

East Lawrence News

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May 2014



ELNA

General Meeting

Monday, May 5th, 7-9pm
New York School Library

Agenda:

- ⇒ River conservation easement update
- ⇒ ELNA fundraising update and discussion
- ⇒ Penny's area truck routes
- ⇒ Inclusionary zoning discussion - committee creation?

Yart Sale Thanks!

Aaron Paden, Arch Naramore, Ardys Ramberg, Chelsey Scanland, Chris Sorentino, Christine Kosirog, Cindy Suenram, Daina Bitters, Don Katorv, Jacki Becker, Janet Good, Josh Davis, Karen Siebel, KT Walsh, Lane Eisenbart, Leslie Soden, Mick Palmer, Mike Myers, Phil Collison, Rae Johnson, Staci Ahlvers, musicians, vendors, and shoppers, Papa Keno's Pizza, Blissful Bite,

THANK YOU for helping raise \$1500 for ELNA!!

Every year, we couldn't do it without you!

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Welcome back to the Board, Cindy! Board member Adam Smith is off to explore new horizons, so our dear old friend Cindy Suenram has graciously offered to serve on the ELNA Board again. We're glad to have you!

New Members December 2013, January, February, March 2014

Ginger Chance
Rich Minder
Charles Watson
Linda Watts
Jenna Coker
Stan Trezell
Dianne Taveggia
Heather Coates
Linda Kucza
Rebecca McAnulla
Karen Seibel
Mike Yoder
Al and Mary Mauler

Madeline O'Brien and Stephen
Spencer
Jo Yuan
Cynthia Trask and Gotfred Beardshear
Eric Farnsworth and Jean Burgess
Independence Inc
Carole Tomlinson
Mary Harwood
Phil Collison
Michael Almon
Judy Harrington
Pat Slick

RIVER CLEAN UP THANKS!



Thanks to all who attended the Riverfront Cleanup Day Event. All in all we got quite a bit accomplished given we only had about 45 minutes to work. We will plan to do it again soon.

It is my hope that with more attention and stewardship we can make our riverfront a clean, beautiful, and inviting place to spend the day with friends and family. Please visit and enjoy our East Lawrence waterfront frequently.

~Mike Myers

Pam Blackburn
David Whitenight
Glen Davis
Jesse Carleton
Derek Davis
Kristina Clement
Erin Adams
Dan Ward & Jenine Meston,
Katy and Lexi
Bonnie and Aaron Blosser

Aaron Paden
Lane Eisenbart
Eric Jay
Wilson Hack
Luke Flora
Aimee Schalles
Natasha Naramore
Jennifer Distlehorst
Jacki Becker
Megan Hawman

The Courthouse Lawn

Fifty years ago, there were over a dozen homes adjacent to the old Douglas County courthouse, and East Lawrence, along New Hampshire and Rhode Island – that aren't there today. One of these dwellings, located at 23 East 11th Street, was razed by order of the Board of Commissioners forty-five years ago this May. Once a prosperous neighborhood settled during territorial days, was now located within the contiguous footprint of a proposed city-county facility expansion project launched in 1963. Fourteen years of ensuing machinations (the project was never approved, and was singularly rejected by voters by a margin of 5-3) erected this cheaply-appointed pillbox, using Nixon-era revenue sharing dollars. The Judicial and Law Enforcement Center, 111 East 11th Street, finally opened for business on November 1st, 1976.

The County had acquired the frame house at 23 East 11th (it was in the eastern portion of the green space between the two county buildings) in 1965 for \$13,000. Described as vacant in the 1966 Polk Lawrence City Directory; that year's January 19th issue of the Lawrence Daily Journal-World ran a photo of the local Jaycee's accepting the keys to the house from the Lawrence Board of Realtors, through an accommodation made with the County. The local civic organization stretched its \$5,000 in cash by



Photo courtesy Spencer Research Library

marshaling volunteer labor and materials to remodel the dwelling, a stone's throw from the old Douglas County Courthouse. On April 7th, 1967, Achievement Place, Inc., a home for boys from unfortunate backgrounds, accepted its first charge. The project was initiated at the suggestion of Judge Charles Rankin during his second of nine consecutive terms (1957-1975), when he began calling for alternative facilities to handle youngsters in trouble.

