

East Lawrence News

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November 2019



ELNA

General Meeting

New York Elementary
Library

9th and New York
November 11 • 7-9 pm
Agenda

the agenda as it is known can
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[http://
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From the President:

Welcome to the November issue of the East Lawrence News. I am writing this as the leaves are just starting to change. You are reading this and they have probably fallen! I am counting on a few more warm days to get more chores done before Winter sets in. We had a good Autumn in East Lawrence. We held our Block Party on a rainy day but the party was still a success! Thanks to the Lawrence Creative MakerSpace for allowing us to move it into their space. That day was also New York School's 150th Anniversary Celebration, and we turned out for that, too. The AME Church held an open house that was also well attended. A very good day. Thanks for coming out!

LMH has opened a new Health Care Clinic on the campus of Independence Inc. called East Heights Family Care. From their website "The clinic offers essential day-to-day healthcare services for a wide range of conditions; everything from the common cold, immunizations or a wellness physical, can be completed at the new clinic. The clinic is staffed by a community primary care provider." It is nice to have healthcare options a little bit closer to home.

Some things we are keeping an eye on are:

The repairs being made along 9th street as the City and Neighbor's note things about the rebuild that weren't done quite right on the first try. I do note the lights are working now for night time pedestrians.

Changes being proposed to the Design Guidelines within the Warehouse Arts District that would allow larger and taller buildings and erode the historic attributes of the area. We helped write those guidelines so you can count on us voicing an opinion in regards to the changes being proposed. The Developer's Attorney will be at our November meeting to tell us about that project.

City Commission and School Board Elections. Find your candidates and get out and vote! It is so important that we vote in every election, and these local elections impact us in a different way than national and state elections. Get out and Vote!

Have a good rest of the year! Enjoy our East Lawrence ambience.

ELNA BOARD ELECTIONS NOV 11TH

The annual election of the ELNA Board of Directors will occur on Monday November 11th 2019, during our regular monthly meeting time, 7-9pm at the New York School library. Interested parties declared their intention to run for the Board at our October meeting. Because we have 13 candidates, the precise number of open slots, we will vote to accept the slate.

Declared candidates include: KT Walsh, Kaitlin Stanley, Pam Blackburn, Dave Loewenstein, Kelly Rodriguez, Barry Shalinsky, Joshua Davis, Peggy Robinson, Brenda Nuñez, Catherine Reed, Aaron Paden, Hannah Sroor, and Kathryn Clark

As always, only in neighborhood individual (not business or nonprofit or out of neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote for the ELNA board. Dues are payable at the time.

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



Kickball Concessions Thanks

We owe special thanks to Aaron Paden for organizing concessions sales at Kickball games again this summer. Pam and Scott Blackburn braved the mosquitos to be his stalwart helpers. When Aaron was out of town and couldn't attend, Marshall and Malcom Maude, Jake Coffman, Hannah Sroor, Amanda Thompson, and Brandi Cooper swooped in and saved the day. Thanks too to KVKL for the opportunity to feed our friends and pad our coffers.

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 Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.



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Come and join us for a game!

A Note from New York PTA

– Barry Shalinsky, October 2019

With the sesquicentennial celebration behind us, New York Elementary School is turning its attention to the future. We are the oldest elementary school in Lawrence, serving a diverse student body.

The New York Elementary PTA, administration, educators and staff are working together to implement best practices in making New York a “trauma informed” school. As part of this ongoing initiative, the PTA is offering cost-free training to caregivers and school employees at “Smart Connections” workshops this fall. The PTA values the important role that every stakeholder plays in the education of our children.

At the September 2019 meeting, the New York Elementary PTA identified support for paraeducators as its highest advocacy priority for the 2019-2020 school year.

New York Elementary School has seven paraeducators who play an invaluable role in supporting the school's classroom teachers, including working with students with IEPs. Paraeducators in Title 1 (low income) schools must have particularly strong training, skills and qualifications to do their job well. New York's paraeducators meet these high standards and are key partners in making it a trauma informed school.

Lawrence Schools are not doing well for our paraeducators who give the best of themselves for our kids. Paraeducator starting salaries in Lawrence are less than a dollar more than in the 1990's. Paraeducators receive no pay for summer, spring and winter breaks, holidays or snow days. Neighboring school districts provide better pay for paraeducators. Some paraeducators must work second and third jobs to make ends meet. One of New York's paraeducators became homeless. Another left the position to work at a grocery store because the pay was \$4 an hour higher.

