

East Lawrence News

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September 2023
& October 2023



ELNA

General Meeting

Sept. 11th 7- 9 pm

Oct. 9th 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

After some extreme summer heat, there are finally welcome hints of some chill in the air, as things settle into the rhythms of autumn. The neighborhood's kids are back in school, and fortunately for East Lawrence, our two neighborhood schools, New York Montessori School, and Liberty Memorial Central Middle School are still open. We acknowledge that other neighborhoods have not been so fortunate, with the recent closures of Pinckney and Broken Arrow Elementary

schools. On inside pages of this newsletter, look for articles about needs and happenings at our two neighborhood schools.

ELNA will be sponsoring two special events in September. Our ELNA Meeting on Monday evening, September 11 will feature Lawrence Police Chief Rich Lockhart as our guest speaker. This is a great opportunity for East Lawrence neighborhood residents to meet the Chief and to engage in discussion with him as time allows.

As always, our East Lawrence Annual Block Party will be held toward the end of September, this year on September 23 in Hobbs Park at Tenth & Delaware Streets. Originally started about 45 years ago as the "East Lawrence Picnic," this annual event is a celebration of East Lawrence and its people, with food, music, artistic expression, ELNA merch, community and good feelings! Read more about it inside of this newsletter. You won't want to miss the Block Party!

Even with the onset of autumn, there will still be plenty of heat in Lawrence as election campaigns for Lawrence City Commission and USD 497 Board of Education kick into high gear. There are three positions on the five-member City Commission up for election, along with five positions on the seven-member School Board. With a majority of seats up for election, the results of the election could have a profound impact on future policy decisions made by both bodies. Two old clichés are very true. Elections have consequences, which we have certainly seen nationally with the shift in the makeup of the Supreme Court in recent years, for example. And your vote matters most in local elections. School boundaries, pronouns and library books, public health and safety, local development policies, and taxation policies (who pays full taxes and who, if anyone receives development tax incentives) are just a few examples of the types of decisions that could hinge on election results. In what are traditionally low turnout elections, your vote truly does matter. ELNA never endorses or opposes specific candidates, but we always encourage full participation! We have invited all candidates on the ballot to attend the Block Party, and hopefully several will be there to hear your personal concerns and answer your questions. Read more about important dates and deadlines in this newsletter.

Finally, November features not one, but two elections. At our November meeting, ELNA members will elect the ELNA Board for the following year. According to ELNA's bylaws, anyone wanting to seek election to the Board must be a member of the Association, and announce their candidacy at the October meeting. See the article for more information.

Block Party 2023

It's a potluck style neighbor party and you're invited!

Please come!

Saturday September 23th, 2023

Hobbs Park 5-9pm

ELNA will provide the burgers (both meat and vegetarian) and some drinks. We'll have beer for purchase by donation. You can bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll have live music and raffle items, for sure, merch for sale, games, info tables, and maybe a silly hat or two. We'll ask our Bike Repair friends if they can come too, so you can bring your bike in need of small mending.

Want to help? We need volunteers to set up, grill, person the raffle/merch table, and clean up after.

Got something fun to donate to the raffle? We'd love it!

Please let us know if you can help by emailing Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

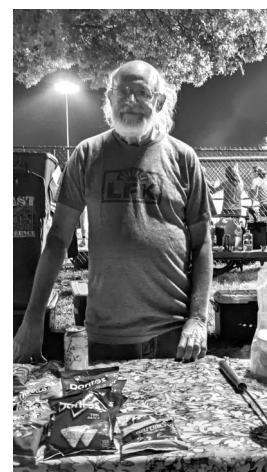
Can't wait to see you all! Please feel free to bring guests. Everyone is welcome.

Fountain in Bloom



It is great to see the fountain outside the train station on Seventh Street flowing again!

Over the last several months, we have watched the laborious rebuilding. The previous installation supposedly replicated the original fountain. What we have now is much nicer. Kudos to the City of Lawrence for this beautiful work!