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The Courthouse Lawn *continued*

From this humble grass-roots legacy, Lawrence Achievement Place would become a much studied and emulated institution. From Mt. Oread, 'Mont' Montrose Madison Wolf (1935–2004), professor of Human Development and Family Life at KU, as a research associate with the Bureau of Child Research (1965-2000), directed federally funded studies at Achievement Place for twenty years, perfecting what was to become a national model for pre-juvenile community-based group homes. This humane alternative to the state reformatory system of the turn of the 20th century was replicated hundreds of times. The Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis (2005, Summer) in a posthumous retrospective, cited professor Wolf's Teaching-Family Model, and his founding association, as having trained and certified an estimated 10,000 teaching parents, who attended to over 85,000 youngsters worldwide

Achievement Place had lost its county lease and was looking for a new home, when at 4:22 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16th, 1969, a gas explosion in the basement ripped the house off its foundations. Deemed uninhabitable, the county moved quickly to raze the then half-century-old house.

Following the blast, Achievement Place relocated to the land-mark Congressman Dudley Haskell home at 1320 Haskell Avenue. Haskell was famous for 'bringing home the bacon,' with the development of the federally-financed American Indian facility of 1884, which bore his name.

o David Evans

Positive Bright Start Open Houses / Open Enrollments

The Positive Bright Start Preschool in the Edgewood Community, at 1600 Haskell, invites all potential preschoolers (ages 3-5) to attend Open Houses/ Open Enrollment on June 5th and June 12th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

After the Open House, interested families can attend a Round Up on June 20th. The sessions will either be 9am to 12pm or 1pm to 4pm.



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May June Calendar

May

- May 5th 7-9pm, ELNA Meeting, New York Elementary library
- May 6th Trash Day Changes! Check the map!
- May 10th 10am-2pm, Really Really Free Market, Clinton Park in Pinckney Neighborhood
- May 10th Train Day! Amtrak Depot at 7th and NY
- May 22nd Last day of school USD 497

June

- June 2nd 7-9pm, ELNA Meeting, The Percolator
- June 5th and 12th, 5:30-6:30pm, Positive Bright Start Open House, 1600 Haskell
- June 7th 6:30-8:30 Heartland Community Health Center Block Party

Neighborhood Save the Dates

Train Day! **Saturday May 10th**, the ever-popular Train Day at the Depot with everybody's favorite guest speaker (to be announced soon). Watch the Depot website <http://www.depotredux.org/> or give the Depot a like on Facebook, for more details.

Heartland Community Health Center and three supporting churches are gearing up for the 3rd annual block party! This event is being planned for **Saturday, June 7th (6:30-8:30)** in the back parking lot of Heartland.

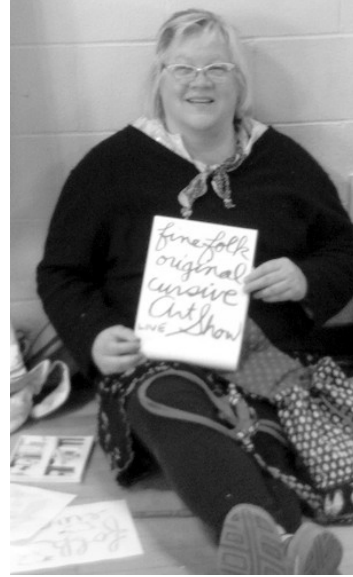


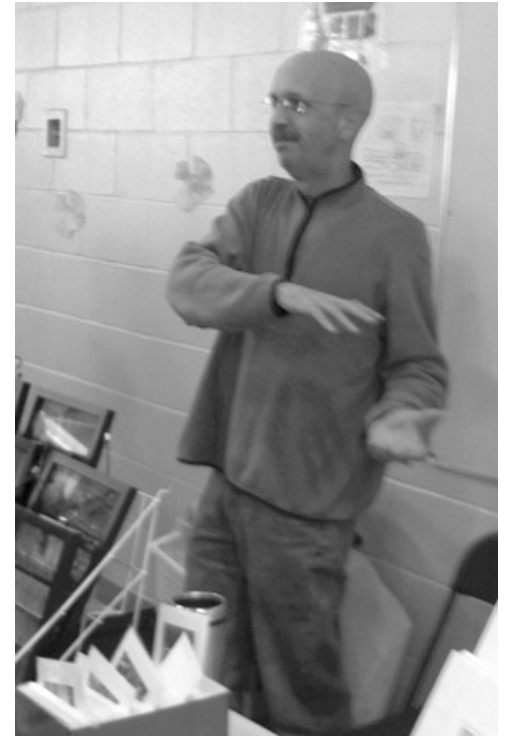
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The Award Winning KT Walsh!

