

East Lawrence News

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ELNA

General Meeting

March 14th 7 - 9 pm

Online via Zoom

Agenda

always available at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings>

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for zoom link info

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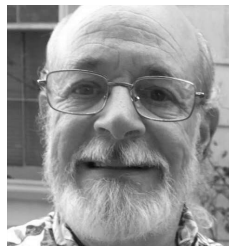
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From the President

Barry Shalinsky

Happy Springtime East Lawrence! Temperatures are in single digits as I write this edition of the President's Column. Hopefully things are a bit more temperate as you read it! As winter gives way to spring, we look forward to spending more time outdoors, doing the things many of us do in East Lawrence - planting flowers and vegetable gardens, enjoying our neighborhood parks, walking and bike riding along our historic streets, getting our houses ready for exterior repairs and house painting.

As I anticipated in January's column, there was a major push by the Administration of Lawrence Public Schools USD 497 to close both New York Elementary and Liberty Memorial Central Middle Schools, along with three other elementary schools, all east of Maine Street. Community reaction was swift and powerful. On Valentine's Day, the Board of Education took school closures off the table, for this year. We still expect our East Lawrence schools could be back on the chopping block again next year. ELNA worked collaboratively with the New York Elementary Site Council and with Save Our Schools 497 to support our neighborhood schools. Both entities plan to spend the next year working on ideas to streamline school district operations and to ensure that New York and Liberty Memorial Central will continue to play a vital role in educating Lawrence students well into the future. ELNA will remain very active in these efforts. ELNA sincerely appreciates several School Board members who gave of their time to meet with us and the Site Council, and actively listened to our concerns. Active community engagement leads to the best community decisions!

As always, ELNA remains vigilant in monitoring development activities in and around the neighborhood. Currently, we are watching a rezoning proposal for a commercial use of the Quonset Hut at Eighth and Pennsylvania, and a development proposal for the New Hampshire Lofts on the east side of the 1000 block of New Hampshire, in the environs of several designated historic buildings. It does not escape our notice that the municipality has granted a lot of "incentives" for the development of affordable housing geared for seniors, singles and couples, but not much for housing for families with school age children. Housing for families could really help raise the census of children for our neighborhood schools. ELNA will be taking a more active role in advocating for more balanced housing policies in the coming year.

To assist our efforts to support school equity, appropriate development, traffic safety, and our many other priorities, ELNA needs money. Fortunately, that has recently become easier. ELNA just received approval from the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This means that donations to ELNA are now tax-deductible for the donor, and we can now seek grants from foundations that are limited to supporting 501(c)(3) organizations. This is huge good news! If you donated to ELNA after June 15, 2021, your contribution is tax deductible!

If you are looking for a really fun way to support ELNA, please come to our Yart Sale on April 9th at New York School. Read about it on page 2 of this newsletter. We are always happy to trade an ELNA t-shirt or hoodie for some of your spare cash. Our merch is available in several designs, colors and sizes. You can proudly wear your very own "Ever-Vigilant Neighborhood Bitch" t-shirt. Contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com for more info about ELNA merch. (If you are really looking for something fun, spot the retro ads from a mid-80's East Lawrence News and e-mail Lane. The person sending the 18th e-mail that Lane receives will win your choice of ELNA t-shirt). Finally, if you are not already a member of ELNA, please use the membership form on page 7 to become a member. Please support your neighborhood association that does its best to support you!

Yart Sale

Don't you miss the Yart Sale? We do!

And we're bringing it back!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday April 9th, from 8am to 1pm, at the New York Elementary gymnasium. In person! With people! Very exciting.

Some things will be the same.

From you, we'll need:

DONATIONS: Have you been cleaning out your spaces during this mostly staying at home time? Well, we want your stuff! Please bring your unique and useful gently used items to donate to our sale. We'll set up for the sale on Friday evening, that's Friday April 8th, from 5-9pm. You can bring whatever you have to donate then. We'll take just about anything – clothes, kitchenware, books, toys, housewares, small furniture, etc. No toilets. Can't do much with a toilet, though we did sell a bathtub one time...

