

Oread Neighborhood Association NEWSLETTER

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Oread Neighborhood Association's Mission Statement: The mission of the Oread Neighborhood Association is to stabilize and maintain the neighborhood as a quality, mixed-density residential neighborhood by accommodating the need for student housing, preserving existing single-family housing, and revitalizing the neighborhood's unique architectural, environmental, and historical character. This mission is accomplished by encouraging the participation of residents and property owners in the maintenance, planning and development of the neighborhood.



Study Session Follow Up

Neighbors were encouraged following the April 29th City Commission meeting. Most notable is the City's willingness to continue consideration of a rental registration program for multi-family zoned neighborhoods. City staff went to great lengths to prepare the Staff Report reviewed by the City Commission. Information was gathered from many different sources to address Oread's concerns. Those efforts are very much appreciated.

Candice Davis, ONA Vice President, did a fantastic job of presenting the neighborhood's perspective about the following items:

Trash Ordinance

The presence of loose trash is a chronic problem throughout the Oread neighborhood. The existing trash ordinance is ineffective and the neighborhood would like for the city to consider revising the ordinance. The City's Solid Waste Division goes above and beyond by picking up loose trash around dumpsters when they are emptied. This has a significant impact on the overall cleanliness of the neighborhood. Thank you!

Rental Registration

There would be several benefits to having a rental registration program in multi-family zoned neighborhoods. Some of these include:

- There would be an increase in public safety because properties would have to meet basic code standards,
- This would be a tool that can help to stabilize older neighborhoods,
- This would help to prevent blight and/or demolition by neglect.

The City of Lawrence has five 'target neighborhoods' that qualify for Community Development Block Grant funds. Each of these neighborhoods qualifies because of the median family income in the neighborhood or the slum and blight condition of the neighborhood. It was suggested that implementation could begin in these target neighborhoods, Oread being one of them, and then expand from there. The age of a structure could also be used as a criterion for inclusion in the program.

It was suggested that multi-family rental registration could be implemented in a phased fashion to minimize costs. While this would be a revenue producing ordinance, start up costs have to be identified from existing funding sources. Additional staffing will be needed to carry out the mission of the program.

Police Calls

According to a Computer Aided Dispatch database search, there were over 3,700 calls for service in the geographic area of the Oread Neighborhood from August 1 to November 30, 2007. These calls included the following types of criminal / enforcement activities: burglaries, fights, noise complaints, traffic enforcement, and parking violations. This clearly illustrates that there is a high frequency of unlawful activity in the neighborhood.

Oread neighbors would like to see an increased police presence on KU game days. Perhaps the City of Lawrence and KU Police Departments can work together to make improvements in this area. Special recognition was given to the Neighborhood Resource Officers who have been very helpful to the neighborhood. They're doing a really great job.

SUMMARY

City Manager, Dave Corliss, will prepare a report to be considered by the City Commission sometime in early June. This report will include:

- The scope and anticipated revenue / expenditures of a proposed multi-family rental registration program. The goals of the program will need to be defined by the City Commission.
- Proposed amendment to the city's trash ordinance to accelerate requirements for trash pick up.

You Should Know...

All neighborhood residents, 18-years of age or older, and property owners can attend Oread Neighborhood Association meetings... not just those that have paid neighborhood association dues.

Oread Neighborhood Association meetings are generally held on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Make plans to attend one of the upcoming meetings...

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Plymouth Congregational Church—Room 202N

