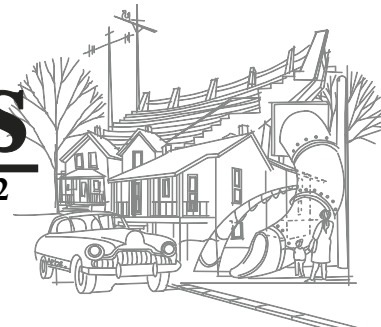


# East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
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September 2012



## ELNA

### General Meeting

Tuesday, September 4th

7-9 p.m.

New York Elementary School

Agenda includes:

- ◆ Presentation of proposed 7-story building for NE corner of 9th & New Hampshire
- ◆ Nancy Thellman, County Commissioner
- ◆ Jamie Shew, County Clerk

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## Mark Your Calendars!

### The Annual Block Party Returns

On Saturday, September 22nd, from 5-9pm, at Hobbs Park, ELNA will throw its annual block party. Come and join the fun! We will have all our favorite things — food, entertainment, games and lots of great neighbor-mingling!

The block party can't happen without volunteers. Please read the list of events, and see what kind of help we need. Contact eastlawrence@yahoo.com to volunteer.

**Food!** ELNA will supply the drinks and grilled fare. *We ask that all neighbors bring a side dish or dessert to share. Volunteer to take a turn at the grill. Volunteer to be on trash duty.*

**Best Dish!** Back by popular demand, our 3rd annual Best Dish competition. We want you to bring out your best for the block party. There will be a contest for the best side dishes, dessert and vegetarian fare. *Volunteer to be a judge!*

**Cake Walk! Cake Walk! Cake Walk!** The cakewalk, a neighborhood favorite, always popular with the kids, will be back! *We need you to donate a cake! If you plan to play cake walk, bring a cake!*

**Prizes!** We always have great door prizes, and we need donations to make this happen. *Donate your art! Go out into the community and ask for donations!* Contact eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you have an item for the prizes.

**Music!** East Lawrence always brings out its best musicians on this night. If you would like to play at the party, contact Aaron Paden, aaronpaden@mac.com, or Phil Collison, phil@collison.com to sign up. *Come, listen and enjoy!*

**Bike Repair!** Get your bike fixed by our friendly neighborhood bike mechanics! *It's the perfect time to start your bicycle commute!*

**ELNA T-shirts!** We'll have several colors and sizes, including unisex, children's, infants, and women's sizes. *That must have item for your fall wardrobe.*

**Set--Up & Take--Down!** *Be an ELNA hero, volunteer to set-up or take-down!*

**Trash Duty!** Not glamorous, but NEEDED! *Volunteer to be on trash duty!*

## Hobbs Park History:

### Quonset at Hobbs Park First East Lawrence Rec Center

LBJ's message to Congress on March 16, 1964 was to declare "unconditional war" on poverty.

One way in which that war was to be fought was by the creation of the Office of Economic Opportunity. The OEO was created by R. Sargent Shriver who served as the first director from 1965 to 1968. In 1969 Donald Rumsfeld was tapped by Pres. Nixon to run the OEO regarded by the new admiration as symbolic of 1960s liberalism. Upon learning that staff referred to clients as "low-income individuals," Rumsfeld issued a memorandum in which he said OEO personnel should use the words "which are as specific and accurate as possible." Describing the use of poor as "accurate and entirely appropriate," the 24 million Americans were to be called what they were: Poor.

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## From the President

Cooler weather is here, the KU students have returned, and public schools are back in session. I think that means fall is nearly here!

And with the return of fall comes a proliferation of political lawn signs & ads in the mail prepping you for the coming elections on November 6<sup>th</sup>, which this year has a presidential election thrown in for good measure. Local politics are what run this city and touches every facet of our everyday life: drinking water, trash, parks, fire fighters, public transportation and police, so the importance of voting could never be over-stated.