ARTISTS: Do you make stuff? Do you sell the stuff you make? We'd love to have you be a vendor at our sale. You're the Art part of Yart! Here's how that works – come to the set up time on Friday night and stake out your space. Bring a table or whatever display stuff you use. We will be able to provide chairs. Then, the sale starts at 8am on Saturday, and ends at 1pm. You don't have to stay the whole time if you can't. Sokay. Just at the end of your time there, donate 10% of your sales to ELNA. That's it. Very low pressure. Please email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you think you'd like to sell.

VOLUNTEERS: We'll need help setting up on Friday. And we'll need help personing the check out table, and cleaning up and loading up trucks to haul stuff away on Saturday. Aaron Truck Crew King may need some more muscles and trucks for that last task. If you'd like to volunteer, email us!

MUSICIANS: Do you play music? Wanna play for us? That'd be cool. Email us!

SHOPPERS: Absolutely the most important part is shoppers! Please plan to come and shop the sale. We'll have yard sale items donated and any number of things from local artists – photographs, post cards, yarn crafts, tie dye, jewelry, ceramics, etc. We'll bring our ELNA merch for sale also. Cash is preferred, but we can take cards as well.

Some things will be different.

Though we're hoping the Yart Sale will fall in a COVID lull and we can enjoy ourselves with minimal anxiety, of course we want to practice good virus safety. Because we've moved Yart deeper into April (we usually have it at the end of March) chances are the weather will be warm and we can leave the gym doors open for air flow. We'll get some fans going too. And, as is school policy and sensible, we'll require mask wearing at all times when indoors. If we have food, we'll ask that folks eat away from everyone else. We want our neighborhood musicians to be comfortable, so we may allow them to sing maskless, but only while performing. ALSO, we're working to have free COVID shots and testing at the event. That about covers it.

Wash your hands. Cover your coughs and sneezes. Stay home if you're sick. Get shots!

Stay safe and we'll see you soon!

ELNA Meetings 2022

The ELNA Board and interested membership meet each month on the 2nd Monday, from 7-9pm. Currently, we're meeting on zoom, but we hope to suspend online meetings and gather in person in the spring.

The meeting agenda is a google document that is updated each month as it is known. That agenda is always linked on our website: eastlawrence.com > meetings

Here are the dates of ELNA meetings in the year 2022, so you can clip it out and place it prominently:

March 14th
April 11th
May 9th
June 13th
July 11th
August 8th
September 12th
October 10th
November 14th
December 12th

New York Elementary

How can you support New York Elementary? Here's a note from our school Parent Involvement Facilitator with ideas of a few simple ways.

Our teachers have been stretched and pulled in multiple directions since the onset of COVID. While our elementary schools are off the closure chopping block, deep budget cuts will likely affect staff and schools. As such, honoring our staff's real struggles is a priority. We are working to keep our teacher's lounge stocked with cheese sticks, yogurt, fruit, grab and go snacks and sodas a token of our support.

Often times, our students arrive at school in clothing that is ill fitting, or not appropriate for the weather. We are in constant need of leggings of all sizes for girls and joggers of all sizes for the boys. Our t-shirt stashes are bulging, however the need for leggings and joggers is consistent.

If you have donations or questions, you can contact Carol Hill carol.hill@usd497.org.

ELNA has a Traffic Safety Committee!

ELNA has formed a new traffic safety committee. Our group has met twice already, and we are initially looking at two problem areas, Delaware Street from 8th to 11th street and the intersection at 8th and Connecticut. Our goal is to improve traffic safety in these areas by understanding traffic best practices that help ensure the flow of pedestrians, bicycles and automobiles. We chose these two areas because neighbors have noticed a high number of accidents occurring at 8th and Connecticut, and these blocks of Delaware Street are a potential problem spot because of the completion of the Lawrence Loop and the re-routing of Lawrence Transit Route 1. This will generate more self propelled traffic along this designated truck route. There is also neighborhood pedestrian traffic that crosses Delaware to access Hobbs Park.