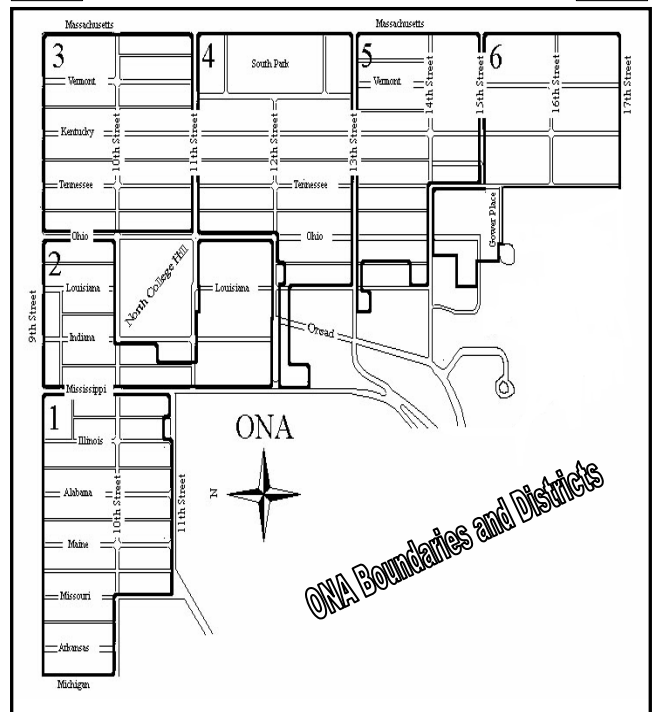
May 22nd
June 26th

- A mid-year election is planned for the June meeting. Oread residents and property owners will vote for a new District 3 representative. Show up and cast your vote!

July 24th
August 28th
September 25th (location pending)
October 23rd

The schedule of the November and December meetings will always be exceptions.

If directions are needed, please call the Oread Neighborhood Association at 842-5440 or e-mail our Coordinator at jodi@sunflower.com. Your participation and interest in the neighborhood association is appreciated.

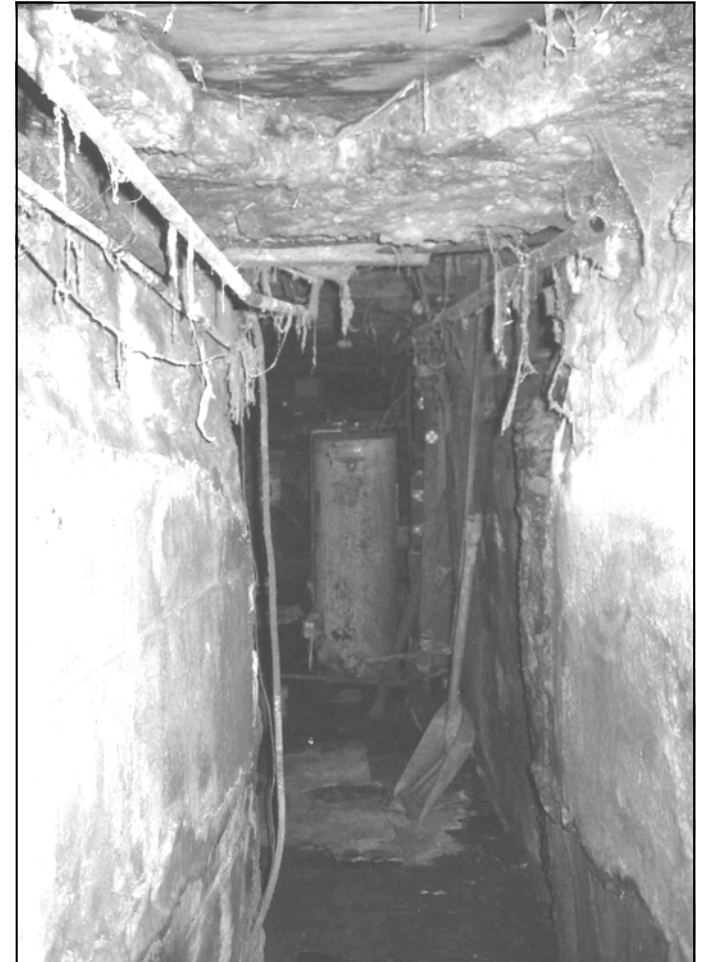


Oread Neighborhood Blight Survey

Much of the Oread Neighborhood Association's work is accomplished through the organization acting as an advocate for the neighborhood. Because Oread is an older, highly transient neighborhood, there is an increased potential for environmental and structural blight. Ongoing efforts to sustain and improve the neighborhood requires close collaboration with the City of Lawrence and the University of Kansas. The neighborhood association encourages compliance with and enforcement of city codes. Advocacy efforts are important to past and current improvements in public safety, quality of life and neighborhood stability.

A blight survey was proposed in the neighborhood's 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant application. Neighbors are making plans to begin this initiative. The goal of this effort will be to identify blighted properties throughout the neighborhood and work with Neighborhood Resources to bring properties up to code. Ultimately, this will enhance stability in Oread thereby strengthening it by improving housing stock. The criteria that will be used to identify structural blight is provided on Page 3.

