

Quarterly Neighborhood Performance Report - Quarter Three (February-April) Due May. 10							
Neighborhood _____ Completed By _____ Alison Dishinger on 5/19/18 North Lawrence Phone Number/Email awdishinger@gmail.com							
Each Neighborhood is required to have at least quarterly meetings. (minutes must be attached.)	Meeting Date #1		<u>2/12/18 Chili Supper</u>		Minutes Attached?		<u>no notes (supper)</u>
	Meeting Date #2		<u>3/12/2018</u>		Minutes Attached?		<u>Yes</u>
	Meeting Date #3		<u>4/9/2018</u>		Minutes Attached?		<u>YEs</u>
How was the neighborhood notified of the meeting(s)? (check all that apply)	email		_____				
	newsletter		_____				
	other announcement? (please specify)		<u>Facebook, website, newsletter</u>				
Officer elections this quarter? (if so, attach list of new officers)	Yes		No X				
Each Neighborhood is encouraged to produce regular newsletters.	Date of Newsletter		<u>April 2018</u>		Copy Attached? (required)		<u>Yes</u>
Also to be attached:							
Neighborhood activity list for the quarter, including method of notification as well as estimated attendance. (Required)							
Best practices in regard to neighborhood events that can be shared with other neighborhood associations. Provide information on outreach, event, and outcome. (recommended)							
Any other information your neighborhood association feels will be information that will help to provide a clear view of your neighborhood associations accomplishments. (recommended)							

Quarterly activities NLIA Coordinator February 2018 - April 2018

2/5/18

Social media posts for Chili Supper

2/12/18

NLIA Cabin Fever Chili Supper; picked up bread bowls from M&M and prepped; set up, served, and cleaned up at supper

2/23/18

Created Facebook poll re street light brightness

3/9/18

Change of venue update, Facebook

3/10/18

Collected poll data; FB posts re meeting/guest/change of venue; sign for church

3/12/18

NLIA monthly meeting and updates re change of venue, plus sign at church for same

3/18/18

Compile overdue quarterly report from Ted's notes

3/20/18 Delivered report for Ted to review

3/22/18

Communicated with Pat and Dani re the report being late, asking for dates

3/23/18

Entered "lost" page from Ted's activities and emailed completed doc to Ted for review and talked with Ted

3/24/18

Talked with Ted on phone about the website, planning posts for the year, and social media posts for April cleanup, brush pile, speed humps, garage sale, potential fundraising for 2018-2019 (if CBDG money is cut) and the newsletter due dates and content -- reducing to 6 pages, due date 4/2 to printer; Notice to NL pages about the neighborhood cleanup and brush pile rules

3/25/18

Complied Quarterly report for Q2 in Excel format sent by Bradley Karr at City and attachments in Word format; emailed and also sent a note letting them know I sent them en masse, and to let me know if they did not receive them and if they could not open them.

3/27/18

Began work on Spring newsletter.

3/28/18

Continued work on Spring newsletter.

3/31/18

Long discussion with Ted and delivered first draft of newsletter to Ted for review.

4/2/18

Another discussion with Ted and fine-tuned final draft of newsletter; emailed final PDF to Pro Print for printing.

4/3/18

Social media notifications for upcoming meeting and tree work. Another call with Ted. Began garage sale map work and website updating.

4/6/18

Social media notifications, website work, and newsletter publication notification.

4/9/18

Social media notifications and answering multiple Messenger messages from residents.

4/9/18

Attended NLIA monthly meeting and took minutes.

4/12/18

Social media and website updates about the neighborhood cleanup. Continued work on garage sale map.

4/13/18

Worked on garage sale map.

4/15/18

Worked on garage sale map.

4/17/18

Discussion with Ted about the missed large trash pickups. Social media posts and worked on garage sale map.

4/20/18

Garage sale map work and request for residents to send in information about their sales (on social media).

4/22/18

Worked on garage sale map and communicated with residents via email, Messenger, and online, answering their questions and getting information from them for the sale.

4/24/18

Worked on garage sale map and communicated with residents via email, Messenger, and online, answering their questions and getting information from them for the sale.

4/25/18

Worked on garage sale map and communicated with residents via email, Messenger, and online, answering their questions and getting information from them for the sale. Social media posts about the Fuel Up for Summer program.

4/28/18

Worked on garage sale map and communicated with residents via email, Messenger, and online, answering their questions and getting information from them for the sale. Also talked with Ted about some people picking up metal in the neighborhood whom he did not know. Social media post about this. (As it turns out, they were stealing items from yards.)

4/30/18

Worked on garage sale map and communicated with residents via email, Messenger, and online, answering their questions and getting information from them for the sale. Further social media posts about the Fuel Up for Summer program.

2/2/18

Call about the traffic humps on Lincoln Street. The city has planned 4 speed humps for Lincoln, so NLIA will take the CBDG money and use it to install humps on Lyon street; also discussed 409 Perry drug house with Trent McKinley; how the house is a problem, how there is more traffic at the house all night. He said he would talk to drug unit. Talked to Casey, assistant city manager, about the pre-empt on 2nd and Locust not working sometimes. Casey said it would be best to have Chief Bradford come to a meeting to discuss this problem. Also talked to traffic engineers about speed humps on Lincoln Street and moving them to Lyon Street, from 3rd to 7th. Talked to Dani (CBDG point person) about the speed humps and putting the ones from the grant on Lyon street between 3rd and 7th, as the city plans to install the ones on Lincoln

2/4/18

Cleared snow for the neighbors between 3rd and 4th on Elm, no charge

2/7/18

Met with Woodlawn Site Council to discuss student interactions with each other and teacher, and what percentage are white, black, hispanic, or islander. Discussed interactions among students. Called Planning about driveway code for resident at 868 Elm Street for gravel driveway

2/8/18

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting, discussing the trip to Fort Scott where Queen's Price Chopper has a new store, and the plan to take two city commissioners to tour the store. Attended CDBG board meeting; only 4 commissioners attended, so not a quorum, but discussed funding and North Lawrence receiving more money for speed humps, so we will put 4 on Lyon between 7th and 9th. City has already approved this

2/9/18

Met with Vice Mayor Lisa Larsen to discuss the grocery store update and asked her to go on a trip to the Fort Scott Price Chopper — Queen's new store. Barry Queen will have the Price Chopper at 7th and New Hampshire in Lawrence

2/12/18

Set up the Cabin Fever Chili Supper at the Union Pacific Depot, which started at 5:30 and ran until 8 pm. About 200 people attended, including mayor Stuart Boley, Mike Amyx, and Larry McElwain, the president of the Chamber of Commerce. There were 20 different crock pots of chilis and soups, new bread bowls, and lots of cookies. Donations amounted to around \$300 to pay for the use of the Depot and to help fund next year

2/19/18

Met with Becky Price, Ballard Center CEO, to talk about gift card incentives from local merchants to help parents agree to assessments that will better determine their families' needs. NLIA also donated 2 cases of copy paper to Ballard

3/3/18

Meeting with Bob Schumm to update about the grocery store and parking downtown. He will support a grocery store at 7th and New Hampshire

3/4/18

Attended Woodlawn Site Council meeting. Discussed low parent attendance at family meetings and how to get more parents to attend. These are low-to-moderate income families. Also discussed using the church at 4th and Elm for a place to shelter students and staff during emergencies — I would have a key as would the principal

3/5/18

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting. Invite David Longhurst from Downtown Lawrence Association to attend and bring him up to speed on the progress; also ask for his help in forming a downtown neighborhood association. David Longhurst does support a grocery store downtown; he thinks it is a very good thing for downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods

Attended the CDBG Advisory Board to discuss the North Lawrence grant requests for money for 4 speed humps on Lyon Street

3/6/18

Called Sarah Hill at Bowersock Electric to adjust the lights at the electric plant across the river

Called the assistant City Manager and asked why North Lawrence was not included in the Federal tax abatement for development in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods. We have development proposed in the neighborhood behind Johnny's Tavern and along Locust street. She said we may make the list if the new governor slows the process?

