

East Lawrence News

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May 2018



ELNA General Meeting

MAY 7th 7-9 pm

New York Elementary School
Library

👉 Agenda

Recurring Updates

the agenda as it is known can
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eastlawrence.com>join>meetings

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The YART Sale was a roaring success again this year. Thank you friends, all who donated and volunteered and shopped and played music. Thank you!

Adina and Chelsey Scanland

Phil Collison

Daina Holmes family,

signs by Milo and Ivy

Joe McGill

Arch Naramore and Cindy Suenram

Cindy Trask and Gotfred Beardshear

Tony Peterson and Mike Rundle

Zippy

Eric Farnsworth and Jean Burgess

Ralph Metcalf

KT Walsh and Brad Gibson

Brenda Nunez

Danika Vann

Joe Bickford and marci francisco

Mike Myers

Pam Blackburn

Ro O'Leary and Sophie Werth

Janice McLean and Robert Conard

Matt, Ella, and Max Hall

Liz Tolbert and Rae Johnson

Dacia

Marilyn Hamrick

Jennifer Distlehorst

Kelly Hurst

Karen Seibel

Heather Eldridge

Heather Coates

Scott Watson

Aaron Paden

Papa Kenos Pizza

Derald Carlson

Debra Bradley and grands

Viann Abel

Andrea LeBeau Spotted Horse

and daughter

Community Village Lawrence

Nick Ward and Tenants to Homeowners

Jill Ensley

Kim Brook

Jana Butcher

Adrian Jacobs

Penn Pennel

Nancy and Carol Schwarting

Meredith Johnson and Brad

Mick Palmer

Ardys Ramberg

John Thompson

Alonzo Beardshear

Rick Frydman and Lisa Harris

Emily Russel and Phil

Hear and Now with Jane Live,

Joe Bickford and Gregor Brune

Linda Clark

Alferd Packer Memorial String Band

Lilly Mason and Anil Kamat

KT and Dave would like to especially
thank neighbor and friend, David
Speakman. David passed away recently
and wished his estate donated to the
YART Sale. Thank you, David.

Peace Pole Dedication and Party

New York Elementary's Peace Pole will be dedicated on Thursday May 3rd starting at 2pm. Starting off the event, guests will read aloud in all 8 languages on the pole, in their native tongue. Pretty cool! Following that, from approx 2:25 to 3:05 student leaders club will make presentations, and Mrs DeGarmo will give a speech as well. Immediately following the ceremony, we'll have a party on the south playground until about 4:30, with music and food. Please bring a potluck item to share. All neighbors and friends are invited to attend.

With questions, you may contact New York Elementary Parent Involvement Facilitator Joanna Bonee at joanna.bonee@usd497.org.

4th Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival

to benefit
Just Food

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The Fourth Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival will be held May 6th, 2017 from 4pm to 10pm in the Warehouse Arts District. The family-friendly event will benefit Just Food, the Douglas County Food Bank.

The event is returning with 30 food trucks, expanded lineup of live entertainment and beer garden. The entertainment is comprised of family friendly activities include face painting, a bouncy house as well as live street performers from the Lawrence Busker Festival and live musical performances by local musicians.

Tickets are \$10 and children under 12 are free! The ticket covers entrance to the festival and gives you access to 30 food trucks and 4 stages of live entertainment. The proceeds from the ticket benefits Just Food.

We anticipate this event will sell out,
get your tickets today!
www.ksfoodtruckfest.com

Sunrise Project Plant Sales

This year, Sunrise Project will host THREE organic transplant sales! We'll have more varieties to choose from this year:

We'll have LOTS of Native plants, Herbs, Kale, Chard, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Peppers, Tomatillos, Okra, and several flowers options!

Join us on the following Saturdays from 9am to 2pm at Sunrise: 1501 Learnard Ave

April 14th, April 28th and May 12th

Cash, check and credit card accepted.

And this year, you can visit Sunrise Coffee for a cup and a treat!



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Save the Date!

The Living River Festival: July 20th through 21st

A two-day celebration of the human/river connection. Come enjoy film screenings, lecture, artists, demonstrations, activities, food vendors, poetry readings and more.
Free Admission/\$5 donation suggested.

