

# East Lawrence News

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## ELNA

### General Meeting

Santa Fe Depot  
7th and New York  
March 9 • 7-9 pm

#### Agenda

the agenda as it is known can  
always be viewed on our website:

<http://>

[www.eastlawrence.com/meetings/](http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings/)

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## From the President

Greetings from East Lawrence, where spring is right around the corner. What wild weather will be in store for us this Spring?! The MLK Chili Feed was a big success. Thanks for donating desserts and vegetarian chili. We signed up a few new members and sold a few hoodies. Speaking of ELNA gear, now is a good time to get yourself some new ELNA gear. Our merch will be for sale at this year's YART Sale, which is always on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in March, this year on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details elsewhere in this newsletter about how you can participate in the Yart Sale, our biggest fundraiser of the year.

It may not be very noticeable, but our newsletter is undergoing some changes. It probably looks just the same to you. Our newsletter costs a whole lot to produce. Yes, it is mostly produced by volunteers, but in order to get it printed and delivered it takes money. We have updated our ad prices (which are really inexpensive considering we send our newsletter to 1200 homes in the neighborhood as well as 100 or so more out of neighborhood members). Revenue from increased advertising will go directly to the cost of production. We are also organizing a group to do hand delivery of our newsletter. Watch for how you help with that delivery. Selling ads and walking the newsletter could cut our costs in half! And that's the goal. For the record, the ads that we sell do not reflect endorsement on our part, and we'll accept all ads.

Our biggest asset in our neighborhood is you. Make your voice heard. There are big changes coming in the neighborhood that impact our quality of life. Because our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month meeting date falls during Spring Break, and our usual New York School is closed, we'll be meeting at the newly remodeled Santa Fe Depot at 7th and New York Streets. It's a beautiful remodel. Come check it out!

At the very least, see you at the YART Sale March 28<sup>th</sup>!

## Burroughs Creek Trail Clean Up Effort

Greetings from a fellow East Lawrencian, and lover of the outdoors!

One of my absolute favorite places in Lawrence is the Burrough's Creek and Trail. This is probably due to the fact I walk along it at least once every day, sometimes more! As I have become well acquainted with it, I have been lucky enough to see the diverse range of wildlife that calls this creek home.

For a while now I have felt compelled to help keep it beautiful and wild through picking up trash in the area. I have done this a few times now and felt like it might be something others were interested in as well! I know there have been great efforts in the past years to help beautify and preserve the area, but feel that a more regular clean up could be greatly beneficial.

My plan is to go out every second Saturday of the month for 2-3 hours with whoever wants to join, and pick up trash. I would encourage anyone interested to bring their own work gloves, and trash bags.

So keep an eye on the ELNA Facebook page for future clean up dates.

Kind regards, Hannah Sroor, 12th Street neighbor and ELNA Board member



# Almost Time for the 2020 Census!

## Counting College Students

Between March 12 and 20, every Lawrence household will receive a mailed invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

Lawrence — and all of Douglas County — has been designated as an area where residents are likely to respond online. Because of this, the first letter area residents will receive from the U.S. Census Bureau will invite them to complete the Census questionnaire either online or by phone. Instructions will be provided in that first letter.

The Census Bureau has set up a schedule of reminders they will mail during the following dates to ensure everyone remembers to self-respond:

March 12 - 20: Everyone receives an invitation to respond to the Census

March 16 - 24: A reminder letter

For those who haven't yet responded, the Census Bureau will send the following:

March 26 - April 3: A reminder postcard

April 8 - 16: A reminder letter and paper questionnaire will be sent to all those who have not yet responded online or via phone; paper questionnaires must be mailed back to the Census Bureau

April 20 - 27: A final reminder postcard

If the Census Bureau has not received a self-response by the end of April, they will designate the household for in-person followup. Enumerators (the Census workers who follow up in person) will begin visiting Lawrence residences in May.

Beyond ensuring everyone responds to the 2020 Census, a big emphasis will be making sure all responders accurately represent their household.

Every household will receive one invitation to participate. In Lawrence, a significant portion of the population is renters. If you are a renter who shares an apartment with roommates, all roommates should be included on one Census response representing the address where you live.

## City Offers Loan Program for Emergency Repairs

Emergency & Furnace Loans for income-qualified Lawrence homeowners

The City offers an emergency loan program that can provide up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs that either eliminate immediate hazards to health and safety or repair damage to a structure likely to cause health and safety hazards. Additionally, the City offers a furnace loan program, which can provide up to \$5,000 for the replacement or addition of an existing heating and/or cooling source with approved energy-efficient appliances.

Both programs require a zero interest, zero payment mortgage to be placed on the property. The loan amount is due in full when the applicant is no longer the owner/occupant. Please contact the City of Lawrence Community Development staff at (785) 832-7700 for additional terms and conditions, or visit [lawrenceks.org/pds/housing\\_programs](https://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs) to download an application.

(Please note: All Census data will remain private and cannot be shared with landlords or other agencies.)

If you are eighteen-years-old or older, you will complete your own Census form based on where you live on April 1, 2020. You should not be included with your parents if you do not live with them on that date.

The Census will ask 10 questions and takes approximately ten minutes per person to respond. The questions are: name, phone number, age, sex, race, hispanic origin, relationship to householder, household tenure (own/rent), number of people in the household, and usual place of residence. The 2020 Census will NOT ask about citizenship.

