

# East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
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October 2013



## ELNA

### General Meeting

Monday, Nov. 4th, 7-9pm  
New York School Library

Agenda:

- ⇒ Elections
- ⇒ Yart Sale Grants

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## Block Party Thanks

HUGE! Thanks to all who donated items to raffle, their time and skills, and for all the wonderful friends and food!

### Donors

Ad Astra Acupuncture  
Aimee's Coffee House  
Aly Young and the KS Zen Center  
Au Marche European Market  
Bob Rose  
The Bourgeois Pig  
Checkers Grocery  
Cottin's Hardware  
Dana Vann  
Dempsey's Pub  
Great Harvest Bread Company  
KT Walsh  
Lawrence Public Library  
Leslie Kay  
Liberty Hall  
New York Elementary PTO  
Plymouth Church  
The ReStore  
Robert Baker  
The Sandbar  
Tenants to Homeowners  
Up to Eleven Productions & the Granada

### Info Tables

Community Village Lawrence  
Heartland Community Health  
KVKL  
New York School Renovation group

### Music

Ricky Dean Sinatra  
King DeVilles

### Volunteers

Staci Ahlvers	Christine Kosirog
Ben Ahlvers	Chris Lempa
Jacki Becker	Kurt Limesand
Lisa Marie Benke	Josh Meyer
Russell Benke	Mike Myers
Justin Bergin	Arch Naramore
Joe Bickford	Brenda Nunez
Daina Bitters	Aaron Paden
Phil Collison	Mick Palmer
Cari Davis	Burton Parker
Josh Davis	Grace Peterson
Kristina Eronat	Matt Pryor
Eric Farnsworth	Mike Rheim
Emily Hampton	Cindy Suenram
Matt Hislope	Tim VonHolten
Beth Holley	KT Walsh
Jay Holley	Cake Bakers!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE POTLUCK CONTEST WINNERS!

Beth Holley for her vegetarian tomato pie dish, Aaron Paden for best dessert with his pumpkin pie, and to the magical nameless neighbor who has great skill with garbanzo beans and tomatoes. Thanks for bringing your A-game!

## ELNA Board and Officers Elections

At this our yearly annual meeting, November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will again select our Neighborhood Association Board of Directors.

Board members serve a one year term and commit to attending monthly meetings held on the first Monday of each month, as well as to contributing their time to chosen projects. Officers, including President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, also serve a one year term in addition to their duties as Board members. All officer positions except Treasurer are open for appointment at this time.

The President serves as leader to call meetings to order, call any special meetings outside of the monthly meeting, and as general Executive of the Board.

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## ***Greetings Neighbors!***

There is a lot going on in the neighborhood and with all of the excitement I fear we have not given enough attention to the wonderful work led by Dennis Domer & accomplished with significant help from others. That group has done a remarkable job of documenting many of the fantastic old

homes in our neighborhood, documenting them in a meaningful way that will help to tell East Lawrence's story for... well, forever.

As one result of this endeavor, you may have heard of the efforts to list a number of East Lawrence homes on the local historic registry. Perhaps you have even received notification that a close neighbor of yours has a home up for this honor. Perhaps you have questions or concerns regarding the whole thing. This is too small of a space to address all the questions one might have but I can tell you that the ELNA board is 100% behind these efforts. Not to say we don't have our own individual concerns, but as a group we realize the benefits greatly outnumber the negatives. If you have questions about the process, please feel free to ask any of us!

What I would like to do, is touch on the term "vernacular architecture", a key definition in describing what makes our neighborhood homes so special and what has driven much of the interest in Dr. Domer's team's work. I've done some searching, looking for a concrete definition of the term and cannot find a universal one... so instead I offer what comes to my own mind when I think about what vernacular architecture means.

Vernacular architecture is, in essence, architecture of necessity. Vernacular homes are sometimes built, at least in part, by the home owner themselves. They are built from materials at hand... materials that the area's natural resources present to the builder – there was no Home Depot in the late 1800's (though there may have been a Cottin's!). There was no architect involved; often the craftsman was also the designer, following patterns of the day as a guide in the design. You can see these patterns in these homes, yet each is always different from the next.