3/12/18

Attended NLIA meeting. Guest speaker was Nancy Thellman, County Commissioner, to discuss the sales tax for the jail and the proposed mental health center. Undersheriff Gary Bunting and Director of Bert Nash Patrick Schmidt also spoke. Meeting lasted two hours with Q&A afterward.

3/14/18

Called Public Works about the dust on the levee, a city truck hauling rocks there. The city needs to wet the levee.

3/20/18

Attended City Commission meeting, talked to Commission about splitting lots into smaller lots, 3000 square feet or smaller to make homes cheaper. I told them this would create more storm water issues, and take away the real feeling of the neighborhood as well as create project housing or ghetto housing. Build them in South Lawrence.

3/20/18

Met with City Manager Tom Markus about the grocery store. He said the developer needs to get their ducks in a row. They have not told the city how much money they need in incentives. We also talked about federal and state money and how it will help, the New Market Tax Credit, and the abatement for eastern Lawrence to Venture Park. Kansas Governor Colyer will decide by the end of March if this will happen.

3/22/18

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting. Talked about my meeting with Tom Markus and the state and federal money options. Also talked about the idea of a parking garage across the street on the city-owned lot. Also talked to Public Works, Chuck Soules, about a quiet zone for the UP railroad. He said that they hired back the person who was working on it the first time, and this person will start to work on the quiet zone

in June as his first project. Also talked to the assistant city manager about there being no first responder at the Depot when the Saint Patrick's Day parade was going on. I will also talk to Vice-Mayor Lisa Larsen about this.

3/23/18

Called Vice-Mayor about no first responder at the Depot during the protest parade on 3/23.

3/26/18

Called Matt Bond about Maple Grove drainage pond on north 7th street and how the trees have been cut down and they are pumping water from the pond. Call county commissioner Nancy Thellman to check on it.

3/28/18

Attended the Severe Storm meeting at the Arts Center, 7-9 pm, to discuss how to know how to take cover and where.

3/29/18

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting. Discussed how to start a neighborhood resident association (for downtown) and who or how it would be, selecting a leader of a board. They would have to be residents of downtown Lawrence. Have spoken to Bob Schumm and David Longhurst about it and they think this would be a good thing to have a voice in how downtown would grow and change, but keeping the downtown that we have and may help the grocery store.

4/5/18

Attend the Site Council for Woodlawn Elementary. Discussed the end of school and summer projects for students and how to get parents to attend more meetings.

4/6/18

Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting. Discussed the article in the Journal World about the city having a meeting with Treanor/Developer about the grocery store project and parking for the project. May start building in fall of 2018.

4/8/18

Called city code enforcement about the dump trucks running down both Lyon and Locust streets. There is city code that the trucks have to go 24 highway to 1500 or 1600 road to Ross's landfill. Spoke to county codes, and she is calling Ross and the trucking company.

4/9/18

Attended NLIA meeting. Guest speakers were Shane Munsch and Gordon Leong from ICL. They gave their yearly update, talking about what they make at the plant, safety improvements, upgrades in plant production and monitoring of the arsenic abatement wells. ICL gave away carbon monoxide detectors to residents that didn't have them and also provided snacks that their products go into.

4/10/18

Called city sanitation department about the North Lawrence cleanup on Tuesday 4/17 so that the right truck could be used.

4/14/18

Talked to KU staff about the new bicycle program. We would like a bike ride station at the Union Pacific Depot in North Lawrence so that people could bike downtown and around. Will talk to vice mayor Lisa Larsen about this. NLIA will have a guest speaker from the program at the May meeting to talk about this.

4/18/18

Called city sanitation department about the cleanup. 13 addresses were not picked up. Talked to public works also about the problem.

4/19/18

Called Dani about the speed humps listed in the newspaper — they were the wrong addresses. Will have a meeting with the city engineers about locations, between 7th and 9th on Lyon. Attended Downtown Grocery Committee meeting. Discussed how to fund the equipment inside the store and continued discussion about the downtown neighborhood association for residents of downtown, for which we'll invite a guest speaker next week. Called Matt Bond, stormwater engineer, about attending the ICL meeting and giving a groundwater update on Farmland-Venture park.

4/25/18

Meeting at the ICL plant. I am a member of the Advisory Panel for ICL, and I invited Matt Bond, stormwater engineer, to speak about the Farmland Cleanup, the North Lawrence big pump and drainage, and work to be done to grade ditches to the big pump.

4/26/18

Attended CBDG Advisory Board Public meeting on grant money and money for speed humps. Talked about the lack of money for low-to-moderate-income neighborhoods and locations of the speed humps on Lyon street from 3rd to 7th and maybe 7th and Lake on 7th street. Thanked the board for what they do for North Lawrence.

4/30/18

Called Mark Thiel at Public Works and asked him if he would place a traffic counter on north 2nd street in front of Dollar General or close by. Called Scott McCullough, Planning Director, about a property on north 4th street that has about 30 to 40 feet of walnut brush down on property. Also called a property on north 3rd street — resident requested a cleanup at 640 N. 3rd. Also a resident wants to know how the removal of a house trailer is coming along on north 8th street.

4/30/18

Met with Delaware tribe member to discuss the land north of North Lawrence in Grant Township. Discussed possible sale and what to use it for — keeping it agricultural and farm land. Went to Paola, KS to meet with the Price Chopper store owner and developer of the proposed store at 7th and New Hampshire. Will possibly start project in November of 2018 or Spring 2019. Talked to a resident about problem parking on their street with parties at house across the street. The resident cannot get out of their driveway because of cars parked on the street. I told her to talk to her neighbor across the street before calling the police. She said she was going to bake cookies and take them to the neighbor and talk about the problem.

NLIA meeting 3/12/18

Guest from the Sherriff's department: Undersherriff Gary Bunting and Patrick Schmidt

Guest speaker: County Commissioner Nancy Thellman

Attendance: 8 plus 4 NLIA officers

The meeting was moved from Peace Mennonite Church, which is undergoing remodeling and reconstruction, to the Union Pacific Depot/Lawrence Visitors Center, 402 N. 2nd St.

Beverly gave the financial report from December through February and noted that the free will donations given by attendees at this year's chili suppot will take care of supplies for next year's supper.

Ted started with an update regarding the proposed quiet zone, from 10 pm to 6 am, with bells and a car horn to warn pedestrians at the train crossings

Turns out every neighborhood may lose all CBDG money next year. This year, each target low-to-moderate income neighborhoods received a cut of \$1000 each. We wrote the grant to get \$5000, but \$1000 was given to other national charities. Ted says we'll have to cut back on the bulk of the newsletter (printing and mailing of which costs about \$1000) and that the postcards cost about \$700 to print and mail. Ted spent 2.5 hours at the CBDG meeting last week talking with them. **Every year we mail out 1300 postcards; 95% of which are in NL; but we also mail them to important people in the community (fire chief, police chief, school board members, etc) across the river.

20 years ago, the city got 1.5-1.7 million dollars to disperse between all the charitable nonprofits and the neighborhoods. That amounted to about \$7000 a year then. This year, the city got less than \$900K to disperse, and each neighborhood got \$1000 less than they expected.