Friday July 20

6:30pm-8:00pm Opening ceremony, reception, and presentation of past peoples on the Kansas River (tribal people, fishermen, ferries, industry) 1850-1970

8:00-8:30pm Film / 8:30pm Q and A

Saturday July 21 1:00-4:00pm River Art Show

1:30-2:30pm Net making demo

1:30-3:00pm Activity tables:

fish stamps tree bark press mud sculpture kids corner

Presentations

2:30-3:00pm Guest author readings by Annette Hope Billings

3:00-3:30pm Navigating the Kaw River/Yesterday and Today

3:30-4:00pm Human effects on the River

4:00pm Closing Ceremony

Walking Tours Continue:

Guided Walking Tour and Coffee Discussions

Beginning in Spring 2018 the Kansas Riverkings Museum exhibition will provide guided walking tours to the public. Education director, Barbara Higgins-Dover will lead the group on a journey into the past when 19th century rivermen worked the waters and sold what they caught to a hungry community.

We'll begin our journey either in front of Levee Café or at the Springhill Suites hotel lobby on the riverfront. From there we'll head out on a four stop walk across the Kansas River bridge and back.

Along the way you'll hear about:

The earliest Riverkings

Where they built their fishing cabins

Equipment and techniques

How they marketed what they caught.

You'll also learn about lives lost, lives saved, and the great floods!

2018 SCHEDULE OF STARTING POINTS

Saturdays at 11am- Pre-register at bhigginsdover@gmail.com

May 5 Levee Cafe

May 12 Springhill Suites

May 19 Levee Café

May 26 Springhill Suites

After returning from this 40-minute tour your group will come together for coffee discussions at the location where you began.

IN CASE OF RAIN: If it's raining or rain is forecast for the allotted time, tour will be canceled.

Example Tour: Meet at 11am Levee Café, head out for 40-minute tour, return to Levee Café for coffee and discussion.

COST?

A \$5.00 DONATION IS EXPECTED BEFORE THE TOUR BEGINS.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AND THOSE UNDER 12 ARE FREE.

Lawrence Summer Food Program

FUEL UP 4 SUMMER!

Monday-Friday, June 4 – August 3.

Sites will be closed July 4-6.

All youth between 1 year-old and 18 years-old are eligible for free meals.

No Registration | No Fee | Just show up

No food is allowed to be taken off-site.

Locations and times for meals are as follows:

LUNCH ONLY

EAST LAWRENCE RECREATION CENTER
1245 E. 15TH ST.

June 4-Aug. 3 (excluding July 4-6)

Lunch only from noon to 1 p.m.

LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
707 VERMONT ST.

June 4-Aug. 3 (excluding July 4)

Lunch only from noon to 1 p.m.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

LIBERTY MEMORIAL CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
1400 Mass. St.

June 4-Aug. 3 (excluding July 4)

Breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DINNER (Provided by Harvesters)

KIDS' CAFE LAWRENCE – DOUGLAS COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY

1600 Haskell Ave. #187

Monday-Thursdays June 4-Aug. 10 (excluding July 4)

Dinner from 5 to 6 p.m.

Adults must accompany anyone under the age of 4. Adults may purchase breakfast for \$2.15 and lunch for \$3.45. For more information, please contact the K-State Research & Extension of Douglas County at (785) 843-7058. Or visit Lawrence Public Schools for more information.

Recently, neighbor and KU student, Penn Pennel, contacted the neighborhood for input on their Urban Design project regarding areas in East Lawrence that lack adequate drainage. KT, the very best pen pal in the land, wrote the following notes for Penn's project. We thought it was a fun concise history lesson, good enough to share with you all. Enjoy!

From KT to Penn, March, 2018

East Lawrence has traditionally been known as “the Bottoms” because of routine flooding in this geographically low-lying area. The Bottoms sometimes refers to not only East Lawrence, but all the way east to Eudora because the river floods a enriches the soil making it some of the most valuable planting areas in the US.

Before people understood germ theory, it was believed that the lower parts of towns held disease, poisonous miasma and the air was dangerous to breathe. So, low-lying areas became the least expensive and disdained neighborhoods. Considered unhealthy coupled with racism and classism made East Lawrence a “dangerous” neighborhood. Until approximately 2010, I heard people say they were afraid to go east of Mass.

Before the white people came and declared Lawrence a town, eleven indigenous tribes moved through our area, while free African Americans and enslaved people escaping the East and South lived here because of the access to the river. Then, poor white people, mainly eastern Europeans came, and Mexican Americans who were recruited to work the railroads.

Some East Lawrencians achieved monetary success as merchants and landlords. These folks mainly lived along Rhode Island St, and a few on Connecticut St, near downtown.

The vast majority of East Lawrencians were servants, cooks, laundresses, ditch diggers, stable hands, yard men, bricklayers, etc. Many worked at KU as cooks, grounds keepers, lab cleaners, and other labor jobs.