At our September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting (on a Tuesday due to Labor Day) we will be joined by **Nancy Thellman**, County Commissioner, and **Jamie Shew**, the County Clerk.

**Nancy Thellman** is the County Commissioner for our neighborhood's district and is a Democrat. Her opponent will be Frank Male, a Republican who lives in rural Eudora. In April of 2013 will be the non-partisan City Commissioner elections.

**Jamie Shew** is the genius that came up with the idea of the county printing their own free voter ID cards, so that people may vote without needing all of the cumbersome documentation that the DMV requires. If you don't already have a DMV provided ID, you may get a free voter ID that will enable you to vote. Call them to learn more details at 832-5267 or email them at [elections@douglas-county.com](mailto:elections@douglas-county.com).

Also at our September meeting we will have **Treanor Architects** there to give us a short presentation on the proposed 7-story building planned for 9<sup>th</sup> & New Hampshire on the NE corner, where the Black Hills gas company & Douglas County Bank are currently located. There will also be the latest update for the SE corner of 9<sup>th</sup> & NH and the 5-story building that was approved by the City Commission on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

I hope that you join us at our next meeting, Tuesday 7pm, September 4<sup>th</sup> at New York Elementary School. See you soon!

Leslie Soden, ELNA President



## September & October Calendar

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30pm, BNSF Depot, 7<sup>th</sup> and NY Streets
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Labor Day – No School USD 497, all grades
- 4<sup>th</sup> – No School USD 497, all grades
- 4<sup>th</sup> – ELNA Meeting, 7-9pm, New York School Library
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Lawrence Fall Arts and Crafts Festival, 10am – 5pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – ELNA BLOCK PARTY! – 5-9pm, Hobbs Park

### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> – ELNA Meeting, 7-9pm, New York School Library
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30pm, BNSF Depot, 7<sup>th</sup> and NY Streets
- 12<sup>th</sup> – No School USD 497, Middle School and High School only
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Lawrence Electronic Recycling Event, 9am-1pm, Free State High School
- 18<sup>th</sup> – No School USD 497, Middle School only
- 19<sup>th</sup> – No School USD 497, all grades

## East Lawrence Goes Back to School!

School is back in session! Here's a little info from our neighborhood schools to help you have a great year!

Historic New York Elementary is located at 936 New York Street. Principal Nancy DeGarmo and Administrative Assistant Sandy Unruh can be reached at 832-5780. School begins at 8:00am and dismisses at 3:00pm. On Wednesdays, school dismisses at 1:30pm. New York Elementary's PTO meets every third Tuesday at 5:30pm. New York Elementary's Site Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. For a USD 497 calendar, including conference dates and no school notices, visit [www.usd497.org](http://www.usd497.org).

As ongoing fundraisers, New York Elementary recycles all materials except glass in Deffenbaugh dumpsters behind the building, and collects Checkers receipts, box tops, soup labels, and ink cartridges in receptacles in the school entrance.

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School is located at 1400 Massachusetts Street. The LMCMS office, including principal Jeff Harkin and interim assistant principal Anne Wallace, can be reached at 832-5400. School updates and a LMCMS calendar of events can be found at <http://cjhs.usd497.org/>. School is in session from 8:08 to 3:10, with early Wednesday dismissal at 1:30. LMCMS recycles cardboard and paper in dumpsters in the southeast parking lot.

## Recycle Your Metal for ELNA

Bring your scrap metal to Lonnie's Recycling at 501 Maple and ask that the recycling proceeds be donated to ELNA. Hours are Mon. – Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## New and Returning Members

Judy Harrington, Tom Genereaux, Melinda Henderson, Summer and Nate Wedermyer, Kimberly Zonneveld, Ruth and Austin Turney.

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# Health Clinic in Our Neighborhood

Heartland Community Health Center (HCHC) is a holistic, primary care health clinic that serves low-income community members. HCHC offers a place where individuals and families can receive care and build healthy relationships regardless of ability to pay. Heartland Community Health Center is a safe, welcoming environment for all patients.

