

# East Lawrence News

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June 2023  
& July 2023



## ELNA

### General Meeting

June 12th 7- 9 pm

July 10th 7- 9 pm

IN PERSON AT THE DEPOT!

7th & New Jersey Streets

And Online via Zoom

Agenda & Zoom Link

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## From the President

*Barry Shalinsky*

Summertime is busy in Lawrence, and we have lots of info in this newsletter about special things you can do, within easy walking distance for most of us. Summer band concerts on Wednesday evenings at South Park are a real treat, featuring talented local musicians, including many who teach at area schools and colleges. Kaw Valley Kickball games on Sundays at Hobbs Park are fun for players and spectators alike. ELNA board members and volunteers are there most weeks grilling burgers and brats. Stop by and say hello to us! The

municipal pool, the splash pad on the Burroughs Creek Trail and the public library are all close by, and provide relief from the heat.

If you are feeling more adventurous, the whole city can be your playground now, with free city bus fares throughout 2023. Speaking of buses, Adam Weigel from Lawrence Transit will be at our July ELNA meeting to speak about bus route changes that will be happening starting in August. Also at the July meeting, we anticipate that the City Planning staff will be there to provide information about the updated East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan that is being drafted. At June's meeting, we will hear from Andy Ensz, City Engineering Program Manager, about a major water line replacement project that will be taking place along New Jersey Street. All ELNA meetings are held in hybrid fashion, in person at the Amtrak Depot and online via Zoom.

June 1 marked the filing deadline for City Commission and USD 497 School Board. There will be primary elections on August 1. Voter registration deadline for the Primary is July 11. City Commission plays a key role in neighborhood development and redevelopment policies and decisions, and the School Board makes decisions that affect the future of New York Elementary and Liberty Memorial Central Middle School as neighborhood schools. **YOUR VOTE MATTERS MOST IN LOCAL ELECTIONS!** ELNA will provide information about upcoming candidate forums via our weekly e-news and social media posts.

You may have noticed that there was no East Lawrence News in May. (We take no offense if you did not notice). We typically publish in odd numbered months, but didn't this time. We will have two quarterly newsletters, this one for May, June, July, and another one for August, September, October. In November, we will get back on track with our regular schedule.

Happy summertime!

### ELNA MOWER AND TILLER FOR RENT

When your grass is green and growing, you can rent a mower from ELNA for \$10 per half day. You can also rent a tiller for just \$20 per half day. Please be prepared to provide your own transportation. Contact Phil by call or text 785-843-8098 or email to [phil@pcollison.com](mailto:phil@pcollison.com)

### ELNA CONCESSIONS AT KVKL

Come get a burger at the kickball game! The Kaw Valley Kickball League kickball season starts Sunday May 21st. Game of the Week, the feature game, will take place at Hobbs Park at 9pm. Aaron Paden and friends will be grilling then and there, and most Sunday evenings through the season. We'll have burgers, brats, chips, etc, prices ranging from \$1-\$5. Cards and cash accepted. Email Aaron [aaronpaden@gmail.com](mailto:aaronpaden@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

### CORRECTION FROM LAST ISSUE

In the March issue of our ELNA newsletter, in her board interview, we stated that Board Member Brenda Nunez had served on the ELNA board nearly 80 years. We would like to correct that statement to add that Brenda is not 80 years old, yet, but in fact, ageless. :)

## Camp Clean Ups, Volunteers Wanted

Recently, ELNA, the City of Lawrence, and local advocate Kevin Elliott collaborated to clean up park and trail areas adjacent to camping areas occupied by people experiencing homelessness.

Campers, neighbors, and City folks all gathered to clean near the river on May 20th. We had a meal and filled several dumpsters! It went well, we think, and we may collaborate to clean up that area again later in the summer. In the meantime, here are some details of other camp adjacent clean ups coming up.

### Brook Creek Neighborhood:

Burroughs Creek (from 12th St. to 15th St.)

Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Meet: Burroughs Trail Parking Lot, East 15th St

### North Lawrence: Boat Ramp

Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Meet: North Lawrence boat ramp Parking Lot,  
North 8th St. & Oak St.

Additional volunteers are welcome! To volunteer, you can go to the specified meeting site during the scheduled times or contact Kevin Elliott at (785) 505-0039 or kevinssouthamerica@gmail.com.

The City of Lawrence will provide trash bags, gloves, trash sticks, wheelbarrows, bottled water and dumpsters along with staff assistance and trash removal.

Kevin Elliott, has been working with the people staying at these camps to make sure they are informed and aware of the cleanups before they take place.

## Lawrence Farmers Market and Double Up Food Bucks

Get FREE fresh fruits and veggies with your SNAP Card at the Lawrence Farmers Market!

What is Double Up Food Bucks?

