

# East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
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July 2014



## ELNA

### General Meeting Monday, July 7th, 7-9pm Van Go, 715 New Jersey

#### Agenda:

- ⇒ Treasurer Election
- ⇒ 9 Del Lofts site plan, guests Tony Krsnich & Tom Larkin
- ⇒ NY Elementary site plan update with Gould Evans representatives
- ⇒ ArtsPlace Grant update from the Lawrence Arts Center

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## Riverfront Conservation Park Adopted By ELNA!

At the June 2nd ELNA meeting it was announced that ELNA has officially adopted the Riverfront Conservation Area through the City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department's "Adopt-a-Park" program. The program encourages clean, beautiful parks and builds community through mutual stewardship of our natural assets. The Parks and Recreation Department will provide free trash bags and latex gloves as well as the pick-up and haul-off of the debris collected.

It is typical for a park to be cleaned three or four times per year by the adopting agency. Since our riverfront area has quite dense vegetation we have scheduled two of the cleanup days during months when there are few leaves on the trees and the vegetation is down. The dates chosen for the following year are: November 15<sup>th</sup> 2014, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2015, and June 13<sup>th</sup> 2015. Cleanup days will always start at 8:00 am and end at noon.

The reason for adopting this particular park is that we think our beautiful Kaw Riverfront is one of our top neighborhood assets and one that we don't get the chance to enjoy as much as we should. The area is protected habitat and cannot be developed thanks to the hard work many of our neighbors at a time when commercial construction on the riverfront was eminent. Due to the nature of the conservation easement there has not been much enforcement of city laws including camping and littering. As a consequence the area gets fairly thick with litter.

Please put the dates noted above on your calendar and plan to come support this effort to be better stewards of one of our most precious neighborhood assets. These cleanup days are an excellent way to get out in nature, get exercise, provide a valuable service, meet your neighbors, and build community. More information will follow closer to each cleanup day. We typically have some coffee and snacks to fortify us before we begin.

Any questions can be directed to  
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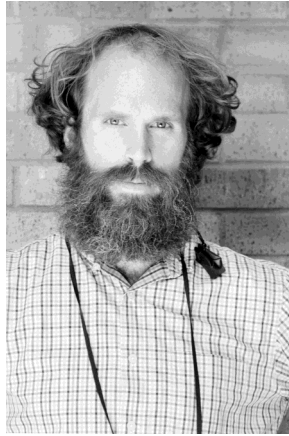
## New and Returning Members May June 2014

Mark Francis  
Adam Weigel  
Sean Santoro

Kerri Conan  
Mike Myers  
George Paley

## From the President

The agenda for July is packed with updates on new developments happening in East Lawrence. Central to the neighborhood is the renovation and expansion of New York Elementary school. We'll have a chance to see how the final site plan makes better use of the school yard. Moving on East a new development at 9<sup>th</sup> & Delaware will help define the residential edge along Delaware street. Dubbed 9 Del Lofts, the building will house multiple residential units, and has plans to integrate the very likely Burroughs creek trail expansion.



At the July meeting, we'll get to see the site plans for those two developments, and begin our discussion with the Lawrence Arts Center who is slated to have already received the Art's Place Grant to re-envision 9<sup>th</sup> street.

For better or worse, East Lawrence is under-going a process of place making. In the politics of 'place making' it is important that we, the residents, step forward and make sure that it is a process of belonging and discourage the all too common politics of dis-belonging. Dis-belonging, in our case, is most likely through gentrification and will lead to displacement and segregation, and that's not good for our neighbors and our neighborhood.

As our neighborhood garners attention, wanted or not, we need to participate in the process and keep it authentic. The process itself ought to strengthen us in an equal and open way. Please consider attending the upcoming meeting, and add your voice to the conversation.

Thanks! Aaron

## Project ElderCool

The Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging (JAAA) is excited to announce Project ElderCool!! Do you know of a person 60 years of age or older that is living without any air condition? JAAA is providing window air condition units to those 60 and older that qualify. Please contact April Maddox or Betty Wade at 1-800-798-1366 for more information.

