

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

Neighborhood: North Lawrence

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Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings.

Meeting Date #1	<u>9/10/2015</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>No - Picnic</u>
Meeting Date #2	<u>10/12/2015</u>	Minutes Attached?	<u>Yes</u>
Meeting Date #3	<u></u>	Minutes Attached?	<u></u>

How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)

email	<u>Website</u>
newsletter	<u>Yes</u>
other announcement? (please specify)	<u>Newspaper, Facebook</u>

Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)

No

Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.

Date of Newsletter:	<u>9/29/2015</u>	Copy Attached?	<u>Yes</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)

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

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

## August - October 2015

### North Lawrence Improvement Association President Performance (Ted Boyle)

Date	Activity
8-3-15	Attended a meeting to provide input to city officials regarding what the community wanted in a new city manager. Talked to Nancy Thellman and Steve Rutting about grocery store and use of the UP freight building at 5 <sup>th</sup> and Locust street.
8-4-15	Called the city about the weeds & trees grown into the fence on the South side of Walnut Street. Attended a grocery store meeting with the city manager and the owner of the Borders building.
8-5-15	Went to a grocery store meeting to report on what was discussed at the 8-4-15 meeting.
8-11-15	Met with the current owner of the UP freight building about using it as a farm history museum site. Attended the city commission meeting that discussed the Maple Street storm water pump project.
8-12-15	Picked up the mailing labels at the city works department, and also signed the CDBG contract at the city codes office.
8-13-15	Grocery store meeting to discuss the potential cost of the project.
8-14-15	Participated in a special city commission meeting at City Hall to discuss who will become mayor and the replacement of the commissioner vacancy.
8-15-15	Talked with Steve Ruttinger about the Dakota study that was done for the Borders building location and its feasibility.
8-18-15	Attended the city commission meeting where a new mayor was elected, and a discussion about how to replace the vacancy was had. Talked about RS3 & RS5 zoning, which the commission agreed to study with the city storm water engineer Matt Bond. Met with Steve Ruttinger about meeting in September to review Dakota study.
8-19-15	Spoke with the owners of the property at 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Elm street, and went to the Methodist church community dinner.
8-22-15	Helped a resident make contact with the vice mayor to help them find a primary doctor, rental inspection, and mental health.
8-26-15	Attended the ICL plant meeting where they discussed the natural gas/source piping to the plant and report on sales.
8-27-15	Went to the grocery store meeting with Mayor Amyx to report on the current progress and discussion of the grocery store. Items that were discussed were who should go to the grocery store owner meeting to talk about the grocery store and who to fund it.
9-5-15	Mailed out the post cards to the residents regarding the upcoming neighborhood picnic.
9-9-15	Went to KU planning class where they are studying North Lawrence for the class to provide information about North Lawrence.
9-10-15	Attended weekly grocery store meeting.

9-14-15	Talked with resident regarding the proposed levee café at 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street and Elm Street. Met with Mike Amyx to talk about various issues regarding the proposed downtown grocery store. NLIA held their annual community picnic where about 60 residents attended.
9-15-15	Called the city manager to have forestry cut back the trees that run along Locust and 4 <sup>th</sup> Street and also pick up the limbs at Lyons Park. Discussed other various items around North Lawrence.
9-17-15	Attended Grocery store meeting with building owners to discuss what kind of store Lawrence needs and parking. Met with the city traffic engineer to talk about the potential location of a speed hump on Elm Street.
9-18-15	Met with Mayor Amyx about parking at the potential grocery store it is, which was 105-136. Also spoke with Steve Ruttinger about the grocery store and review results of the Dakota study.
9-22-15	Met with Mayor Amyx and Steve Ruttinger to discuss Checkers talking about being the ones to go into the location.
9-24-15	Attended grocery store committee meeting.
9-25-15	Spoke with ICL and Chemtrade about donating money for the purchase weather radios to supply North Lawrence Residents.
9-26-15	Talked to coordinator about posting a grocery store update to the NLIA Facebook page. Talked with Steve Ruttinger about having a farmer's market in North Lawrence.
9-28-15	Talked with Dani Dressler.
9-29-15	Attended ICL meeting. Went on bus tour of KU land north of North Lawrence in Grant Township. Mailed out North Lawrence newsletter.
10-1-15	Attended grocery store meeting and discussed having Barry Queen come to meeting with Steve Ruttinger, and talk about CDBG money. Went to special commission meeting at city hall to narrow commission candidates.
10-4-15	Took the speed hump letter to residents in 300 & 400 block of Elms street. Attended sales tax audit committee meeting.
10-8-15	Attended grocery store meeting.
10-13-15	Attended city commission meeting to discuss zoning, and other issues.
10-16-15	Wrote letters to planning and city commission regarding the parking situation at the proposed levee café. The residents expressed concern that there would be on street parking if it is approved, but there is the potential to use the vacant lot to the north for parking.
10-27-15	Called the NLIA coordinator to talk about developing a grocery store survey, and putting the meeting agenda for November online. Talked to Matt Bond about problem with the levy fencing.
10-29-15	Attended grocery store meeting, and talked with Steve Ruttinger about inviting a representative from Price Chopper to attend an upcoming grocery store meeting.