The Capital Improvement money that we request every year is used for sidewalks and speed humps, etc. There is no cap on this amount that we can request; this year we will get a total of \$32,000 for four speed humps. We will be getting speed humps on Lyon street between 7th and 9th; we believe there will be two in the 700 block, and one each in the 8th and 9th block. These residents have been waiting 3 years. These are the capital improvements for which we wrote the grant. Orignally, the speed humps cost around \$3500 to install; now they are \$8000 each. This is because the city now wants to be paid for installing these.

The speed humps on Lincoln street between 3rd and 7th will be taken care of by the city, sometime in 2018, according to the new city engineer, rather than by our CBDG capital improvement money.

None of the capital improvement money may be used for any operational expenses for NLIA.

Ted reminded us that when they health department did the walkability and safe routes survey that North Lawrence had the highest rating in the city for this metric. This was because of the traffic calming devices such as speed humps. No other neighborhood has this level of walkability and safe routes.

Ted says that a certain number of people on the board for CBDG did not want to fund operation costs for the low-to-moderate neighborhoods at all this year; the extra money that was to come to the neighborhoods went to the Salvation Army and the Catholic (Christian) Ministries ***check this. Ted says that unless Congress and the president do something like pass a bill or push more money to the CBDG fund nationwide, we will not get any money for operating expenses next year. We'll have to be creative in our thinking; we may increase dues, and we'll still use the Christmas fund like we did this

year. Ted says we helped 26 people in 5-6 families this year. Ted and Beverly always have a contest for collecting money; Beverly says she always beats him! Ted thinks it's because she gives them a membership card and a thank you note.

The CBDG capital improvement money is supposed to help LM neighborhoods revitalize the core neighborhoods. To receive the funds, the neighborhood has to have at least 50% LM residents. We stay around 54%. Tenants to Homeowners and Habitat for Humanity keep us in this range. (There are 7 new houses going in at 8th and Walnut).

If we aren't going to get any CBDG operating expense money, we won't be able to put out the newsletter, the postcards, or pay for the coordinator's extra hours for the neighborhood. Though Ted says there is always a possibility that Congress may fund a bill for the program.

Ted said that the events like the chili supper and the picnic are important to get people out and get to know each other while having a good time and eating good food. We do raise some money at these events, and we use these to fund the subsequent years of these events. If we don't get funding, we may have to think about having some other types of fundraisers to cover our operating expenses.

22 years ago, when Ted took over NLIA, he said there was no money in the coffers. He paid for the newsletters etc out of pocket and waited for reimbursement. Ted said this went on for about three years, until Jericho, when the producers of that movie (?) wanted to change North Lawrence to Jericho for a while. They had a fundraiser and a big event at the Depot, showing the (movie) and the promoter asked what it would be worth to NLIA to do this? Ted asked for \$2K and got it (had he known, he would have asked for more!)

Ted reminded us that we are the best neighborhood in Lawrence, and asked if people had read the paper and had seen the article about the state and the feds offering a tax abatement to businesses, in which they excluded North Lawrence in the list of possible abatement areas. Ted was on the phone to Diane Stoddard the next day. Most of the targeted area goes from about 7th and Mass to Venture Park, but some of it was west of Mass, too, including parts of Oread and Jayhawk Blvd. Ted pointed out that they're not in a LM neighborhood. Stoddard said that the new governor is going to pick the area and it is probably going to be east to Venture Park. The area will include the proposed site of the new grocery store at 7th and NH. The neighborhoods in which this special tax abatement area sits do eventually receive some of the benefits of the tax abatement.

Stoddard said that the governor could slow the process down, and that it was sprung on the city very quickly. The governor has the authority to slow down and revise the process. Diane said that if that happens, she will get NL on there. Ted says that we should have been on there in the first place, and told her that the river gets wider and wider every year. This is why it's important to fight, so that we don't get overlooked.

Ted introduced Nancy Thellman, Gary Bunting, Patrick Schmidt CEO of Bert Nash, and Amy Warren, COO of Bert Nash (***** get names when I have internet again)

Nancy said they are here to talk in a non-partisan way about the jail expansion, the proposed mental health center and the associated ballot questions.

Patrick spoke first. He moved to Lawrence about 10 months ago. 4-5 years ago the conversation about the crisis at the jail and proposed mental health services at the jail began. Concerned groups and individuals looked at different interventions throughout the country, and a center just north of Bert Nash, on Maine, was proposed. Then, there was a pause. Patrick said it gave Lawrence an opportunity to look at the

design, which would have been the largest crisis intervention center in the country for cities this size. At this point, they stepped back, new people came in to the conversation (LMH, DCCA, housing authority, HQ). They asked if services could be preserved in a smaller structure than the big facility.

Currently the idea is a much wider array of services, beyond crisis intervention. The idea is to address the whole community's needs, regardless of (geophysical) location. The current idea is a 20K foot facility that has a crisis intervention center (for 23 hour observation up to 7-day stays), a place of recovery for substance use (whether getting over an alcohol binge or detoxing from other substances).

A center can do a good job stabilizing people in the short term, but if they go back to a bad housing situation, they often come right back again. So, BN wrote a proposal for transitional home for folks who might need more than 7-14 days to get back into the community. They also talked about permanent supportive housing for individuals, working with the housing authority, to get the support they need to remain safe and stable.

So the focus moved to prevention, intervention, and recovery rather than just intervention (the original center proposal). The county has funds to increase funds available for mental health care and provide funding for the co-responder program (trained mental health professionals who ride along with the police — they have had over 600 contacts in the first six months). At LMH, there was more focus on supporting people who arrive at the ED as well. A mobile response team has also been discussed — professionals who can respond to crises in the community.

Patrick also said they are plans to add more WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) mental health clinicians into the schools and training more people in the zero suicide initiative. Also, providing a mobile app to the community for crisis intervention and mental health. These are all in addition to crisis intervention, sobering, and detox. The location is still proposed as close to the hospital, Bert Nash, and Heartland HealthCare.

Patrick then took questions.

Q: What is the actual ask on the ballot: A half cent sales tax that raises 9.7 million for the county, 5.7 million of which would go to the county-wide mental health and substance abuse initiative; \$750K would go toward the debt services initially (to pay off the building, and the rest would go to personnel costs. The other side of the ballot asked for 4 million to pay for a jail expansion.

Q: Does this tax increase sunset out: No, because the costs are ongoing.

Nancy highlighted that we've got an increased drug issue in the area; methamphetamine, opioid prescriptions, etc. and heroin could be next. We have a very high number of opioid prescriptions in the county.

Q: In the event the tax doesn't pass, will there be staff available for permanent support of housing (like Hope house): Yes. Supportive services in homes will still happen, and it could be self-sustaining.

Q: Is there a strength to combine these agencies, any federal grant money: It's what we're doing as a partnership that's unique, and down the road we may be able to garner more federal money because of this.

Gary Bunting spoke next about the jail side.

The jail is overpopulated; many people wonder why. There are a variety of factors, but the jail is a 186-bed facility designed in the 1990s and opened in 1999. It was originally to be larger, but was made smaller because of cost issues. It was projected to be overpopulated by 2010. It will take 3 years to build if approved. We are one of the fastest growing counties in the state, to be at 150K in 2038. There has been a 101% increase in serious (family?) crime. 2017 had 684 cases (up from 400+ in 2014). There is a significant increase in felony crimes and drug-related violent crimes. The judges have the third-highest case load in the state, per judge; the county has no control over the court system because it is at the state level. Can only ad pro tem judges, not full judges that can hear criminal cases.

