

# East Lawrence News

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May 2021



## ELNA

### General Meeting

May 10th 7-9pm

Online via Zoom

### Agenda

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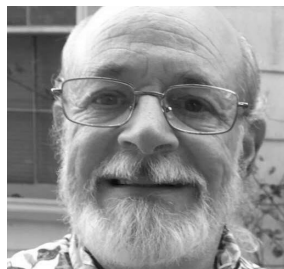
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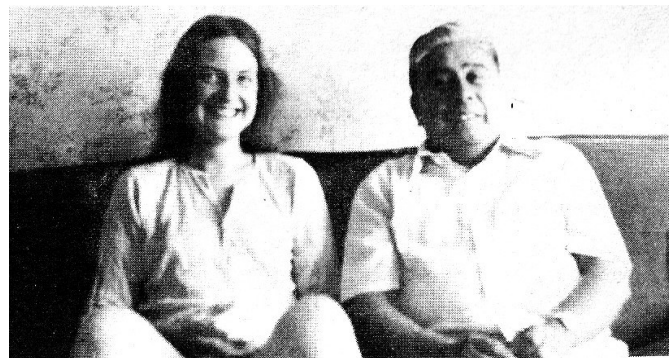
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## From the President

Barry Shalinsky

Community Development Block Grant funding for East Lawrence Neighborhood Association operations and communications has come to end, fueled by a new grant review process that minimizes community involvement. For over 40 years, a citizen advisory body made recommendations to the City Commission on how CDBG money should be spent. The meetings were open to the public, and the committee received public testimony before making recommendations. The committee discussed, debated and voted on recommendations, all in public. There was transparency.



Long time residents of East Lawrence will recognize these two local legends. Shelley Miller and Val Romero were Pennsylvania Street neighbors who served together as East Lawrence's representatives to the City's Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board.

Last funding year, the City did away with that open process and replaced it with an anonymous staff review process, with no pre-review public input, no transparency and no accountability. Decisions are based on a rating "matrix" that was set up with criteria that disadvantage neighborhood associations. This year, one anonymous City Hall bean counter actually rated ELNA with zero points on five out of thirteen rating criteria. Not surprisingly, each of the neighborhood associations, including ELNA, was zero funded.

Yet all is not doom and gloom. ELNA has received over \$1000 in contributions and newsletter ad revenue since our last newsletter. City Commission tentatively voted to fund us at \$2,000 for August through December 2021 from general revenue, with an indication that there might be more next year. If you feel so inclined, please contact the City and let them know you value the work of Neighborhood Associations, and ask that a budget item be added. You can find email addresses for the City Manager and Commissioners on the City website. However, ELNA is taking no chances. We will be filing 501(c)(3) paperwork so we can start pursuing other funding opportunities. If you value what we do, please hit the "donate" button on [www.eastlawrence.com](http://www.eastlawrence.com) or send us a check at PO Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044-2393. Sincere thanks to all who have helped!!

Meanwhile, ELNA continues to do what we do best – agitate, advocate, educate, communicate, collaborate and celebrate, just as Shelley used to do so many years ago. She was the self-described "ever vigilant neighborhood bitch" who worked hard and knew how to have a good time!

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## President . . .

- After years at the top of our agenda, the City Manager told ELNA that East Lawrence will be the first neighborhood that new Planning staff will work with on updating our Neighborhood Plan. This is huge!
- Parks and Rec is sharing plans for a new splash pad at Burroughs Creek Park at the 15<sup>th</sup> Street intersection with the Trail that is slated to be built this summer.
- When good historic brick pavement was found in the footprint of a new parking lot southeast of the Amtrak station, work was immediately stopped to see whether the brick could be incorporated into the parking lot. Neighbors and preservation architects are being consulted.
- ELNA participates in a work group with city staff and other neighborhoods to write a city policy for the preservation of brick streets and sidewalks to promote a historic streetscape while ensuring safe paths of travel.
- East Lawrence Drive-in Movie Night was so successful that we are looking at more fun ways to safely gather for fun this summer.
- Every Thursday like clockwork, our e-news goes out, and every two months, you receive this newsletter. Kudos to our awesome Neighborhood Coordinator who makes it happen!