**August - October 2015**  
**NLIA Coordinator Performance (Dylan Shmalberg)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
8-8-15	Finalized the previous quarterly performance report and sent in
8-10-15	Spent time editing the old NLIA webpage to reflect current information.
8-12-15	Editing the old NLIA webpage, and the decision was made to abandon that website and rebuild.
8-13-15	Researched different potential webpage solutions, and began creating a new NLIA webpage.
8-14-15	Worked on transferring content from the old webpage to the new webpage. Also, created public NLIA Facebook page to increase correspondence with residents.
8-15-15	Added new content the new NLIA webpage.
8-16-15	Talked with NLIA president on phone. Researched various WordPress features/abilities, organized webpage, and added newly researched features.
8-17-15	Posted update to NLIA Facebook page, and finalized the structure of the new website.
8-18-15	Made minor cosmetic changes to the new NLIA webpage.
8-19-15	Talked with the NLIA President, Added items to the website.
8-20-15	Informed the public of the new webpage through the North Lawrence Facebook group.
8-29-15	Responded to membership request emails.
9-1-15	Created membership request response form. Sent out membership cards to residents that emailed me.
9-9-15	Facebook updates and neighborhood picnic prep.
9-14-15	Held annual NLIA neighborhood picnic.
9-17-15	Posted Facebook updates and delivered t-shirts to those who requested them.
9-23-15	NLIA Facebook page updates.
9-24-15	Called local North Lawrence businesses about advertising in the upcoming newsletter.
9-25-15	Posted a Facebook update on the NLIA page, started working on the fall/winter newsletter, and advertising notice calls.
9-26-15	Calls to North Lawrence businesses about advertising.
9-28-15	Continued the construction on the fall/winter NLIA newsletter.
9-29-15	Finished the fall/winter newsletter, and conducted final review. Sent and confirmed the order with the print shop. Also talked NLIA president about newsletter.
9-30-15	Made updates to the website and Facebook page.
10-5-15	Created a new newsletter advertisement billing and invoice system, and filled out new invoices for the fall/winter newsletter.

10-8-15	Created a Facebook survey to collect information about weather radio usage in North Lawrence.
10-12-15	Conducted and recorded minutes for monthly NLIA meeting

**August - October 2015**

**NLIA Major Activities List**

NLIA Annual Neighborhood Picnic (9-14-15) – Est. Attendance: 60

NLIA Monthly Meeting (10-12-15) – Est. Attendance: 25

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## About The North Lawrence Improvement Association

All North Lawrence residents have many opportunities to stay connected through attendance at NLIA meetings, picnics, school functions, and other gatherings. Most of the information about these events is communicated through this Newsletter, our website, and our Facebook Page.

The North Lawrence Improvement Association is a non-profit, neighborhood organization representing

the people who live in the area. By joining the NLIA, you connect with those who share similar concerns, questions, and a love of North Lawrence. Dues are only \$1 per year, per person. The more voices we have, the more people will listen. You may join by calling Bev Cates at 843-8799 or any of the NLIA officers.

**NLIA neighborhood meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month**, October through May at 7:00pm at the

Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street. On occasion we need to change a meeting date or location and that information is listed within this newsletter and on our website. If you would like a meeting reminder, be sure we have your email address and we'll send an email reminder.

We welcome any suggestions you might want to share for future publications. Your involvement is critical to our success!

