

East Lawrence News

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November 2023
& December 2023



ELNA

General Meeting

Nov. 13th 7-9 pm

Dec. 11th 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

As I write this column, the leaves are turning splendid colors and starting to fall. The annual Downtown Zombie Walk is history, and Halloween is just a few days away. While the Zombie Walk and Halloween can be frightful experiences, the really frightful experience comes a week later. November 7 is Election Day, when Lawrence voters will decide who will serve on the City Commission and USD 497 School Board.

I am of course joking about Election Day being frightful, or maybe not, because there is no doubt that elections do have consequences. Elections are frightful when potential voters do not participate at all, and leave it to others to decide, or when people cast uninformed ballots. The Lawrence Public Library has excellent online resources to help you to cast an informed vote, with links to official voting information, candidate profiles, questionnaires and recordings of public forums to help you separate fact from fiction. <https://lpl.org/learn/elections-and-voting>.

This newsletter contains campaign ads from some of the candidates. We made that opportunity available to every candidate. The presence or absence of campaign ads does not constitute an endorsement for or against any candidate. ELNA endorses only one concept in any election: participate by casting an informed vote for whomever you believe will support the best interests of your family, your neighborhood, and broader community, however you define that.

In addition to municipal and school board elections, November will also feature an election for ELNA Board members. The Board election will take place at the ELNA Meeting on November 13. The featured speaker at the November ELNA meeting is Marlo Angell who will be speaking about "Finding LaYarda." Marlo will be providing information about an immersive exhibit happening in summer of 2024. Read more about the ELNA Board election and LaYarda inside this newsletter.

On Sunday, November 12, the day before the ELNA Meeting and the day after Veterans' Day, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School will celebrate the Centennial of its building with a rededication ceremony at 2 pm at the School Auditorium. Built as a memorial to Lawrence High School students who died in World War I, the building has served as a high school, junior high school and middle school. ELNA is committed to seeing that Liberty Memorial will continue serving neighborhood students well into the future. Come celebrate with us!

A big thanks to long time East Lawrence resident Mark Kaplan for his suggestion that ELNA begin working on a master plan for upgrades to Hobbs Park. The old Municipal Stadium and Murphy-Bromelsick House are both in need of maintenance and repairs, and the park has so much unrealized potential. ELNA leaders believe that this would be a great time to consider long range plans for Hobbs Park, since we are already working with the City Planning Department on revisions to the overall Neighborhood Plan. Within days after ELNA took Mark's suggestion and created a committee to work on the project, the City announced public engagement on a master plan for Parks and Recreation citywide. ELNA is working to make sure that Hobbs Park improvements make it onto the master list.

Finally, we give special thanks and bid a fond farewell to Derek Rogers who is retiring soon from his position as Director of Parks and Recreation. We thank Derek for successful efforts toward creation of water features at both ends of the neighborhood, the splash pad at Fifteenth along the Burroughs Creek Trail, and the revitalized fountain at the Amtrak Depot. Derek has always said yes to ELNA's requests to use the Murphy-Bromelsick House and the Train Depot for neighborhood functions, and participated in a recent cleanup of the Riverfront with others from his department. We wish Derek well, and know we will miss him.

Sunrise Project Update

Upcoming Events!

Sunday November 5th, 1-4pm

Lit and Local & Open Mic

Lit and Local is an opportunity for youth ages 12+ to share their creations with the community. Youth bring their paintings, drawings, soaps, crocheted items, jewelry, baked goods and more for a youth creators market! This year's Lit & Local will take place on Nov. 5, 1:00-4:00 PM at the Cider Gallery, 810 Pennsylvania.

We will also be having an Open Mic at the event! Youth musicians, vocalists, writers and other performers are encouraged to share their talent with the community!

Are you a youth that wants to have a booth or perform at Open Mic? Fill out this form to apply! <https://forms.gle/FrvDrFBubpNbFsPj8>

There is no vendor fee.

Scholarships available to help with supplies!

Questions? Email Melissa melissa@sunriseprojectks.org or text 785-865-1618

Saturday November 11th, 10am-noon Coats and Coffee

Help us kick off our Shared Warmth program! Bring clean, gently used or new coats, hats, gloves and scarves. We will make these items available through our 24/7 no-questions-asked pantry for anyone in need throughout the winter months.