Due to the vital role that paraeducators play, the PTA is concerned that high turnover is detrimental to education. These professionals deserve a career with respect and dignity. Our goal is a competitive employment package with livable pay and benefits.

For more information, Contact: Jamie St. Viva, PTA President jamiest.viva@outlook.com

Block Party Thanks 2019

Thanks to all our neighbors who braved the rain and the change of plans to join us at our Mini Block Party at the Maker-Space. Extra special thanks to Eric Kirkendall and Bill Wachspress and our Makerspace friends for making space for us. Thanks to Samantha Saltz and Mary Leek Stolz for collaborating with us to celebrate New York Elementary's 150th Anniversary. As always, thanks to our volunteers and donors.

Aaron Paden
Acme
Aimee's
Alex Olson
Althea Schnacke
Amanda Meyers
Barry Shalinsky
Brad Gibson
Brits
Catherine Reed
Checkers
Codi and Simon Bates
and Bon Bon
Cottin's

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Lawrence Public Library
Liberty Hall
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The Fish House
The Merc
The Raven
Van Go
Weavers
Wild Territory
Zippy

LFK Lunch Santas

LFK Lunch Account Santas is an all-volunteer group and 100% of funds raised go towards paying down USD 497 overdue lunch accounts. From now 'til the end of December, we're participating in a few "Eat to Earn" events at local restaurants. Simply mention "LFK Lunch Account Santas" or "Lunch Account Santas" when purchasing your meal and we will earn 15% of the sale!

- Nov 7th at Jefferson's Downtown from 4-9pm
- Nov 28th at Jefferson's Westside from 4-9pm
- Nov 29th at Pie Five from 4-9pm
- Dec 18th at Basil Leaf Cafe from 4-9pm

And ALL month of December, Wake The Dead will be donating 25% of their donut sales!

If you cannot make it to one of these events, donations can also be made through our ongoing GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/winter-2018-lunch-account-fund>, PayPal via lfklunchsantas@gmail.com, or at either Meritrust Credit Union by just mentioning the "Lunch Santas" account, OR, by visiting your local school and asking to pay off some student lunch debt. Thank you!

Rebuilding East Ninth Together Project Update

YOUTH CORPS!

The Rebuilding East Ninth Together Team is now accepting applications for Youth Corps members. Applications are available on the Rebuilding East Ninth website: <https://www.rebuildingeastninth.com/openingsandrfps>. Full details can be found in the job description and application listed on the above website. Applications are due November 25th. Questions can be directed to Youth Corps Coordinator Richard Renner at elyouthcorps@gmail.com.

The goal of the Youth Corps is to support young artists in (or with roots in, or ties to) East Lawrence in learning and creating, providing life skills and public art experience to carry into adulthood. Youth Corps artists can make art individually, as part of a group, or through their school. Projects can be permanent, temporary, event based, and any medium. Projects must be public, in a place where people can see or experience them. We are especially interested in projects and artists who are committed to their community and will give their creative energy toward art with a little extra thought! Positions are open to all youth under 18. Each selected Youth Corps kid will receive \$1000 financial compensation.

Richard will hold public presentations to help explain and guide anyone who wants to apply on Saturday November 2nd, 3:30-5pm and November 16th, 3:30 -5pm in one of the downstairs meeting rooms. Richard will also hold one-on-one consultation on Mondays November 4th, 4-6pm and November 18th, 4-6pm at an upstairs study room at the Lawrence Public Library. Or, you can schedule a presentation to your group by contacting Richard at the email or phone number listed below.

As always, you can contact Richard or any member of the Rebuilding Ninth Street Team.

Richard Renner : elyouthcorps@gmail.com 913-634-1711

LMCMS Volunteers, Nurse's Office Donations Wanted

Volunteers are needed every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and/or Friday from 11:00-1:00 to help run the STOMP Store during lunch. These volunteer positions are for individuals who can regularly fill the day of their choice. This is a fun and easy opportunity that is available for the duration of the school year. Please email lmcmsparents@gmail.com.

There are also several needs for the nurse's office.