Brook Creek NA recommended we apply for a CDBG infrastructure grant, which we have done. A couple years ago Brook Creek got a grant to put 20 mph pavement markers onto a few of their streets to reinforce their newly designated speed limits on some of their streets. We have applied for a grant to put similar decals on Delaware street to reinforce the 20 mph designation there. Hopefully this is a first step to making our neighborhood a little bit safer for all who walk, ride and drive here. Come help us have an impact. If you want to join our group or make suggestions please contact me (phil@pcollison.com) or Lane (eastlawrence@yahoo.com)

Old Yart Sale

Board member KT found these old pictures of a Yart Sale past. We've shared them before, and thought it'd be fun to do so again. We know the pictures were taken before 1999. Picture 1 features, from right to left, Sharen Steele former NY School Principal, a New York School dad in the hat, and Mitch Pearson former NY School art teacher. Who are the other two women? In Picture 2, we recognize Jim Power, by the ELIA sign, former ELNA (then ELIA) president. And in the background, second on the left, KT recognizes the profile and distinguished '90s 'do of Mike Rundle. Do you recognize anyone else? We'd love to hear from you! eastlawrence@yahoo.com



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Sunrise Project Update

Sunrise Project continues to serve meals the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from 5-6 PM, at the Sunrise site. All are welcome to drop by for dinner! Donations welcome, but never required.

Sunrise Garden & Orchard Days!

All are welcome to drop in at either - or both! of our free food sites to learn more about growing food, meet new people, and enjoy nature. On these dates we will come together to build community while working together. ALL ages and skill levels are welcome. Our garden and orchard are learning spaces! On the dates below, we will have teams at both our orchard (830 Garfield) and our garden (1501 Learnard Ave.), so come on over!

March 27, 1:00-3:00 PM

April 2, 10AM to 1PM

May 7, 10 AM to 1PM

Plant Sales!

Purchase organic transplants for your garden and help Sunrise raise money! We will be selling vegetable, herb, flower and native transplants. Look for our online store to go live soon. In person plant sale events will be:

April 20, 4:00-7:00 pm

April 30, 10am to 2 pm

Watkins Exhibit

Confronting the Past:

The Douglas County Community Remembrance Project
Watkins Museum of History

In 1882, a violent mob carried out a lynching that ultimately caused the deaths of four African American Lawrence residents. For years, the story of their deaths remained a quiet burden on the community, remembered among the Black citizens of Lawrence but largely forgotten in the telling of the city's history.

The Douglas County Community Remembrance Project, a group of organizations working to install a marker near the site of the lynching, held a soil collection ceremony in fall 2021. The event served as an opportunity for the public to mourn and created a tangible remembrance of the lynching's victims through the collected soil.

Soil for each victim is now part of the Watkins' permanent collection. From February to August, the Watkins will partner with the Community Remembrance Project to host an exhibit on the 1882 lynching and remembrance efforts.

The Watkins Museum, located at 1047 Mass St, is open 10am to 4pm Tuesday through Saturday.

KU Big Event

The Big Event is a non-need-based student group that connects the KU campus with the Lawrence community. By recruiting thousands of student, faculty, and staff volunteers to work at hundreds of local job sites during one day of service, we are able to say thank you to the community that surrounds us all year. The Big Event volunteers provide a helping hand to Lawrence residents by completing projects in their neighborhoods.

Save the date for our 12th annual The Big Event, April 23, 2022!