Tom & Anne Moore Peace and Justice Award Winner - Individual

The Lawrence Coalition for Peace and Justice has awarded ELNA's own KT Walsh this year's Tom and Anne Moore Peace and Justice Award for an individual. KT Walsh uses her considerable talent in art to further peace and justice issues in all of Lawrence. As a board member of ELNA, she champions its "live and let live" culture. A steadfast attendee at weekly City Commission Meetings she speaks up for safe sidewalks, street lighting and vernacular architecture. She keeps a vigilant and benevolent eye on our community. Thanks in large part to her efforts, the Marriott hotel being built at 9th and New Hampshire will be shorter by one story. This will allow more light and a less obstructed view for its neighbors, making it a better design for the community it abuts.

A thirty-year Lawrence resident, KT Walsh volunteered and then managed the Social Service League for seven years. And with flair! She recycled blue jeans to insulate its unheated back room. She inaugurated the "dress for success" program so job seekers could appear for interviews in decent suits and shoes.

More recently, KT Walsh was a co-founder of the Percolator, a generator of artistic expression for peace and justice issues.

It is especially fitting to recognize KT Walsh this year because of her contribution to the Lawrence Community Shelter (LCS). She led residents and guests in making a mural, one with inspirational quotations, in the dining room. She is now painting a mural designed to fit a semi-trailer truck, (approximately 25 feet long). The mural will be hung on the outside of a semi on the premises of at the Lawrence Community Shelter. The images are those brainstormed by LCS clients. First, the dangers of homelessness—trains, poison ivy, drugs and alcohol. Next, the promise of the LCS—computer training, comfy-looking bunk beds, and fresh food. And finally, success— independence symbolized by an eagle, a cyclist, and a dog running free.

Because she has so well used her art for the benefit of Lawrence's neediest citizens, KT Walsh is a worthy recipient of the LCPJ's Anne and Tom Moore Award.

ELNA Garden Equipment for Rent

Spring is coming and ELNA can help you get your garden and yard ready for planting and mowing. Rent our tiller for \$20 per half day, or the mower for \$10 per half day. For those of you with smaller yards there is also a manual push reel mower available. Contact Phil Collison at 785-843-8098 or phil@collison.com to make an appointment. Please be prepared to provide your own transportation for the equipment. The price of these has gone up, but we think they are still a good bargain. Scholarships are available. No commercial vendors, please.

ELNA is on Facebook!

Like our fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/eastlawrence> and look for updates regarding neighborhood events.

We have a Twitter too!