I'm telling you this as background but also because of the literal blood, sweat, and tears that have drained into the soil of our home place.

ELNA Meeting May 7th, 2018,

7-9 pm at New York School

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Thanks for the good work and help from:

Josh Davis, Contractor
Mike Myers, drawings
STAND Structural Engineering Inc
Scott Temperature, energy audit
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Kennedy Glass
Mobile Lock
And support from the community

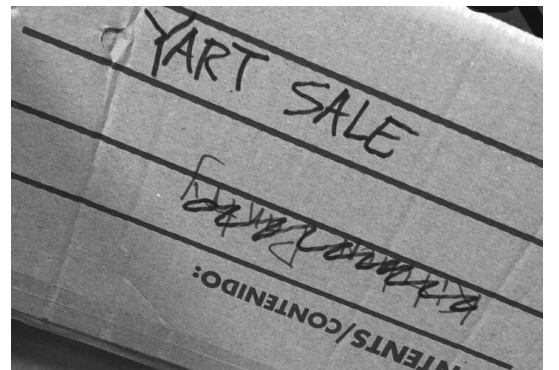
with appreciation,
Joe Bickford and marci francisco

Open House at 1231 Pennsylvania...5-7pm Thursday May 10th



2018 YART Sale





K-12 Student Summer Bus Pass on sale now

Bus pass for students will start on May 1

The K-12 Student Summer Bus Pass is now on sale. Students can access unlimited rides on any Lawrence Transit bus from May 1 until August 31 for only \$10.00.

Riding the bus gives kids the freedom to get around in the summer. The Student Summer Bus Pass is a great way for K-12 students to get to the pool, the library, community centers, parks, and shopping.

It is easier than ever to purchase the Student Summer Bus Pass. Beginning April 16, the bus passes will be available at many locations around town.

Starting April 16

- Dillons stores
- Hy-Vee stores
- The Merc
- City Hall
- Community Building
- East Lawrence Rec Center
- Holcom Rec Center
- Sports Pavilion Lawrence
- Indoor Aquatic Center

Starting May 26 (when they open)

- Outdoor Aquatic Center

This is the sixth year of the Student Summer Bus Pass program in Lawrence. This past year, Lawrence Transit added the K-12 fall and spring passes to provide \$10.00 bus passes to students during the school year. With the spring, summer and fall passes, K-12 students can receive discounted bus service all year long.

For more information about how to ride the bus, visit www.lawrencetransit.org or call (785) 864-4644.



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Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery Update

The Friends of Oak Hill are in the beginning stages of applying for 501c3 status. We are in need of donations of "seed money" to cover fees associated with applying for non-profit status and to help cover printing costs of informational materials. Details on fundraising efforts will be available soon on our Facebook page "Friends of Oak Hill Cemetery". In the meantime, we can be reached through the FB page or by e-mail at: Friendsofoakhillcemetery@gmail.com regarding questions or donations.

The Douglas County Kansas Heritage Conservation Council is hosting a 2 day cemetery conservation workshop on May 17th - 18th, entitled: "Tombstones on The Prairie: A Kansas Cemetery Conservation Workshop". The workshop will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on day one, and day two will be onsite at Oak Hill Cemetery. The focus of the workshop is to instruct attendees on the proper cleaning, minor repair and resetting of small monuments. At last check, the workshop was nearly full, with almost 50 attendees expected!

The Parks and Rec department is working on new signage for Oak Hill that will display the cemetery's status as a national historic register site and will give information on various historical monuments and background. The signage should be installed by summer 2018.

The Kansas Biological Survey has teamed with the Grassland Heritage Foundation and the Jayhawk Audubon Society to help beautify the several triangular shaped common areas / medians throughout Oak Hill. Their work will take place this spring/early summer.

With Memorial Day in our sights, The parks and rec staff and The Friends of Oak Hill would like to remind community members to review the regulations at Oak Hill before placing decorations at city cemeteries. At Oak Hill, the regulations prevent the installation of shepherd's hooks or hanging baskets/decor, and prohibit glass containers of any kind. All flowers and decorations must be placed within 6" of the monument and all decorations of any kind will be removed 1 week after Memorial Day by city staff. These regulations are in place to assist in safe mowing practices and to prevent debris created by mowers coming into contact with wires and other hazards from decorations. For a full list of regulations at Oak Hill, please log on to: <https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/lprd/parks/pdf/cemeteryrules.pdf>

Finally, Friends of Oak Hill are also actively seeking interested community members to join us in our efforts. There is no charge for membership. Basically, we need people who are interested in working together long term with the city in order to protect and preserve Oak Hill. We are asking anyone interested to contact us by e-mail at: Friendsofoakhillcemetery@gmail.com

Thanks! Shannon and Coyla

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Now for Drainage to the River:

Storm water has pooled badly along New York at 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Streets for years. The City has recently attempted repairs with middling results. The 9th and New York St drainage will be worked on this summer as part of the E 9th rebuild.