If you are an Oread resident, or own property in the neighborhood, please consider participating in this important endeavor. If interested, you can contact the neighborhood at 842-5440 or via the Coordinator's e-mail address at jodi@sunflower.com.



Lost and Gone Forever... Bootlegger's Tunnel
 Pictured above is a tunnel that used to lead from The Crossing to a residence behind the building. The Crossing is pictured on Page 3 in the pre-demolition photo (far right).



Performance Measures

February thru April 2008

Date	Activity Description	Number of Attendees
1st Week of February	Distribution of the Quarterly Neighborhood Newsletter.	Sent to +2,000 residents
02/06/08	ONA representation at monthly LAN Meeting	1
02/28/08	Monthly neighborhood meeting	10
03/05/08	Oread representation at the Senate Ways and Means Committee meeting. The proposed sale of the KU property at 1043 Indiana was discussed.	2
	ONA representation at monthly LAN Meeting	1
03/27/08	Monthly neighborhood meeting	6
04/02/08	ONA representation at monthly LAN Meeting	1
04/17/08	ONA representation at the Historic Resources Advisory Committee meeting	10
04/20/08	Oread neighborhood hosted a water station for the Health Care Access marathon.	9
04/24/08	Monthly neighborhood meeting	12
04/25/08	An ONA landlord presented at the Seminar for Landlords, Owners, and Property Managers	2+
	Oread residents met with Brian Jimenez, Neighborhood Resources, to discuss items to be considered by the City Commission	2
04/29/08	ONA representation at City Commission meeting - Study Session Follow-up	1

Cheers and Chides from the Oread Neighborhood by Marci Francisco

Cheers to the KU Men's Basketball team!

Cheers to all the fans who behaved so well after each of the victories during the tournament; chides to those who used our Oread alleys because they couldn't find other bathroom facilities

Cheers to the city cleanup crews – the downtown looked great again just hours after the celebration; chides to those who were celebrating and left empty cups and bottles on our neighborhood lawns

Cheers to the students from St. John's who were seen picking up litter around the school after the celebration

Cheers to the graduates who will be walking down the hill this month; more cheers to those whose flowers and gardens are helping the neighborhood look great for this next celebration!

Structural Blight

The following information is excerpted from the Neighborhood Resources website, Development Services Division – Code Enforcement: <http://www.lawrenceneighres.org/Environmental.shtml>

The Environmental Code addresses concerns with regard to environmental blight and structural blight. The code enforces without limitation that properties in the City of Lawrence shall be free of trash, garbage, abandoned motor vehicles, junked vehicles. Structures (houses, garages, shops, etc.) shall not include chipping paint, broken windows, fallen guttering, a fallen fence, worn shingles, or holes in siding. Also, dilapidation, deterioration or disrepair shall mean any condition characterized by, but not limited to: holes, breaks, rot, decay crumbling, cracking, peeling or flaking paint, rusting, or other evidence or physical damage, neglect, lack of maintenance, excessive use, or weathering. For a more specific definition please see the Environmental Code.

The purpose of the code is to protect, preserve, upgrade and regulate the environmental quality of industrial, commercial and residential neighborhoods in the City, by outlawing conditions which are injurious to the health, safety, welfare, or aesthetic characteristics of the neighborhoods; and to provide for the administration and enforcement thereof. (Code 1979, 7A-102) Cases for blight are initiated either by a complaint received or the inspector may view a violation while in the field.

The general process for addressing environmental blight violations:

1. Receive complaint or view violation in field;
2. Conduct inspection;
3. If a violation exists, a letter is written to the property owner advising of the violation.
4. Property is re-inspected in approximately 15 days;
5. If the violation remains, a formal notice is issued. Abandoned vehicles, trash, debris, etc. must be removed within 15 days, structural blight must be removed within 45 days;
6. If the violation remains when the property is re-inspected, then a complaint will be filed with the Municipal Court.

Comprehensive Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Community Development Division assists low- to moderate- income homeowners with needed home repairs and improvements to eliminate code violations, increase safety and decrease energy costs.