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

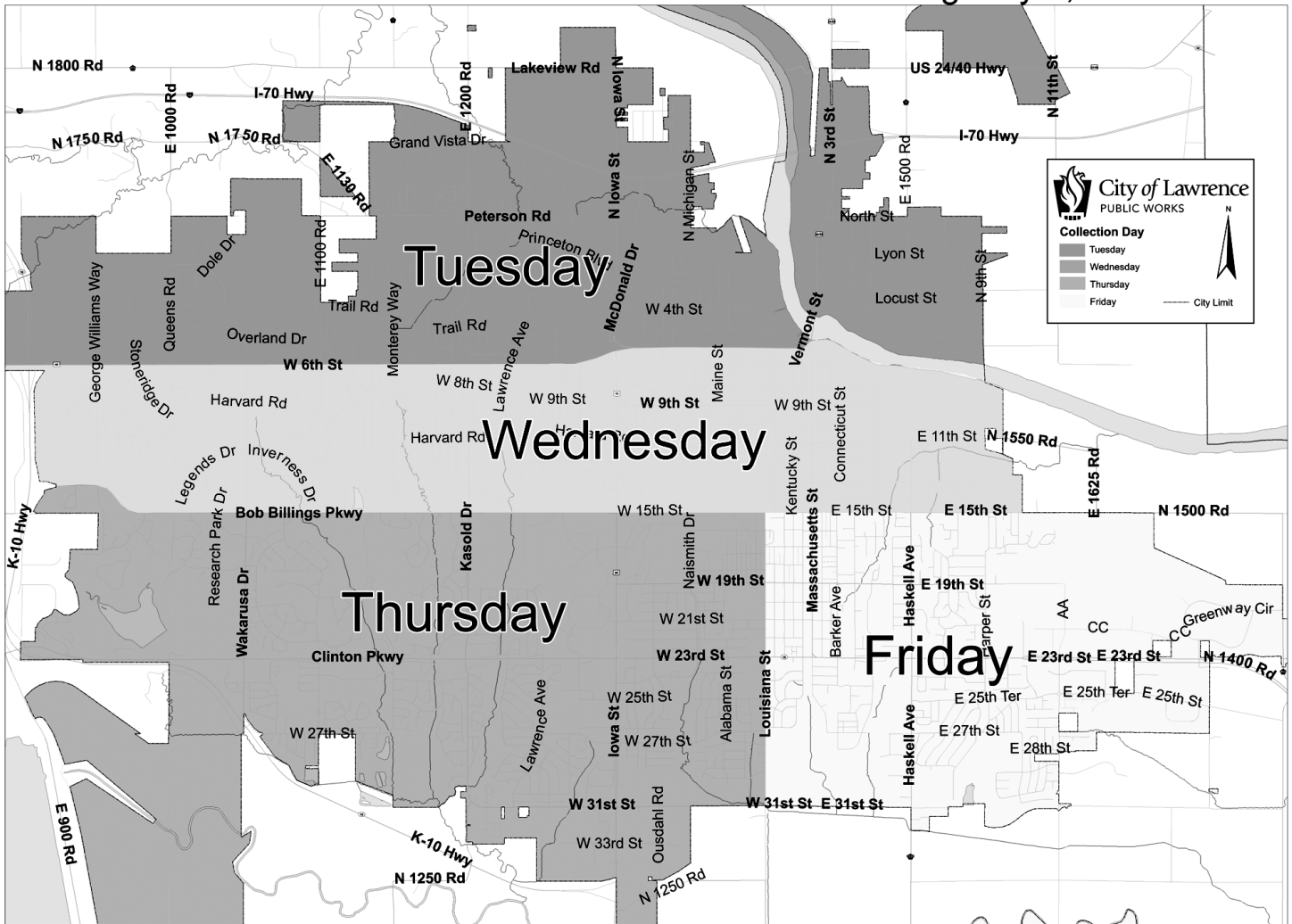
Prayer and Action Program – A Note from St John's and the Kansas City Archdiocese

Prayer and Action is a summer mission program for high school and college aged youth throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. This summer we will be hosted by St. John the Evangelist Parish and will be serving individual families as well as local organizations. The purpose of this program is to bring youth closer to Christ through service to others.

In order to provide service work for the teens as well as help the community that is graciously hosting us, we are seeking people in need of assistance. The assistance can be in the form of minor repairs, painting, cleaning, yard work and more at no cost to the organization.

If you are interested in having a work crew serve you or your organization, please fill out an application (containing information such as name, address, job request, and date/time availability) and return it by **Friday, May 23rd**. Forms can be picked up at the Parrish Office 1229 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS, or requested by email or phone from Emily C. Haack, Douglas County District Attorney's Office, ehaack@douglas-county.com, phone: (785)841-0211.

New Residential Trash Collection Schedule Starting May 6, 2014



City Comprehensive Plan Update Meetings

The Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Department is in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan is a document that is used to guide a community in terms of land use, growth and development, management and preservation of historic and natural resources, and infrastructure needs.

Eight open-house meetings will be held throughout Douglas County for residents to give their input. The locations are:

May 7 | 5-7 p.m.
Lecompton Community Building

May 29 | 5-7 p.m.
Lawrence Indoor Aquatics Center

June 4 | 6-8 p.m.
Lumberyard Arts Center (Baldwin City)

June 19 | 5-7 p.m.
Eudora Recreational Center

June 30 | 6-8 p.m.
Douglas County Courthouse

July 16 | 6-8 p.m.
Dreher Family 4-H Building North Room
(Douglas County Fairgrounds)

Residents are encouraged to participate in the Comprehensive Plan update process. Several methods are in place for communication with city staff and the 10-member steering committee appointed to oversee this process.

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

Visit our Comprehensive Plan update web page at: www.lawrenceks.org/pds/horizon-2020-update-process.

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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. 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 in-neighborhood non-profit entities \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses
\$100.00 lifetime individual membership

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.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.
- Check here if you do not want to be included in email messages.
- Check here if you would like your address removed from our paper mailing list.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:
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Plus! Visit ELNA's website for information on *new* tshirts and merchandise!

Click the paypal button to donate securely there!

ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer for:

- Work Days
- YART (Yard/Art) Sale
- Block Party
- Adopt-A-Family
- Art
- Music
- Photography
- Gardening
- Grilling
- Fund Raising
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Website/Technical Management
- Baking/Cooking
- Other: _____