

# East Lawrence News

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## ELNA

### General Meeting

September 12th 7- 9 pm

October 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*

It is September. That means it is East Lawrence Block Party time! If you are old school, circle September 24 on your paper calendar, or if you are living in this century, put an alert on your digital calendar. Either way, you will not want to miss this fun family event! See the inside of this newsletter and watch social media for more info by signing up for the East Lawrence Block Party Facebook event. If you wish to volunteer to help with the Block Party, please contact Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

Work is continuing on updating the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan. Your voice is critical! The City of Lawrence Planning Office will have a table at the Block Party. Stop by and chat with the Planning Staff to share your views. There is information and an online survey that you can access at [www.lawrenceks.org/eln](http://www.lawrenceks.org/eln). Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey. The survey will be up through the end of September, so please do not delay in making your views known.

Plans are in the works to bring a couple of Ninth Street landmarks back to life. Zarif and Mamie Haque will be seeking approval to build a small addition onto the east side of the Turnhalle at 900 Rhode Island, primarily to make the building ADA accessible. The plan is to make the Turnhalle into a venue for concerts, receptions and weddings. Brad Ziegler has filed a rezoning application with the hopes of reopening a restaurant / tavern in the historic stone building at 900 Pennsylvania. ELNA is keeping close tabs on both projects.

You will notice that this edition of the East Lawrence News has a slightly different look. In recent months, we have experimented with using neighborhood volunteers to deliver some newsletters, while continuing to use bulk mail to deliver most of them. Our neighborhood volunteers have performed beautifully; the US Postal Service – not so much. The most recent newsletters arrived in mailboxes more than two weeks after they were mailed. That newsletter contained important election information, and having the newsletter arrive on Election Day was really not ok. After doing some research, we have decided to abandon bulk mail to use a different method, Every Door Direct Mail. This requires minor formatting changes to our newsletter. We hope it will result in more timely delivery, since the newsletter will not go to Kansas City for sorting. We are always looking for newsletter delivery volunteers. Contact Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) if you would like to help.

Despite the newsletter delivery snafu, East Lawrence had a record turnout for an August election. Please see the article inside this newsletter to see what East Lawrence voters did in the election.

Finally, some exciting news! After meeting online for more than two years, ELNA will be holding its meetings with a hybrid format. You may attend in person, or continue to attend online on Zoom. Our meeting home for several decades, New York School is not available due to school budgetary considerations. City Parks & Rec Department has made the Amtrak / BNSF Depot at Seventh & New Jersey available for our ELNA meetings. We look forward to seeing you at the Block Party, and at our ELNA meetings, in person or online, 7 to 9 pm on the second Monday of the month.

## ***Block Party! Block Party! Block Party!***

It's a potluck style neighbor party and you're invited!

Please come!

Saturday September 24th, 2022

Hobbs Park 5-9pm

ELNA will provide the burgers (both meat and vegetarian) and some drinks. We'll have beer for purchase by donation. You can bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll have live music and raffle items, for sure, merch for sale, games, info tables, and maybe a silly hat or two. We'll ask our Bike Repair friends if they can come too, so you can bring your bike in need of small mending.

Want to help? We need volunteers to set up, grill, person the raffle/merch table, and clean up after.

You wanna play music for your neighbors? It's a very chill gig.

Got something fun to donate to the raffle? We'd love it!

Please let us know if you can help by emailing Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

Can't wait to see you all! Please feel free to bring guests. Everyone is welcome.

## **Kickball Thanks**

The Kaw Valley Kickball League had its season finale championship game on Sunday August 21st at Hobbs Park. ELNA was there with concessions. Burgers and Pickles and Brats, Oh My! We'd like to thank everyone who helped run the concessions through the summer – Aaron Paden (project lead), Marshall and Ev Maude, Justin Parr, Zippy, Barry and Elijah Shalinsky, Oscar and Arlo Paden, Tom Jenny Peter and Briar Buller, Julia Patterson, Pam Blackburn, Lane Eisenbart, and Michelle Needham. We also thank our gracious KVKL Commissioners for letting us raise over \$4,000 for our general fund. And thanks to all the fun, generous kickballers for eating approximately 1000 brats and burgers this summer.

Thanks, friends!



## **ELNA Board:**

### **Declarations October, Elections November**

Are you interested in volunteering to serve on the ELNA Board? Are there issues in the neighborhood you'd like to see addressed? Do you feel you could speak for neighbors who are underrepresented in City processes and social mechanisms? Unlike some boards, the ELNA board does not require a monetary investment in the organization, all we want is your time and effort. ELNA board members are required to attend monthly meetings and are encouraged to champion projects and lend a hand in regular events and fundraising activities.