To be eligible for the program, the home must be located within the City of Lawrence. To request an application, please call the Office of Community Development at (785) 832-7700 or e-mail Tony Hoch, Rehab Specialist, thoch@ci.lawrence.ks.us.

Let's Give 'Em A Hand!



Oread neighbors cheer on participants in the TherapyWorks Lawrence 1/2 Marathon and 5K. The event was held on Sunday, April 20th. This was the second year that the Oread Neighborhood has hosted a water station. Honorable mention goes out to Devon Kim (sunglasses) for coordinating the not so small undertaking again this year. Thanks to everyone who came out on Sunday morning to lend a hand. That's what being a *good neighbor* is all about and you deserve a round of applause too! Kudos go out to Oread neighbors who ran in the marathon as well.



So... What Are the New Neighbors Up To?

What once was is no more... see photos below. Pictured above is a 3D rendering of the south façade of the future hotel.

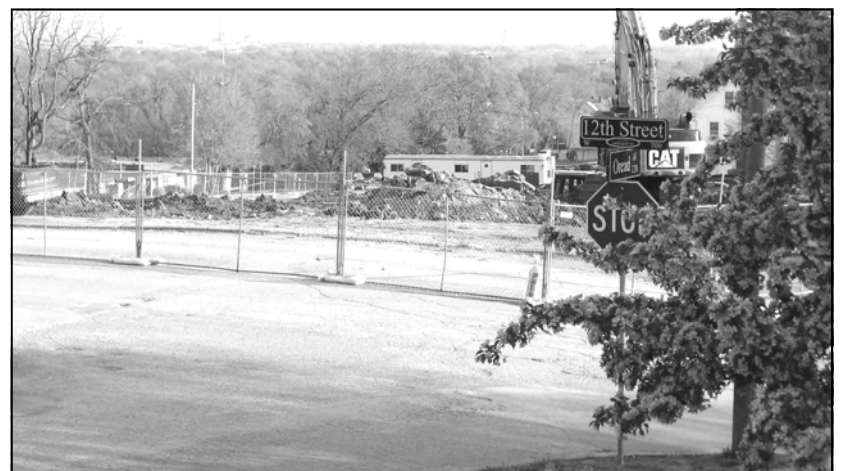
The site that The Oread will call home has been cleared and excavation is commencing. The excavation will be finished in the next several weeks and construction of the concrete parking garage will begin immediately. It will take the better part of a year for the concrete structure to be completed. The building's skin will begin this summer. It is anticipated that construction will take between 18 to 24 months to complete.

Are you wondering how all of those big trucks and tons of dirt and debris are getting into and out of the construction site? Never fear... the City of Lawrence and the developer have devised a plan. The plan is to make Indiana one way south up the hill and have traffic use Louisiana for going north. Not the best but it works for the busses and hopefully won't be too inconvenient for everyone else.

BEFORE



AFTER



KU WINS IT ALL—MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

Submitted by: Beth Reiber, ONA Secretary

I was at a friend's house in the Oread Neighborhood when KU won the National Championship, so we took off immediately after the game for campus. It was jubilant chaos, with students honking, climbing up trees, yelling, and embracing complete strangers. Then we walked to my downtown apartment and were surprised to see what seemed like the entire town celebrating along Massachusetts Street. But whereas the campus had belonged to students, downtown was the realm of the other folks, the "townies," who were just as elated that the Jayhawks had won. I sat for hours at my third-floor apartment window, watching cars drive up and down Massachusetts Street, honking and high-fiving the crowd that had amassed at the side of the road. After a while, I started recognizing the cars. They'd drive down Massachusetts, turn around, and then drive up and down again and again.

Of course, that was 20 years ago, and what a difference 20 years makes. I watched the final showdown this time in Allen Field House, on the big screen, with my 13-year-old son and his friends. Part of me didn't want to go—what a bummer to be with so many people if we lost!—but then the miracle happened, and when Mario Chalmers made his famous shot, I was jumping up and down so much I didn't notice that the entire 10,000 or so people there were doing the exact same thing (by now you've probably seen YouTube's "Mario Chalmer's Shot, Filmed at Allen Field House"). We walked downtown (I knew better than to try to drive, as I almost didn't make it to my Oread home after the North Carolina game. I felt like I was in a video game as I drove back streets and alleyways, trying to avoid the growing masses on foot heading downtown. At one point I was completely engulfed by people and feared I'd have to abandon my car in the middle of the street so I could get home to my kids).

