has a Forest Service?!" "The best friend of man is the tree". (Frank Loyd Wright)

Sunday, Jan. 12: **Weeds in Kansas: Introduced Plants in our Landscapes and the Kansas Noxious Weed Act** - *Craig C. Freeman is Senior Scientist for Kansas Biological Survey and member of state Noxious Weed Advisory Committee.* The ecological framework for categorizing and assessing the status of "weed" in Kansas will be presented. The newly appointed Noxious Weed Committee for the state will also be discussed including how prevention and elimination of weeds are addressed by counties.

Sunday, Jan. 19: **100% Renewable Energy Plan for Lawrence** - *Jackie Carroll is the Chair of the Lawrence Sustainability Board.* The strategy, rational and steps needed for the city to develop a plan to implement 100% renewable energy will be described. The challenges of such a proposal and how they may be overcome will be included.

Sunday, Jan. 26: **Restoring Connections in Tallgrass Prairie** - *Peggy Schultz is a Research Specialist and MAPS EPSCOR Outreach Director for Kansas Biological Survey.* The goal of "connecting people to place" is the purpose of a KU lab that works to restore tallgrass prairie by re-establishing relationships between plants and mutualistic fungi. This is done by researching and demonstrating an appreciation of the once dominant ecosystem of eastern Kansas.

Sunday, Feb. 2: **Clean Water Programs in Kansas** - *Trevor Flynn is General Manager of Environment, Health and Science Municipal Services and Operations Department, City of Lawrence.* How the Clean Water Act impacts the local and regional water quality will be described, including what is required to have safe water for the city today and in the future.

Songs & Stories of East Lawrence



with Kelley Hunt & Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg celebrates the vibrant mosaic of this neighborhood's communities, histories, flora and fauna, and stories. The project includes two writing, singing, and story mapping workshops, plus a Wild East Lawrence walk with Ken Lassman, publication of a book of our writing, and a book launch concert.

The workshops -- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 29 and March 14 at the Cider Gallery -- bring us together to try out some writing and storytelling exercises, do a little singing, and brainstorm with Kelley and Caryn about a new song or two they will write about East Lawrence. We invite all people who live in, have lived in, or simply had adventures in East Lawrence, age 10 and up, to participate. No one has to sing alone or read their writing aloud, and people of all backgrounds and experience are welcome.

"You can come and sing your heart out or even just listen. There's a lot of power in just being part of a group of people singing," Kelley explains. Caryn adds, "The writing part of our day together is a pressure-free time to see what you have to say to yourself and others, and all we do meets you where you are."

Caryn will work with participants to revise their writing for a book we're creating of East Lawrence stories and poems. Kelley and Caryn will take our song ideas and write some new East Lawrence tunes, and Kelley will also hold some choir rehearsals after the workshops so that at 2 p.m. on Sun., May 10, we can come back together for a book release concert.

All participants will receive a free copy of the book. Lunch at the workshops is provided by the Community Mercantile, and Kelley and Caryn are grateful to the Cider Gallery for donating their space. The whole project is free, but participants must sign up in advance and commit to attending both the Feb. 29 and March 14 workshops. More at www.BraveVoice.com

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