

# East Lawrence News

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January 2024  
& February 2024



## ELNA

### General Meeting

January 8th 7-9 pm

February 12th 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

Happy 2024! This is that time when the holiday season is past, and it is too cold to spend much time outdoors, so people often reflect on the year that has just ended and on the new one that lies ahead.

2023 was a good year for ELNA. Our Annual YART Sale and Block Party were successful events, as were our meetings and fundraising efforts. We had several interesting guest speakers, including the DA, Police Chief, the Directors of Municipal Services & Operations, and Lawrence Transit. Looking ahead, Dr. Ashley Bloom will be our first guest speaker in 2024, at our February 12 meeting. Dr. Bloom has the only physician's office located east of Mass in Lawrence. She will speak about "access to healthcare action items" for Douglas County's Community Health Plan, and is seeking our ideas and assistance to address inequities in healthcare.

Meet the new Board; same as the old Board (almost)! ELNA's nine returning Board members are joined by a new member. Our annual YART Sale date is set for March 23. It is never too early to start thinking about Springtime and spring cleaning! Prepare to bring us your unwanted treasures.

2023 saw several changes to our local schools. Sadly, Pinckney and Broken Arrow joined Kennedy in closing their doors to elementary students. Happily, New York Elementary and Liberty Memorial Central Middle School are still here! Liberty Memorial Central hosted an amazing centennial celebration on November 12, where hundreds of current and former teachers, students and parents of students came to share some love and memories. The coming semester will be Central's last as a traditional middle school, as it will become a magnet school with a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) emphasis. New York continues its transition from a traditional learning model to a Montessori learning model. Most importantly, both schools will continue to serve East Lawrence neighborhood students. New York School will host its annual MLK Chili Supper on January 16th! Come celebrate the legacy of a transformational civil rights leader and support our neighborhood school – always a special event!

Speaking of old and new, there were local elections in 2023, in which voters elected a combination of familiar faces and newcomers. School Board incumbent Carole Cadue-Blackwood (377 votes) led the balloting in East Lawrence, followed by newcomers Yolanda Franklin (319 votes) and Anne Costello (259 votes), and incumbent GR Gordon-Ross (164 votes). All were elected to the USD 497 Board. Rachel Stumblingbear (166 votes) edged out Gordon-Ross among East Lawrence voters, but Gordon Ross won district-wide. In a close race for the two-year seat, incumbent Shannon Kimball (187 votes) was elected, defeating Ariel Miner (323 votes), who carried most eastern and central Lawrence precincts.

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## MLK Chili Feed!

Join us for our annual MLK Chili Feed on Tuesday January 16th 6-7:30 in the New York Elementary gym and cafeteria, at 936 New York. All are welcome and donations are appreciated.

We would love veggie chili and desert donations from the neighbors! They can be dropped off at the school the day of the event. (Email Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) if you can contribute or if you have questions.) Watch our New York PTA Facebook page for a sign up link in early January. We'll need help serving and cleaning up and more! We'll also send info home with kids about what items each grade level will bring to contribute.

## President... continued

In the City elections, Incumbent Commissioner Amber Sellers (348 votes) led the balloting in East Lawrence, followed closely by incumbent Commissioner Courtney Shipley (327 votes). Sellers was re-elected in third place in citywide balloting, while Shipley lost her bid for re-election. Former Commissioner Mike Dever (223 votes) was returned to the Commission, along with incumbent Commissioner Brad Finkeldei (222 votes). Dustin Stumblingbear (222 votes) ran with the pack in East Lawrence, but finished a distant fifth citywide.

While there are more returning City Commissioners and School Board members than newcomers, there could be policy and cultural shifts in both bodies. ELNA does not take sides in elections, but we will certainly weigh in on matters of neighborhood concern that come before both bodies. We will closely monitor school finances, boundaries, demography and academic metrics; changes in housing and development policies, the waterline replacement project on New Jersey Street, and will be making suggestions for future maintenance and improvements to neighborhood infrastructure and to Hobbs Park. 2024 promises to be a busy year!

## Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Maybe it's the yummy food our new kitchen staff and volunteers are creating every day, but our program is growing! with more clients requesting help every day. That means we need even more outstanding volunteers to fill the need. We most urgently need more help in Lawrence!