Vernacular architecture has been defined as "ordinary", but that definition no longer applies... in today's world there is nothing remotely "ordinary" about it.

For instance, observe the houses on your block. Living in East Lawrence, chances are good that your block or one near has at least one late 1800's era brick home. Those bricks were likely fired very near the site that the home was built! The formed clay was stacked and the fire was built inside the stack. The bricks had varying degrees of hardness and durability depending on where they were in the pile and it was up to the mason to sort through and select the hardest bricks for the exterior and the softer for the inner wythes of the walls. You could break those soft bricks with your bare

hands so the masons had to know what they were doing! Walk up to one of those houses and look for a random brick that is significantly worn away... if you find one you'll know the mason missed one.

Move on up to the roof structure of that same house and you'll find rough lumber cut from the trees of the area. Varying species, varying sizes, the lumber is rough, old-growth, and undeniably beautiful. I've seen walnut roof plank boards up to 20"+ wide. Just try and head to the lumber yard and pick one of those up; again, nothing ordinary about it.

Working class homes were vernacular in style and East Lawrence has a marvelous collection of them. We've lost some over time, others have been reborn. The ELNA board very much wishes to thank Dr. Domer and his team for their efforts in documenting the homes we still have.

*- Josh Davis, President*

## **East Lawrence History Project Update**

No new addresses have been added to the East Lawrence History Project. (If you recall, this is the effort to get East Lawrence vernacular housing added to the Local Historical Registry.) BUT! The established addresses are slated to appear before the City Commission for final designation, all together, sometime in November or December. Please watch our enews, Facebook, and website for updates. And please plan to show up and show your support for the project by attending.

FYI, the City Commission typically meets at 6:35 each Tuesday. Some special meetings may start sooner, and in months with five Tuesdays, the meeting will be cancelled on the fifth Tuesday. AND, did you know? You can live stream City Commission meetings from the City Services website <http://lawrenceks.org/stream>.

## **Recycle Your Metal for ELNA**

At Lonnie's Recycling at 501 Maple St., in North Lawrence, you can drop off your metals and ask that the proceeds be donated to the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association. Your contribution will help various ELNA neighborhood projects.

Lonnie's is a super friendly, helpful, family owned business operating for the last 25 years, and properly registered with the city.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday, 8:00 to 4:00 pm  
Closed Sundays

Directions: Over the river bridge and under the underpass, take the first right on Lincoln St. Go 3 blocks east; turn right on 5th St. Go 1-½ blocks. Lonnie's is on your left.



## ELNA's Got New Shirts!

Board member Christine Kosirog has been bravely steering the ELNA merch ship.

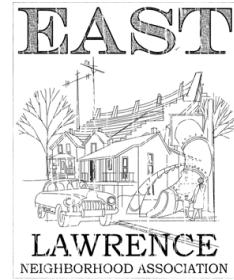
She just ordered some new shirts. Same logo, different styles. \$15 each.

Right now the stock includes:

Blue Unisex Tanks, Black Unisex T-shirt, Grey Unisex T-shirt, Heather Green Ladies, T-shirt, and Heather Brown Ladies T-shirts, in medium and large.

Christine also got us some sweet ELNA hoodies, but they all sold out! Email her at [ckosirog@yahoo.com](mailto:ckosirog@yahoo.com) and let her know you *need* one, and as soon as she has enough orders, she'll get some more!

And don't forget the stickers at \$2.00 each! They're small enough to fit on a bike, in case you were wondering.



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## ELNA Adopts-a-Family for the Holidays

Want to help ELNA adopt a family for the holiday season?

Each year, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association adopts a needy family (or two) through the Ballard Center. As a group, we purchase food and gifts for the selected family. In the coming weeks, we will receive a wish list of items from the family. As soon as we acquire this list, we will be looking for neighbors to purchase and donate gifts. If you would like to volunteer to donate items, contact Christine Kosirog, 218-6786 or [ckosirog@yahoo.com](mailto:ckosirog@yahoo.com), or Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

## Visit ELNA's Website

And speaking of the ELNA website, have you visited recently? We've been making updates. On the website, you can find everything from bylaws to Board Member profiles to the latest documents relating to the Cultural Arts District. Keep an eye out too for our new ELNA Merch Table store, compliments of Blue Collar Press.