## City Home Improvement Assistance Programs

The City of Lawrence offers several grant and loan programs for income eligible homeowners, through Community Development Block Grant funds; Comprehensive Housing Rehabilitation, Emergency & Furnace Loans, and Weatherization Grants.

The Comprehensive Housing Rehabilitation program provides deferred or installment loans to income-eligible homeowners to borrow up to \$25,000 to have necessary rehabilitation completed. This is not a remodeling program. Work is performed by pre-qualified general contractors and may include the following: roofing, windows, paint, electrical, plumbing, flooring, foundation repairs, replacement of certain fixtures and appliances. Participants in the program who are 62 and older, will make no monthly payments as long as they remain the owner-occupant. Other participants will make \$50 monthly payments. Up to 50% of these loans balances may be forgiven over a 7 year period.

The program has funding to complete approximately 10 projects a year, so it is not unusual for applicants to wait several months for the project to begin. Properties that have already participated in the program are ineligible.

For emergency situations, the City offers the Emergency and Furnace Loans program. This program can provide up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs or furnace replacement. Mobile home owners may access up to \$2,500. These loans have no monthly payments but are payable when the participant is no longer the owner-occupant of the property. This the only program that is available for Mobile Homes. Mobile homeowners may access up to \$2,500 to make the necessary improvements.

The Weatherization program is a grant program for homeowners and does not need to be repaid. Work includes attic insulation, storm windows and weatherstripping of entry doors. Applications are accepted during the month of August each year, with the majority of work being finished by January. Properties that have participated in the program since January 1, 1993 are ineligible.

More detailed information on each program, eligibility guidelines, applications, and application deadlines for

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# Tea House on the Courthouse Lawn

by Dave Evans

In January, 1905, without pomp or pageantry, county officers began moving into the new courthouse on the southeast corner of 11th & Massachusetts Street. Three years later a residence for the Sheriff's family was completed next door, fronting 11th Street. Tucked behind this dwelling, obscured from public view by design, was the County Jail. Appropriately, these local governmental institutions were organically inserted into a residential block with a mature arbor canopy.

Sheriff Fred Vogler enjoyed the neighborhood so much that upon leaving office in 1939, he and wife Helen purchased the house a few yards to the east. Prof. Frank O. Marvin had owned this dwelling since the 1860s and sold it to physician Alfred Gifford on June 25th, 1890, the year before being named Dean of KU's School of Engineering. Dr. Gifford and his wife Grace lavishly remodeled the building into a modern ten-room home at the turn-of-the-century.

Two weeks after V-J Day, marking the end of WWII, the property changed hands (Sept. 17, 1945). Seventeen East Eleventh Street, having maintained its beauty for four decades, bid adieu to its residential owner, to become a commercial property. The new proprietors deemed the bustling location to be a perfect fit for the intersection of commerce and everyday life. In the fall of 1945, Sadie and William McGrew, following a quick refurbishment, opened "The Hearth," a Tea Room.

Mrs. McGrew had years of experience in tea room management in the southeast Kansas cities of Chanute, Parsons and Pittsburg. The McGrew's had settled in Lawrence in 1942, after a five year stint running the tea room and banquet hall at the Kansas City, Kansas *Hotel Grund*. Miss Nellie Reese Evans branded "The Hearth" in the fall of 1937, within the rooms of the Lawrence Women's Club at 1941 Massachusetts Street. That next autumn, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt attended a luncheon at "The Hearth" ahead of her evening speech to 2,500 people at Hoch Auditorium, entitled "The Responsibility of an Individual to His Community."

The McGrew's took over the management of "The Hearth" from the retiring Miss Evans. The expiration of the lease with the Woman's Club occasioned the McGrew's move of the Tea Room to E. 11th Street, practically on the courthouse lawn.