Volunteers pick up food packages prepared and deliver a route to about a dozen locations, taking less than an hour!

Seriously almost half the routes in Lawrence are filled with substitutes right now. We need double the volunteers we currently have. If you, or someone you know, would like to pick up a shift please email [abarbar@midlandcc.org](mailto:abarbar@midlandcc.org) or call 785 588 0191.

## New York News

### Reading Buddies Needed!

We are really trying to get more Reading Buddies for our students. This is a weekly commitment for the adult to come and read during our lunch time. The times available are 11:35-12:05 (younger students) or 12:10-12:35 (older students). Our program was really robust before the pandemic and we are really trying to build it back up.

### Food Pantry and Snacks!

An ongoing need is around food. We can always use classroom snacks or items for the Food Pantry. Food insecurity is still an ongoing focus. Just bring a donation to the office during open school hours.

### Little Libraries!

Our Little Libraries have been moved to the corner of 10th & New York, close to the playground entrance. We are excited to be better able to keep those nice and stocked!

### New York Elementary Lunch Account Balances

Give the gift of school breakfast and lunch at New York Elementary. Any amount helps!

By choosing New York Elementary as your school of choice, your donation goes directly to lunch accounts with negative balances directly feeding students in your community. Donate at <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/fundraising/districts/55379/campaigns/MealSupportFund24>



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## Adopt a Family Thanks

Enormous thanks to everyone who contributed to our Annual Adopt a Family for the Holidays project. Almost 40 of you neighbors helped! Thanks to Aaron for hosting the party at his studio, and thanks to Elijah Shalinsky and Peter Buller for wrapping most of the presents while we adults socialized.

# YART SALE SAVE THE DATE!

We've reserved the New York Elementary gym for our annual YART Sale (that's Yard + Art) for Saturday March 23rd 2024. Save the date! And save your unique and gently used items for us to sell at the YART Sale. Email Lane with questions eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

## New Transit Routes

### New Routes Unveiled for Enhanced Connectivity & Opening of Central Station

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, new routes will be implemented to incorporate the opening of Central Station, the new transit facility located at Bob Billings & Crestline. Several of these routes will be "interlined" to provide more direct connections to key destinations in Lawrence. Information about these routes and "interlining" can be found on our website: <https://lawrencetransit.org/projects/route-redesign/>

These new routes represent a significant step toward creating a transit network that serves the diverse needs of Lawrence residents.

The key routes serving East Lawrence will include Routes 1, 5, 7 and 8. Destination connections include Central Station, Downtown (Massachusetts Street), Peaslee Technical Training Center, Haskell Indian Nations University, East Hills Business Park, and Lawrence's Community Shelter, along with several grade school, high school, and grocery connections.

### Transit App: Real-Time Information and Trip Planning

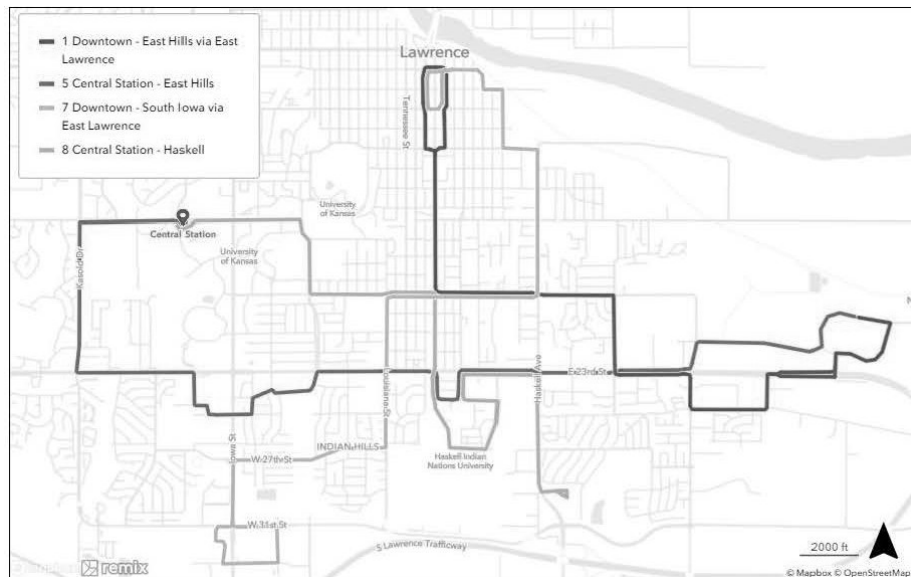
To navigate these new routes, Lawrence Transit has launched a new app called Transit App. This app will replace the My Bus Lawrence app and offer additional features like real-time updates, route information, and trip planning. The app is available for both iPhone and Android and can be found in your app store. Check the Transit website for more details: <https://lawrencetransit.org/mobile-tools/>