Downtown, of course, was one giant party. In contrast to 20 years ago, the crowd was comprised of both students and townies, and this time they didn't remain politely on the sidelines. Rather, the crowd took Massachusetts for their own, there were so many plastic cups and beer cans underfoot I wondered how it would ever be picked up by Tuesday morning, and people were so happy they were high-fiving even the policemen, which never would have happened back in the day.

I wonder why the celebrations this time around were so different from 20 years ago. Is there more a feeling of entitlement nowadays, or back then were people simply more reticent to break the rules and take over the street? Around my house, students from next door played bocce ball on my lawn without asking (which was ok) and then left without picking up their trash and cups (which wasn't). For the parade, a man wanted to park in my one private parking space (I was saving it for my mother), then wanted to park in the alley blocking access to my garage, and then in exasperation simply parked across the alley at an apartment complex, blocking two cars and walking away.

But the events of the National Championship; that unforgettable and exhilarating win and the euphoria that lifted the town for days are something my children will be telling their children. As for the next time KU wins the Final Four, celebrations may exceed anything we've ever seen.

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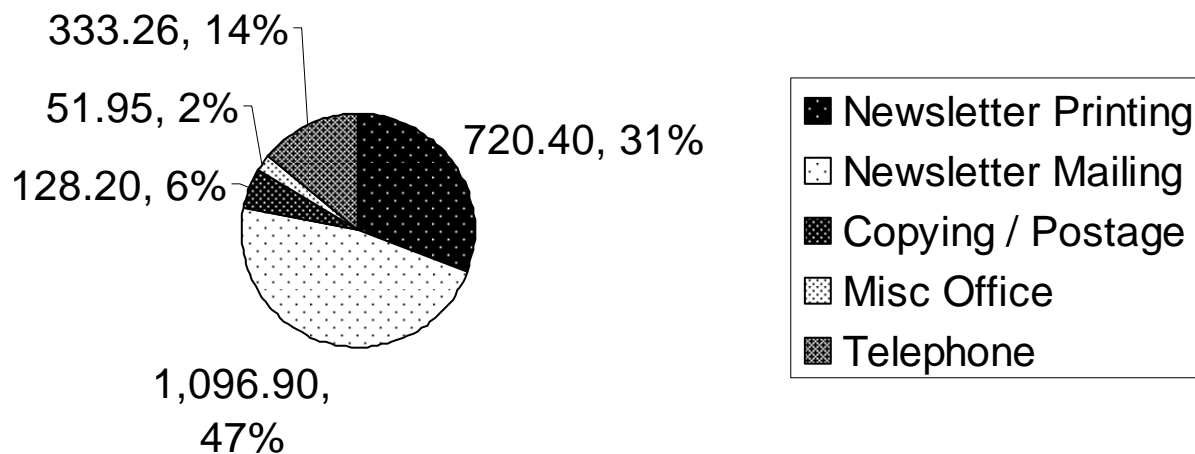
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Jerry Sylvester (pictured above), Property Manager for the Libuse Kriz-Fiorito Historical Foundation, talks with ONA President, Jerry Stubbs, about the progress being made at the Castle. See story on Page 5.



CDBG Operating Expenses Program Year 2007



Where is the Money Going?

Program Year 2007
August 01, 2007 through July 31, 2008

Each year the Oread Neighborhood Association receives federal funding from a Community Development Block Grant to finance the operations of the organization. The allocation for Program Year 2007 totaled \$12,231. \$7,800 will go to Coordinator salary. The remaining funds, \$4,431, pay for the neighborhood association's operating expenses. Provided on the left is a chart illustrating how the operating expense funds are being used. Total expenditures August 2007 thru April 2008 = \$2,330.71.

What to Expect for Program Year 2008

Changes are on the horizon... If the proposed CDBG Investment Summary is approved, the Oread Neighborhood's budget will be reduced by \$2,330.

Restoration of the Castle Tea Room is Well Underway

Submitted by: Jerry Stubbs, ONA President

Jerry Sylvester, Property Manager for the Libuse Kriz-Fiorito Historical Foundation, said they have made significant progress in the renovation efforts at 1301 Massachusetts Street.