## NLIA has a new website & Facebook Page!

After many late nights and energy drinks the new website has been completed. Besides the beautiful new look, both the webpage and Facebook page will allow us to update and post information with greater efficiency. A few of the great new features are:

- 1) Online membership registration/donations
- 2) View and sign up for newsletter ads
- 3) Upcoming events page, City services links

## The Survey Says...

Please fill out the short survey at the web link below. A link to the survey will also be posted in the website home page and the NLIA Facebook page:

<http://goo.gl/forms/192ZrQSu2L>

This survey will help us better advocate for North Lawrence, and provide insight into what the community is looking for and thinking.

### Points of Interest:

(details inside)

- 10/12 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting
- 10/13 Fall Neighborhood Clean-up
- 11/9 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting
- 12/14 holiday NLIA meeting at Centenary United Methodist Church
- 1/11 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting
- 2/8 Chili Supper at Depot 6-8:30
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- 4/11 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting
- 5/9 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting

# NOTICE

## Change in Advertising Policy and Billing

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There have been changes made to the way that NLIA handles placing advertisements & billing/invoicing for all future newsletters. Before each newsletter is sent out, usually in September and March, someone from NLIA will contact you about wanting to advertise for the upcoming newsletter. If verification cannot be obtained or if other instructions were not given then the advertisement will not be placed.

For this reason it is important that you contact the NLIA Coordinator and provide updated point of contact information for your business, preferably email. Some leeway was given in this newsletter, because of the short notice and change in policy. Also, invoices will now be sent out to the businesses that placed advertisement following the delivery of the newsletter to North Lawrence Residents.

If your advertisement was not included in this newsletter and you would like it to or if your advertisement was included and you would not like it to, please contact Dylan Shmalberg (NLIA Coordinator) at 785-840-7153 or [nliacoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:nliacoordinator@gmail.com).

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, and we thank all of the North Lawrence businesses that continue to make this a great community to live in.



20% discount for North Lawrence residents (excluding tires & batteries)

## Holiday Fundraiser & Nativity at Centenary

**Holiday Fundraiser**—The NLIA supports the North Lawrence Community in many ways. One of the ways is by anonymously adopting North Lawrence families for holiday giving through the Ballard Community Center. If you would like to contribute to this fund contact Ted Boyle, NLIA President or Bev Cates, Treasurer; or consider giving an extra dollar or two when paying your NLIA dues this year! If you are in need of assistance contact the Ballard Center at 842.0729.

**Nativities at Centenary**—Centenary United Methodist Church invites the North Lawrence Community to an Open House to view the Festival of Nativities on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The church is on the corner of 4th & Elm. There will be coffee and cookies to enjoy while viewing the beautiful display of nativities from around the World.

**This Open House will be in lieu of the regular NLIA meeting in December.**

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## Sandrat Reunion & Picnic Recap

Everyone had a great time at the 2015 Annual North Lawrence Sandrat Reunion on June 6 and Community picnic on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. About 60 residents attended the picnic and brought many tasty dishes. In the coming months we will be looking at ideas to increase attendance; so if you have any suggestions feel free to contact us.

A big **Thank You** to everyone who helped make this year's Sandrat Reunion so much fun, and to those who helped set up the picnic. We hope to see you all again next year, so watch for your invitation—or check our Facebook page online—and pass the word along. In the meantime, reserve June 4 for the 2016 Reunion at Woodlawn Elementary School in North Lawrence.

## Nativities continued...

This will be our 21<sup>st</sup> year of hosting the Festival of Nativities at Centenary United Methodist Church. The first four weekends in December we will be open. Our hours are 12:00-4:00 p.m. This year we will be featuring a very extensive Fontanini Nativity set that has been donated to the church.

A wonderful Treats and Treasures Gift Shop is open during the Festival. Bake goods, candy, jellies and jams, handmade items, and wonderful nativity sets can be purchased. Help make our 21<sup>st</sup> year the best yet, and share with your friends and family what your neighborhood has to offer.

## Advertising Rates for NLIA Newsletter...

We appreciate the businesses in North Lawrence that advertise in our newsletter. If you would like to advertise here please contact Dylan at 840.7153. The newsletter is currently printed in Spring and Fall; sent to all North Lawrence residents; placed in other businesses around town and with certain city officials. The advertising rates for each newsletter are as follows:

- ⇒ Approximate 1/2 page \$50
- ⇒ Approximate 2x3 (business card size) \$25
- ⇒ Single line on back of the newsletter \$10