## City Seeks History & Photos of Sacred Red Boulder

-- *City of Lawrence*

The City of Lawrence is undergoing work to return In'zhúje'waxóbe, the sacred red boulder currently located in Robinson Park, to the Kaw Nation. During their meeting on March 16, 2021, the Lawrence City Commission adopted a joint resolution with Douglas County offering a formal apology on behalf of the City and County to the people of the Kaw Nation for the appropriation of In'zhúje'waxóbe and agreeing to its unconditional return.

As part of the work to return In'zhúje'waxóbe, the City is seeking historical archives from the community that may help in understanding how the sacred boulder was brought to Lawrence and installed in its current location. In'zhúje'waxóbe came to Lawrence via the Santa Fe railroad during either the late hours of September 18, 1929, or the early hours of September 19, 1929.

Historical archives are needed to better understand the installation of the rock in Robinson Park as well as to see the boulder in its natural form, prior to the construction of the base. Historical archives that may help with this understanding include photos, drawings, journal entries or any other timely record of In'zhúje'waxóbe.

Anyone with information that they believe could be helpful is asked to contact Ashley Chávez with the City Attorney's Office: 785-832-3475 | [AsChavez@lawrenceks.org](mailto:AsChavez@lawrenceks.org).

## New York School News

The first week of May -- May 3rd-7th -- is Teacher Appreciation Week! All students, families, and neighbors are invited to show New York teachers that they are loved and appreciated. Choose a day, or two, or all five! to participate. Bring items to your teachers or the front office of the school.

Monday May 3rd -- Teachers Help Us Bloom! Bring your teacher a flower -- fresh, fake, or hand drawn -- or something with a floral print.

Tuesday May 4th -- Teachers Are Noteworthy! Write or draw your teacher a note explaining how they've made a difference to you.

Wednesday May 5th -- My Teacher Is a Treat! Treat your teacher to their favorite snack, drink, or homemade item.

Thursday May 6th -- Teachers Are Awesome to the Core! Bring an apple themed gift, a caramel apple, or just an apple.

Friday May 7th -- Teachers Help COLOR Our World! Wear your teacher's favorite color.

The New York School Garden Club will need help caring for the garden this summer. Watch the club's Facebook page -- search for New York Elementary Garden discussion group -- for a sign up when it's ready. Care for the garden might include watering, weeding, and even harvesting!

## New La Yarda Film

Filmmakers Lourdes Kalusha-Aguirre and Marlo Angell are working on a new short documentary about the East Lawrence neighborhood of La Yarda and are looking for people to interview, photos to include and stories to share. This short film about the Mexican American neighborhood created to house railroad workers from 1920-51 is made possible by a grant from Humanities Kansas and support from The Percolator Lawrence. Email Lourdes & Marlo at [layardafilm@gmail.com](mailto:layardafilm@gmail.com) to connect!



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# Sunrise News

Sunrise Family Community Event!

May 14, 5:30--8:30 PM

Trivedi Wine LLC, 1826 E 1150 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66049

Sunrise Project staff and Board of Directors invite you to an outdoor, socially distanced family event at Trivedi Wine. Join us at this fun event to mingle and get to know our Sunrise Board. The purchase of your ticket to this event supports our programming which includes: weekly community meals; free food gardens and orchards; community pantry; and youth programs!

Each ticket is \$20 and it gets you:

Admission of up to two children (ages 18 and under)

Live music

Spring weather on a local farm

Safe, socially distanced community fun!

Live music by BOBEON and The T

Enjoy an evening of classic rock and country with this local fun-loving trio. Guaranteed to get your toes tapping with songs you know, these talented musicians have years of experience performing together and with various other bands in and around the Lawrence area. They are graciously volunteering their time and talents for the event!

Food Provided by Amber Scullery Food Truck

A delicious onsite food truck will be available for purchase for the duration of the event.

Bring your MASKS and your LAWN CHAIR for a socially distanced good time!

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It is time to **ACTIVATE YOUR VOICE:**

Courageous Leadership Conference

May 15, 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM CDT

1501 Learnard Ave. Lawrence, KS 66044

Sunrise Project's 2021 Activate Your Voice program will be a day of active learning and connection. We welcome Crystal Rozelle-Bennett as our facilitator to guide us on a Courageous Leadership journey that centers the experiences of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC).

The Courageous Leadership Conference will take place outside, for a COVID-safe environment that enables us to connect face-to-face.

Childcare and transportation provided if needed.