The Castle Tea Room, designed by the noted architect John Haskell, was built in 1894 by General John Roberts as a private residence, but was used for many years as a local gathering and eating establishment. Before Libby Kriz-Fiorito, the last owner, passed away in 2004, she established the Libuse Kriz-Fiorito Historical Foundation for the preservation of the castle for public use. The castle will be used for weddings, dinners, parties and celebrations, and is being outfitted with a new elevator, numerous restrooms, new mechanical systems and redesigned landscaping.

The ground fill around the foundation was just recently restored after waterproofing repairs to the basement. Beneath the yard they installed a ground source heat pump exchanger, giving the building economical heating and cooling by sinking the coils 200 feet below the surface into the temperature stable earth. The peonies that were in the yard have been saved and stored for replanting this fall.

The area to the south of the building was a driveway but will become a brick patio area, complete with plantings and a fountain. The three car detached garage may house more restrooms and food preparation equipment for caterers. New electrical service boxes and concrete repairs to the former coal storage area are finished, and a newly poured concrete back porch restores the former owner's favorite sitting place.

The castle will be handicapped accessible, and much of the renovation is devoted to making that possible. As well as the elevator, several restrooms and the North entrance are designed with that in mind. Work on the interior, plumbing, and electrical are ongoing projects but most of the stained glass has been restored and is ready for installation later.

New drywall is being installed to cover new wiring, pipes, and a sprinkler system. Some of the original interior woodwork is being refinished in place, while the rest has been removed for a more thorough treatment and will be re-installed after the drywall is complete.

A completely new elevator has been installed in the old kitchen area, serving the basement and the first two floors. The third floor houses mechanical equipment and will be used for storage so inaccessible to the public.

A major part of the basement will also be used for storage. Any significant pieces that have been removed have to be carefully logged and stored on site to comply with Historical Resources Commission rules. While this has increased the amount of time spent on the project, they view it as an important step for possible future re-use.

After some setbacks due to basement flooding, the foundation has pushed the re-opening date back from September to sometime later this fall.



Fresh concrete and new stairs have refreshed the back porch where Libby spent many hours watching the Oread neighborhood go by.



Looking west from the roof of the Castle.

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<http://lawrencerecycles.org/residentialrecycling.shtml#curbside>



Do you know anyone who wants to buy a house in Lawrence, but is nervous about the cost? If they make a teacher's, firefighter's, construction worker's or nurse's salary, they may be eligible to buy a house for about \$50,000 less than the market price from the Lawrence Community Housing Trust. TTH, Inc. constructs new, Energy Star qualified homes and rehabs older houses in Lawrence. The program works through a resale formula that allows buyers to make a return on their investment, while keeping the price restricted so that it stays affordable to the next eligible buyer. For more details, visit the Tenants to Homeowners, Inc. website: www.tenants-to-homeowners.org or contact staff at 842-5494 or lawrencelandtrust@yahoo.com.

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LAWRENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MAY 2008

Alcohol Enforcement

The Lawrence Kansas Police Department was awarded a grant through the Kansas State Alcoholic Beverage Control for Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws. The Lawrence Police Department continues its efforts to educate the public and businesses about the laws and consequences of underage drinking. In addition to education efforts, they've also been going out on weekends doing bar checks and responding to party calls.

Recent Accomplishments include...

- In six days, 49 people were cited for Minor in Possession.
- 24 people were cited for using fake IDs and/or Driver's Licenses.
- Three hosting violations were cited; two of which were in the Oread neighborhood, and
- About a dozen miscellaneous violations from urinating in public to consuming in public have been cited.

Due to the cooler weather, the police department has primarily been in the bars. They've looked at places not usually checked like restaurants and small out of the way places, as well as downtown and the Oread bars.

As the house parties erupt this coming month, the Police Department plans to begin focusing more on them.

The Lawrence Police Department is working to proactively reduce alcohol violations and requests the public's assistance to help us make a positive impact on underage drinking in our community. You can report underage drinking or underage sales and purchases by calling the Lawrence Police Department at **832-7509**. Anonymous reporting can be made by calling **1-800-MUST-B-21** (1-800-687-8221).