We will be serving coffee, hot chocolate, cider and breakfast pastries. All available by donation. Our cafe space will be open for seating!

Wednesday November 22nd, 5-7pm Community Meal

Come have a cozy bowl of Pinto Posole! This Mexican stew is slightly (mild) spicy with pintos, hominy and veggies. Served with dessert. Dine in or grab & go!

Donations accepted (\$0-\$6) but never required. Come out and enjoy dinner with us!

Dottie, LPL's mobile library will be on site (weather permitting) so you can get a library card, return materials or check out materials!

As always, watch the Sunrise Project social media pages for the most up to date information!

Safe Winter Walkways

Volunteers needed for 2023-2024

Safe Winter Walkways Program

The City of Lawrence and the Senior Resource Center for Douglas County need your help! The Safe Winter Walkways Program, a collaboration between the two organizations, is underway for the upcoming winter season. Volunteers are needed to help elderly and disabled individuals clear public sidewalks following snow events.

The Safe Winter Walkways Program is an excellent resource for members of our community who are physically unable to keep their sidewalks clear during snow events. The goal is to create safer and more accessible pedestrian walkways, and it is a structured version of what already happens in many neighborhoods - neighbors helping neighbors.

Able-bodied Lawrence residents with a passion for helping others and who enjoy winter weather are needed to volunteer to shovel for the Safe Winter Walkways Program. Volunteers are matched with residents needing assistance, and the program makes every effort to match volunteers with residents in their neighborhoods. All volunteers are asked to commit to the entire snow season and shovel after each snow fall. Volunteers are not required to provide snow removal for private driveways, sidewalks or walkways, but they may choose to also clear those areas.

Individual volunteers are welcome, but the program also encourages volunteer groups, civic organizations and youth groups to consider volunteering as a team. Please contact Larry Woydziak to find out how to sign up as a group and for the requirements for volunteering.

Elderly and disabled individuals who are responsible for the care of public sidewalks, but are physically unable to keep them clear following snow events, are encouraged to participate in the program. Participant registration will close on November 17, 2023, so that all volunteers and participants can be matched before the holiday season and winter weather begins. The program is for public sidewalks only and priority is given to homes with public sidewalks.

The City is again offering online registration for both participants and volunteers. Visit our website to sign up: lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways. Interested participants and volunteers can also register by calling Larry Woydziak with the Senior Resource Center for Douglas County at (785) 727-7875.

Contact: City Communications,
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VOTE Amber Sellers TUESDAY, Nov 7th

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Paid for by Courtney Shipley, City Commission candidate

Finding La Yarda

Finding La Yarda is an immersive multimedia art experience recreating a room from La Yarda, the housing unit built for Mexican American railroad workers in Lawrence, Kansas from 1920-51 coming to the Lawrence Arts Center in August 2024. Using film, sound, art and digital storytelling practices, this interactive art exhibition will bring oral history to life through the work of artists: Ann Dean (photographer), Jonathan Christensen Caballero (ceramicist), Justin Favela (visual artist), Misti Boland (scenographer), Jeremy Osbern (cinematographer), Brenna Buchanan Young (design architect), and filmmakers Peter Jasso and Marlo Angell. Marlo will share updates on Finding La Yarda and the accompanying outdoor public art project at the ELNA meeting on Nov. 13.

News from New York!

Pantry Needs

These are small requests but important for our kiddos! We could use a couple cases of bottles of water...we are good on the refillable bottles but the already filled bottles are disappearing regularly. We could still use some smaller little kids, elastic waist, shorts or pants. Sizes from 3 or 4 up to size 6X or 7.

Questions? Email Linda Kucza Parent Involvement Facilitator at lkuca@usd497.org

Dine and Donate PTA Fundraiser

Wednesday November 8th at the Mass St Chipotle, from 4-8pm


Please indicate at check out that you are there for New York Elementary and a portion of the cost will be donated to New York PTA. Follow the New York PTA Facebook page for more fundraisers as they arise.