The reentry program (2007, Sheriff implemented) gives cognitive behavioral programming and case management to prevent people from coming back to jail, and any inmate can attend these. 44% of inmates, before reentry, came back to jail. When the program was in full swing, it was 30%. In 2015, the number went back up to more than 44%, because they were housed in other jails that didn't have the reentry program.

Programs to safely reduce the jail population: In new municipal court charges, people are automatically booked and released on an OR bond (promise to appear). There is also supervised release and house arrest. These programs are free to the defendant which is cheaper than putting them in the jail.

Every inmate is screened, Women, Veterans, persons with mental illness — connect them with services and get them out of jail. 2016 implemented, and served 360 people that year.

There are 150 people out of jail in these programs on any given day. Gary gave us a handout with data from one day from the jail.

Handout — who we have left in jail on one day (SCAN THIS)

Q: Will voting for this contribute to the mass incarceration issue for the entire US: Compared to other cities in the nation (in 2014) we had 1.63 people vs national average of 3.37, so we're one of the jurisdictions on the low end across the nation.

Gary said they try to get everyone who has mental illness issues out and into help, but sometimes because of the severity of their crimes, they can't be released. There are four full time Bert Nash staff who work with inmates at the jail.

The population has changed; 113% increase in officer needs emergency assistance calls within the jail (attacks on officers or inmates large disturbances, refusing to comply with officer) these happen every 3-4 days now rather than every 9. The Maximum security is full; the best of the worst to go medium; the best of the worst of medium go to minimum. Also, there are usually about 40 women now at the jail, sleeping on floors, in laundry areas in a 14-cell mixed housing unit.

The jail does not have any therapeutic environments to ensure a person's mental health condition doesn't get worse (as opposed to a concrete jail cell). There needs to be special needs units for both men and women.

Q: Jackson County MO has overcrowding and multiple issues, is this jail close to that point of breaking, would we be in the same situation, so should we take preventative measures: That's possible, and the opioid crisis hasn't hit us as hard as the rest of the nation yet. Gary said they are working on developing a medication assisted treatment programs for opioid addiction to be proactive when that epidemic reaches the county.

Q: How big is the expansion: They are asking for 178 more beds on top of the current 168; this is based on a 20-year projection for the population and the pre-trial release program. It's not like adding onto a house; they add more beds than they currently need, looking at the future.

Q: How does the jail come into play with the police station: It's completely different. The police station is a city level issue, and has nothing to do with the county. This is all county-level.

Nancy said that she thinks important for people to pay attention to fixing potential issues before they get here, like Jackson County MO now or the old Shawnee County jail was in the past. It is the county's duty to provide a safe sufficient, secure, healthy and humane jail, and they do not want to wait until they are sued for not providing this and being in violation of the obligation. Currently, inmates sleeping on the floor and officers making internal distress calls almost every other day, we're close to that point. Inmates who have to be housed in other counties because this jail is overcrowded don't get access to services that could help them, and they are 45% more likely to commit a crime again.

Gary said that he knows everyone in the jail is someone's family member, friend, or future neighbor, and they want these people to go out and be responsible citizens and NOT come back to jail.

Q: Are we talking about separate buildings now, jail expansion and the proposed mental health center: Yes, one location proposed on the ballot is near the hospital, and the jail expansion is at the jail

Q: about out-of-county people: at any given time, about 30% of our inmates are not DG residents.

Q: The national question is about people of color in jail, and being opposed to the jail expansion because of incarceration of people of color. What are the percentages: If you're going to do a comparison, numbers to DG residents, it's not accurate; it's still not favorable, but we're at about 15-16% of at the inmates bookings are African American, and the population is 4.9%. This is being worked on and investigated by the criminal justice coordinating council. Even if this number is reduced, it doesn't eliminate the need for a jail expansion.

Nancy said that if the county has around a 4% African American population, that people think that the jail would reflect that; but the fact is that 30% of our inmates come from other counties, which may raise those numbers. It is still a problem that people need to take seriously and the county does.

Q: If they commit a crime here, do they get put in jail here: Yes.

Q: How do we solve the issues with the women's population, where maximum, medium, and minimum offenders of differing sentences are all in once place: It isn't fair to the women's population, and some of the women inmates are terrified to be in the population; expansion would help.

Nancy said that we're fortunate to have a jail staff that thinks about these issues.

Q: Are there tours of the jail: Yes. Between now and the election, there are tours every Sat 9 am and 1pm. Send an email to Gary with name, address, phone (DG residents, 18 YOA only).

Q: What about the for-profit prisons? As a taxpayer, I'd like to know that there's a commitment on the part of the county to continue to operate the facility itself rather than hand it over to a for-profit entity: If you hear about the prison industrial complex, mass incarceration, for profit prisons, school to prison pipeline — these are not the issues in DG CTY. We have the lowest incarceration rate in the state. A county jail is a different entity to the national conversation. Ours is a localized issue of an overcrowded jail. State statute dictates that the Sheriff be responsible for the jail and maintain the jail, so the county jail is not allowed to be for-profit.

Q: About funding of the court system by the state, will we end up with poor people in jail because they can't pay for the programs to be out of jail, will we end up like Ferguson: We have pretrial release, house arrest, and banding, which are all FREE to the defendant, which removes the socioeconomic barriers to release. There are usually about 150 people on the program that would instead be in the overcrowded jail.

Nancy said that the ballot for these initiatives will come to the mailbox on April 25, and it has to be mailed in by May 15th. They start counting the ballots at noon on May 15th. Douglas County is asking to leverage a half cent sales tax for a mental health crisis facility, a jail detention center all in one long statement. It is NOT two votes; it's both. The county language never was to say "you have a choice between jail and mental health" — it's always been fix the jail so we don't get any worse. We can either debt finance it (which requires the election) or cash finance it by cannibalizing the current budget (which ruins the budget for 15-20 years) The half-cent tax proposal also covers the entire cost of the proposed mental health center.

Nancy says that the language on the ballot really won't be a plain-language narrative, as we've heard tonight, so it may be confusing. It is definitely not poetic, even though it's informative. The county will send out an educational mailer, and there will be citizens working to educate people on the issue.

It boils down to: there will be 50 cents worth of tax on a \$100 purchase gives us an expanded jail and a new mental health facility. Or five cents on \$10. So every time you buy something in DG CTY, you are supporting these projects (if the tax is approved). Statistics say that about 30% of sales taxes are paid by out-of-city visitors, which leaves about 70% to the residents. This will be a permanent tax, no sunset.

Q: Do you see more things in the future that DG may come back to the community and ask for in sales tax funding — where is this in the current and future mix: Nancy said that there are people who are wishing for an open-space program to conserve land in DG CTY, but she thinks that other funding sources may be looked at for that rather than a further sales tax. She said that originally they did not think they would ask for sales tax, but rather a mill levy (property tax). This would have raised the property tax by 11-12 mills, about 30%, to accomplish the same thing that the half-penny sales tax does. The half-cent tax means that anyone who buys goods and services in DG CTY are helping pay for the jail expansion and mental health center, rather than it being put all on property owners.

Nancy says that the county realizes that this is a big ask of the people. They would not be able to finance the mental health center or even the current mental health services and social services safety nets that are provided now if they were to go the cash financing route vs this debt payment route. (See earlier) There will eventually be small mill levy increases (that don't need an election) to fully fund the jail and staff later

The infrastructure, transportation and affordable housing sales tax that was just approved at the city level will sunset in 2029.

Q: If someone out of county is using mental health services, do we bill their county: The hope is, once the referendum has passed and the crisis center will be built, we will ask for contractual agreements from neighboring counties for the mental health center for their residents so we aren't liable with out of county costs. Many of these services aren't reimbursable with insurance. People will either be sent back home or have an agreement with their county (the mental health crisis center) that their county will cover their costs. Though there is no point in having these conversations if the referendum does not pass.

