

East Lawrence News

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ELNA

General Meeting

July 12th 7-9pm

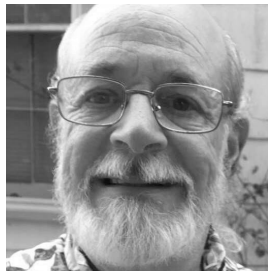
Online via Zoom

Agenda

always available at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings>

Email Phil at phil@pcollision.com

for zoom link info



From the President

Barry Shalinsky

It is unmistakably summertime in East Lawrence, and things are slowly getting back to “normal.” Many of us have been enjoying Summer Band Concerts in South Park, swimming at the Aquatic Center, Kaw Valley Kickball League games at Hobbs Park, Farmers’ Market, Final Fridays and outdoor dining at some of our fine local eateries.

Summertime in odd-numbered years also marks the beginning of local election season. This November, Lawrence voters will elect three members of the City Commission and three members of the USD 497 School Board. Voter Registration for the Primary Election closes on July 13. Early voting begins on July 14, and Primary Election Day is August 3. The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association strongly encourages all neighborhood residents to register and vote in both the August Primary and the November General elections.

In this newsletter, you will notice that several of the candidates purchased advertisements. This is an option that was made available to all candidates. The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association does not make candidate endorsements or take sides in campaigns. The presence or absence of advertising for any candidate does not signify that ELNA takes any position on that race.

Just because ELNA does not make endorsements does not mean we do not care. Local elections matter most. City Commissioners make policy decisions on zoning and land use, density, affordable housing, historic resources, development/redevelopment tax incentives, parks and recreation, traffic safety, transportation and infrastructure, policing and a host of other issues of vital importance to neighborhoods. School board members make policy decisions on school closures, educational equity, early childhood programs and school Covid protocols. ELNA encourages everyone to research the candidates and their positions carefully and vote for those who align with your values and priorities.

After Community Development Block Grant funding was cut for neighborhood associations, the current City Commission approved a temporary plan to restore funding for neighborhood associations from general revenues. The people we elect will decide whether that funding will be made permanent or whether it will go away. ELNA’s leadership has taken steps to ensure our that our association will remain financially viable regardless of what is decided by a future City Commission. At ELNA’s June meeting, new bylaws were approved that would allow ELNA to operate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit unincorporated association. Paperwork has been filed with the IRS seeking approval of that new status. If approved, a variety of new grants, foundation and other funding opportunities would be available, including such things as Facebook Birthday fundraisers. ELNA will fundraise in earnest once 501(c)(3) status is approved. The bulk of our funding pays for our very talented and underpaid quarter-time Neighborhood Coordinator and for six newsletters per year distributed to every address in East Lawrence. ELNA continues to be appreciative of everyone who has made generous donations in recent months! ELNA will continue our work to make East Lawrence the best organized, most culturally diverse and most fun and neighborly neighborhood in Lawrence. East Lawrence being a neighborhood with a high level of civic engagement and voter participation is the icing on the cake!

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MELINDA AND CATHERINE

In the month of May, East Lawrence lost two powerful, thoughtful women.



Melinda Lou Henderson passed away on May 11th, 2021 after a fall and worsening health issues. She was 68. Melinda was born in California, but grew up in Kansas and Missouri. She graduated from the University of Kansas in

1978. Reading her official obituary, (which you can find at lawrencekstimes.com) Melinda seems to have spent the majority of her adult life traveling back and forth across the Midwest and West, having adventures with family and friends both animal and human. She had many jobs which utilized her organizational and leadership skills. Here in Lawrence, Melinda lived in several neighborhoods, most recently in Brook Creek. Melinda lent her smarts to community affairs, heading the League of Women Voters for a time, serving on the Board of the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association, and regularly attending Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods



and City Commission meetings. No City agenda or proposal was safe from her careful scrutiny. How can a person be both fierce and funny, formidable and friendly? Melinda managed to be. She was whip smart and delightfully irreverent. Melinda

is survived by beloved nieces and nephews and her longtime companion, Tom.

Photo credit: Thea Perry

Music Lesson Scholarships at Americana Music Academy

We are proud to offer scholarships for students in need and for lessons starting August 2021!