ELNA Seeks Hobbs Park Master Plan


Acting on a suggestion from long time East Lawrence resident Mark Kaplan, ELNA has formed a committee to re-envision Hobbs Park and work to create a master plan for the Park. The ELNA membership and Board approved the idea at our October meeting. We believe that it makes sense to look at long range plans for our neighborhood park, as well as pedestrian and bicycle transportation and safety, in conjunction with revisions to the Neighborhood Plan that are currently being worked on. Six neighbors met at the park on a recent afternoon to begin the discussion. Some ideas include needed repairs and maintenance to the Stadium and the Murphy-Bromelsick House, repaving the basketball court, a new larger shelter house, interpretive historical signage around the park, and possible expansion of the park. We understand that it may be necessary to seek private foundation grant funding to help bring any plans to fruition and are prepared to work on that in earnest. City Parks and Rec is considering its own master plan for the coming years, and ELNA is working to make sure that improvements for Hobbs Park are included. ELNA participated in a public meeting on Weds. October 25, at the Fairgrounds to discuss Parks and Rec. If interested in participating on the committee, please contact ELNA President Barry Shalinsky at elnaprez@yahoo.com.

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

Adopt a Family for the Holidays

Again this year, ELNA will adopt a family for the holidays through ECKAN.

How it works:

ECKAN accepts applications from families they serve in early November. By the end of November the application closes and ECKAN begins to match families with organizations and groups who have indicated interest in adopting a family.

If you've not heard of ECKAN, that's East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation. They're a nonprofit that serves Douglas and surrounding counties and provides individuals and families with assistance with everything from case management to a diaper pantry to rent and utility assistance. Check them out!

ECKAN then shares details with us about the family assigned to us. We usually ask to adopt one large family, with many children, as they are often most difficult to match. ECKAN gives us a few details about our family like age, gender, clothing and shoe size, and a few items they might each like to receive as gifts. For example, they might tell us there is a boy in our family who is six years old, wears a youth medium in shirts, size 7 pants, children's shoe size 12, likes Pokemon and wants comics and art supplies for Christmas. ECKAN will give us this kind of information for all members of the family.

As an organization, ELNA will then share family details with neighbors who want to participate in the project. We'll collect a suit of clothes and presents for each family member and a grocery gift card for the family's holiday meal. Sometimes, neighbors want to contribute just cash or check and Lane will do the shopping. :)

Then we have a party! We get all the gifts we've collected together and wrap them. Aaron usually makes some chili and people bring snacks and drinks to share. You're invited! Even if you don't contribute an item to the family. Come help us wrap!

AND THEN Lane can get any last minute gifts or gift cards and deliver the whole carload to ECKAN to be given to the family. Usually, the gifts have to be ready for the family by the first week of December.

Want to help?

All you have to do is email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com. Lane will send an email with details about the family as she has them, updates, and a plan for the wrapping party. Watch social media too. We'll put something out there as well. Let us know if you want to help or have questions.



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The ELNA Block Party
Saturday, Sept. 23rd
5-9pm in Hobbs Park

2023 Blo Tha

Well, we thought it would be a party to Sunday. It didn't turn out to be a party Sunday! It was very busy on Sunday in the middle of the week. According to the ELNA Block Party u... worked out. According to the ELNA Block Party u... the park on a Sunday any... returning to our roots. W... one that was able to swit... schedules to gather with u... thanks to everyone wh... donated, played music an... information table, mad... something delicious to... Special thanks to our L... Shalinsky for making tim... in the hours just before t... Yom Kippur.

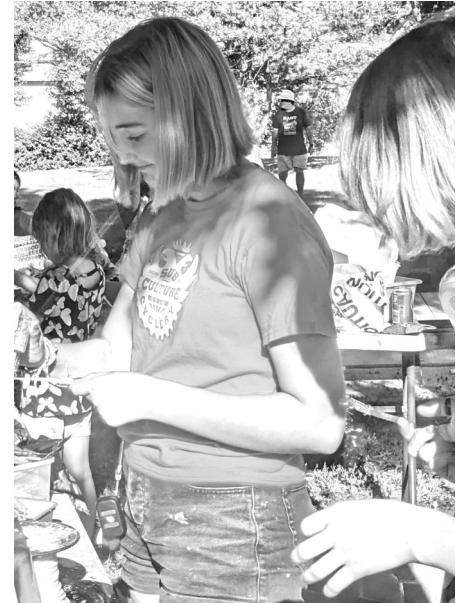


Back Party Thanks

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Postponed!
due to rain
See you Sunday 9/24
Hobbs Park 3-6pm



ELNA Board Elections

Please join us in person or on zoom on Monday November 13th from 7-9pm for our Annual Meeting. At this meeting, the ELNA Board and attending membership will vote to accept the slate of candidates for the 2023-2024 Board.