I lived on Garfield St (shotgun house next to the Community Orchard) when I first moved here some 43 years ago. We had terrible flooding and the City would never listen to complaints. This was the usual treatment of East Lawrence which was thought to be an unimportant neighborhood full of poor people.

The downhill flow of storm water from Mt Oread created swamps in our yards. Finally, a progressive City Commissioner, Nancy Schontz helped us. She came walking down Garfield in hip boots to see how high the water was. She got the City to do repairs. This was highly unusual and she went on to be a fierce historic preservationist for Lawrence.

There are many, many sidewalks where rainwater pools, washes mud and debris over the walks and covers them. Homeowners and landlords are responsible for sidewalk repairs in Lawrence, but, poorer people, elders, and people with disabilities can't afford materials to fix them, may not have the skills to fix them, or pay someone to fix them.

Incidentally, as a proponent of preserving our historic brick sidewalks and stone curbs, the CAN be laid to be ADA compliant. Do not believe the naysayers.

A well laid brick sidewalk drains well if it has a slight rise in the center, sloping down on the sides. Water also drains between the bricks to the ground.

North of the Amtrak Santa Fe train depot, in the woods, there was a good trail down to the river used by lots of folks to fish, swim, skip rocks, look for fossils, eagle watch, etc. When the City and Amtrak did some repairs to the depot some 5 years ago, the hired engineers put in a big drainage pipe for the runoff from the depot and the tracks. This rapidly washed out the trail and continues to erode the resulting ravine. Mike Myers, wonderful neighbor, has twice constructed walk boards so you can cross the gap. The current boards are holding.

My dream is to have handicap accessible trail down to the River, along with an accessible dock. There's no funding for this, and I don't have time to champion the cause with all of our other current issues. So, many folks don't go to, or can't access the river. Our kids need to learn how wonderful it is, all the creatures that live in and around the river and where the water comes from.

The Church of Malt Liquor:

This is the big ravine north of the Poehler Building. It was given this name some fifteen years ago by young folks who hang out there to be in a secret place away from adults, and do all the things young people want to do away from adult eyes, if you know what I mean. Sometimes bands perform there.

It's an old city storm water drain that is stone and lovely inside. When the water is high, it fills the ravine, deep enough that fishing boats come all the way up. Cranes, ducks, and all sorts of birds come and go there.

This ravine also has a rapidly eroding west side and the City has plans to replace the old stone storm drain, but I don't know when.

There were at least two slaughterhouses nearby in the 1800s and 1900s. They dumped animal bones in this ravine, which surely enriched the soil. Often people find them and mistakenly think they have valuable prehistoric find.

KT Walsh

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Moving this Summer?

Tips on managing your moving out waste from the City of Lawrence:

May and July are peak months for moving out of apartments and homes in Lawrence. Moving can create a lot of waste and a little planning goes a long way toward reducing the amount of waste your move produces. Please help our community keep reusable goods out of the landfill.

Got cardboard? The City provides drop off bins for large quantities of cardboard boxes. Check the City website for a list of locations <https://lawrenceks.org/swm/rescitydropoff/>. The cardboard bin at On the Rocks, 1818 Mass Street, is nearest most East Lawrence residences.

Bulky Item Pickup? Schedule a pick up for discarded bulky items such as carpet, tires, appliances, etc, by completing the form on the City website at <https://lawrenceks.org/swm/swbulkitem/>. Or call 832-3032. Consider donating large items that may still be usable. Call the Habitat ReStore 856-6920 to see if your item qualifies for pick up.

Household Hazardous Waste? Paint, cleaners, pesticides, automobile fluids, batteries, and more can be disposed of safely by calling the Household Hazardous Waste facility at 832-3030 to schedule a drop off. The facility is located at 711 E 23rd, but waste is only accepted by appointment. There is no charge to Douglas County residents.

Items for Donation? Search for local donation, reuse, and recycling options on the Lawrence Recycles directory at LawrenceRecycles.org.

And remember, the City Trash and Recycling Carts belong to the address to which they were delivered. Don't take them with you!

With any questions, call Lawrence Recycles at 832-3030.

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