Americana Music Academy is proud to offer partial and full scholarships to qualifying applicants for private music lessons. Our deadline for applications for our Fall Cycle of 2021 Scholarships is July 10 by 5pm.

Don't delay! Learn more [HERE](https://americanamusicacademy.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c41195fbfbd6d1e9965872793&id=6fe48e9862&e=69d11e9185)

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[u=c41195fbfbd6d1e9965872793&id=6fe48e9862&e=69d11e9185](https://americanamusicacademy.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c41195fbfbd6d1e9965872793&id=6fe48e9862&e=69d11e9185)) or reply directly to this email to see how to apply!

Tell your friends and have them tell their friends! We don't want finances to be a barrier for anyone who wants to learn an instrument.

This scholarship program is made possible with support from the Bramlage and Willcoxon Foundation and other donors to our 501c3 nonprofit.

Like what we do? Donations go a long way to helping us achieve our mission!

Donate Today! ([https://americanamusicacademy.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?](https://americanamusicacademy.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c41195fbfbd6d1e9965872793&id=2c375f626e&e=69d11e)

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Catherine C Reed passed away from complications of ALS on May 25th, 2021. She was 73 years old. Catherine was a resident of the Delaware Street Commons housing community for



many years, and served on the ELNA Board from 2019 through 2020. Catherine grew up in Minnesota and her parents were both scientists. She had a rich academic life, beginning at Cornell University just out of high school, traveling the world, and achieving a PhD from the University of Colorado. In her time in academia, she had been a teacher and professor, and published a curriculum for teaching science to children. Eventually, Catherine turned to art, expressing her extensive knowledge and love of nature through various mediums, including quilting, crochet, and bead knitting. You may have seen her art exhibited at the Library, the Percolator, and her Seed Co studio space. Catherine was a great advocate for our Wishing Bench, dressing it in seasonally appropriate and fashionable yarn-wear. She assisted the E9th Yarn It Forward project, valiantly trying to teach others to crochet. Catherine was so quiet and unassuming, you might not have noticed that she was brilliant, generous, and just a little bit feisty. Catherine is survived by her husband, Norman, and her three children.

Free Meals for Kids, Kit Pick Up Sign Up

Free Meal Kits! Fridays June 11th through August 6th

Meal kits are available free of charge to children ages 1-18. One kit contains seven breakfasts and seven lunches. To be able to pick up a meal kit, you must sign up at www.usd497.org/FoodService.

How do I preorder my children's Meal Kits?

1. order your children's weekly meal kits at (<https://forms.gle/DWVBiACQ1zJGNkw46>).
2. place your order by noon on Tuesday of the week you want to start picking up meal kits. you only need to place your order once to receive weekly meal kits. sign up begins June 1st.
3. list all of your children on one order form
4. choose to pick up your meal kits at: Woodlawn Elementary 8am to 9am, Kennedy Elementary 9am to 10am, Free State High School 10am to 11am, or Sunflower Elementary 11am to 12pm.
5. pick up your weekly meal kits each Friday, beginning June 11 at the location/time you selected on the order form.
6. use the same order form to make changes or cancel your weekly meal kit order.

Parents and children do not have to be present. You may designate anyone to pick up your meal kits. District buildings will be closed on Fridays. If you need assistance on Fridays, please email food service staff. fsstaff@usd497.org.

EAST LAWRENCE VOTES!

Because there is great interest in School Board and City Commission positions this year, there will be a Primary Election ending on Tuesday August 3rd. A General Election for a final selection of City Commission and School Board members will end on Tuesday November 2nd.

As you know, ELNA, as an organization cannot endorse any candidate. BUT we do strongly encourage you to vote, and we will help to make sure you have all the information you need to do so. LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER! PLEASE REGISTER and VOTE!

First, Make Sure You're Registered to Vote

- If you're not sure if you're registered, or uncertain if your registration information is correct, you may check on the Douglas County Clerk's website: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/your-voter-information>. You may also check your status in person at the Douglas County Courthouse at 11th & Massachusetts.
- The last day to register to be eligible to vote in the Primary is Tuesday July 13th.
- If you know you're not registered, but you want to be, you can do so online through the State of Kansas website at: <http://www.voteks.org/before-you-vote/how-do-i-register.html> You can check your voting eligibility and fill in an online registration through that portal. The Douglas County Clerk's office at 11th and Mass. can help you register as well. Be sure to have your ID documents in order before you register.
- Registration to vote will re-open on August 4th, the day after the primary, so that you can vote on November 2nd.