Register your project as a job site here: <https://ku.universitytickets.com/w/default.aspx?cid=171programs@ku.edu>

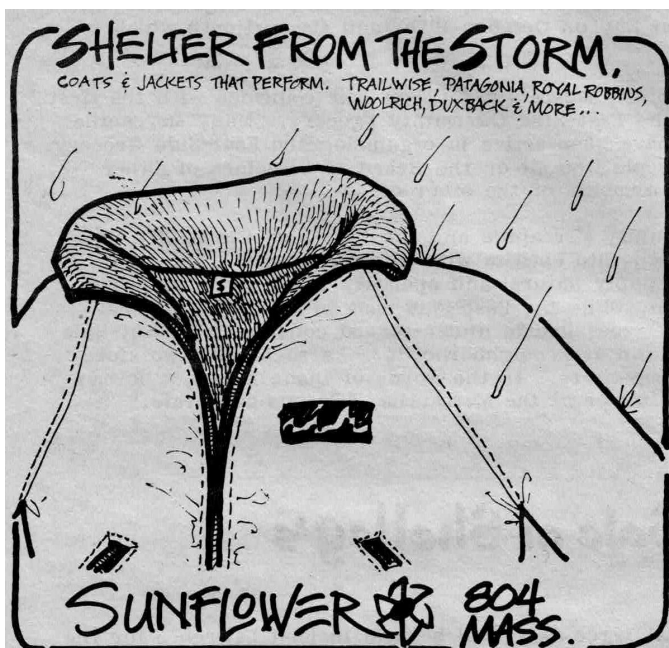
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City of Lawrence Compost Facility

The City of Lawrence Compost Facility opens for the season on Saturday March 5th.

1420 E. 11th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044 Phone: 785-832-3026 Email: recycling@lawrenceks.org

Saturdays, March through mid-December / 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

COVID-19 Procedures

Face masks are required at all times while interacting with staff or other customers.

Customers must maintain six feet of social distance with staff and other customers.

Staff reserves the right to limit the number of customers inside the facility to maintain proper social distancing.

Customers should follow the CDC's recommendations for Protecting Yourself & Others.

Compost Facility Guidelines

Customers must bring their own tools (e.g., shovels, pitchforks) to load and unload.

Personal motorized loading equipment (e.g., skid steer) is not allowed.

Gates to the facility will close promptly at 2 p.m. All customers must be out of the facility by closing time.

Do NOT stop on the railroad tracks while waiting to enter the facility.

All transactions are CASH ONLY. Please bring exact change.

Absolutely no bills larger than \$20 will be accepted.

Yard Waste Drop-Off

Absolutely no plastic bags

Brush must not be longer than 4 feet

Brush must not be more than 8 inches in diameter

Brush must be loose, no ties of any kind

Leaves and grass may be loose, or in kraft paper bags only

Materials Not Accepted

Lumber

Pallets

Sod

Stones

Rope

Fill Dirt

Food Waste (Including food grown in the garden)

Metal

Plastic

Tree Root Balls

Compost & Woodchips Pick Up

The City offers compost and woodchips to Lawrence residents at the Compost Facility. Compost and woodchips are not intended for commercial applications.

Self-loaded compost and woodchips cost \$10 per truckload. Small quantities of less than or equal to 20 gallon are free.

2022 Compost & Woodchip City-Load Events

The City offers City-load days at the Compost Facility once a month (unless noted) during peak season to allow customers to have compost and/or mulch loaded into their trucks or trailers by City staff using loading equipment. All compost facility guidelines are still in effect during City-load events.

Cost: Compost and wood chips loaded into trucks or trailers by City staff using loading equipment costs \$10 per scoop. One scoop typically fills a pickup truck bed. There is a limit of three scoops per visit.

2022 City-Load Dates (9 a.m.–2 p.m.)

April 2

May 7

June 4

July 2

August 6

September 3

October 1

Other Information

Compost

Compost consists of decayed organic matter and has been proven to be extremely successful as a natural soil amendment. Lawrence Community Compost is made from the yard trimmings and small woody debris collected curbside, as well as grass clippings, leaves, and woody debris from some commercial lawn care providers.

Woodchips

The woodchips the City sells are made from tree materials brought in from residential and commercial sources. Woodchips are used as a garden mulch and are beneficial for weed suppression and water retention. They can also be used to limit or prevent soil erosion.