## Notes from the President...

The summer is now over and it went by too fast, but a lot of good things happened for North Lawrence. The North Lawrence Improvement Association has been a major player in getting a grocery store at the 7<sup>th</sup> & New Hampshire location. Originally Checkers was looking at being the tenant, but other than the recent article they have left the picture. Then a friend of mine, who owns multiple store in Kansas City, brought Price Chopper to the table. Mayor Mike Amyx, Stuart Boyle, Steve Ruttinger, and myself visited different Price Chopper Stores in Kansas City. We were there to see how they looked as well as how they were operated on a day to day basis. All of the stores were very nice, and one of the stores that we visited was about 20,000 sq. ft. This is pretty small compared to most stores, which are 40,000 + sq. ft. So this in theory this provides a good proof of concept for the store at the downtown location. The store will be a full service store, and it will buy local produce. There is a feasibility study currently being conducted by the owners of the location, and initially the signs are promising. The study should be fully completed within the next month so stay tuned for more information. Also, after more than 20 years of NLIA advocacy, North Lawrence is finally getting a new storm water pump station located at 5<sup>th</sup> & Maple. The project will cost approximately 6 million, and construction is currently scheduled to start in November. This new station will help alleviate current issues with storm water in North Lawrence (North of the railroad track and Lyons park). I hope everyone has a great fall and holiday season.

Thank you,  
Ted Boyle, President  
NLIA



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## *Fall Neighborhood Clean-up.....October 13!*

This Fall's North Lawrence Clean-up will be:

**Tuesday, October 13.**

Please place items you wish to discard at your regular trash pick up site by 7:00 a.m. Remove all nails from boards and place broken glass in suitable containers and mark it to prevent injuries. Old tires will also be picked up.

Also, bring limbs to the parking lot behind Centenary United Methodist Church at 4th & Elm—we will generate mulch from limbs that will be available to residents behind Ted's house at 310 Elm Street.

Contact Ted at 842.7232 to pick up some mulch!

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## *Liberty Memorial Central Middle School Fun Run...October 30*

The Middle School Fun Run is just around the corner! The Fun Run is the only fundraiser for the school. The entire student body participates by asking family, friends, neighbors and the community to make donations to the school. In exchange for your support, the students participate in a 2 mile run together with friends, family, neighbors, teachers....anyone who wants to join in on October 30 at 2:15pm.

The money raised by the students is used to help pay for after-school activities, camps, scholarships, uniforms and a wide variety of special needs not covered by the school's regular budget.

Keep an eye out for the Liberty Memorial students in our neighborhood collecting money for the Fun Run and give them a few dollars if you can! We all benefit from the programs at our schools.

## *Woodlawn School News*

The kids, teachers and parents are hard at work at Woodlawn School. Following are a few noteworthy events throughout the school year. Be sure to watch for information directly from the school or contact the school for more information.

PTO meetings are always the first Wednesday each month at 5:45 pm.

Please remember to drive safely through our neighborhoods and with extra caution around the school.

### Calendar of Events

- Oct. 10 — OWLS clean up
- Oct. 15 — Sock Hop
- Oct. 16 — No School
- Oct. 30 — Fall Parties
- Nov. 6 — No School
- Nov. 9 - 13 — Conference Week
- Nov. 25 - 27 — Fall Break
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 5 — Winter Break
- Mar. 14 - 18 — Spring Break
- May 20—Last day of school



## *Centenary United Methodist Church to Feed our Hungry*

Centenary United Methodist Church, 245 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, began in January of last year hosting a North Lawrence Community Dinner every third Wednesday of the month, 5:30-7:00 p.m. We have enjoyed planning, preparing and getting acquainted with our guests each month.

Our intention is to feed the hungry and provide fellowship for all. Our doors are open to everyone, free or otherwise. If you haven't come to partake in a meal we would love to serve you.

Monthly flyers have been left at the coffee shop, Ballard Services, Woodlawn School, Boys and Girls Club families that meet at Woodlawn, Iwig Dairy, and Dollar General. Sarah Campbell delivers the flyer each month and the merchants have been very pleasant and agreeable to posting them. A big thanks to the merchants! A banner is visible in the church yard when driving east of Elm Street and on the day of the dinner it is posted on the events page of the LJW. Please help us spread the word to those needing a helping hand!

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## Meeting Notes.....

### NLIA minutes-April

April 12, 2015 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Board members present: Ted, Beverly, Jeff, Dylan.

Speed hump at 300 Elm Street should start soon, will attempt to get 1 installed a year from now on.