At HCHC, we believe in a model of health care that includes the emotional, nutritional, spiritual, and social aspects of an individual's health. At HCHC, we desire to not only treat current symptoms but to provide any support, or care that our patients may need to prevent sickness before it begins.

As a federally funded community health center, HCHC receives funding through three main avenues: grants, private support, and patient fees/insurance reimbursement. Heartland Community Health Center accepts patients who are uninsured, publicly insured, or who have commercial insurance. Patients who do not have any coverage will pay a fee based upon a sliding fee scale.

Insurances accepted at HCHC are as follows,

- BCBS of Kansas, Cigna, Aetna,
- United Health Care, Coventry, Medicaid and Medicare

HCHC services include:

### Medical Clinic

- Primary Care
- Mental & Emotional Care
- Medication Assistance Program
- Nutrition and Exercise Counseling
- Smoking Cessation
- Women's Health
- Diabetes Care & Prevention
- School, Sports and Work Physicals
- On-site Lab Draw

### Food Pantry

- Healthy perishable items, such as milk, eggs, & meat
- Hours: Saturday 9am-1pm
- Monday 1pm-3pm (by appointment only)

### Rent & Utility Assistance Program

- HCHC takes calls for assistance on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month starting at 9 a.m.

HCHC is located in the lower level of the Riverfront Plaza.  
 100 Riverfront Plaza Lawrence, KS 66044  
 heartlandhealth.org (785) 841-7297.



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## HOBBS PARK continued

By the summer of 1968 the East Lawrence neighborhood was on the front lines of LBJ's war. The poor folk of the bottoms were the targeted with an \$8,267 12-month grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity's Community Action Program (CAP) to organize a multi-purpose community action service center. It was to be housed in a Quonset hut on the southeast corner of 10th & Delaware St. Tutoring was one of many services offered at the action service center.

The City had neglected to participate in a spring meeting called by the Community Resources Board to meet with OEO officials to discuss expanded anti-poverty efforts for Lawrence but by summer had graciously offered the use of a facility, the recently abandoned garage for garbage trucks.

The ground of the first East Lawrence Recreation Center was once part the abolitionist publisher John Speer's farmstead; selling a portion for \$1,400, to the Society of Friends on July 29, 1871. The Quakers erected a yearly meeting house in 1872, razing it in 1941 and selling the 350'x 250' tract to Kenneth Bailey on Dec. 20, 1943. The city council approved the purchase of the land on July 8, 1946 from Bailey for \$1,900.

The center was demolished in the makeover of the old Municipal Baseball Park in 1980, which was made possible by Myra B. Hobbs' bequest. The current East Lawrence Recreation Center at 1245 E. 15th Street opened in 1979.

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### 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.*

\$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood members

\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses

\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profits

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

We print the names of new and returning ELNA members in the ELNA newsletter – check here if it is okay to print your name.

I'd like to be part of the East Lawrence Safety Network calling tree

Please deliver an ELNA T-shirt – my \$12 is enclosed!

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Black Burgundy Navy Sage Brown

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Lawrence, KS 66044

I would like to join the ELNA Yahoo group – please invite me.

Please add me to the “Thursday ELNA News” (the weekly neighborhood newsletter) email list.

I do not want to be included in email messages.

Please remove me from the mailing list. Send to ELNA, Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044

## ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

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

\_\_\_ Work Days

\_\_\_ YART Sale

\_\_\_ Block Party

\_\_\_ Adopt-A-Family

\_\_\_ Art

\_\_\_ Music

\_\_\_ Photography

\_\_\_ Gardening

\_\_\_ Grilling

\_\_\_ Fund Raising

\_\_\_ Historic Preservation

\_\_\_ Serving on the ELNA Board

\_\_\_ Website Management

\_\_\_ Baking/ Cooking

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_