Tea Rooms, around since the 1880's, became extremely popular with women in the first decades of the 20th



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century. When single income households still held sway, autos ushered in a new independence for the homemaker to motor forth to a ladies luncheon. Usually, as was the case in Lawrence, the tea room was opened in a former residence, catering to an all-female clientele, by offering domestic familiarity and the allure of home cooking. Tea rooms served as a social gathering place and venue of choice for club meetings, often devoted to advancing progressive civic ventures.

Dennis Domer, Professor Emeritus at the University of Kansas and author of a 2008 local historic register listing survey of East Lawrence, has expressed the view that the Women's Clubs of Lawrence were "really influential and way out ahead of the men's clubs when it came to interest in design and city building. The women really were the first to recognize the importance of the downtown and worked to save it before the men caught on."

The McGrew's daughter Editha was living in California when she sold the tea house property to Douglas County on June 15th, 1964. The County Board of Commissioners moved swiftly to raze the old home. The wrecking ball felled the County Jail shortly after the opening of the sterile, modular Judicial and Law Enforcement Center along East 11th Street, on November 1st, 1976.

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# City Comprehensive Plan Update Meetings and Online Survey

In 1991, Lawrence, and unincorporated Douglas County endeavored to create a comprehensive plan to guide land use, growth and development, management and preservation of historic and natural resources, and infrastructure needs. The resulting guidelines became known as Horizon 2020.

At that time, Lawrence had a little more than 65,000 residents, and covered approximately 5% of County lands. According to 2013 statistics, the City's population nears the 90,000 mark and has twice the geographical footprint. It has become clear, that though Horizon 2020 remains a solid guiding foundation, it is time update some key elements to reflect the needs and challenges of contemporary Lawrencians and Douglas County residents.

In order to conscientiously inform the Horizon 2020 updates, Douglas County and the City of Lawrence have begun a "comprehensive plan update process." This process includes a Steering Committee, public Open House meetings, and both selectively mailed paper surveys, and an online survey.

The Steering Committee is an advisory board composed of 10 members who meet each month at City Hall. The Committee's primary task is to directly oversee the process of changing Horizon 2020 and to prioritize issues to be brought to review by other City entities. Public Open House meetings were held throughout April, May, and June. You are invited to attend the next meeting July 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the Dreher Building in the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Special surveys were mailed to random households in May, and another survey open to all residents is available at the City website <http://www.lawrenceks.org/2020survey>. The online survey focuses on key issues including the character of Lawrence and Douglas County, expectations for growth, and prioritization of issues related to residential development. Please take the H2020 Survey and let City officials know what you'd like to see included as part of comprehensive plan revisions. The online survey will be available until August 1.

If you have any comments, ideas, or questions, email [CompPlanUpdate@lawrenceks.org](mailto:CompPlanUpdate@lawrenceks.org), or call the Planning Office at (785) 832-3150.

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## Summer Sundays at Hobbs

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, Sundays are busy in East Lawrence. It's kickball season! Each year, the Kaw Valley Kickball League (aka the KVKL) hosts a Game of the Week at Hobbs Park on Sundays. Now in its 12th season, the KVKL is a not-for-profit organization of 32 teams, mostly sponsored by local businesses, who play kickball every Sunday. Teams play at various parks all over the city earlier in the evening, but gather for one special game at Hobbs Park at 9:00pm. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, KVKL was able to give out funds from the 2013 charity tournament to three local public service organizations. A total of nearly \$3000 was given to the Social Service League, Penn House and the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association. If you have any questions about the league you can find us at [www.kawvalleykickball.com](http://www.kawvalleykickball.com) or email us at [kawvalleykickball@gmail.com](mailto:kawvalleykickball@gmail.com). See you Sunday!

Thank you, KVKL, for your generous donation! ELNA ♥'S KVKL!!!

As a fundraising endeavor, ELNA will run a concessions table at a few KVKL games this summer: June 29th, July 13th, 27th. Each is a Sunday, at 9pm. Please consider donating your time to help wo/man the table and contributing some baked goods. Email Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) or Christine at [ckosirog@yahoo.com](mailto:ckosirog@yahoo.com) with questions or to volunteer.