### On-Demand Service: Overnight and Sunday Service

Lawrence Transit On Demand is a curb-to-curb shared ride service that operates within the city limits. Starting in January, the service will be extended to 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. This will provide community members with additional transportation options overnight and during the day on Sunday. Check out our website for how to book a ride: <https://lawrencetransit.org/on-demand/>

### Fare-Free 2024: Building on the Success of the 2023 Pilot Program

Following the success of the 2023 Fare Free pilot program, Lawrence Transit will be able to fund a second year of fare free service. This initiative, designed to make public transit more accessible to all community members, has received overwhelmingly positive feedback. The fare free pilot will continue to include our three services, fixed route, paratransit, and On Demand.



## Sunrise Update

Community Meals: Served 5-7 PM the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Dine in or grab and go! Free and open to all. Donations accepted but never required.

Jan. 3, 5-7 PM Hoppin' John

Jan. 17, 5-7 pm West African Style Peanut Stew

Feb. 7, 5-7 PM Veggie Chili

Feb. 21: 5-7 PM Minestrone

### Talent Time! 1st Sunday of the month

January 7 and February 4, 2:00-4:00 PM

We are changing things up!! Our Open Mic is now Talent Time! The 1st Sunday of every month we welcome folks of all ages and backgrounds to share something that you love! Maybe it is a dance, a poem (written by you or someone else!), a piece of artwork that you created (think: show and tell!), a song you wrote, a song you love to sing (karaoke or cover tune), an essay - anything! Oh and we have a piano now!! Find more info on our website!

### Sunrise Cafe. Open every Sunday 1-4PM.

Free and open to all. Donations accepted but never required. We serve snacks and drinks and welcome folks to grab a book, game or puzzle and enjoy some good company! If you'd like to donate to the cafe, email melissa@sunriseprojectks.org

We are looking for local businesses that would like to host a food/hygiene drive for our pantry AND/OR host our DipJar, a cashless donation jar. E-mail

melissa@sunriseprojectks.org  
for more info :)

## Stay in Touch with ELNA Online

Do you want to keep up to date with the latest neighborhood and community news and info online? Subscribe to the ELNA's Weekly E-News by sending an e-mail message to Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com. Every Thursday, we will send the ELNA Weekly E-News to your inbox. You may also follow the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association pages on Facebook and Instagram and join the East Lawrence Neighborhood Discussion Group on Facebook.

## Barry Shalinsky

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Winthrop (Seventh) & Connecticut



*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?*  
Over a dozen years (non-consecutive)

*Why do you want to serve on the ELNA Board?*  
East Lawrence is a unique cultural and architectural gem, a neighborhood of historical significance, populated by some of the most creative and caring people in the Midwest. Our homes, our neighborhood schools, our demographic diversity and our way of life have been threatened for decades. Our neighborhood association has been instrumental in protecting, defending and preserving the qualities that make East Lawrence, East Lawrence. ELNA instills pride and helps us celebrate ourselves. I love being part of this.

*How long have you lived in the neighborhood?* About 25 years (non-consecutive) since 1978.

*What do you do for a living?* This is actually two questions. 1. What do I do for money? Semi-retired, living on Social Security, my spouse's employment income and the occasional consulting gig / side hustle. 2. What is my occupation? Dad, community volunteer, trouble maker, problem solver, music lover, sports fan and king of laundry.

*What do you want neighbors to know about you?* I live with my spouse, our two high school sons and our black lab in our 123-year-old home that is now on the National Register. Together, she and I share a passion for equity and social justice that has informed our professional livelihoods and our volunteer work for the entire time of our marriage – in fact, it's how we met. We feel very blessed to live in this community and to do our part to make it better.