Gary said the crisis center will be completely voluntary.

Nancy said that law enforcement will be able to bring someone in to the crisis center as an option rather than the jail. For example, they pick up someone downtown who needs help. Also, anyone in the community can walk in the front door, anyone who needs help (adults only).

Patrick said that there is part of the proposal that will look at kids in crisis and how to house them separately (it's a licensing issue that they can't take underage people in this facility).

Gary said that just building the crisis center will not solve the problem for the jail expansion. It would only reduce the number by 1.3 persons per month.

Q: Asking about sales tax on food; would this sales tax be added to food as well: Nancy said that counties can't lower food tax without the state doing so; right now it looks like there is some traction on the lobbying effort to take the sales tax down on food (maybe 2019-20) incrementally over a number of years. KC Healthy Kids is lobbying; other child-related advocacy organizations are also lobbying this year. Douglas County Food Policy Council is helping do some research and promoting this at the state.

Q: Food insecurity, poverty go hand-in-hand with addiction, crime, housing insecurity: In ones sense it may positively address some of the peripheral needs; would it be a catastrophic change to the county budget: Not so much for the county, but more at the city level.

Ted asked if there were any further questions. There were none.

Ted said he's on the Ballard Center Board. Becky Price is the new director, and on her watch, the pantry has been separated from the children's area, and there is a new playground. Residents are welcome to tour the facility. Becky said to Ted that she was having problems getting parents to become involved with their children. Each family has a different crisis. She needed these families to come in and talk, be assessed, for help. He asked about giving away an incentive to parents: He got Rick Renfro to Ballard, and he gave \$300 in gift cards to Ballard to get the parents to show up to talk about their children and their families. NOW parents are showing up because of the incentives.

He also talked to the principal of Woodlawn about doing the same program — gift cards as incentives (with Rick again).

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Guests: Shane Munsch and Gordon Leong from ICL

Board members present: Ted, Bev, Jeff, Alison

Number of attendees: 11

President's report: Ted opened the meeting commenting on the snow yesterday and the change in weather tomorrow.

Ted said that the newsletter should be in people's mailboxes tomorrow or Wednesday. They were mailed out last Friday. It will have the information about the neighborhood cleanup. 4/17/18, a week from tomorrow. Everything should be out by 7 am at regular pickup sites. There will still be limb chipping, done by Newt Mulford, and limbs can be dropped off behind the church over the upcoming weekend. Mulch will be provided for free to residents after the 4/17 date.

The person who worked on the last UP quiet zone, Jonathan, has returned to Lawrence and is working for the city again. He's working on the quiet zone again, and Ted is hopeful that this time, the process will go quickly. The last time they worked on it, the railroad wanted the city to pay \$380K to upgrade the crossing at 3rd street. At that time about four years ago, if we were going to spend money like that, we would do it to benefit all of North Lawrence, not just a railroad crossing. This was before we had the pump. The federal government required UP to upgrade the crossing, and they wanted someone else to pay for it. The city had already committed 60K to 3rd, 7th, and 8th street upgrades to the crossings, putting up barriers so people couldn't drive through the crossings. The expensive upgrade that we did not do was some sort of electrical upgrade. We are happy to have someone back at the city handling the quiet zone again. Times will be 10 pm to 6 am.

Last time Ted mentioned the CBDG money and how it was cut a little this year and may be entirely gone next year. About 15 years ago, the city got 1.5 million dollars to spread out amongst the at the time five LMI neighborhoods and local agencies. We got about 6-7K each year that time. We were cut to around \$5200 last year, and this year, the city got about \$950K, but the neighborhoods each got \$1000 less, because the Salvation Army and another charity said they needed more money. Around \$1000 each came from each neighborhood to those organizations. The board said that those organizations help more people than the neighborhoods do. The board said that this next year, the LMI neighborhoods might not get any money at all. If that happens, our operating budget will not exist. We use the budget for things like the newsletter. Printing and postage for the newsletter is just under \$1000. The postcard reminders for the Chili Feed and the Picnic are around \$600-\$700 per mailing. Even the \$4000 we have this year enables us to do what we can do, but we just have to do less of it. This time, we cut the newsletter down to 6 pages to save on printing and mailing, and we cut down the coverage of the meeting minutes. We won't know for sure about this next year until fall, when we'll find out if there is funding for this year. It's possible that Congress may allocate more money to the CDBG fund for cities across the US, but we don't know. This fund benefits LMI areas and neighborhoods across the country, but the funding has been cut back consistently for about 10 years now. If our funds are cut, we may have to talk as a neighborhood about how to raise operation funding to keep our activities going. We raise money for Christmas each year, and help needy families, but we may have to fundraise for our organization as well if we don't get any CDBG money.

There are two pots of money that come in the grant. There is community development money (our budget) and capital improvement money (things that improve the neighborhood). Sidewalks, speed humps, traffic calming, and intersection work all come out of capital improvement money. We would not be able to use any of the money for operation costs.

It's possible we could use the capital improvement grant money next year to improve areas like the railroad crossing at 4th and Locust which allows students to cross on their way to Woodlawn rather than have to walk all the way to 3rd or 7th. We may ask the railroad to put a beacon at the 4th street pedestrian crossing so that pedestrians can know that a train is coming, like the car crossing lights and sounds at 3rd and 7th. A flashing light at that crossing could help pedestrians be more aware of trains on the way. Also at 4th and Locust, we could consider a pushbutton signal for pedestrians to cross Locust street. All of these things could be put in via the capital improvement money. The pedestrian signals cost around \$60K each. Residents commented that this would be a very good idea.

Ted said that much of the capital improvement money that is available through CBDG is often not used; neighborhoods are not making capital improvements. So it's very likely we could get funding for these ideas that would benefit pedestrians. This year, with the capital improvement money, we are getting speed humps on Walnut and Lyon street. Ted said that the city is supposed to be putting four traffic calming devices on Lincoln Street as well. Originally, we had applied via CBDG for these, but the city is doing them now. Originally the cost to us of speed humps was \$3500 each; but Tom Markus decided he wants the city to be paid for putting in the materials the we get through the grant, so they are \$8000 each. Ted said that the capital improvement money will cover the increased cost. Ted asked the city if they could guarantee that the traffic calming devices that the city is putting in on Lincoln will be in by 2019. Apparently the city found "extra money" from the Riverfront area and they had \$200K to spend, and so they'll put them in on Lincoln. The residents on Lyon have been waiting three years for their speed humps; those have been approved by the Traffic Safety commission and the City Commission, and we have asked for and received the grant money. These should be in after August 2019. So, we should see a good increase in traffic calming speed humps in the neighborhood within the next year and a half.

Ted said he talked to Matt Bond recently. The city is supposed to come over and redirect the neighborhood's ditches toward the pump. They didn't have the budget last year; but Matt said that they will be working this summer to direct from North, 3rd, and 9th toward the pump and find where water is still sitting in ditches rather than draining. They are putting in a new water line and drainage tube on Perry from 3rd onward toward the pump, where the existing drains used to be. Ditches won't be dug any deeper, but will be reconfigured to flow toward the pump.