About Crystal Bennett: Crystal Rozelle-Bennett, LMSW is the founder and CEO of THRYVE, LLC. Ms. Bennett brings over 20 years of experience with youth and families to the leadership of THRYVE.

More information about Crystal Rozelle-Bennet can be found on our Facebook event. (Just search the Sunrise Facebook page.

This program is FREE and OPEN to all, ages 18+.

We welcome people of all genders, backgrounds, and racial-ethnic identities; however, BIPOC folks will be prioritized for enrollment. This program is capped at 20 participants, our staff will follow up to confirm your spot.

This session of Activate Your Voice is made possible by a Racial Equity grant through Douglas County United Way.

Sign up today by filling out the form listed in the facebook event description.

E-mail [melissa@sunriseprojectks.org](mailto:melissa@sunriseprojectks.org) or call 785-865-1618 to get on the list or to get more information.

# Crisis Pet Retention Fund

In recent months the Lawrence Humane Society has had a significant increase in the number of people coming to us to surrender their pets due to job loss, housing instability, and/or financial challenges in caring for pets. Our hope is that the CPR Fund can help keep people and pets together and not add one more loss or burden to the folks in our community.

Some examples of things the CPR Fund can assist with include (but aren't limited to):

Pet deposits/pet rent

Essential pet supplies such as food, crates, collars, litter, etc.

Wellness medical care such as spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, etc.

Emergency vet care

Behavior consulting

Temporary boarding

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# ELNA Meetings 2021

The ELNA Board meets on the Second Monday of each month. Traditionally, we've met in the New York School library, but we'll continue to meet via zoom for the foreseeable future. The link to the zoom meeting is always posted at the top of the agenda, and the agenda can always be found at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings/>. If you have any trouble finding the link, or getting access to a meeting, just email Phil [phil@pcollison.com](mailto:phil@pcollison.com). We meet from 7-9pm.

Here's a list of meeting dates for the rest of 2021:

2ND MONDAYS May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th. We will have Board declarations in October, and Annual Meeting and Board Elections in November.

## SPECIAL NOTICE:

ELNA will vote on minor technical changes to our bylaws at our zoom meeting on June 14, 2021. These changes will make us eligible to apply for 501(c)(3) non-profit status! The proposed amendments will be posted on [www.eastlawrence.com](http://www.eastlawrence.com) by mid-May.

## Hang 12 + Percolator TRAFFIC JAM!

Outdoor, interactive art show in the shared alley between 9th and 10th of New Hampshire street at the end of May. Traffic Jam will be on Saturday, May 29th from 6-10 pm and the rain date will be June 5th. It will include local artists, bands, and some of our own work! Plenty of sanitation stations will be provided, with masks and social distancing required. We are hosting it with help from the Percolator.

### Plus ELNA Merch!

Lane will set up at the Traffic Jam event on Saturday May 29th with the ELNA merch. We've got hoodies, tees (in women's, unisex, and kids sizes,) possum lady tanks and even a few coozies. Clothing prices range from \$25 to \$12 and \$3 for the coozies. We'll be able to take cash, check, and card.

## 2021 Compost & Woodchip City-Load Events

The City offers City-load days at the Compost Facility once a month 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: \$10 per scoop from the city's loading equipment. Once scoop typically fills a pickup truck bed.

### 2021 City-Load Dates

Saturday, May 1  
Saturday, June 5  
Saturday, July 3  
Saturday, August 7  
Saturday, September 4  
Saturday, October 2

### What is 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 on Monday mornings, as well as grass clippings, leaves, and woody debris from some commercial lawn care providers.



## EAST LAWRENCE MOWING

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## New Informational Kiosk at the Pool

There is a new kiosk in front of the Outdoor Aquatic Center on Kentucky Street that tells the story of how Lawrence got its first integrated swimming pool. Before the late 1960s there was no public pool— just segregated private pools. In 1955, a young Black man, Wray Jones, died while swimming in the Kansas River. In 1960, local civil rights activists picketed a segregated pool called the Jayhawk Plunge, which closed rather than open its doors to people of all races. After several failed bond issues and years of work by community organizers and student activists, a bond issue was finally approved in 1967, and the Lawrence Municipal Pool (now the Outdoor Aquatic Center) opened in 1969 at its current location. A recently installed informational kiosk, pictured, was a project of the Lawrence NAACP History committee, with support and financial assistance from the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department, the Watkins Museum of History, and the friends of Dick Raney.