Then, Vote!

By Mail-In Ballot

- You may request a mail in ballot at <https://www.kvotes.org/>. A separate application must be submitted for each election, except in the case of permanent illness or disability.
- Your completed application must be received at the Election Office by the Tuesday prior to the election. Submit your application early to avoid delays!
- Ballots will be mailed to you beginning 20 days before the election.

Advance Voting

- Advance voting, both in person and by mail in ballot, for the Primary begins On Wednesday July 14th.
- You can return your mail-in ballot by mail or put it in a secure ballot drop box. Ballot Drop Boxes are located at several places around the City, including:
Douglas County Courthouse, 1100 Massachusetts Street,

Lawrence

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2120 Harper Street, Lawrence

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- You can advance vote in person at the Douglas County Courthouse, 1100 Mass St. At the time of printing of this newsletter, advance voting hours were not determined. Check the County Clerk website for details as they become available.

Primary Election Day!

- The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday August 3rd. If you didn't advance vote or utilize a mail-in ballot, you can vote at your polling place. Polls are open 7am to 7pm.
- Precinct 39 is the area east of Mass and north of 11th. Precinct 39 votes at the Cider Gallery, 810 Pennsylvania. Precinct 40 is the area south of 11th, north of 14th St, east of Mass and west of Burroughs Creek Trail. Precinct 40 votes at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1245 New Hampshire Street. The area of East Lawrence south of 14th, bounded

by Mass St and the Burroughs Creek Trail is part of Precinct 33. Precinct 33 votes at Vintage Church at 1501 New Hampshire.

Who's Running?

In the Primary on August 3rd, voters will narrow the field of candidates for School Board and City Commission. There are currently twelve candidates for School Board and nine for City Commission. The top six Primary vote getters, in both races, will advance to the General Election on November 2nd.

USD 497 Lawrence School Board -- 3 available seats (vote for 1, 2 or 3 candidates)

Melissa Clissold	Nate Morsches
Kay Emerson	Andrew Nussbaum
GR Gordon-Ross (incumbent)	Douglas Redding
Leticia A. Gradington	Elizabeth Stephens
Kelly Jones (incumbent)	Travis Tozer
Markus Logan	Myranda Zarlengo

City Commission -- 3 available seats (vote for 1, 2 or 3 candidates)

Stuart Boley (incumbent)	Milton Scott
Chris Flowers	Amber Sellers
Ma'Ko'Quah Jones	Gillian Rogers Shaw
Lisa Larsen (incumbent)	(withdrawn, but her name will still appear on your ballot)
Bart Littlejohn	
Shawn Pearson	

What to Bring?

Be sure to bring your photo identification with you to your polling place when voting in person. In Kansas, a valid photo id can be a driver's license or non-driver ID issued by the State of Kansas, a conceal carry license issued by the State of Kansas, a United States passport, an employee badge or ID document issued by a municipal, county, state or federal government office, a military ID issued by the United States, a student ID card issued by an accredited postsecondary institution of education in the State of Kansas, a public assistance identification card issued by a municipal, county, state or federal government office, an ID card issued by an Indian tribe. Persons aged 65 years or older may use expired photo id documents.

Important Dates to Remember:

Primary Election Dates

- July 13, 2021: Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election
- July 14, 2021: Advance voting begins; advance ballots by mail will be mailed to voters
- July 27, 2021: Deadline to request an advance ballot for mail
- August 2, 2021: Advance in person voting closes at noon
- August 3, 2021: Primary Election

General Election Dates

- October 12, 2021: Last day to register to vote in the General Election
- October 13, 2021: Advance voting begins; advance ballots by mail will be sent to voters
- October 26, 2021: Deadline to request an advance ballot for mail
- November 1, 2021: Advance in person voting closes at noon
- November 2, 2021: General Election

The Douglas County Clerk's office is a great resource for everything you need to know to vote. At the Clerk's office website, you can register to vote, find your polling place, explore other ways to vote such as mail in and advance ballots, see who will be on your ballot, view your own voting history, and even link to each candidate's information. You can find that here: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/current-elections>.