Our annual Board of Directors election and all member meeting is coming up on Monday November 14th, 2022. If you think you'd like to run for a position on the ELNA Board, you must attend our October meeting, Monday October 10th, and declare your intention to run.

As always, only in-neighborhood individual (not business or nonprofit or out-of-neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote for the ELNA board. All Board members must be voting eligible.

Further questions can be addressed by reviewing the bylaws on the ELNA website or directed to the Coordinator at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

## **Sunrise Project Update**

Sunrise Project continues to serve Community Meals on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, from 5-6 PM, at the Sunrise location at 1501 Learnard. Donations are accepted, but never required. Delivery is possible, but please request with 24 hours notice. We're scheduled to cook up some Brats and Cabbage Apple Slaw on September 7th and Vegan Coconut Chickpea Curry with Basmati Rice on September 21st. You can always check social media to see what we're cooking. We'd love to have some volunteers each meal day, so let us know if you'd like to lend your time.

Most Monday evenings we are in the garden, soon to be preparing for winter! Check social media and website for times!

Our Annual Pie Auction will be back Saturday October 15, 3:30 to 6:30 at 1501 Learnard. The event will be a community meal with live music, activities, and pie auction! If you'd like to bake and donate a pie, help with the event, sponsor a pie, or donate something for our silent auction let us know!

We've also just started after school programming for Liberty Memorial Central Middle School students on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, from 1:40-2:30, at the Sunrise Project location. Free!

If you've got questions or want to volunteer, contact Melissa at 785-865-1618 (call/text) or [melissa@sunriseprojectks.org](mailto:melissa@sunriseprojectks.org).

# November General Election

Let's keep that excellent voter turnout going!

With August's Primary under our belt, we've got a General Election coming up Monday November 8th.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

October 18 – Registration books close. Last day to register.

October 19 – Advance Voting by mail begins, Advance Voting in person begins

November 1 – Deadline to request an advance ballot to be mailed

November 5 – Saturday Advance Voting In-Person 9AM to 1PM - Lecompton City Hall, Eudora City Hall, Baldwin Fire Station, County Clerk Elections Office (23rd and Louisiana)

November 7 – Advance Voting Closes (Noon)

November 8 – GENERAL ELECTION 7AM - 7PM at your polling place

## FIRST, MAKE SURE YOU'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE

If you're not sure if you're registered, or uncertain if your registration information is correct, you may check on the Douglas County Clerk's website: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/your-voter-information>.

You may also check your status in person at the NEW County Clerk Elections Office 711 W 23rd St #1, Lawrence. Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Phone(s): 785-832-5267.

If you know you're not registered, but you want to be, you can do so online through the State of Kansas website at: <http://www.voteks.org/before-you-vote/how-do-i-register.html>

You can check your voting eligibility and fill in an online registration through that portal. The good folks at the County Clerk Election Office can help you register as well. Be sure to have your ID documents in order before you register.

## MAIL IN/ADVANCE BALLOT

To vote by mail you must complete an Application for Advance Ballot by Mail (PDF format) by printing it out or go to [www.ksvotes.org](http://www.ksvotes.org) to fill out a form online.

Please Note: Digital typed signatures are not accepted. We verify your signature against your voter registration record. After you have completed the application, please return it to the County Clerk Election Office on 23rd. The ballots may be mailed in and must be postmarked on or before Election Day. The ballot may also be returned to the Election Office or in an official drop box before 7 pm on Election Day. There is a drop box conveniently located on the south side of the Courthouse at 11th & Mass. Check with the County Clerk for other locations.

## WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

As this General Election approaches and candidate deadlines pass, the Douglas County Clerk will have full sample ballots posted on their website, including judicial positions and uncontested races at <https://www.douglascountykansas.org/depts/voting-and-elections/current-elections#Link-To-Sample-Ballots>

## WHERE TO VOTE?

Advance Voting

If you're voting in person, you can advance vote at the at the NEW County Clerk Elections Office, 711 W 23rd St #1, Lawrence. Advance Voting in person begins Wednesday October 19th and closes at noon on Monday November 7th.

## ELECTION DAY

On Election Day, you can cast your ballot at your polling place. All locations are open 7am to 7pm. And don't forget! So long as you're in line to vote by 7pm, your polling place workers will stay and help you get your ballot submitted.

Yeah, but where?