## KT Walsh

Hi all, I've lived here about 45 years, first on Garfield St, now Rhode Island St. Best neighborhood in town-no contest. I'm an artist, a cleaner, organizer & a proud member of the ELNA board. It's fun! You meet smart, funny people & problem solve together. This year we'll keep working on our Neighborhood Plan update, plan/improve Hobbs Park, support our 2 schools & have a bunch of fun. Best thing in East Law right now? 89.7 FM pirate radio!

Thank you to the wonderful mystery person playing local/regional singer songwriters, Americana, bluegrass, jazz, folk & some un-categorizable. Check it out. Deep thanks to everyone who volunteers to keep all the events, projects, meetings rolling.



The Board also includes, pictured, Brenda Nunez, Julia Patterson, and Pam Blackburn.

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*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* Almost 15 years

*Why do you want to serve on the ELNA Board?* I enjoy helping with neighborhood events.

*How long have you lived in the neighborhood?* 17 years

*What do you do for a living?* I work with a group of engineers building radar systems that are most often used to measure polar ice sheets and I have a small photo studio where I document art work.

*What do you want neighbors to know about you?* I was going to write something funny - but the need to 'soap box' presents itself... Institutions should serve people & aim to create a healthy community. Recently both the City and the School Board have made changes that put road blocks in the way of creating and maintaining a healthy community.

1st) The City has pressed on Parks and Rec to charge more for services, charge to get into rec centers, and have people use stupid tags to scan in. The city is literally making it harder and more expensive for citizens to engage in community and healthy activities. Why do we even pay taxes?

2nd) The School District started requiring all users of school facilities to carry liability insurance that names the district as a beneficiary. This includes PTAs! This includes non-profits & any group or individual! This is everyone who might ever want to use a school facility. What if a couple of parents want to use the gym for kid's soccer or basketball practice or the chess club or neighborhood events? This is insanity.

My favorite thing about Lawrence is my neighborhood and my favorite thing about my neighborhood (besides the neighbors) are our community events - Block party, YART Sale, clean ups, Adopt-a-family wrapping party, grilling at the Kickball games, work days laying brick for a neighbor. The City and School district should go out of their way to help neighborhood organizations and community members gather - it is what makes Lawrence truly a wonderful place to live. Please pester your local officials about these issues.



## Sacie Lambertson

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*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* Time flies! I think I've been on the board 2 years.

*Why do you want to serve on the ELNA Board?* I'm interested in staying in touch with this interesting area and i like to be involved to some extent.

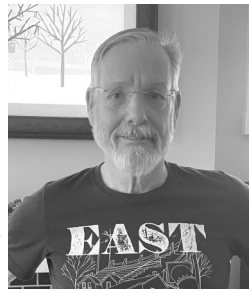
*How long have you lived in the neighborhood?* We lived in the country not far from Lawrence for more than 20 years then bought, gutted and redid our EL house in 2018.

*What do you do for a living?* Long ago retired. I worked in construction off and on when we were in the States. I used to be fairly knowledgeable about energy efficient housing, an area that continues to be a passion.

*What do you want neighbors to know about you?* While we spent our career living mostly outside the US, we've now lived in the Lawrence area longer than any other place. And we love the eccentricity of East Lawrence. I only wish we could get the City to repair our streets as well as they do in West Lawrence.

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*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* I was elected in November, 2023.

*Why do you want to serve on the ELNA Board?* My spouse and I have been in and out of Lawrence since we were married in Lawrence in 1979. We have lived in a variety of places, from Chicago to Houston but seem to keep finding our way back to Lawrence. In 2017 we officially moved back here and settled into our house in west Lawrence but kept our eyes open to the possibility of moving closer to downtown. Work took us away in 2021 but with the aid of our son, we found a place in east Lawrence that fulfilled our dreams of living in a house that fit both the ethos of the neighborhood as well as our hopes to live in our “forever” home.

Neighborhoods are the essential part of any community and Lawrence is no different. Our desire to live in east Lawrence included a sense of wanting to give back and serve those who share a similar understanding of what makes an effective and thriving community. Serving on the ELNA Board is a way to give back to the community that has given my family and me so much.

*How long have you lived in the neighborhood?* We moved into the neighborhood in January 2023.

*What do you do for a living?* I am an Episcopal priest and have served in parishes in Chicago, western Illinois, Lawrence and Houston.