Woodlawn: There will be a few million dollars worth of multi-story expansions to the school as well as installation of elevator. The Woodlawn River Hawk mural will be removed for the expansion but will be redone by original artist who will donate his time to the mural.

Supposed to start on new pump installation last month, but has been delayed due to high bids. The city has 4 million dollars to spend on the project, and the bids came in at 5 million. The project should start in May or June of 2015. There will be interruptions to street traffic near project, specifically at 6<sup>th</sup> and Locust. Drainage pipe size will increase from 9" to 48" and will drain storm water. This is the culmination of 20 years of persistence, and finally getting upgrades to storm water removal.

Ted will go to city planning since, in the 400 block of elm, there is a lot at that location only 40' wide. Purchasers of lot will be building 2 story micro-house. This is RS5 zoning and Ted doesn't want this zoning/development to become

### NLIA minutes-May

May 11, 2015 7:00pm to 8:45pm

Board members present: Ted, Beverly, Jeff, Dylan, Police NRO: Aaron Hachmeister.

#### *President Report:*

Urban Planning Fantasy Government Meeting: Put on by the urban planning dept at KU. Looked at different forms of municipal government. All have pros and cons

Coffee with Mayor: Talked about many issues RS5 zoning, and new storm water pump.

1. RS5 zoning: This has been problematic due to ongoing storm water issues, 439 Elm is latest example. Now with new two-story house run off will go to adjacent properties.
2. Pump: Have been advocating for new pump for 20 years to deal with storm run-off. Based on 2005 storm water study. Initial design has been downgraded to one 48" line with one pump that can handle 100 CFS and 10-year events. Trying to get pump bid down to 4.5 million dollars. Ted has been lobbying new commissioner for bid and alternate.
3. Drainage: Keep storm water ditches clean, property owner is responsible for routine maintenance; Storm water dept will clear drainage tubs. Some standing water in ditches due to unkempt drainage tubes.
4. CDBG Money: Comes from Federal Government for lower to moderate-income neighborhoods and is divided among non-profits/neighborhoods. We have got what we have asked for this year. Capital Expenditures: Traffic calming at 3rd and Elm.

#### *Public Comments & Input:*

1. Heavy vehicle has gone into drainage ditch near 5th and Lincoln, SE corner of intersection. Ted will call Matt Bond and have him send someone to look at it.
2. This upcoming winter there will be a discussion about drivers plowing snow onto sidewalk and not into the ditches.
3. Working to get stop/yield sign near Lyon Park.



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NLIA Monthly Meeting  
October 12, 2015 7:00pm to pm  
Board members present: Ted, Beverly, and Dylan

## **Meeting Minutes:**

Estimated attendance - 25

### President Report:

City finally approved the pump construction near Maple Street after being rebid. The final price will come close to 6 million dollars. The 2006 Storm water study concluded that North Lawrence needed 16 million in storm water investment. The 2008 infrastructure sales tax was passed and the pump was a staple justification for the tax. After the money was allocated other places it finally came back to North Lawrence. They already have the ring levee built. Completion date is around July of next year. The levee trail at that location is now closed as well. There was a problem this previous weekend with people trespassing on the construction site.

We have been working 2 years for this grocery store. Ted meets with a committee the Thursday of every week. Compton/Treanor currently manage the property at this location. Currently the potential grocery store that would go in there is Price Chopper. The committee toured Price Choppers in Kansas City area. The property management company wanted a Dakota study of the location done. The results came back last week and it was determined to be a favorable location for a grocery according to what Ted saw. Should know more in the coming weeks about the future of the location. It would be 6-9 months after the remodel begins before it is open.

Ted is still working to prevent the over-building on small lots.

Christmas donations will be collected for the sponsorship of North Lawrence families through the Ballard Center and Visiting Nurses Association.

Quiet zone will cost about \$500,000 in improvements to upgrade intersections. Ted has already begun lobbying for quiet zone.

Research Fiber options for North Lawrence, Ted will call the interim city manager to find out more.

### **Add a business directory of North Lawrence Businesses to the website.**

Guest Speaker Recommendations:

- Matt Bond
- Urban agriculture committee members
- Union Pacific Representative

### Coordinator Report:

- Website has been completely reconstructed
- NLIA now has an official Facebook Page that I control.

NLIA Monthly Meeting

October 12, 2015 7:00pm to pm

Board members present: Ted, Beverly, and Dylan

- Will be primarily used for NLIA updates, interactions (answering questions), and surveys
- Survey software was purchased so you will be seeing more of those in the future