It's time to stand up for our education system and to respect teachers, to restore fairness to our state tax system, to work toward a clean energy future, to protect voting rights, and to keep our state government out of personal issues between individuals and their physicians. It's time to start making decisions based on actual information and real Kansas values like tolerance, fairness, and compassion; rather than on greed, ignorance, and fear.

If this is the kind of State Representative you want, then

**VOTE FOR BOOG on August 5th! He's**

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- Knowledgeable
- Ready to work for East Lawrence

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## Two New Businesses on Delaware Street

Among the many things happening in the northeast coner of our neighborhood, the area south of the river and along 9th, are two new businesses at 920 and 924 Delaware. Struct / ReStruct has relocated to 11<sup>th</sup> and Haskell, and is leasing their space to Decade Coffee and the Lawrence Re-Cyclery.

Here are a few words from Louis at Decade, and Brian at the Re-Cyclery.

### Decade!

We've just opened up, and we're happy to be here. We're proud to be offering coffee and espresso to the community in East Lawrence. Roasted by Four Barrel, this is some of the best coffee beans we could find. For the time being, we're just focused on our coffee, but there's room to grow, and we hope to offer some sandwiches and salads as lunch fare in short order. Keep an eye out for some acoustic music, or some casual dinners; we're just going to keep having fun, and hope you'll join.

Louis Wigen-Toccalino, Decade's proprietor, has spent his professional life in the service industry, learning how to cook, bake, bartend, serve, manage, and, not least, make coffee. Starting at Henry's on 8th ten years ago, Louis has wanted to open a shop since his first week as a barista; well good things take a long time, and a Decade later (haha) that idea has found a home in East Lawrence.

Decade is located at 920 Delaware and is open Monday-Saturday 6:30am-6:30pm, Sundays 8:00am to 4:00pm. You can contact the Decade folks with questions or input at [hello@decadeLFK.com](mailto:hello@decadeLFK.com).

### The Lawrence Re-Cyclery

The Re-Cyclery is not new to Lawrence, just new to the East Side. The Re-Cyclery first opened in June of 2007 in North Lawrence, next to the Gaslight Tavern. In June of 2008, The Re-Cyclery relocated to 23<sup>rd</sup> and Louisiana, and a new place of business was found on New Hampshire Street sometime in 2009. The Re-Cyclery stayed at the New Hampshire Street location until September of 2011, but because of rising overhead costs and family necessities, the shop closed. Owner and operator, Brian Shay, discovered after closing doors that "the shop was missed by the community and I missed being a part of the local biking community, so the right thing to do was reopen." With a little help from his good friends Matt Jones and Eric Jay at Struct/ ReStruct, the Lawrence Re-Cyclery opened at the 920 New Hampshire space earlier this year.

The Lawrence Re-Cyclery, at 924 Delaware, is a full service shop, specializing in used reconditioned bikes, new and used parts and accessories. Brian offers same day repairs on any and all types of bicycles. His ultimate goal is "to keep everyone up and riding." The shop is open Tuesday-Saturday, from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Brian can be reached for questions and input at 785-832-2453.



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### *We have a Twitter too!*

Get your neighborhood news short and sweet.  
Follow us, ELNAks, on Twitter.

## Become an ELNA Business Member

Would you like your business or non-profit to become a member of ELNA? We have a new form for that! Just fill out all of the information on the form below, and mail it with your membership contribution to the listed address. If you have questions about your existing membership – current status, expiration date, details – email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

### NON-PROFIT AND BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP FORM

## Join ELNA!

Your 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.

*\$25.00/out-of-neighborhood businesses      \$20.00/in-neighborhood businesses      \$10.00 for non-profit entities*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check all that apply:*

- Do you have a facebook page?
- Do have a twitter page?
- May we list a link to your website on our webpage?
- Would you like to be added to our weekly enews listserve?
- May we list your business name as a new member in our paper newsletter?