East Lawrence is mostly in 2 precincts. Precinct 39, north of 11th, east of Mass, and south of the river, votes at the Cider Gallery at 810 Pennsylvania Street. Precinct 40, south of 11th but north of 14th and east of Mass, votes at Trinity Lutheran Church at 1245 New Hampshire. There is a tiny portion of East Lawrence proper that is south of 14th and north of 15th, in precinct 33. Precinct 33 votes at Vintage Church at 1501 New Hampshire.

If you are voting in person, on election day or in advance in person, be sure to bring your photo identification. In Kansas, a valid photo id can be a driver's license or non-driver ID issued by the State of Kansas, a concealed carry license issued by the State of Kansas, a United States passport, an employee badge or ID document issued by a municipal county state or federal government office, a military ID issued by the United States, a student ID card issued by an accredited postsecondary institution of education in the State of Kansas, a public assistance identification card issued by a municipal county state or federal government office, an ID card issued by an Indian tribe. Persons aged 65 years or older may use expired photo id documents.

Please check the Douglas County Clerk's office website and our excellent local news sources, like the free online Lawrence Times, for details on candidates and issues.

## August Election News & Results

East Lawrence voters turned out in large numbers in the recent election that ended on August 2. Turn-out was driven by a controversial proposal for an amendment to the Kansas Constitution that would have removed reproductive health protections from the constitution. 1277 East Lawrence voters participated in the election. These are the totals on the Constitutional Amendment: NO 1218 (95.7%); YES 55 (4.3%); Blank or Invalid ballots 4 (0%).

Of those who participated in the election, 60% voted on Election Day in East Lawrence's three polling places, the Cider Gallery, Trinity Lutheran Church and Vintage Church. 25% voted in person in advance at the Douglas County Election Office at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Louisiana. The remainder voted by mail or drop box, or cast provisional ballots.

East Lawrence voters also chose precinct committee members to represent the neighborhood to the political parties. Democratic voters selected Barry Shalinsky and Peggy Robinson in precinct 39 (Cider Gallery), C. Grace MacMillan and Craig Stancliffe in precinct 40 (Trinity Lutheran Church). No East Lawrence Republicans filed for precinct committee positions.

## LMCMS Fun Run

The Fun Run has been a Central tradition since 1981. Each year the entire student body works together to make our school-wide fundraising goal by collecting pledges for the annual event. The money raised through the Fun Run will help fund the "extras" we want to provide for our students at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School. All students will benefit from the money raised as these funds support our field trips, school wide celebrations, after school clubs, extra supplies and materials, athletics, activities, and a variety of other needs. So please consider sponsoring a student!

The 2.2 mile Fun Run this year will be held at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School on Friday, October 28th at 2:00pm. LMCMS celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year!

If you have any questions, you'd like to volunteer to help with the run or the anniversary celebrations, or you'd like to make a direct donation to the fundraiser, you can make contact with administrative staff at [samantha.moore@usd497.org](mailto:samantha.moore@usd497.org).

## New York News

New York Elementary is hiring!

We are looking to hire paraprofessionals and a Parent Involvement Facilitator. Our paraprofessionals work alongside our teachers to foster learning for all our students. The Parent Involvement Facilitator, PIF, gets to work closely with staff and families connecting them to resources in the community and in the school. Our PIF also works to help plan and execute events at school, donations, and connects with our business partners. The PIF position is 20 hours per week.

AND, just announced, the district will use federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to support free early childhood educational services and before- and after-school enrichment for the children of classified employees. Classified staff work as paraeducators and instructional support staff, food service and custodial personnel, and secretarial, clerical, and technical services staff in the district. Beginning September 6, the new program will provide early learning opportunities for three- and four-year-old children while supporting the recruitment and retention of classified staff to maintain operations and continuity of district services.

### We Need a Volunteer!

We could use one person to volunteer their time helping with our school food pantry – organizing, inventorying, etc. Anyone looking to help just needs to email April Levings at [alevings@usd497.org](mailto:alevings@usd497.org).

### Wishlists

Our teachers have public amazon wishlists and would love any donations. The links are shared on the New York PTA Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/NewYorkPTA>. Our teachers are asking for everything from organizer carts to watering cans to pencil sharpeners. Cost of items range from less than \$10 to \$70 and so there's something to fit into any budget. And if you're able to purchase a thing or two THANK YOU! Our teachers work so hard to bring the very best to the classroom each day and this is one way we can help ♥

If a shipping address is not provided on the individual list please ship to 936 New York St., Lawrence KS 66044.

### Neighbor Notice

North and South Playgrounds are for use by the school and Boys and Girls Club between the hours of 7am-6pm. After those times our community is welcome to share the facilities with our school community. As a reminder, please pick up after your dogs each time you are visiting our school's playground. Our students deserve a clean and sanitary environment to play, learn, and grow. Additionally, you will notice a new smaller fenced area on the South Playground. This is for our younger 3-5 children to have some age appropriate tools and toys. This area is not for play or dogs.