Kickball Thanks

The Kaw Valley Kickball League had its season finale championship game on Sunday August 27th at Hobbs Park. ELNA was there with concessions and merchandise. We'd like to thank everyone who helped run the concessions through the summer – Aaron Paden (project lead), Julia, Barry, Elijah, Pam, Marshall, Zippy, Tom, Justin, Mike, Oscar, Arlo & Peter, the cheese slayer. We also thank our gracious KVKL Commissioners for letting us raise over \$3500 for our general fund. And thanks to all the fun, generous kickballers for eating approximately 1000 brats and burgers this summer. Thanks, friends!



New York Montessori & Elementary Update

Join our Site Council!

Purpose: Advise and advocate for the school regarding student learning, educational programs, school improvement, planning and accreditation.

Responsibilities of Members

Chair and building principal – establish an agenda, conduct meetings, and communicate site councils advisement

Members – participate in discussion and visits in an advisory capacity, periodically share with school community and the local board on site council activities and other council matters.

Time commitment – about 6 meetings per school year, for approximately 1 hour. Typical time is 6-7pm, determined by the Site Council annually.

To become a member, email NYE principal shalstead@usd497.org

Please consider contributing to our Teacher Wishlist fund: [venmo @nyePTA](#), [PayPal @nyePTA](#).

ELNA Upcoming Board Election

Are you interested in volunteering to serve on the ELNA Board? Are there issues in the neighborhood you'd like to see addressed? Do you feel you could speak for neighbors who are underrepresented in City processes and social mechanisms? Unlike some boards, the ELNA board does not require a monetary investment in the organization, all we want is your time and effort. ELNA board members are required to attend monthly meetings and are encouraged to champion projects and lend a hand in regular events and fundraising activities.

Our annual Board of Directors election and all member meeting is coming up on Monday November 13th, 2022. If you think you'd like to run for a position on the ELNA Board, you must attend our October meeting, Monday October 9th, and declare your intention to run.

As always, only in-neighborhood individual (not business or nonprofit or out-of-neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote for the ELNA board. All Board members must be voting eligible. According to the bylaws, at least 65% of board members elected must have been ELNA members for at least ninety days prior to the election.

Further questions can be addressed by reviewing the bylaws on the ELNA website www.eastlawrence.com or directed to the Neighborhood Coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

LMCMS Centennial Celebration

Save the Date! Liberty Memorial Central Middle School will celebrate the One Hundredth anniversary of its historic building on Sunday, November 12, 2023 in the afternoon. Located in East Lawrence at 1400 Massachusetts, the building opened as Liberty Memorial High School in 1923, as a memorial to alumni of Lawrence's high school who died in the Great World War. After Lawrence's high school relocated to Nineteenth & Louisiana, the building served as Central Junior High School, and is now Liberty Memorial Central Middle School.

The Centennial Celebration will be a rededication of the building in honor of its continued use to serve the education of Lawrence students. Specific details of the celebration are still being finalized and will be announced in coming weeks. Significantly the celebration it is being held on Veterans Day weekend.

Volunteers are still needed to help with planning, to help coordinate details of the event, and to help with fundraising. Contact ELNA President to volunteer, at ELNAPrez@yahoo.com.

Water Main Transmission Replacement Project Update

The project to replace a water main along New York Street was delayed by material availability and delivery. The contractor now has all the materials and plan to start the last week of August, beginning on 8th St between New York St and New Jersey St. Letters were mailed in early August to properties within the project limits and questions have been received and continue to be welcome. After work on 8th St the contractor will move south along New Jersey St, with each block taking 3 to 4 weeks. Traffic control and detours will be set up prior to starting construction in each area. There should be minimal disruptions to water service. With questions or concerns, contact Andy Ensz, Engineering Program Manager at aensz@lawrenceks.org.

ELNA will continue to monitor project progress and share info in our enews whenever possible. Not signed up for the enewsletter? (Emailed to you weekly on Thursdays!) Email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com and we'll get you signed up.

Sunrise Project Update

Sunrise Community Meals

We believe everyone NEEDS a good meal and we welcome everyone to participate in Sunrise Community meals! Whether you need a night off from cooking or need a no-cost dinner option - we welcome you to come by on our meal nights for grab & go or dine-in!!