## *ELECTIONS...continued from page 1*

The Vice President serves as stand-in for the President, in case of his or her absence or inability to attend a meeting or event. The Secretary's duties include the composition of minutes and voting records at each meeting, assisting the President and Vice President to compose an agenda for each meeting, and to compose other reports due to the City of Lawrence quarterly. Officers are elected by popular vote of the Board. In order to become an ELNA Board member, you must have been a general member of ELNA for at least 90 days.

With questions, you may contact the ELNA Coordinator at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com). You may also peruse our bylaws, with details on the board and it's objectives, at our website [eastlawrence.com](http://eastlawrence.com) under the "Resources" tab.



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# Block Party September 2013





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# The Lawrence Fruit Tree Project Interview – Lane Eisenbart

Many of you have heard about the Lawrence Community Orchard in our Thursday Enews, and in past issues of this paper newsletter. The Orchard consists of perennial fruit bearing trees, and is located on Garfield St. where it ends at Burroughs Creek, one block south of 13th St, and east of Delaware St. The land itself is allotted to the Orchard as part of the City of Lawrence's Common Ground Program. The Lawrence Community Orchard, however, is but one of the many projects of a larger group, The Lawrence Fruit Tree Project. Many of LFTP's (the preferred acronym for the Lawrence Fruit Tree Project) projects and project leaders live right here in East Lawrence.

Want to know more? Many thanks to Emily Hampton and Eric Farnsworth for the answers to our questions.

*Do you have a website?* Yes! Visit <http://lawrencefruittreeproject.wordpress.com/> to learn all about what LFTP is up to, including ways to donate, upcoming events, and links to other fruit and plant information resources. You can follow LFTP on Facebook, too, at <https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceFruitTreeProject>.

*What is your mission/ objective?* The Lawrence Fruit Tree Project provides a community-based solution to a critical and growing need for access to healthy food. We work to educate, assist, and inspire the public to grow, steward, and utilize perennial food plants. Our aim is to build community, increase local food security, and create direct, lasting bonds between people and their urban environment.

*Who are your primary group members?* Skyler Adamson, Eric Farnsworth, Byron Wiley and Jason Hering

*How did your group form?* Five years ago, Skyler had the idea of starting a group whose purpose would be to promote the growth of fruit trees and perennial food plants throughout the city. He was encouraged by KU Biology and Environmental Studies professor Kelly Kindscher to start the group and soon found fellow perennial food plant enthusiasts, Eric and Byron to join him. Jason later became a committed member of the group as well.

*Does the Fruit Tree Project have sites other than on the Burroughs Creek Trail?* At New York School at 9th & New Jersey St, at ECM on KU Campus, and a few other small plantings throughout the community.

*Where do you see your group going? What's your future vision?* It would be nice if more & more people came to see the growing fruit trees in public, and the sharing of locally grown produce as a normal and essential community activity. My personal hope is that our efforts can demonstrate that this is possible, and that people will see what a good time we are having growing and eating fruit, and make the effort to help plant and care for fruit trees. LFTP is also in the process of trying to develop more leadership. We are looking into gaining non-profit status so that one member could be paid as the outreach coordinator, but

would also like to find more people in the community who would be interested in taking more of a leadership role.

*Why is this project important to you?* Food is essential to everyone, and with a relatively small amount of work, it is possible to make delicious fruit available to people, as an act of community generosity. This is incredibly empowering, and it does not just benefit the person who eats the fruit, but it benefits everyone who lives in a community that has chosen to be that generous.

*How would you like the people of East Lawrence to help with your endeavors?* The simplest and best way for people to get involved with the Lawrence Fruit Tree Project is to come to one of our work days, see what we are doing, and what part of that fits their skills and interests. Look in the ELNA enews and on the LFTP website for upcoming workdays.

## News from the Community Village Lawrence

Thanks to the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association for inviting our organization to take part in last month's Block Party! The camaraderie we felt and the kindness shared among neighbors compares perfectly to the Village model and what we hope to offer.