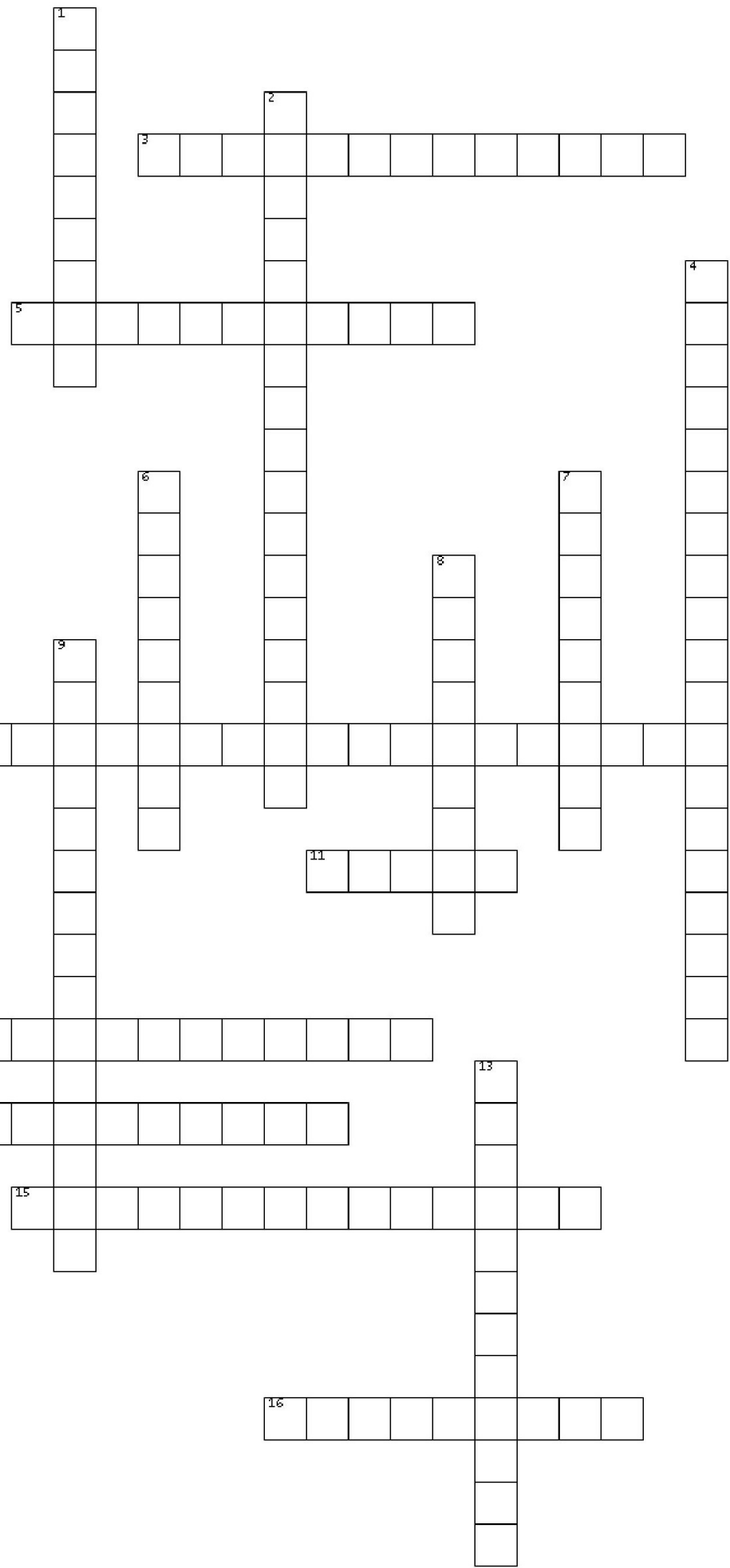
# East Lawrence Crossword

## ACROSS

- 3 Formerly industrial district, turned arts and residential
- 5 EL boundary to the north
- 10 Lawrence's oldest social service agency
- 11 East-West thoroughfare, site of recent street rebuild
- 12 Historic travelers stop
- 14 North-South thoroughfare called something else south of 15<sup>th</sup>
- 15 Most famous EL resident, attended both New York and Central
- 16 Gothic Revival Church

## DOWN

- 1 New public park feature to the south
- 2 Our favorite elementary school
- 4 EL boundary to the east
- 6 Lawrence's oldest standing community building
- 7 KVKL home turf
- 8 EL boundary to the south
- 9 Church first dedicated in 1871
- 13 Where wishes are free