Donations accepted but never required. We always offer vegan and gluten free options! Our upcoming schedule for the fall, every other Wednesday, always served 5:00-7:00 PM:

Sept 6: Mediterranean Rice Salad

Sept. 20: White Bean Soup w/ Garlic Bread

Oct. 4: Chicken (or tofu) Noodle Soup

Due to the Oct. 8 Pie Auction, no second meal in October!

Nov. 1: Veggie Jambalaya

Due to staffing, our second November meal will be served on the 4th Wednesday

Nov. 22: Pinto Bean Pozole (a Mexican stew)

All meals subject to change, please see our website for most updated info!

See you for dinner!!

Sunrise Plants and Pancakes Fundraiser

Saturday September 16th, 10am to 1pm at Sunrise

\$10 donation Pancake Buffet

Plants for sale!

Yay! It's Plants and Pancakes time! Donate \$10 for the pancake buffet: pancakes, toppings, juice, coffee. Gluten free and vegan options available. Dine in or take it to go!

Shop for plants! Fall is an awesome time to plant native flowers. We will have a variety of native plants: Common yarrow, new England aster, goldenrod, plox, bluestar, blue sage, compass, rose mallow, anise hyssop, anemone. We'll also have houseplants available too!

We can accept cards, checks, and cash. Venmo and paypal options available as well.

See you there!

Pie Auction!

Sunday October 8th, 4-7pm at Sunrise

It's that time of year again – time for our much-loved Pie Auction Fundraiser! All are welcome. Free admission!

Here's what we'll have going on:

Tacos! The Alor Family is coming back to help us make the best tacos! Like all our community meals, donations accepted but never required. We'll have chicken, veggie, salsas, all the toppings and sides too.

Pies!! We'll have tons of pies by the slice. \$3 donation per slice.

Beer!! \$4 donation. PLUS lots of non-alcoholic beverages too.

Live Music!! 2 acts – DJ Approach and musician Kayla Thawngmung.

Activities: Our garden will be transformed into a fall wonderland with activities for all ages. We'll have games, face painting, and crafts.

Silent Auction: A variety of items to bid on. More details to come!

Live Pie Auction!! Bradley Chapin will be back to make sure our pie auction is loads of fun. We'll be auctioning off 30 of the finest pies. Auction starts at 5:30pm.

We can't wait to see you at this community event full of fun, connection, and pie! Help us raise funds to support our meals, pantry, garden, orchard, and youth programming! See you there!

Email to submit pies for auction or offer items for silent auction (homemade crafts, art, services, etc are welcome!)

Lit & Local

Sunday November 5th 1-4pm at the Cider Gallery

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? There is no vendor fee.

Scholarships available to help with supplies! Contact melissa@sunriseprojectks.org to participate.

Coats and Coffee

Saturday November 11th 10am to noon, at Sunrise

Mark your calendars for our annual Coats & Coffee event! Bring coats / take coats, gloves, hats, and scarves! Enjoy hot beverages and breakfast pastries. Donations welcome. Cafe space available for seating.

Thank you so much!

Melissa

Kansas Half Marathon and 5k

The Kansas Half Marathon and 5k will take place on Sunday, November 5th at 7:00 am, starting and ending at South Park. This race is a benefit for the Heartland Community Health Center, which provides medical services to residents of Douglas County regardless of income or insurance status. Most runners will be passing through East Lawrence from 7 am to 8:30 am. Roads will remain open to traffic with a narrow portion coned off for runners; motorists may experience slight delays during this time but the impact, as in years past, is expected to be minimal. Those interested in participating or volunteering may find more information at kansashalfmarathon.com; and questions may be directed to Matt O'Reilly at oreilly3@gmail.com.