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Your money will be returned to you if the event is cancelled due to weather. Non-affiliated community members will be allowed to rent space for \$10.



Lawrence Community Shelter Moves Toward Moving

The Lawrence Community Shelter (LCS) is proceeding on several fronts to relocate from its current 10th & Kentucky site. Committees of the LCS board of directors are searching for a building to renovate or empty lot for new construction; developing a plan for a capital campaign; and planning program uses for a larger and better space. At this time, staff and board of the shelter are in contact with the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association, and the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association to involve the neighborhoods in the relocation process. Other specific neighborhoods will be included as the search moves forward. The City Commission on April 29 approved a text amendment to the city's zoning code to allow transient or homeless shelters in industrial districts so the shelter can include sites that are currently zoned industrial in its search. Relocation of the shelter will be a long process but the goal is to be out of its present building or well along with an identified new location by the time its Special Use Permit is considered for renewal in the spring of 2010.

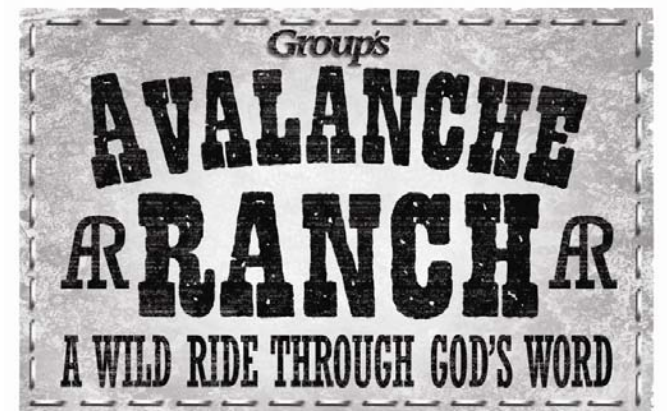
Dinner and Dancing at Dusk 2008



The Lawrence Community Shelter will have its annual Dinner and Dancing at Dusk fundraiser this year at Alvamar Country Club on June 6. Honored guests will be Mark and Mary Jane Mangino and Stan Herd. The students, parents, and faculties of Seabury Academy and Lawrence Catholic School will be recognized with the Shooting Star Award for their contributions to helping people experiencing homelessness. The Italian theme this year will feature an Italian food buffet, a singer performing arias from Italian operas, a live auction, and music for dancing. Tickets may be purchased through Dianne Huggins at the Lawrence Community Shelter, 832-8864.

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Highlights from ONA Meetings

Neighborhood meeting minutes can be viewed in their entirety at: <http://oreadneighborhood.org/ONAMEETINGMINUTES.shtml>

January 2008

Special Guest – Loring Henderson

The Lawrence Community Shelter (LCS) 2007 annual activities report was provided to neighbors for their review. This is in keeping with the Good Neighbor Agreement.

Special Use Permit

A three-year Special Use Permit was approved for the LCS in April 2007. The City Commission approved this with the understanding that efforts would be made to relocate the facility away from the Oread neighborhood and downtown area.

Relocation

The LCS board has organized three committees that will address relocation efforts. These committees will:

- Search for a new site for the shelter;
- Consider program uses for a different building;
- Conduct a capital campaign

Vision for Housing the Homeless

The Lawrence Commission on Homelessness is actively considering the following housing options: emergency, transitional and permanent housing.

Permanent supportive housing is one of the hardest things to manage (i.e.: expense and oversight). An Interfaith Initiative has offered a house that can be used for this purpose. The house will be available for a minimum of two-years and will be operated under the auspices of the LCS with additional support provided by Bert Nash professional staff. It is hoped that one stipulation for occupancy will be that LCS residents will live in the home.

1045 Tennessee – Over Occupancy

City of Lawrence legal staff has reviewed the existing code and found that there was an omission. In the old code there was language under the single family and multi family zoning regulations that stated a dwelling unit could only be occupied by those that meet the definition of family as outlined by the code. The new code omitted this language and it needs to be put back in. This will require a text amendment.

ONA Thanks YOU for Your Donation!*

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	Jerry Stubbs

*Donations received since August 01, 2007

The City is hesitant to prosecute anyone without revising the code first. The complaint can be written now to speed up the process once the code section is amended.