*What do you want neighbors to know about you?* My wife and I both graduated from the University of Kansas as did our three children and son in law. We have a great love for Lawrence, especially in its rich, historical past and the promise of a vibrant future. We enjoy digging deeper into the history and culture of Lawrence and have spent a lot of time discovering a deeper sense of the uniqueness of our city generally, and east Lawrence specifically.

## Phil Collison

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*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* Since about 2005.

*Why do you want to serve on the ELNA Board?* I think EL is a great place to live. Close to downtown, grid streets, alleys. Many places are walkable and rideable. I want that to continue.

*How long have you lived in the neighborhood?* I'm at my current location since 2004. I've lived in EL off and on since I moved here in 1976.

*What do you do for a living?* I am retired.

*What do you want neighbors to know about you?* I think it is important for all of us to advocate for reasonable stability within our neighborhood, be that with our schools, our housing stock or our unique status as a quirky place to live. I want to see our neighborhood be treated equitably with other neighborhoods. We live and let live in East Lawrence.

## Krista Gentry

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*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* I think I'm starting my third year. Time flies!

*Why do you want to serve on the ELNA Board?* I enjoy being on a board that aims to make our neighborhood inclusive for people from all walks of life. I also enjoy helping with the various events organized by ELNA.

*How long have you lived in the neighborhood?* Around 8 years.

*What do you do for a living?* Federal civil service.

*What do you want neighbors to know about you?* I'm a mom to a kindergartener and she keeps me very busy. Outside of work and family life I also just started co-leading a Daisy Girl Scout Troop, I'm a Union Secretary, and have been participating in the New York Elementary PTA meetings. I really enjoy living in East Lawrence and hope to meet even more neighbors as time goes on.



## Lane Eisenbart

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I live in the 1200 Block of Delaware

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* I am ELNA's only employee. I work for ELNA less than 10 hours a week and have done so since the fall of 2011.

*Why do you want to serve on the ELNA Board?* It's a pretty good gig. I work on my own time, in my own space. I get to read and write some, and those are things I enjoy. I've discovered I'm not actually a very social animal for a human, but I can do it well when I'm getting paid to. So I can host ELNA events! And something that's fun for me.?

*How long have you lived in the neighborhood?* I've lived in East Lawrence since the fall of 2005. I can't seem to move out of the 1200 block – 1200 block of New York, Pennsylvania, and now Delaware. I think I'll stop trying to move. Something won't let me get very far...

*What do you do for a living?* My real job, where I get insurance and stuff and spend most of my days, is Communications and Operations for Positive Bright Start. We're a small private non-profit providing services to children under six and their families – childcare, mental health services, childcare tuition assistance, administering a federal nutrition program, etc etc. I do administrative tasks for Positive Bright Start very similar to what I do for ELNA. Sometimes I get to do art days or do yoga or go on field trips with some really adorable preschoolers. It's also a pretty sweet gig. I also do some freelance website work, I make jewelry and clothes to sell here and there, and I model some. I bake fancy cakes and cookies, but mostly for fun. Occasionally I get paid to do some holiday or wedding decorating or flowers with my mom. What don't I do for a living? Always hustlin.

*What do you want neighbors to know about you?* I feel like y'all drive too fast and don't know where your turn signals are. Sometimes I wear lipstick and overalls at the same time. It's weird, but it's where we are. I love Aaron and my momma and my children and my cats but they are all driving me slowly insane. Also, Lord, life is hard these days. For everyone. Let's try to be kind, ok?

# Earth Care Forum Series – 2024

OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED

Sundays, January 7 – February 11 9:15 - 10:15 am

Recordings may be available at the close of the series.

First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway (Fellowship Hall)

## **Jan. 7: The Importance of the 2024 Farm Bill for the Environment and Sustaining Food Production**

Presenters: Donn Teske, President of Kansas Farmers Union and Nick Levendofsky, Executive Director of Farmers Union

Description: The Farm Bill for 2024 is being debated and the result will have an enormous effect on how farming is done now and in the future. How do we begin to understand the multiplicity of issues being addressed and the diversity of policies that will be in conflict? Are there particular aspects of the Bill that need to be addressed for the sustainability of the earth and how food is grown in Kansas and beyond?