Candidates who declared their intention to run for the Board at our October ELNA meeting include: incumbents Brenda Nunez, Barry Shalinsky, Aaron Paden, Phil Collison, Pam Blackburn, KT Walsh, Sacie Lambertson, Krista Gentry, and Juliana Patterson, along with newcomer Darryl Proffitt.

You can always find the ELNA meeting agenda on our website: eastlawrence.com > join > meetings. On that page you'll find a link to the agenda, a google doc, with the current items for discussion and zoom info at the top.

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 School Board



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(Please note personal memberships are per individual, not household.)

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Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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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: _____

Voter Information for Upcoming City & School Election

Voters should prepare to vote in October / November in one of the most significant local elections in recent years. City Commissioners will be deciding on proposed changes to city development policies and zoning codes for the whole city, as well as updates to the East Lawrence neighborhood plan. School Board members will grapple with budget issues, and additional school closures or modifications could be on the table. Every registered voter may participate in this Election, whether or not you are registered to a political party. **YOUR VOTE MATTERS MOST IN LOCAL ELECTIONS! PLEASE VOTE!**

DATES TO KNOW:

October 18: Advance Voting began and continues in person at Douglas County Elections Office (23rd and Louisiana) at the Malls Shopping Center Weekdays 8 to 5; Saturdays 9 to 1. You may also vote by mail or secure drop box. Drop Boxes are at the Courthouse at 11th & Mass. The Elections Office at 23rd & Louisiana or the Satellite Treasurer’s Office at 31st & Iowa.

October 31: Deadline to request an advance ballot to be mailed to you. We strongly urge you not to wait.

November 4: Saturday Advance Voting 9am to 1pm. Lecompton Community Building, Eudora City Hall, Baldwin Fire Station, County Clerk Elections Office (23rd and Louisiana) at the Malls Shopping Center

November 6: Advance Voting Closes at Noon

November 7: ELECTION DAY - every registered voter may participate! Polls are open 7 to 7.

WHAT’S ON THE BALLOT:

City Commission. There are six candidates. You may vote for one, two or three. Top two vote getters receive four-year terms. Third place finisher receives a two-year term. The six candidates are: Justine O. Burton, Mike Dever, Brad Finkeldei, Amber Sellers, Courtney Shipley and Dustin Stumblingbear.

USD 497 Board of Education. There are two separate elections for School Board. There is one position with a two-year term, and

four positions with four-year terms. The candidates for the two-year term are: Shannon Kimball and Ariel Miner. You may vote for one of these candidates.

There are nine candidates for the 4 four-year positions. You may vote for one, two, three or four of these candidates. The candidates are: Carole Cadue-Blackwood, Kevin Coronado, Anne Costello, Yolanda Franklin, Edward (EJ) Gonzales, GR Gordon-Ross, Jody Meyer, Brandon Moore and Rachel Stumblingbear.

WHERE TO VOTE:

Not sure about your registration? Check that here: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/your-voter-information>

If your registration is accurate and complete, you may vote in advance by mail in ballot or in person.

To request a ballot be mailed to you, you must fill out the Application for Advance Voting by Mail form. It’s best to print it and sign it, as digital signatures are not accepted, and bring it to the County Clerk’s office, mail it in, or fax it. You can find that form with instructions here: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/advance-voting#Link-To-Advance-Voting-by-Mail>.

If you like the thrill of voting on Election Day in person, you can cast your ballot in person at your precinct location. Most of East Lawrence is in precinct 39. If you live east of Mass and north of 11th, you’ll vote at the Cider Gallery 810 Pennsylvania St. The southern portion of East Lawrence, south of 11th but north of 14th, is precinct 40 and votes at Trinity Lutheran Church at 1245 New Hampshire. A tiny portion of neighbors south of 14th but north of 15th, east of Mass and west of the trail is precinct 33. Those neighbors will vote at Vintage Church 1501 New Hampshire. Polls are open 7am to 7pm.

If you need help getting to your polling place, please email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com and we’ll find you a ride!

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