- Deodorant sticks for both girls and boys.
- Stretchy pants/leggings (black), XS-XXL, as many as possible.
- lice kits, as many as possible.

Please email lmcmsparents@gmail.com with your availability for volunteering or with your donation. Donations can be brought to the office or dropped off at the parent teacher conferences'.

YARN IT FORWARD ONGOING

Though the Soup and Stitch events came to a close at the end of October, the project will continue! Groups still need to finish their panels, and they still need your help! Can you knit, crochet, or otherwise create with yarn the following items?

for garden scene -- total size 28" tall by 36" wide
sunflowers, scarecrow, leaves, vines
the vines will be 3" to 8" long, leaves to compliment

strips: need lots! 2" to 4" wide by 60" long
all colors, for a rainbow!

streetscape: flowers, approximately 1"
(flowers other than daisies please)
bicycle, 3" tall by 6" long

landscape: clouds, tree trunk, 1"-3" circles (lots!)
Pies! (no really, pies. for a pie tree. genius!) approximately 2"

Look at the Yarn It Forward facebook page for scale and colors: <https://www.facebook.com/YarnItForwardProject/>

Need some yarn? Got questions? Contact Kim and Irene at their project email address with your yarnitforward-project@gmail.com.

SONGS AND STORIES OF EAST LAWRENCE

Songs & Stories of East Lawrence with Kelley Hunt & Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg celebrates the vibrant mosaic of this neighborhood's diverse communities, histories, flora and fauna, and stories. Launching in 2020, and funded by a grant from Rebuilding East Ninth Street, our project encompasses a series of writing, singing, and story mapping workshops, plus a Wild East Lawrence walk with Ken Lassman, collaborative song-writing, publication of an anthology of

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Block Party 2019

Photos by Amanda Meyers





East Heights Family Care

East Heights Family Care clinic opened this fall in a shared office space with Independence Inc at 2001 Haskell Ave Suite A. We provide comprehensive primary care services for all members of your family. Dr. Ashley Bloom is a Family Medicine doctor, which means she cares for patients from 1 day old to 100+ years old. Primary care offers more than just annual wellness exams to make sure you're up-to-date with preventive care. We also manage diseases such as anxiety, asthma, depression, diabetes or high blood pressure (just to name a few!) And if you find yourself with a cold, ankle sprain, or other acute issue, we're here to care for you through any of our scheduled appointments. Dr Bloom also provides contraception services and well woman care for her patients.

As flu season starts, we're encouraging all patients to get their flu shot. This is important to not only protect you, but also our neighbors, friends and family members who are at high risk for complications from the flu. Babies, older adults, pregnant women, and people receiving treatment for cancer or chronic diseases are especially at risk for ending up in the hospital due to the flu. If you have a primary care provider who is an LMH doctor, you can call East Heights to schedule your flu shot with our nurse, Tiffani. If you do not have a primary care provider, flu shots are available at many pharmacies around town, including Dillons on Mass St.

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our stories, and a book launch concert. We invite all people, age 10 and up, who live or have connections to East Lawrence to participate. The workshops are being held at the Cider Gallery 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. Feb. 29 and Sat. March 14, and the book release concert will be held 2-4 p.m. at the Cider Gallery Sun., May 10. More at <https://bravevoice.com/> (BraveVoice.com)

"Songs & Stories of East Lawrence" draws on creating and holding brave spaces for people to sing together, write their truths, and listen to one another, all geared toward greater unity without diminishing any individual voices. Writing and singing together can help people better hear themselves and witness each other's most vital stories; such a process can begin to bridge polarized pockets of the community and to heal fractured community identities. Because humans and human settlements are part of ecosystems, our project also incorporates the watersheds of East Lawrence, which give us an ecological window into the land formations, waterways, and other environmental dimensions of this particular place. Participants can better contextualize their own turning points and experiences – in writing, discussions, and getting to know each other – through learning about this place's ecosystem now and in the past.

SCULPTURE SURVEY

Kent and Mike want your opinion on what kind of sculpture they should create. Please read and respond to their questions in the survey you'll see on page 7 of this newsletter.