Contact

Phone: 785-832-3026 Email: recycling@lawrenceks.org

City Electronic Recycling

Lawrence-Douglas County Sustainability partners with Teknix Solutions to organize an annual e-waste drop-off event open to all Douglas County residents. The next event is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2022.

HOURS: 8:30AM - 1PM*

LOCATION: University of Kansas Lot 301**

*Vehicles arriving after 1pm will not be able to enter the event.

Lists of accepted and non-accepted items are provided below.

Please Note:

CRT recycling fees are **CASH ONLY**. More information below. Teknix is no longer accepting checks!

Household alkaline batteries* will **NOT** be accepted. Lawrence residents can make an appointment to take these to Household Hazardous Waste.

*We're talking about the collection of old, dead Duracell, Energizer, and the like. The re-chargeable batteries in your gadgets are OK! Even if they no longer function!

Materials Accepted by Teknix Solutions:

Anything with a cord or battery, including, but not limited to:

computers*, laptops, monitors**, speakers, keyboards, mice, servers, microwaves, TVs**, gaming systems, light fixtures (not bulbs! see list below), (non-PCB) ballasts, stereos, radios, phones*, audio / visual equipment, lab equipment, cables, battery backup systems, other small appliances, and CDs, VHS and cassette tapes

*Teknix's certified equipment handlers take every precaution to guarantee data safety. Any equipment they receive is securely destroyed on site or wiped clean using NIST SP 800-88 standards.

CRT TVs and monitors will be accepted for a fee (please note updated costs!): \$20 per unit 19" or smaller; \$40 per unit 20" or greater. Teknix will accept **CASH only!

Materials Not Accepted:

Fire alarms, smoke detectors, thermometers

All light bulbs, PCB ballasts,

alkaline batteries (Lawrence residents can make an appointment to take these items to Household Hazardous Waste)

chemicals of any kind, especially hazardous ones,

tires, furniture,

large appliances, and devices containing Freon

Directions:

From 23rd St: Take Crestline North to the roundabout, enter Lot 301 on your Right.

From Iowa St: Go West on 19th St., Left on Constant Ave. Continue on Constant going Left OR take Becker Right. They will meet again at Crestline. Turn South on Crestline to the roundabout, enter Lot 301 to your East.

Also from Iowa St: Go West on 21st St., Left on Constant Ave. Turn South on Crestline to the roundabout, enter Lot 301 to your East.

Event Safety Protocols:

The event will be organized in a drive-through set up to minimize personal contact.

Masks are encouraged, but not required, when conversing with staff or volunteers.

Please stay in your vehicle at all times. Staff and volunteers will unload your electronics.

You may direct questions to kcrinerritchie@douglascountyks.org* or 785-551-9436.

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- Work Days / Snow Shoveling
- YART Sale
- Block Party
- Adopt-A-Family
- Music
- Art
- Photography
- Gardening
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Baking/Cooking
- Grilling / Concessions
- Other: _____

Emergency & Furnace Loans

For emergency situations, the City of Lawrence offers an emergency loan program that can provide up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs or furnace replacement.

Eligibility requirements include:

The property must be located within Lawrence City Limits and not within a designated flood plain areas.

The property must be owner-occupied and contain no more than two dwelling units. The applicant must be the owner/ occupant of the property for a minimum of one year prior to application and payment of ad valorem taxes must be current. The applicant must be current on all mortgage payments.

The applicant and/or structure for which the application is being made cannot have received comprehensive rehabilitation from the City since December 31, 1978.

The structure for which the application is being made can receive only one emergency loan and one furnace loan assistance from the City.

Applicants gross family income from all sources may not exceed 80% of median income.

Income guidelines for families at 80% of median income are as follows: family of 1 not to exceed \$47,350, family of 2 not to exceed \$54, 100, family of 3 not to exceed \$60,000, etc.

More information and a full application is available online at: https://lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs/ and in the City Development Services Office.



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