Your vote matters!

Re-elect Lisa Larsen

for
Lawrence City Commission

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- ☑ Worked with East Lawrence neighborhood advocates to keep Burroughs Creek Splash Park from being defunded in 2020. This is Lawrence's first splash park.
- ☑ Worked with neighborhoods to restore neighborhood funding.
- ☑ Worked to get a new planning staff position dedicated to completing neighborhood plans. ELNA is first on the list of projects.
- ☑ Reduced the speed limit in neighborhoods to 25 mph.
- ☑ Kept the LOOP from being defunded in 2020.
- ☑ Approved a new utility cost assistance program.

I ask for your VOTE ON AUGUST 3rd

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Paid for by the Lisa Larsen for City Commission campaign,
Linda Gwaltney, Treasurer



Lawrence City Commission

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We will put the people back in public policy by—

- reimagining infrastructure—sustainability, transportation, and human service.
- developing an affordable housing plan that grows community health.
- cultivating economic development through a workforce lens.

Vote for People First. Vote for Amber Sellers.

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Paid for by Sellers For City Commission; Denise Ballard, Treasurer

As your City Commissioner I will >>>



***“Community
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intention.”***

• **Ensure equity is our baseline**

As the pandemic and other current conditions have shown us, we've still got some work to do. We need to make sure that everyone has the same access to maintain their health, healthy food, and safe spaces to live.

• **Confront our housing crises**

We need both affordable and available housing, while taking into account all potential solutions and partners.

• **Redevelop our local economy**

I support plans to bring new development to the city, but I want to make sure that we are not leaving out people who are already here. Part of that is ensuring that people coming out of our post secondary institutions have a place and support. It takes hard work to maintain that delicate balance that makes this town great for people that live and work here and for the people to come.

**BART
Littlejohn**
City Commission

**Primary Voting - Aug. 3
General Election - Nov. 2**

**vote4bart@gmail.com
www.vote4bart.org**

Paid for by Bart Littlejohn for Lawrence City Commission Aaron Urban, Treasurer



Stuart Supports

- Adding New Planning Staff
- Prioritizing the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan
- Burroughs Creek Splash Park
- Strong, Welcoming Neighborhoods



Paid for by Vote Boley for City Commission, Lene Carttar Brooke, Treasurer

East Lawrence History Salon Dinners at Bon Bon

You are invited to join us for a series of special dinners in support of the Watkins Museum's Embattled Lawrence book series. Each dinner will feature a prix fixe menu with drink pairings, an informal presentation hosted by Dennis Domer and guests, with cocktails, custom art, and conversation to follow. Half of each \$100 ticket will go to the Watkins Museum as a tax-deductible donation.

July 7, 2021 - "The East Bottoms: A Landscape History of Lawrence's Red-light District"

July 14, 2021 - "A.J. Griffin: The Ice Man Cometh"

July 21, 2021 - "Our Sewers, Ourselves: Every day in the Open Sewer of Early Lawrence"

July 28, 2021 - "Identify Formation in the East Lawrence Neighborhood"

6:00pm - Pre-dinner drinks

6:30pm - Dinner

7:00pm - Presentation

7:30 - 8:30pm - Cocktails & Conversations

Purchase your ticket at <https://bon-bon-lawrence.square.site/>.

Half of each ticket is a tax-deductible donation to the Watkins Museum in support of the Embattled Lawrence book series.

Be sure to get your tickets now. Seating is limited and we anticipate each date selling out.

Unable to attend, but wish to contribute to the Embattled Lawrence book series? Donate through the Watkins Museum here: <https://douglas-county-historical-society.networkforgood.com/projects/105875-embattled-lawrence>.

Join us for this unique opportunity to embrace the fascinating history of East Lawrence each Wednesday evening in July.

-- Codi & Simon Bates and the Watkins Museum

KVKL Game of the Week RETURNS!

Each Sunday night through the summer featured teams will play kickball with an introductory game at 7pm, and the Game of the Week at 9pm, at Hobbs Park. A variety of local charities, non profits, and traveling teams will provide concessions to purchase each week. (ELNA will be grilling several Sundays!) KVKL requests that masks be worn in the stands, where distancing is difficult, and that attendees NOT bring glass containers that can break and create hazards. Other than that, expectations are the same as years past, and the game we love is back!