The property owner needs to do one of the following:

- Request reclassification of the property to a boarding house. This will include identification of parking required by code.
- Reduce occupancy to only four unrelated people.

UPDATE: A complaint has been sent to the City Prosecutor's office for prosecution and staff is working on the Development Code changes for the RM district.

February 2008

Blight

1232 Louisiana – Demolition Proposed

The Historic Resources Commission will consider demolition of this blighted property at their April meeting. The ownership group will provide a structural analysis that will support their request for demolition. It is likely that the HRC will deny the request for demolition if there are no plans for a replacement structure.

Neighborhood Discussion:

- There is concern that if there is no plan for a replacement structure that the ownership group may plan to combine this lot with other lots and purchase adjacent properties that are for sale.
- This house had been converted into several individual apartments. From a developer's perspective, it would be best to gut the interior and convert the property into congregate living (i.e.: boarding house). The interior would have to be gutted and new plumbing, wiring, siding, etc. would be needed to bring the structure back to code.
- At one point, someone had proposed converting this property into a bed and breakfast and partnering with the KU Alumni Association. Oklahoma State has something similar to this.
- If the ownership group should decide to renovate the property, it is very highly likely that they would have to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals and request a parking variance because there is no way to put parking on this lot. If a parking variance is not granted, the house would have to come down. If this house comes down, the rest of the houses on the block might come down as well.
- If the house stays, the neighborhood would be open to the idea of waiving parking requirements. If the house is demolished without a plan, parking would have to be identified for a replacement structure. There may not be another way to rebuild at this point.

UPDATE: The proposed demolition was denied by the Historic Resources Commission at their April 17th meeting.

March 2008

Blight

1043 Indiana – KU Property – Needs paint

- On March 5th, the Senate Ways and Means Committee considered the proposed sale of 1043 Indiana with the addition of two lots to the north. The additional lots will allow for parking that will be needed if the property is sold to the pub-

lic. Senator Marci Francisco spoke on behalf of the neighborhood. The proposal was referred to the House Appropriations Committee on March 21st.

- The formal process of appraisal and advertising will begin if the sale is approved. Following appraisal and advertising, there will be a period for questions and the property will be shown. If everything goes as planned, the property should be on the market by late summer.

830 Kentucky (Just Outside of Oread Boundaries)

A four-plex that was built in the 1970s is being converted into condominiums; four one-bedroom units. There are a good number of these types of units in the Oread neighborhood. This may be a trend that will be seen in Oread too; changing existing properties from relatively low rent to high. The church at 10th & Kentucky was renovated in a similar way.

Watkins Community Museum

The museum is located in the Oread neighborhood and is managed by the Douglas County Historical Society. Mike Wildgen has been hired as the new manager. If anyone is interested in joining, now would be a good time to do that. Community support is needed.

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Below is the roster of the ONA Board of Directors. Elections for the 2007-2008 program year were held at the November 15th neighborhood meeting.

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District 5: Marci Francisco

District 6: Christy Kennedy

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The Oread Neighborhood Association has been serving the folks who live and/or own property between Kansas University and Downtown Lawrence for **30 years!**

During the last few years, ONA has been actively involved in reducing neighborhood blight, protecting the neighborhood's limited parking space, seeking options for homeless services that do not infringe upon residents and property owners, finding effective methods of deterring criminal and disorderly behavior, protecting the neighborhood from encroachment by The University of Kansas, preserving Oread's historic structures, and much more.

If you are one of those folks who wants to be actively involved in shaping Oread's future, how about joining the Board of Directors or make a donation to ONA? If it has been over one year since your last donation, how about renewing it today?

Residents and property owners in the Oread neighborhood are encouraged to donate \$1.00 to the neighborhood association each year. Oread's friends who don't live in the neighborhood can help too for only \$5.00. All donations help finance ONA's various efforts to improve the neighborhood, *and those donations are tax deductible.*

Thanks to all those who have helped make Oread the great neighborhood it is today!

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GENERAL MEMBERS: Any person eighteen years of age or older living or owning property within the Oread Neighborhood. A general member is entitled to vote at Oread Neighborhood Association meetings. Dues are encouraged, but not required, for General Members.

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