Ted said he talked to the city and the county about the dump trucks (tandem trucks) driving down Lyon and Locust to Ross's "clean" landfill. Ted went before the city and the county about a year and a half ago about this issue; at that time, Ross figured that it would take 5-8 years to fill the hole from the soil he sold to KTA so he could farm again, or about 10K dump truck loads. Ted argued that the heavy trucks are tearing up the streets and are a problem for residents. Trucks are supposed to to out 2nd street, out 40, and down 1500 road to the site. Or, they can to to 1600 road, behind ICL, and come up on the south side, cross the tracks, and go in the main gate to get to the site. Ted said that he caught six tractor trailer dump trucks going up and down Lyon street (from Miles trucking). He's called Brian Jimenez at the city, and he forwarded the complaint to the county. The county called Ted, and they are also talking to Ross and Miles trucking to stop this practice. He is required to post when trucks are coming through, and the trucking company probably does not know the required routes. The policy states that the trucks are not supposed to run up either Lyon or Locust street. Ted suggested a police presence on the streets and writing citations for the drivers when they come through. These trucks are huge, not just regular dump trucks; they are tractor-trailer size, and are tearing up the roads in the neighborhood.

Treasurer's report: Beverly gave the report of our balances, income, and outgo. She has still not sent in the bills for the printing, post office, and labels. Our operations budget will have about \$300 left until we get the new grant money in the fall. If we get the money, we will still be about \$1200 short next year.

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She has reserved Lyons park for the picnic in September and the Depot for the Chili supper in February 2019.

She reminded us of the community dinner at the Centenary United Methodist Church, Wednesday the 18th, 5:30-7pm. Easter dinner; ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, etc. Free will donation. Centenary donated \$500 to our Christmas fund, which was money they had collected from the community dinners over the previous year.

Guest speakers: Shane and Gordon from ICL brought all sorts of interesting treats and raffle items for us.

Gordon started the business update with an overview of ICL throughout the world. He showed the worldwide locations of ICL locations and production centers. They deal with potassium, phosphorus, and bromine for agricultural and industrial uses. Half of these products go into fertilizer products. Some bromine and phosphorus compounds go into the industrial market as well. They have essential minerals production and specialty solutions (which generates value-added products).

They started in Israel, mining minerals (potassium chloride and some bromine) out of the Dead sea. ICL is the only company licensed to mine out of this sea in Israel. Other mining operations extract phosphorous and potassium. The specialty solutions side is a little smaller operation; the Lawrence plant is a specialty solutions plant. These plants produce things like phosphoric acid and trisodium phosphate, potassium phosphate, monocalcium phosphate. Some of these are used in brick, asphalt, industrial cleaners, and cleaning silicon wafers before etching. They also make rust inhibitors that go into paint, bromine products that go into batteries and control mercury emissions, and products that go into bonding for drywall.

The Lawrence plant makes food-grade products that go into many different baked goods and other foods. These products perform leavening actions in baked products.

The Lawrence physical plant has been here since 1951. It was Westvaco/FMC, then Astaris, and then Chemtrade Logistics (which makes P2S5, an oil additive) started and is still there, then ICL started there in 2005. They currently have 130 employees, working 24/7.

They mix phosphorus with different reactants/chemicals to make a number of different products, some food grade and some not food grade, many of which are used in food, beverage, personal care, medical applications, pharmaceutical processes, electronics and technical and industrial applications.

The list of places their products end up is huge: these are things that are leavening agents, cheese starters, and ingredients in toothpastes, fast foods, soft drinks, televisions, and computers!

The capital investment by ICL in Lawrence amounts to investing in the community as well as the plant and its infrastructure. They've spent about ten million dollars between 2014-2017 to upgrade the plant. They are a leader in safety performance and safety events, and had no environmental incidents in 2017. They are also focusing on making their process more energy-efficient, including looking at water and electric usage, and lighting.

Gordon showed some of the basics of their manufacturing process and pictures from the interior of the plant.

ICL partners with members of the community on a community advisory panel; they are in partnership with Woodlawn; they help in local emergency planning and preparedness; They are an Eagle's Day

sponsor and exhibitor; they contribute to local charities and community boards; they participate in Junior Achievement, visiting with students in the classroom at Woodlawn, and they work with the United Way.

Shane first asked if anyone has heard anything about ICL in the neighborhood or any rumors in the last year. Nobody had any comments!

He then presented information about the groundwater history at the plant. Previous FMC disposal practices resulted in arsenic and phosphate contamination of the groundwater around the plant. The source area was remediated in the 1970s, but the groundwater contamination still exists. Arsenic concentration has been reduced from 20 ppm (1970s) to less than 1 ppm now (parts per million). The current goal is to reduce the level below drinking water standards of 10 ppb (parts per billion), which is applicable to all community water systems, including wells. The remediation is directed by the state (KDHE) under a corrective actions order (CAO).

Arsenic is a naturally occurring element, but in this case, they are working to clean up arsenic that was created and dumped after the original plant opened in the 1950s. The processes used in the 1960s were not sufficient to remove the original arsenic. In that decade, the entire area was dug out and the soil was hauled to another state and put in a managed landfill, and clean soil was added to the area. But there was still a crust of the contaminated soil, leaching into the groundwater.

Currently, ICL has made huge progress to clean up the groundwater issue in partnership with FMC, who are still funding the cleanup project.

Shane showed a map of the United States that shows naturally occurring arsenic and areas that cannot comply with the current drinking water standard (produced by USGS). Some of the “red” dots are in highly populated areas. (See link)

<https://water.usgs.gov/nawqa/trace/arsenic/>

100 years ago, we farmed potatoes in this watershed, using arsenic to kill pests.

The 53 wells on the ICL property (south of the plant) are sampled and gauged semiannually or quarterly. The river is also sampled up and downstream semiannually. The seven private wells to the southeast are also sampled semiannually. Current results are that arsenic remains stable; the arsenic plume remains consistent with the previous results, and the groundwater flow off the property is south toward the river. The edge of the contour line on the east side currently reflects the EPA drinking water standard of 10 ppb. The area where the original company stored the arsenic is under 12 inches of concrete that keeps it dry and prevents it from getting moist and going into the groundwater. That area is inspected twice per year. The entire area is under an environmental use control legal agreement and no wells can be put on the area, so there is tight control that prevents exposure.

The corrective action plan with the state addresses the contamination long-term and proves for active treatment long term.

Heavy metals such as arsenic can't be destroyed and can be very mobile in water; extraction or immobilization are the key actions for control. Some naturally-occurring bacteria can promote metal precipitation under the right conditions. Bio-stabilization via encouraging this bacteria is possible, using carbon-based electron donors (soybean-oil based) that feeds the sulfate-reducing bacteria that can convert arsenic into insoluble arsenic sulfide. This fixes the arsenic in place, so it's no longer in the water and causing a risk. This is what they are using right now in the source area. They've surrounded the source

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area with these bio-stabilization areas, and they are seeing the arsenic levels in the groundwater drop dramatically over the last ten years that they've been using these remediation processes.

Shane shared the wildlife habitat improvement that they've done since FMC bought out the homeowners in the area so they could have control of the land and remediate the contamination. They lease to farmers, and the money goes into an environmental account for projects like the walking trail, bluebird houses in cooperation with Westar, native grasses and flowers, trees, and promotion of wildlife like pheasants, quail, etc. Volunteers from ICL help maintain the area, they are having a plant expert out this year, and they will do some controlled burns this year to improve the health of the native areas and reduce fire risk.

Questions: A resident asked if the city has consulted with FMC on this project regarding the plant south of town. A resident asked if tree roots and other crops are taking up the arsenic into their roots. Shane said that originally he pushed for a constructed wetland to clean up the arsenic rather than the current crop lands. Tree roots don't grow down to the groundwater level, however. The testing that has been done on the crops showed no arsenic in the crops. The contamination is at 20 feet below ground or lower.

A resident asked if they would be calling for volunteers from North Lawrence to help with the wildlife area. Shane said when they are a little more organized, they may think about it. The resident suggested a neighborhood work day.