## **Jan. 14: Whither the Weather Forecast in a Changing Climate**

Presenter: David Mechem, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography and Atmospheric Science, University of Kansas

Description: We all grumble when the weather forecast for our weekend picnic doesn't pan out. But all jokes aside, thanks to advances in models, satellite observations, and computing power, our ability to make accurate weather predictions has been steadily improving over the years. But will climate change slow these improvements in our ability to predict weather? I will discuss the basics of weather forecasting and some challenges meteorologists will be facing in a changing climate.

## **January 21: An Appraisal of The 2024 Kansas Legislature and Earth Care**

Presenter: Zack Pistora, State Lobbyist for Kansas Sierra Club

Description: An overview of "earth care" legislation will be considered and described. There will be suggestions as to what needs to be addressed and the feasibility of such legislation occurring. Also, what are the impediments to the State Legislature being concerned about the environment?

## **January 28: History and Future Possibilities of Air Conditioning in a Warmer Environment**

Presenter: Mark B. Shiflett, Ph.D., P.E., Foundation Distinguished Professor Institute for Sustainable Engineering, Editor-In-Chief Journal of Ionic Liquids, The University of Kansas, Institute for Sustainable Engineering

Description: The increase in global temperature has resulted in increasing death and illness. Air conditioning is becoming more urgent and necessary, especially for those who cannot or are unable to have access. In addition, the energy necessary for traditionally powering air conditioning may be of concern. Is increasing the efficiency and availability of air conditioning possible or even feasible?

## **February 4: Guidelines for Difficult Conversations Regarding Earth Care and other Societal Concerns in a Polarized Society**

Presenter: Helen Hutchison, Rev. Dr., MSW, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lawrence

Description: Is it possible to tone ourselves down, not apologize for concerns/issues that are meaningful, yet appreciate differences when attempting a conversation with those who see the world differently? Guidelines will be described on how we can. We should be able to argue passionately and articulately about issues which are meaningful to us. Even when we are seemingly unable to talk to people with very different opinions, we can have a "civil" conversation.

## **February 11: Installing Solar at First Presbyterian?**

Presenters: Panel of Representatives of Solar Task Force of First Presbyterian Church - Moderator, Helen Hutchison

Description: First Presbyterian is considering installation of solar. This presentation will provide an overview of the process for decision making, options for installation, possible funding and rationale. For those interested, written material describing the proposal will be available a week before in Feb. 4 Forum and/or FPC office.

Since 2015, the EcoTeam of First Presbyterian Church has coordinated presentations by well-informed individuals addressing earth care concerns which are open to church members and the general public. The church is recognized by the Presbyterian denomination as an Earth Care Congregation and is also a member of Lawrence Ecology Teams United in Sustainability (An interfaith network of green teams related to the following faith traditions: Muslim, Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, Unitarian Universalist, Zen Buddhist).

# 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.

\$100.00 lifetime membership                      \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood members  
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*(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: \_\_\_\_\_

## LIEAP Accepting Applications

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will begin accepting applications at 8 AM on Monday, December 18, 2023, and will continue until the close of business (5 PM) on Friday, March 29, 2024. We are highly encouraging individuals and families apply online at [www.dcf.ks.gov](http://www.dcf.ks.gov). We have introduced a new bot this year that will assist in registering and processing these online applications which will assist in response time to our clients on whether they have been approved for benefits.

This automatic processing has already been successful. Over the December 2nd weekend, The LIEAP Auto Issuance batch issued a LIEAP benefit for the 2024 season to a little over 11,000 households across the State of Kansas. Household criteria to qualify for auto issuance includes:

- The Primary Applicant is not deceased
- The Primary Applicant doesn't have an address out of state
- All household members are 62 or above
- The only income in the home is SSA/SSI and/or KPERS
- The household received LIEAP in the previous season.

Paper applications will still be available in our office at 1901 Delaware St, Lawrence, KS 66046.

Additionally, we are hosting events all across the state to provide one-on-one application assistance as well as computers to apply online. You can find the dates and locations here. I will also be hosting two of my own events at the Lawrence Public Library on January 10th and February 14th from 4 – 7:30 PM. Please click on the dates to see the details on the Library's website. I have attached a couple documents to this email about the eligibility requirements and FAQs. You can also read more at [www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx](http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx).

### 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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