2020 Census Still Hiring

The census tract that includes East Lawrence is doing quite well in terms of applicants. However, the goals increase weekly and if a few more people don't apply, this tract will drop below current 2020 Census Recruiting benchmarks. The Census Taker positions pay \$13.50 per hour in Douglas County. Census Field Supervisors make \$15.00 per hour. While we ask that candidates apply now; most offers will be for jobs starting after April 2020.

For more information, visit the Census jobs website <https://2020census.gov/Jobs>, or find them on youtube playlist <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEwVzKXDZkjL0EFRiuFaAxxJBDY1uFCI&feature=share>

If you have questions, contact Frankie Foster-Davis, Recruiting Assistant
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Habitat Holiday Homes Tour

Lawrence Habitat for Humanity is excited to partner with The Holiday Homes Tour this holiday season. The popular fundraiser previously benefited Health Care Access and most recently Heartland Community Health Center. Lawrence Habitat would love to have one or two homes in East Lawrence showcased on the Holiday Homes Tour. The tour is Sunday, December 1 from noon-5pm. As a participant on the tour, all we ask is that homeowners open their homes to ticket holders during tour hours so that they can view the beautiful holiday decorations and what makes the home unique or special.

If you would be interested in participating in the tour please contact Stacie Schroeder at stacie@lawrencehabitat.org.

Holiday Homes Tour tickets will be available for purchase starting October 1 at the Lawrence ReStore, both Hy-Vee locations, and online at www.lawrencehabitat.org.

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Help us Make a Sculpture!

Lawrence artists, Mike Riggs and Kent Smith were awarded a Rebuilding East 9th grant to build a sculpture that represents the history and culture of East Lawrence through the use of iconic and symbolic objects connected to the area. The artists are looking for input from the community to help achieve the best possible design for this sculpture and they need your help!

Please fill out this survey and return to the front desk of the Lawrence Art's Center (or email your answers to Kylie Smith at mrs.kyliesmith@gmail.com) by November 30, 2019.

What objects (or elements) would you like to see represented in an East Lawrence sculpture?

Which objects do you associate with Lawrence, the neighborhood, and our history?

Who would you like to see represented in the sculpture? What object(s) might help tell their story?

What historical moments would you like to see represented? What object(s) might help represent these moments of history?

- Poem/script for Langston Hughes -----
- Cross for St. Luke's -----
- Beer stein for Turnhalle -----
- Shot up spray paint can for William S Burroughs -----
- Torch for Quantrill's Raid -----
- Phoenix -----
- Fishing gear/Catfish for history of river workers -----
- Food cart and home business history -----
- Train or connection to railroad -----
- Sunflowers -----
- Buffalo -----
- East Lawrence Yeti -----
- Other -----

Safe Winter Walkways Registration

The City of Lawrence and the Senior Resource Center for Douglas County need your help! The Safe Winter Walkways Program, a collaboration between the two organizations, is underway for 2019-2020, and volunteers are needed to help elderly and disabled individuals clear public sidewalks following snow events.

The Safe Winter Walkways Program is an excellent resource for members of our community who are physically unable to keep their sidewalks clear during snow events. The goal is to create safer and more accessible pedestrian walkways, and it is a structured version of what already happens in many neighborhoods - neighbors helping neighbors.

Able-bodied Lawrence residents with a passion for helping others and who enjoy winter weather are needed to volunteer for the Safe Winter Walkways Program. Volunteers are matched with residents needing assistance, and the program makes every effort to match volunteers with residents in their neighborhoods. All volunteers are asked to commit to the entire snow season and shovel after each snow fall. Volunteers are not required to provide snow removal for private

driveways, sidewalks or walkways, but they may choose to also clear those areas.

Individual volunteers are welcome, but the program also encourages volunteer groups, civic organizations and youth groups to consider volunteering as a team. Please contact Larry Woydziak to find out how to sign up as a group and for the requirements for volunteering.

Elderly and disabled individuals who are responsible for the care of public sidewalks, but are physically unable to keep them clear following snow events, are encouraged to participate in the program. Participant registration will close on November 22, 2019, so that all volunteers and participants can be matched before the holiday season and winter weather begins. The program is for public sidewalks only and priority is given to homes with public sidewalks.

The City is again offering online registration for both participants and volunteers. Visit our website to sign up: lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways. Interested participants and volunteers can also register by calling Larry Woydziak with the Senior Resource Center for Douglas County at (785) 727-7875.

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