Wednesdays and Thursdays ICL shuts down the plant to work on safety projects. This week employees be working in the gardens and mulching, and street sweepers will be cleaning up all the salt on the concrete outside, etc.

The public access point for the walking trail is on the south side, where there is a little parking lot, the construction entrance. There is a small parking lot and a gate to the east. Shane talked about the partnership to develop the walking trail prior to 2011. Homeland security actually monitors the area to make sure that nobody crosses the fence from the walking area to the plant area. So, be careful if you are taking photos of the plant when you are there.

Ted pointed out that the plant has their own first responders that will start taking care of any issue before the city gets out there (though the city will respond as well). For example, if there is ever a fire, their own people will respond first. They train for this and have a crew available 24/7 to respond to any emergencies.

Shane asked again if we have any questions about ICL. Nobody had any.

Shane said that a few months ago, there was some mention of ICL. They were working at 9th and Maple on the gravity flow drain that connects the plant to the city system. There is an old, brick-lined manhole that had concrete poured into it, and that concrete at the bottom had become rough and was catching flow. They put a new bottom in this area, and they had people in suits and warning tripods and instruments and ended up getting some comments and gossip about this activity from people who thought they knew what was going on... but really did not. NL folks in know came to the plant's defense, however!

Shane said they promote home safety a lot amongst their workers. They did campaigns this last winter, providing employees carbon monoxide detectors, windshield wipes, and he has extras of these for folks who are here tonight.

Shane and Gordon brought food, treats, shirts, and other goodies to share at the end of the meeting.

Ted held the raffle for the gift card, then we shared the treats brought by members and ICL.

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Shane gave the three carbon monoxide detectors to the people in attendance who do not have one. He said he'd bring more for the folks who do not have them (we had six people without them).

Ted called for any further business and a motion for adjournment.

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About The North Lawrence Improvement Association

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 on 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 at our meetings.

NLIA neighborhood meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month, October through May, 7:00pm at Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street. On occasion, we may need to change a meeting date or

location; this information will be announced on our Facebook page, the North Lawrence groups there, our website, and this newsletter.

Meetings for April and May 2018 will be held at the Lawrence Visitor Center/ Union Pacific Depot, 402 North 2nd Street, while Peace Mennonite undergoes renovation.

We welcome any suggestions or improvements you would like to see for future publications.

Your involvement is critical to our success!

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Calendar of Events

- 4/9 Neighborhood Meeting
- 4/17 Spring Neighborhood Cleanup
- 4/19 Kindergarten Orientation at Woodlawn (832.5920 for details)
- 4/28 Woodlawn PTO Carnival
- 5/14 Neighborhood Meeting (Last meeting until Picnic)
- 5/18-19 Neighborhood Garage Sales
- 6/2 Sandrat Reunion
- 9/10 NLIA Picnic

Sandrat Reunion 2018

Each year people who've been a part of the North Lawrence Community come together in celebration of their lives and to reflect on days gone by. This annual gathering is known as the Sandrat Reunion, fondly named in honor of the sandy soils and our connection to the Kansas River.



The 2018 reunion is tentatively scheduled for **June 2nd from 9 a.m.-noon at Woodlawn Elementary School**. Keep an eye out for confirmation of date, time, & location as the event date nears. The 2017 reunion was a great time with many people in attendance. All North Lawrence residents are "Sandrats", so show your support of our community and join the fun this year!





NLIA Neighborhood Meetings

- September 11, 2017 — Annual Picnic at Lyon Park*
- October 19, 2017 — Monthly NLIA meeting
- November 13, 2017 — Monthly NLIA meeting
- December 11, 2017 — Annual Holiday gathering*
- January 08, 2018 — Monthly NLIA meeting
- February 12, 2018 — Annual Chili Supper at Depot*
- March 12, 2018 — Monthly NLIA meeting
- April 9, 2018 — Monthly NLIA meeting (after newsletter)
- May 14, 2018 — Monthly NLIA meeting (after newsletter)

* Indicates gatherings with no regular meeting minutes

A note about printing the meeting minutes...

Due to some budget constraints in 2018, we're having to cut back on the number of pages for the newsletter. Highlights from the minutes of previous meetings will be printed here, and the full text will be posted on our website www.northlawrencekansas.com. If you'd like printed copies of the full notes for any reason, please get in touch with the NLIA coordinator. We apologize for any inconvenience!

NLIA Neighborhood Meeting Notes Highlights, Fall/Winter 2018

NLIA Meeting highlights — October 2017 Met 7:00-8:30pm at Peace Mennonite Church, 31 attendees

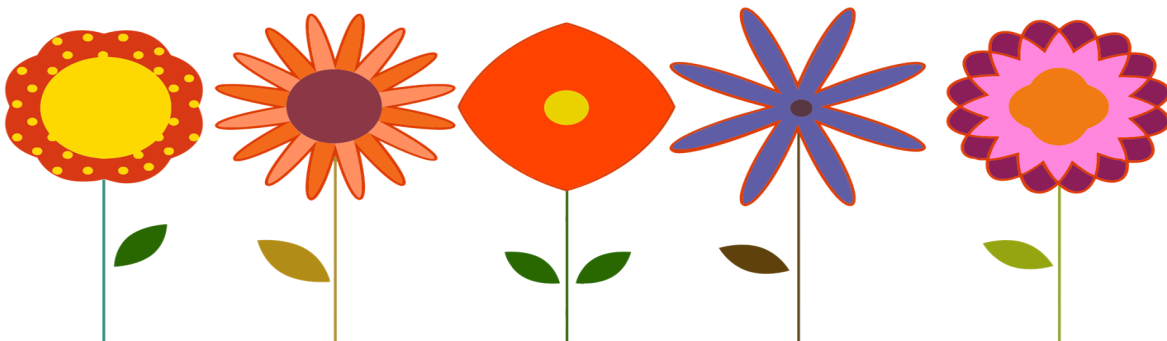
Board members present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice-President), Beverly (Treasurer), Dylan (Coordinator/Secretary)

President's Report: Ted gave some information about the upcoming sales tax vote. Peace Mennonite Church will be undergoing renovations in 2018.

Speakers: Candidates for the upcoming City Commission election were present for a panel. The candidates were Dustin Stumblingbear, Jennifer Ananda, Dr. Mike Anderson, Matthew Herbert, and Lisa Larsen. Extensive notes were not taken here.

Public Comment: Question and answer session was recorded and is available upon request.

Elections: Members made a motion to re-elect all current NLIA Board members. An oral vote was unanimous.



NLIA Neighborhood Meeting Notes Highlights, Continued... Fall/Winter 2018

NLIA Meeting highlights — November 2017 Met 7:00-8:45pm at Peace Mennonite Church, 15 attendees
Board members present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice-President), Beverly (Treasurer), Dylan (Coordinator)

President's Report: Ted praised both the neighborhood's outpouring of response to the October 14 storm and the City's quick response in helping begin the cleanup. Ted was also in touch with county officials to help residents north of the city's boundaries in the Ronoak subdivision. During the storm, both electric lines to North Lawrence were shut off, which stopped the pump at the Union Pacific underpass, making 2nd Street impassible and causing traffic backups. Ted asked the city to have a natural-gas-powered backup generator installed for drainage of the underpass. The new Maple Street pumps have such a backup, and they functioned as designed during the storm. There are speed humps in the works for both Lincoln and Lyon streets. Ted gave an update on the 7th and New Hampshire grocery store project. The proposed "Welcome to North Lawrence" sign was reviewed and a vote to take this to the city was approved unanimously. The next meeting will be the Holiday gathering on 12/11 to view the Festival of Nativities at Centenary United Methodist Church. Canned goods and other donations for the Ballard Center will be collected then.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly reminded attendees about the regular community dinner held at Centenary United Methodist Church, 5:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Free will donation.