We'll match every \$1 you spend with another \$1 FREE so you can buy more fruits and vegetables, up to \$25/day.

How do I use my SNAP Card at Market?

Come to the Market!

Bring your SNAP EBT card to the Market Info Booth before you shop. The info booth is located in the yellow tent in the middle of the market, by the alley.

Swipe your Card! After you've found the Info Booth, it's time to swipe your card. We'll match the amount you take off your card, up to \$25 per day. For example, if you swiped your card for \$25, you'll receive \$25 in wooden market tokens, and \$25 in Double Up Food Bucks purple tokens for a total of \$50 to spend at Market!

Enjoy the Market! After you receive your tokens, it's time to spend them! The wooden ones are good for all the usual products (all food products except for hot and ready to eat foods) and the purple ones are good for fresh fruits and vegetables only. Be sure to use the purple ones for produce first!

\$1 Wooden tokens represent the SNAP money that you take off of your EBT card. The wooden \$1 are good for meat, eggs, baked goods, honey, nuts, jams, jellies, salsa, sauces, fruits, veggies, and seeds and plants for food (tomato plants or bean seeds); in other words they can be used to purchase any food products that are not hot and ready to eat foods or drinks.

\$1 Purple tokens represent the matching money provided through Double Up Food Bucks. Purple \$1 tokens can ONLY be used to purchase fresh fruits, veggies, cut herbs, and seeds and plants for food. You should try to use your purple tokens for fruits and veggies first, as those are the only things you can buy with them.

## Free Meals for Kids, Help Hotline

Lawrence Public Schools Summer Meals

### Fresh and Free Summer Meals for Youth

New York Elementary, Woodlawn Elementary, Sunset Hill Elementary, Broken Arrow Elementary

June 5<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1pm

Holcom Park

June 5<sup>th</sup>- July 28<sup>th</sup> Noon- 1pm

Lawrence Public Library

June 5<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup> 11am to noon

\*closed June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>

Ages 1-18 free, no enrollment required Meals must be eaten on site. Adult meals available for purchase for \$5.

### Help Hotlines

Sometimes changes in routines and environments during longer school breaks can be stressful and chaotic. If you or someone you know is experiencing difficulties with mental health or in the home environment, please use the following numbers.

Immediate Mental Health Support: 988

Bert Nash Mental Health: (785) 843-9192

Headquarters Counseling Center: 785 841-2345

Crisis Text Line "HOME" to 741741

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: (800) 273-8255

Come join us on Sunday mornings!

9:00 a.m. - American Sign Language Class

9:30 a.m. - In-person and Livestream Worship

10:30 a.m. - Sunday School and Adult Forum



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Livestream

# Lawrence City Band

Sponsored by the City of Lawrence and the Rice Foundation, the Lawrence City Band performs at 8 p.m. every Wednesday night through Wednesday, July 19, in South Park.

The following are the music themes to be presented throughout the summer concert series:

- May 31 – Summertime Again in South Park
- June 7 – South Park Classics
- June 14 – City Band Fan Favorites
- June 21 – Those Irish Eyes are Smiling
- June 28 – More Movie Music!
- July 5 – America on Parade
- July 12 – Americana
- July 19 – More Americana

The band is conducted by Paul Popiel. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Lied Center, 1600 Stewart Drive, on the University of Kansas Campus.

## City Board Realignment Meetings and Survey

City seeks feedback on proposed boards and commissions realignment

In 2022, the Lawrence City Commission asked for a plan to help better align the City's volunteer boards and commissions to the work of the strategic plan.

Formed in December 2022, the Boards and Commissions Structure Committee has been charged with developing recommendations that limit the number of boards to no more than 10 (not inclusive of those boards required by statute or state law).

Over the course of the last five months, the committee has engaged stakeholders while carefully reviewing and discussing the City's strategic plan and the current scope and charge of all boards and commissions. As a result of this work, each relevant board and commission has been sorted into the outcome or commitment area to which it is most closely aligns.

The Board and Commissions Structure Committee is now seeking feedback on the draft proposal for board and commission realignment via a digital questionnaire and two public meetings. You can learn more about the proposal and engagement opportunities on the City's website.

Given the possibility that boards and commissions sorted into a particular outcome or commitment area might be combined as part of this process, the Committee is eager to hear from the community regarding the proposed structure.

We hope you'll share your perspective at one of the following engagement opportunities:

Thursday, June 15, 5:30-7:30 pm, Carnegie Building, 200 W. 9th St.

Friday, June 16, 12:00-2:00 pm, via Zoom (Zoom link forthcoming)

Digital questionnaire, available from May 17 to June 30, 2023

We appreciate your participation and engagement with this important issue.