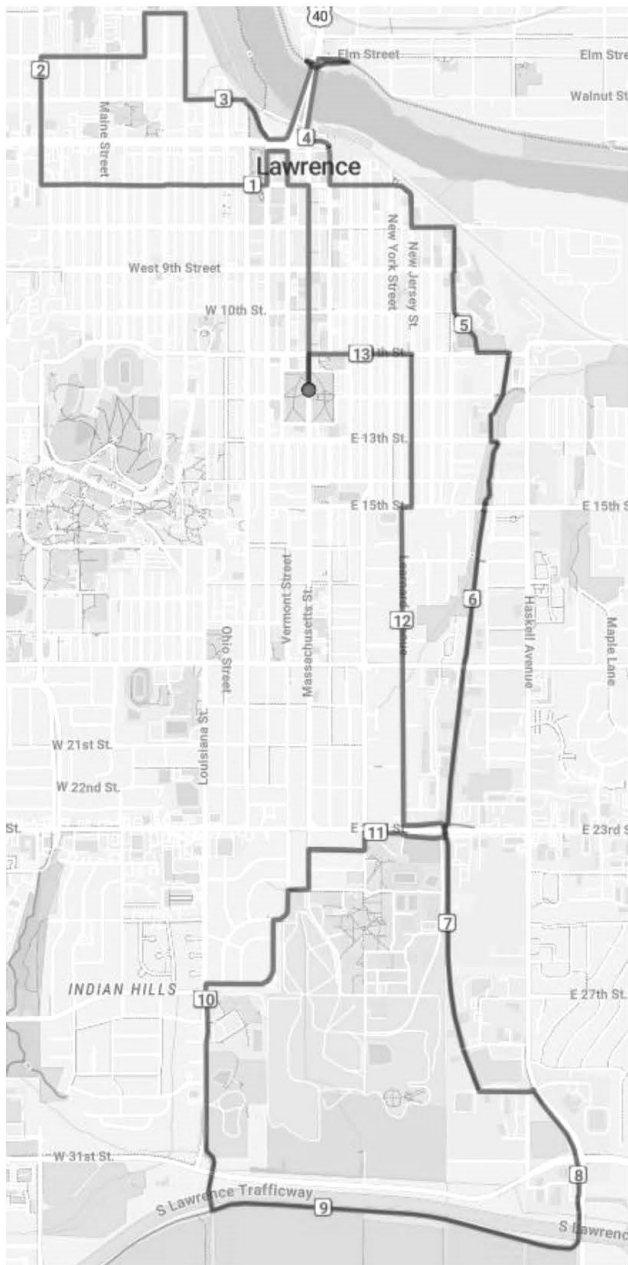


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Come join us on Sunday mornings!


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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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 REGISTER & VOTE!

DATES TO KNOW:

October 17: Last day to register

October 18: Advance Voting begins, in person at Douglas County Elections Office (23rd and Louisiana) at the Malls Shopping Center and 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

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!

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 eight 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 and Brandon Moore.

WHERE TO VOTE:

If you're not yet registered to vote or you've changed addresses or names etc., you can register here: www.ksvotes.org. 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!

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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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: _____

Police Chief to Address ELNA Meeting

Lawrence Police Chief Rich Lockhart will be the special guest speaker at the September meeting of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association.

Chief Lockhart began his tenure as Lawrence Police Chief in January of 2021. He came to Lawrence after serving for about five years as Police Chief of Warrensburg, Missouri, a small college town about 90 miles east of Lawrence. Chief Lockhart is no stranger to our community, having earned his Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas. Prior to being Police Chief in Warrensburg, Lockhart held various positions at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department for over 25 years.

During Chief Lockhart’s short tenure in Lawrence, some types of small “crimes” are now being addressed as “civil” matters, for example the possession of small amounts of cannabis, and various automobile related offenses. The Department recently announced a new program “Lights On.” Instead of issuing tickets to drivers for operating vehicles with broken lights, the Police Department will be handing out vouchers that can be used at some local shops to fix the problem. The program is funded through a grant, with no cost to local taxpayers.

Chief Lockhart will speak to ELNA on Monday night, September 11, 2023. All ELNA Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm at the Santa Fe / Amtrak Depot at Seventh & New Jersey Streets. All ELNA Meetings are held in hybrid fashion, in person and on Zoom. All East Lawrence residents are welcome to attend.

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