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## Volunteer to Plant Flowers for The City of Lawrence

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department is preparing to break out the spring flowers to beautify Lawrence's parks and public areas. Businesses and teams may see it as a great civic team-building project. Individuals are also encouraged to sign up and assist.

Volunteers ages 16 and up are needed at the following locations and times.

- 8-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, Lawrence Union Pacific Depot, 402 N. Second St.
- 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, N. Second Street | 59 Highway and Riverfront St. LAWRENCE sign and Lawrence Airport
- 8-11 a.m. Saturday, May 8, Downtown Lawrence
- 8-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, Town Center and City Hall, 6 East Sixth St.
- 8-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, Downtown Lawrence
- 8-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St.
- 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St.
- 8-11 a.m. Thursday, May 13, South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St.
- 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 13, South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St.
- 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, Vermont Street Butterfly Garden/Public Library Garden, 707 Vermont St.
- 8-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, Downtown Lawrence
- 8-11 a.m. Thursday, May 27, Downtown Lawrence

Volunteers may sign up for multiple times from the days and locations listed above. Locations for meeting the day of volunteering will be provided one participants have signed up. Volunteer opportunities will close as number of volunteers needed are reached. To see the number of volunteers needed for a given date, please consult the online registration form listed below.

To volunteer or for more information, please visit <http://lawrenceks.org/lprd/flowerplanting> or individuals may contact the Parks and Recreation administrative office [parksrec@lawrenceks.org](mailto:parksrec@lawrenceks.org), (785) 832-3450.



Neighborhood grocery store Lawrence, Kansas

More old photos from a neighbor on pages 6 & 7.

## COVID Vaccine News

According to our Douglas County COVID Response Team, our county's vaccine supply currently outpaces community demand. The need for mass vaccination events is waning, and as such, the final two mass vaccination clinics at the Douglas County Fairgrounds will have been held on April 27-28.

After April 28, there will be a drive-thru site at LMH Health. The drive through clinic, run by Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health, anticipates being able to provide 200-300 appointments each day with some walk-in appointment availability. You can make an appointment at [LDCHealth.org/COVIDVaccine](http://LDCHealth.org/COVIDVaccine) and [douglascountyks.org/coronavirus](http://douglascountyks.org/coronavirus), or just show up. In this phase of vaccination rollout, anyone 16 and older is eligible to receive their shots.

Furthermore, in addition to encouraging everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible, public health orders still require mask wearing, social distancing, and reduced venue occupancy in all businesses and public venues, County-wide, through the end of May. Anyone with a question about compliance of a local health order can email: [phorders@ldchealth.org](mailto:phorders@ldchealth.org). And the Douglas County COVID Helpline – 785-864-9000 – is available. This phone number will be answered by trained staff who can help answer questions about vaccination, testing, symptoms, local public health orders and other COVID-19 related questions. The helpline will be available: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday.

More information about Douglas County COVID-19 response and recovery efforts can visit [douglascountyks.org/coronavirus](http://douglascountyks.org/coronavirus).

## Mower and Tiller for Rent

The grass is green and growing! It's mowing time again! 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).

# Final Fridays

returns to the Warehouse Arts District

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**Long Ago on East Ninth** *Former neighbor, Carol Guy, posts old photos of her time on East Ninth on Facebook. She also frequently posts them to the group discussion page "You Know You're From Lawrence Kansas if ...". Carol has granted us permission to print some of her recent shares. Thanks, Carol! More on page 7.*



Butch Proctor shoveling snow in front of our dad's Auto Garage 411 E. 9th (store across the street was Johnsons Service grocery 412 E. 9th Street) -chains on tires

# 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.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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- We print the names of new and returning ELNA members in the ELNA newsletter . Check here if it is okay to print your name.
- Please add my email to the “Thursday ELNA News” (the weekly enewsletter) email list.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



Just a quaint ol' Pic. ca1955 -E.9th between Conn.& N.Y.- Makes you think of a scene out of a old western movie. At the time pic. taken folks lived in those buildings. I believe the little square bldg. possibly was a Cafe in earlier yrs. The bldg. in center was a Used Furn. store in this pic. (alley to the right not shown)



across the alley (not pictured) where Johnsons Service grocery had been yrs. ago.



this view shows those bldg.s across 9th from our yard.



Van's Furniture Repair between Conn. and R.I. right by the alley.

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