For a schedule of games, team standings, and other info, visit the KVKL website kawvalleykickball.com. You can also follow the KVKL facebook page, and join the discussion group. Follow KVKL on Twitter and Instagram too!

Save the Date for the ELNA Block Party!

We've reserved Hobbs Park for our annual Block Party for Saturday September 25th from 5-9pm.

It's gonna be a good one! Can't wait to see you!

Let's support our downtown Drop-In Center!

DARE (Drop-in And Rest) offers a place of refuge for people experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness. DARE operates 2:30-6:30pm, Monday through Friday, at 944 Kentucky. The Center provides the basic necessities, such as a shower, washer and dryer, coffee, and an inviting place to come in and get off the street.

DARE is completely run by unpaid volunteers, and is an essential part of easing the lives of many Lawrence citizens. It is more important now than ever to make sure people have a place to rest, to recharge, to feel seen and cared about. It's time to show some monetary support to this vital organization, especially as temperatures once again swing to the extreme.

All donations will be given to the DARE Center. We have set the goal of \$6K, but we know Lawrence can exceed that. Let's do it! If you don't have means to donate, sharing and spreading the word is beneficial too.

You can donate money by GoFundMe at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-give-a-boost-to-dare-center>.

If you'd like to give in-kind donations DARE is in need of: Bath towels, washcloths, bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, coffee, creamer, sugar, laundry soap, bleach, razors, snack foods, new socks.

More information about what the DARE Center does and who they are, can be found at <https://www.darecenterlawrence.org/>

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What is the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program?

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. If your household is eligible, you can receive:

- Up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. To receive the connected device discount, consumers need to enroll in the EBB Program with a participating provider that offers connected devices (not all service providers offer device discounts). The service provider will provide the discount to the consumer.

The program will end when the fund runs out of money, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner.

There are lots of ways to qualify, including:

Your household qualifies for the Emergency Broadband Benefit if it has an income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines OR any member of the household:

- Qualifies for Lifeline benefits through participation in SNAP, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit;
- Participates in one of several Tribal specific programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal Head Start (only households meeting the relevant income qualifying standard), Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020 due to job loss or furlough AND has a total household income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers;
- Received a federal Pell Grant in the current award year;
- Received approval for benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program, and that provider received FCC approval for its eligibility verification process.

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. Program rules acknowledge there may be more than one eligible household residing at the same address.

Sunrise News -- Community Meals

Sunrise Project has scheduled community meals through July on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Each is a picnic style meal, so bring a blanket or chair if you can. Deliveries and takeout boxes are still available. Vegan and Gluten-Free options will be available. Masks are mandatory while not actively eating. Meals are served at the Sunrise site 1501 Learnard, from 5-6:30pm.

Wednesday July 7th, Rice Noodle Salad

Wednesday July 21st, Rice Bowls

If you need to be connected to a volunteer delivery driver, please message us, text 785-865-1618, or email grace@sunriseprojectks.org by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday and we will connect you!

Donations (\$0-\$6) welcome, but never required. Contributions help us with our daily operational costs and can be made by cash or check, Venmo (@sunrise-project), or through our website www.sunriseprojectks.org/give.

ALL are welcome!! We love cooking for you!

Follow Sunrise Project on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on events and happenings at Sunrise.

Save the Date!

The Annual Sunrise Pie Auction is slated for Aug. 28, 5 -8 PM at Sunrise Project site. Potluck meal, live pie auction, pie by the slice, summertime beverages, activities and music :)

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(Please note personal memberships are per individual, not household.)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- We print the names of new and returning ELNA members in the ELNA newsletter . Check here if it is okay to print your name.
- Please add my email to the “Thursday ELNA News” (the weekly enewsletter) email list.

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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
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- Gardening
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Baking/Cooking
- Grilling / Concessions
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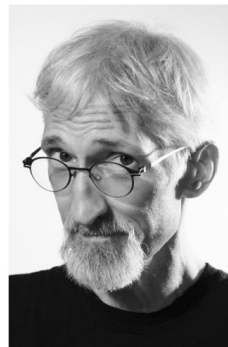
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