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:  
ELNA, PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

## ELNA Needs Your Help! Volunteer!

Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer to serve your neighborhood:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Work Days                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Grilling                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YART (that's the Yard/Art) Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Party                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving on the ELNA Board    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Website/Technical Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Baking/Cooking               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening                       |   |

# Advertising Rates for the ELNA Newsletter

Have you considered advertising in the ELNA paper newsletter?

The East Lawrence News is published bi-monthly in odd months. Over 1200 copies are printed and distributed to over 1000 East Lawrence homes, several local businesses, and mailed to several associate members far and wide. We have special rates for ELNA members and offer a 10% discount for buying ads for the year (6 issues). Contact Lane, eastlawrence@yahoo.com, if you are interested in purchasing ad space.

The following are the advertising rates for the ELNA newsletter:

## Single Issue Rates

One issue, various sized ads, member and non-member rates

<i>Ad Size</i>	<i>Non-Member Rate</i>	<i>Member Rate</i>
Business card	\$20	\$16
1/8 page	\$30	\$24
¼ page	\$45	\$36
½ page	\$90	\$72
Full page	\$200	\$160

## Yearly Rates (approximately 10% discount)

One ad in each issue of the paper newsletter, 6 issues per year, various sized ads, member and non-member rates

<i>Ad Size</i>	<i>Non-Member Rate (Per Issue)</i>	<i>Member Rate (Per Issue)</i>
Business card	\$18	\$14
1/8 page	\$27	\$21
¼ page	\$40	\$32
½ page	\$81	\$64
Full page	\$180	\$144

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## Calendar July & August 2014

### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – City Band Concert, 8pm, South Park Gazebo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – City Brown Bag Concert, 1pm, US Bank, 900 Mass
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30pm BSNF Depot, 7<sup>th</sup> and NY Streets
- 7<sup>th</sup> – ELNA meeting, 7-9pm, Van Go Inc, 715 New Jersey St
- 9<sup>th</sup> – City Band Concert, 8pm, South Park Gazebo
- 10<sup>th</sup> – City Brown Bag Concert, 1pm, US Bank, 900 Mass
- 13<sup>th</sup> – ELNA Concessions at KVKL Game, 9pm, Hobbs Park
- 16<sup>th</sup> – City Band Concert, 8pm, South Park Gazebo, Grand Finale
- 17<sup>th</sup> – City Brown Bag Concert, 1pm, US Bank, 900 Mass
- 24<sup>th</sup> – City Brown Bag Concert, 1pm, US Bank, 900 Mass
- 27<sup>th</sup> – ELNA Concessions at KVKL Game, 9pm, Hobbs Park
- 31<sup>th</sup> – City Brown Bag Concert, 1pm, US Bank, 900 Mass

### August

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30pm BSNF Depot, 7<sup>th</sup> and NY Streets
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – ELNA meeting, 7-9pm, Van Go Inc, 715 New Jersey St
- 13<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School, grades 1-5, USD 497
- 14<sup>th</sup> – School regular schedule all grades Pre-K-12, USD 497

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each program can be found on the City website: [http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/housing\\_programs](http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs) and at the Development Services Offices, 1 Riverfront Plaza, Suite 110. Contact Tony Hoch at 832-3113 or [thoch@lawrenceks.org](mailto:thoch@lawrenceks.org) with pre-qualification questions and help with the approval process.

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Please note, memberships are per individual, not per household.

#### *Support us. Let us support you.*

\$1.00 for in-neighborhood individuals	\$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood individuals
\$10.00 for non-profit entities	\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses*
\$25.00 for out-of-neighborhood businesses*	\$100.00 lifetime individual membership

\*Are you an East Lawrence business? Fill out our special business membership form!

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

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

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

- We print the names of new and returning members in the bimonthly paper newsletter. Check here if it's OK to print your name.
- We're working on creating a block-by-block calling/check-in network of neighbors to contact in the event of an emergency. It's a work in progress. ☺ Check here if you'd like to be part of the East Lawrence Safety Network Calling Tree.
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- Baking/Cooking
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