- ANSWER KEY
- ACROSS
- 3 warehousearts
  - 5 kansasriver
  - 10 socialservicel league
  - 11 ninth
  - 12 santafedepot
  - 14 connecticut
  - 15 langstonhighes
  - 16 stlukeame
- DOWN
- 1 splashpad
  - 2 newyorkelemetary
  - 4 burroughshscreektrail
  - 6 turnhalle
  - 7 hobspark
  - 8 fifteenth
  - 9 trinitylutheran
  - 13 wishingbench

# New Life at the Turnhalle

*From Hernly Associates:*

Following nine years of vacancy, the historic Turnhalle building at 9th and Rhode Island is finally set for rehabilitation. New owners Zarif and Mamie Haque are planning a full scale renovation to reopen the building, reestablishing the building as an entertainment and community social center. East Lawrence architecture firm Hernly Associates is overseeing the design, which was reviewed by the Historic Resource Commission on August 18<sup>th</sup>, and received unanimous approval.

The Turnhalle was saved from demolition by neglect by the Lawrence Preservation Alliance in 2012. With the help of a Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council grant, the roof was restored and the historic character of the building protected by a covenant placed on the property. In 2018, the LPA also purchased the parking lot across 9th Street, which will be utilized for this project.

Stan Hernly is familiar with the history of this building and the remarkable efforts that have been made to preserve the structure. “Lawrence is really lucky to have retained this building for so long when its use since the 1930s has been so marginal,” he says. “It could easily have been demolished or fallen so deeply into disrepair that rehabilitation would have been prohibitive.”

With questions, comments, input, contact Mike Myers [mike@hernly.com](mailto:mike@hernly.com).

*Images to the right reflect artistic renderings of the renovation project*

## **Turnhalle Historical Information:**

The Turnhalle (pronounced turn-hallah) at 900 Rhode Island Street is a 40’x60’ stone building constructed in 1868 and is the oldest standing community building in Lawrence. It was originally constructed as a gathering place for residents of German descent “for the promotion of good health, fellowship, and entertainment.” Various activities were housed at the Turnhalle, including gymnastics, card playing and beer brewing clubs, dances, weddings, and church meetings. In the 1930’s, the building was sold to Lawrence’s Ernst family. The Ernst family were members of Lawrence Turnverein, a social club housed at Turnhalle.

Turnhalle is a contributing property to the North Rhode Island District on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Before renovation, currently, the lower level contains 3624 square feet. The space is not partitioned and has one working bathroom. The upper level (main hall) contains 2400 sq. ft. on the main floor, with a raised stage area to the east containing 960 sq. ft. On the west end, there is a balcony containing 840 sq. ft. that is accessible by a rear stairway. To the south of the stage, there are two stacked office spaces of 264 sq. ft. each. There are no working bathroom facilities on the upper level. There are no HVAC systems and the building is not ADA compliant.



From north



From northeast



From northwest

# 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.

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 \$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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Kansas Half Marathon – Save the Date! Sign Up to Run or Volunteer!

The Kansas Half Marathon and 5k will take place on Sunday, November 6th at 7:00 am, starting and ending at South Park. This race is a benefit for the Heartland Community Health Center, which provides medical services to residents of Douglas County regardless of income or insurance status. Most runners will be passing through East Lawrence from 7 am to 8:30 am. Roads will remain open to traffic with a narrow portion coned off for runners; motorists may experience slight delays during this time but the impact, as in years past, is expected to be minimal. Those interested in participating or volunteering may find more information at [kansashalfmarathon.com](http://kansashalfmarathon.com); and questions may be directed to Matt O'Reilly at [oreilly3@gmail.com](mailto:oreilly3@gmail.com).



## Scouts BSA Troop 62

Back to School means back to Scouts! Scouts BSA Troop 62 - East Lawrence's only Boy Scout Troop welcomes new members, boys in 6-12th grades, who want to enjoy scouting in a small troop with a relaxed atmosphere and lots of leadership and advancement opportunities. Troop 62 meets on Tuesday nights (when school is in session) from 7-8:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1245 New Hampshire St. The troop's experienced adult leaders include: Scoutmaster Lorin Maletsky, Committee Chair Cary Strong, Asst. Scoutmaster Pat Donohue, and Chartered Organization Representative Ryan Devlin. Boys and their grownups are welcome to come to a meeting, contact Nick Ernzen at: [nernzen@ku.edu](mailto:nernzen@ku.edu) for more information about joining.



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