Contact: City Communications,  
citycommunications@lawrenceks.org

# Sunrise Happenings Summer 2023

## Garden Nights

Join us in the garden 6:30pm to dusk, June and July  
Located at our headquarters, 1501 Learnard. This garden is for everyone!

Volunteers plant and maintain the garden for all to harvest. The garden is a learning space where everyone is welcome to learn, connect, and enjoy the outdoors!

## Lawrence Community Orchard

July 8<sup>th</sup>, time TBD (check our website for updates.) The orchard is located in east Lawrence, at 830 Garfield. AND!! Weekly orchard nights in June. Through June we will be meeting up at the Lawrence Community Orchard 6:30pm to dusk to work, learn, and enjoy the outdoors together! Our Orchard is maintained by volunteers and is for everyone to harvest and enjoy.

Questions? Email Skyler at lawrencefruittreeproject@gmail.com or text/call 785-865-1618.

## Sunrise Café

Our free Sunrise Café is open Sundays 1-5:30pm. Donations accepted but never required. Drop in for some good company and have a cup of coffee, glass of tea, and or a snack! Our café is stocked with books, games, puzzles and toys, and is Open to All!

## Community Yoga

On Sunday nights we transform our kitchen/classroom into a yoga studio! Thanks to DCCF's Livewell grant, Community Yoga is free for everyone! Donations are accepted and help us keep the lights on, but are never required. Sunday nights! 5 to 6:15pm at 1501 Learnard Ave. Taught by Melissa Mitchell of A Yogi Kitchen. Melissa has 20+ years teaching yoga to people of all abilities, ages, and backgrounds. Yoga is for EVERY body! Questions? Email Melissa at mel@ayogikitchen.com. We have extra mats too!

## Porch Pantry

Our porch pantry is open 24/7 no questions asked! Community members drop by all throughout the day to stock the pantry and gather needed items. We welcome ready to eat meals if they are labeled and dated. Got some party leftovers? Have more food than will fit in the porch fridge? Give us a heads up and we'll portion the food out for the porch. TEXT 785-865-1618 and if we are available, we'll meet you at Sunrise!

The porch pantry is for EVERYONE and we never police it. We trust our community members to take care of each other!

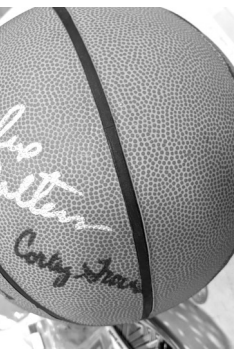
## Community Art Nights

Tuesdays 6-8pm in July  
Tuesday nights in July we'll be gathering and working on creative projects. Bring your project and supplies or dig into our collection of art supplies, yarn, etc. Free and open to all. Youth ages 14 and under need an adult with them. Questions? Email Melissa at melissa@sunriseprojectks.org.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunrise Project's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pie Auction will be held Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm at 1501 Learnard Ave.





# 2023 YART SALE



# Ready for Good

We've got a new neighbor on Connecticut St! As you've probably noticed, the Lawrence Habitat ReStore moved last fall out of their location at 708 Connecticut. They're now located at 2108 W 27th St Suite C. In their place, Ready for Good has moved from North Lawrence and set up shop.

In early March, we sat down with Addison Shockley, President and CEO of Ready for Good, to ask a few questions.

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*First of all, what is Ready for Good? What kind of shop is it?*

Ready for Good sells household goods largely purchased from retail overstock outlets like Overstock.com. Liquidated furnishing items are donated by and purchased in lot from retailers and some by individuals. We have indoor and outdoor furniture – dining room, living room, garage, bedroom, sinks, fans, light fixtures, small appliances like toasters, instant pots, air fryers and more! Currently, we price our stock at 50-75% of retail price.

*Store Hours?*

Regular business hours are Tuesday-Friday 10-6pm, Saturday 9-6pm, and Sunday 1pm-4pm. But you can shop any time on our website <https://shopreadyforgood.com/>. That's updated every day. We get new items by the truckload every two weeks, but put new stuff on the floor each day as well. You want to be sure to follow us on social media – facebook primarily. We frequently have sales and special promotions. In the not so distant future, we'd like to start an online bids segment of our website. Stay tuned for that.

*Tell me more about the mission of Ready for Good. You're not just a retail store, but a social service agency also?*

Ready for Good hires at-risk youth in foster care, homeless youth, and youth involved in the juvenile justice system. So, at any one time, we've hired 8-10 young people. We refer to our young employees as "transition age youth". It's a technical term without stigma, referring to young people making the difficult transition to adulthood. We definitely refer to them as youth, not kids. They appreciate that.

*How do you select these young people?*

We get referrals from social workers, case workers, foster care workers, counselors, groups like van go, probation officers, a variety of social service groups. Most of the youth live with foster families or in group home settings.