Public Comment: Questions about putting a speed hump on north 3rd Street; Welcoming Jeff Frye of Mister Bacon BBQ, 624 North 2nd St., to the neighborhood; a resident proposed that we collect items for Ballard Center at every NLIA meeting; motion for this made, seconded by the Vice-President, and passed unanimously. Residents asked Ted to extend a thank you to Crystal Miles, City Forestry Manager, for the city's quick response in removing the large trees that fell on their homes.

NLIA Meeting highlights — January 2018 Met 7:00-8:30 pm at Peace Mennonite Church, 17 attendees
Board members present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice-President), Beverly (Treasurer), Alison (Coordinator)

President's Report: Ted discussed the wet microburst on 10/14 and the neighborhood Christmas collection, in which NLIA residents and businesses helped 6 families and about 25 people. Ted shared the "Welcome to North Lawrence" sign design again. Penn House is moving to the Ballard Center in 2018.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly reminded us about the Cabin Fever Chili Supper, Feb. 12th, 5:30-8 pm at the Depot, and the community dinner at Centenary Methodist the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Guest speakers: From the City: Crystal Miles, Forestry Manager, Derek Rogers, Parks and Recreation Director, and Mark Hecker, Parks and Recreation. Crystal spoke very informatively about the City's immediate response to the October storm and the number and types of trees currently in North Lawrence. There are 1053 trees in the right-of-ways and parks, and 44 difference species. Post storm, the City has developed a plan for limb pruning, tree removal, and tree replacement. Crystal said that lots of our big trees were stressed by the drought in 2011-2012. She shared a map developed by city engineers that indicates 38 trees to be removed over the next 2 years as well as existing stumps to be removed. Residents will receive notice 24 hours in advance of tree removal, but not for limb pruning. Homeowners have a choice of trees from a list of trees recommended for NE Kansas. No Elms will be replanted. About 10% of existing trees in Lawrence overall are Ash; some will be inoculated against the Emerald Ash Borer in hopes they will live for another 15 years or so. The city is speeding up removals of Ash trees and will run two crews to do the necessary work. The Borer issue has tripled the number of removals the city has to do throughout Lawrence. Residents discussed lighting and sidewalks near Lyons park with Mark as well as this deep assessment of North Lawrence trees after the storm. Our beloved old Elm tree at 4th and Elm rated fairly well, and will receive a little pruning. Residents were reminded never to leave diseased trees in our yards, because it promotes spread to healthy trees.

Public Comment: Residents asked about stump removal, which is done year-round; how they will be notified for tree removals, which will be a door hanger; and what Westar is doing in the neighborhood regarding tree pruning, which is limbs that affect power lines only. A resident asked when the yard waste removal schedule would begin again after winter. The city website also has a reporting page for downed trees.

NLIA Neighborhood Meeting Notes Highlights, Continued... Fall/Winter 2018

NLIA Meeting highlights — March 2018 Met 7-8:30pm at Visitor Center/Union Pacific Depot, 8 attendees

Board members present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice-President), Beverly (Treasurer), Alison (Coordinator/Secretary)

President's Report: The proposed Quiet Zone for the railroad will be from 10pm to 6am and will include bells and a car-like horn at railroad crossings to warn pedestrians. All Lawrence neighborhoods lost CBDG money this year and may completely lose all funding next year. That means NLIA will no longer have an operations budget. The City will install speed humps on Lincoln Street, and CBDG capital improvement funds will install them on Lyon Street. Ted reminded us that we're the best neighborhood in Lawrence.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly gave the financial report from December through February. The free-will donations given by residents at this year's Chili Supper will cover supplies for next year's supper. She thanked everyone.

Guest Speakers: County Commissioner Nancy Thellman, Undersheriff Gary Bunting, and Patrick Schmidt from Bert Nash. They talked about the upcoming April 25th ballot proposing a half-cent county sales tax for the jail expansion and the community mental health crisis center. Patrick highlighted that the center will be open to all residents and will also have short and long-term housing to help people stay safe and stable during recovery. Gary talked about current jail overpopulation, the re-entry program, other programs designed to safely reduce the jail population, and the programs available for free to people waiting for trial that include supervised release and house arrest. Gary stressed that these programs assist in reducing inmates returning to jail. Nancy highlighted the necessity of paying attention to fixing potential issues of our jail before they develop, citing problems at jails in other counties. She said it's the county's duty to provide a safe, sufficient, secure, healthy and humane jail.

Public Comment: Residents had numerous follow up questions regarding the mental health crisis center, current jail overcrowding, percentages of people of color in jail, and the expanding women's population in jail.

Notes from the President

Well, where is Spring? I hope it's just around the corner. Safe planting after April 15th. The train quiet zone is in progress; the City Manager told me that they hired a person to work on the quiet zone, who is the same person that worked on it three years ago. He left and came back to Lawrence. I hope this will help speed the project along.

There will be four new speed humps on Lincoln Street, four on Lyon Street between 7th and 9th, and two on Walnut Street between 7th and 9th. I hope this will slow traffic down. If any residents have a new street or alley light that has been replaced by Westar and seems too bright, we can ask the city to tell Westar to change the color temperature from 4000 Kelvins (a more blue light) to 3000 Kelvins (a more yellow light).

I hope you all have a wonderful Spring and Summer! Sincerely,

Ted Boyle — NLIA President

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This Spring's North Lawrence Clean-up will be

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

Please place items you wish to discard at your regular trash pick up site by 7:00 a.m. Remove all nails from boards; place broken glass in suitable marked containers. Up to five tires per household allowed per year. No hazardous waste (paint, lawn chemicals, etc.) will be accepted.

Bring limbs to the parking lot behind Centenary United Methodist Church at 4th & Elm the weekend before the cleanup — mulch from these limbs will be available to residents behind Ted's house at 310 Elm Street. Contact Ted at 842.7232 if you have any questions.

North Lawrence Garage Sale

The North Lawrence community garage sale will be held the weekend after Mother's day, May 18-19. We will compile a map of participating households using Google maps and share it on Facebook and our web page. If you are participating and want to be added to this map, please email nliacoordinator@gmail.com or message the NLIA Facebook page. Include the dates you are participating, your address, the times you are operating, and a sentence or two about the items at the garage sale.

Please have this information to us by Tuesday, May 15th to be included on the map.

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We appreciate the businesses in North Lawrence that advertise in our newsletter. If you would like to advertise here, please contact Alison at 785.691.7339. The newsletter is regularly printed in the Spring and Fall. We mail the newsletter to North Lawrence residents, place it at businesses around town, and share copies of it with city and county officials. Advertising rates for each newsletter are as follows:

- ⇒ Approximately 1/2 page \$50
- ⇒ Approximately 2"x3" (business card size) \$25
- ⇒ Back of the newsletter (business & contact info) \$10

Calendar of Events

- 4/9 Neighborhood Meeting
- 4/17 Spring Neighborhood Cleanup
- 4/19 Kindergarten Orientation at Woodlawn (832.5920 for details)
- 4/28 Woodlawn PTO Carnival
- 5/14 Neighborhood Meeting (Last meeting until Picnic)
- 5/18-19 North Lawrence Garage Sales
- 6/2 Sandrat Reunion
- 9/10 NLIA Picnic at Lyons Park

Community-wide

Garage Sale

Friday and Saturday

May 18 & 19th

8:00 am to ????

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