Community Village Lawrence (formerly Eastside Village) has recently changed its name. This reflects the expansion of our service area from neighborhoods east of Massachusetts Street and North Lawrence to the entire city of Lawrence. Our mission to enhance the quality of life for the entire community, by helping neighbors remain in their homes as they age, continues on. We are undertaking many exciting activities and have developed attainable goals to meet prior to our official launch, tentatively scheduled for June 2014. Community Village is currently preparing to offer a complimentary reassurance call service to enhance security and well-being for older adults in the community. We will be recruiting volunteers and training over the next few months to make the service available by March 2014. At this time, we intend to host informational gatherings at different locations throughout the city, in order to provide education, share our mission with the public and grow our committee and board membership. To learn more about Community Village and our next steps in creating a program to connect older adults to activities and resources needed to stay in their homes for as long as they wish, please visit: <http://www.communityvillagelawrence.org/> or call Program Coordinators at (785) 505-0188 or (785) 505-0187.

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### ELNA is on Facebook!

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

# Represent the East Side on an Advisory Committee

You can positively impact your community by volunteering to serve on a city advisory board. These boards/ task forces investigate, deliberate, and directly report to the City of Lawrence on specific issues in the Lawrence community.

You can find more information on the various boards, as well as how to apply to fill a vacancy on the City website <http://www.lawrenceks.org/>.

Some current vacancies include:

## **Board of Zoning Appeals/Sign Code Board of Appeals:**

One vacancy for a position that expired 09/30/13.

## **Community Development Advisory Committee:**

Two vacancies for positions that expired 09/30/13 and one vacancy for a position that expires 09/30/15. Two positions are designated for low/mod income areas and one position is an at-large position.

## **Electrical Code Board of Appeals:**

One vacancy for a position that expired 03/31/12. Eligibility requirements exist for this board.

## **Lawrence Alliance:**

Two vacancies for positions that expired 11/30/12.

## **Sales Tax Audit Committee:**

One vacancy for a position that expired 04/30/14.

## **Building Code Board of Appeals:**

Four positions expire 11/30/13. One position will become vacant and three positions will be eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

## **Contractor Licensing Board:**

Three positions expire 12/31/13. Two positions will become vacant and one position is eligible for reappointment to an additional term. Eligibility requirements exist for this board.

## **Douglas County Senior Services Board:**

Two positions expire 12/31/13 and are eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

## **Homeless Issues Advisory Committee:**

Three positions expire 12/31/13. One position will become vacant and two positions will be eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

## **Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging:**

One position on the Advisory Council expires 09/30/13 and is eligible for reappointment to an additional term.

## **Lawrence Alliance:**

Six positions expire 11/30/13 and all are eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

## **Lawrence Douglas County Advocacy Council on Aging:**

Five positions expire 12/31/13 and all are eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

## **Lawrence Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee:**

Three positions expire 12/31/13 and all are eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

## **Public Transit Advisory Committee:**

Three positions expire 12/31/13 and are all eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

## **Sister Cities Advisory Board:**

Five positions expire 12/31/13 and all are eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

## **Sustainability Advisory Board:**

Four positions expire 12/31/13. One position will become vacant and three positions will be eligible for reappointment to additional terms.

## November and December 2013

### November

- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – USD 497 PreK-5 No School
- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Train Depot Clean Up – 3-4:30pm,  
BNSF Depot, 7<sup>th</sup> and NY St.
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – ELNA Meeting – Elections! –  
New York School Library 7-9pm
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – USD 497 PreK-5 No School
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – New York PTO Meeting –  
New York School Library 5:30-6:30pm
- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> USD 497 Fall Recess

### December

- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Train Depot Clean Up – 3-4:30pm,  
BNSF Depot, 7<sup>th</sup> and NY St.
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – ELNA Meeting – Agenda TBD –  
New York School Library 7-9pm
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – New York PTO Meeting –  
New York School Library 5:30-6:30pm
- Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – USD 497 Winter Recess

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\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities      \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses  
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- 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 ELNA Yahoo group. An e-vite will be sent to you.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter 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
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_