*Do the youth get paid for their work?*

They get \$8 an hour to start, and can earn raises, promotions with time.

*What kind of work do the young people do?*

First, the youth spend time learning how to do inventory, pricing, merchandising, customer service, cash register, cleaning, etc. We try to show them how to see what needs to be done, like initiative. Then they spend time in the backroom working – organizing, building and fixing, troubleshooting, salvage, parts, repainting/ refinishing donated furniture, etc.

We also have weekly professional skills, life skills, and job skills workshops, to mentor the youth as they grow into adulthood. Most of the youth stay just 10 weeks before they're considered "job ready." As in, they have the skills to go on to another job. Other young people stay longer and become project leaders.

*Do you accept volunteers?*

Yes! Let's chat. Want to share your furniture refinishing skills?

*Do you accept Donations?*

Yes! There's a link on the website. Send us a photo and description, and we'll return contact if we think we can sell it. You can also just stop in during business hours with a picture or two and ask about it in person. We have to be selective, because large items are difficult to move and store. But sometimes if the item is great, we can make something happen. Someday we'll have a van!

You can sign up to donate your time or your items on our website here: <https://readyforgood.notion.site/readyforgood/It-takes-a-generous-skilled-and-dedicated-village-to-prepare-at-risk-youth-for-the-future-71d28f736e7a4f159ed62875c418928c>

*Anything else you'd like to share about Ready for Good?*

Only that we'd like to be a part of the community. We dream of becoming a family community center, indoor play place, a place to stop in your day. And we'd like you to know that our sales cover our overhead costs like rent and wages so we make the mission happen.

## Other Neighborhood Happenings

**LMCMS Centennial Celebration** The planning committee for Liberty Memorial Central's Centennial Celebration will meet on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the school. Watch ELNA's e-news and social media for info about upcoming meetings.

### Juneteenth Lawrence Celebration

Saturday, June 17th-18th

South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St

2023 Juneteenth Celebration in South Park. Come out and celebrate with live music and food vendors.

### Minority Business Expo

Lawrence Indian United Methodist Church & the 409 Boutique Venue

Presents: The Minority Business Expo

Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> 2023

1-5pm

**Free!** Connect and Support Local Minority Businesses

Live Music, Vending Event

@ 409 E 12<sup>th</sup> St Lawrence



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# Join ELNA for \$1.00

## HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD – GET A BIG BANG FOR A BUCK!

Your \$1.00 membership in ELNA and contact information help us represent East Lawrence in our city and county government and to meet the needs of our neighborhood. Support us. Let us support you.

\$100.00 lifetime membership                      \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood members  
\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses      \$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profits  
*(Please note personal memberships are per individual, not household.)*

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## ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

Mark what ELNA events / skills you would like to volunteer for:

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Summer Time, Pool Time!

The splash pad is OPEN and located near 15th Street and Haskell Avenue, along Burroughs Creek Trail. The splash pad is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. daily.

The Outdoor Aquatic Center, 727 Kentucky St., and the South Park Wading Pool, 1141 Massachusetts St., will open Monday, June 5, for the summer season.

The Outdoor Aquatic Center’s hours are as follows:

- Public Swimming open from Monday, June 5 – Sunday, Aug. 13  
Monday–Friday from 1-7:30 p.m. – recreational swim will be available with lap lanes  
Saturday and Sunday from 1-6 p.m. – recreational swim will be available with lap lanes
- Beginning Monday, June 19, additional lap swimming/water walking hours will be available Monday–Friday from 10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

The South Park Wading Pool hours are as follows:

- Open from Monday, June 5 – Saturday, July 29  
Monday–Friday from 1-7 p.m., except for Tuesday, July 4, when it will be closed  
Saturday from 1-6 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed
- The facility can be rented Monday–Friday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in hour-long blocks. You can reserve

the facility online. More information is online at: [lawrenceks.org/lprd/aquatics/spwp](http://lawrenceks.org/lprd/aquatics/spwp).

The Indoor Aquatic Center, 4706 Overland Drive, will also switch to its summer hours on Monday, June 5:

- Lap Swimming  
Monday–Thursday from 6:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m.  
Friday from 6:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  
Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed
- Warm Water Workouts  
Monday–Friday from 10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Daily admission at the Indoor Aquatic Center and Outdoor Aquatic Center will be:

- \$6 for youth ages three to 17 and senior adults 60 years old and older
- \$7 for adults 18 years old to 59 years old
- There is no charge for those two years old and under with an adult paid admission. Limit three children per paying adult.

Aquatic passes and punch cards are also available at the aquatic centers. Those who already hold annual or monthly passes are able to renew them online at: <https://bit.ly/3InMeDc>. Initial passes need to be purchased in-person at an aquatic facility.

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