While the law requires respondents to answer all census questions accurately, an incomplete returned census form will still be counted. Even if you are uncomfortable answering some of the questions, please submit as much as you can so that you are counted toward Lawrence and Douglas County population totals.

Being counted in Lawrence and Douglas County is extremely important for our community. Census counts are used to distribute more than \$6 billion in federal funds every year in Kansas, which translates to \$2,082 per person per year. The money helps fund a variety of initiatives, including school lunch programs, Head Start programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Community Development Block Grants.

More information on the 2020 Census is on our website ([lawrenceks.org/census](https://www.lawrenceks.org/census)) and can also be found on the state's Kansas Counts website: [kansascounts.org](https://www.kansascounts.org)

City of Lawrence Contacts Snip out this handy guide for an easy reference to City of Lawrence phone numbers.

*City info available online at [lawrenceks.org](https://www.lawrenceks.org) and on cable Channel 25. The FLAME is published by the City Manager's Office. 832-3400.*

## Donate a LMCMS Yearbook

Each year, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School has some families who are not financially able to purchase a yearbook for their students. This year, LMCMS has provided an opportunity for community members to anonymously purchase a yearbook for a student who may not receive a yearbook otherwise.

To purchase a yearbook for a student, go to

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/>

Enter Liberty Memorial Central Middle Schools number, 3593

Select "buy a yearbook"

Enter the number of yearbooks you'd like to purchase

Select "buy this item for a student"

When asked to enter "student name", enter the last name "student" and first name "LMCMS"

Then complete your online purchase.

LMCMS Vice Principal Leffert will work directly with the yearbook sponsor and social services team to ensure the yearbook is then given to a student who needs one.

Thank you!

# Come To the YART Sale!

Come one, come all, to the annual ELNA YART (yard/art) Sale! This year's sale will be **Saturday, March 28th, 8am-1pm, in the New York School Gym**. The YART sale is ELNA's biggest annual fundraiser, where neighbors donate their gently used items to sell, local artists vend their creations, and we are all entertained by our neighborhood musicians.

The YART sale is always a great place to mingle with neighbors and find treasures – we hope you will join us!

AND we need your help to make the event a success.

Here's what you can do to take part in this neighborhood event:

**Donate Your Gently Used Items** - Please consider donating your gently used items for this event. You can either plan to bring items to the school the evening before (we will be setting up from 5:30-9pm on Friday), or email Lane for details on where you can drop off your items ahead of time.

**VOLUNTEER** –We need volunteers! Volunteer to set up (on Friday, Mar. 27th, 5:30-9pm), take down/clean up (Saturday, Mar 28th @ ~1pm), and to help organize and work at the event.

**Sell Your Art** – Do you make stuff? Do you sell the stuff you make? Well! Why not sell at the YART Sale?! Vendors are asked to donate 10% of earnings to ELNA and bring their own table.

**Play Your Music** – Are you a musician looking for a venue? Playing for your neighbors at the YART Sale is nice and chill, and it may be just the place for you to make some beautiful music. Email us if you're interested!

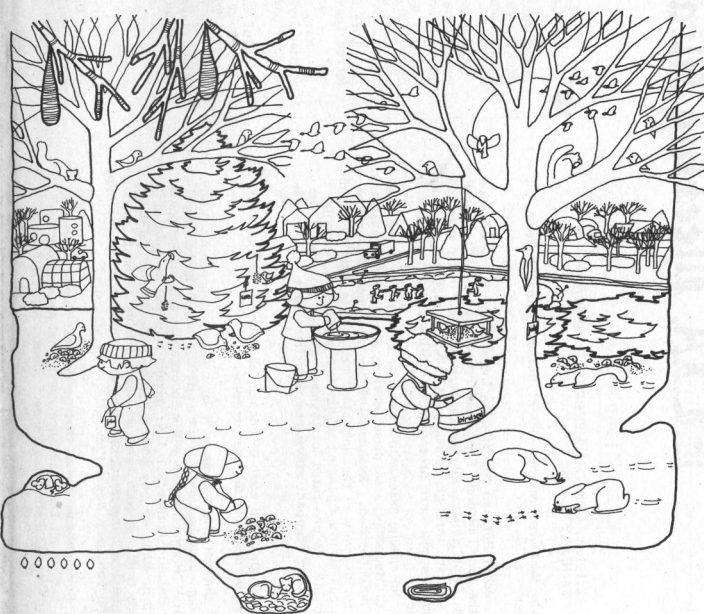
**Plan to Come!** – The YART Sale is ELNA's big fundraiser for the year. Please plan to come and shop and support us and the work we do for the community! Cash is preferred, but we can do cards in a pinch. :)

One neighbor's trash is another neighbor's treasure!



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## Memories of a Withering Winter



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*A golden oldie, literally. Here's the the front page of the East Lawrence News from February 1984. There was a co-op grocery store at 12th and New York. The City of Lawrence was about to hold a lottery for a handful of properties in the northern portion of the neighborhood. ELNAns were trying to get Community Development funds to keep ELNAing, and neighbors were trying to save a few houses from demolition. You can read the whole newsletter, in all it's yellowed newsprint glory on the ELNA website at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/about-us/historic-information/>.*

← Thanks to Barry Shalinsky for access to his archive.

## NYE Community Meals

New York Elementary, 936 New York Street, invites your family to join a new tradition. We are hoping to provide one event each month to help foster school and family relationships.

### Dates for Community Meals

Tuesday, Mar. 24th , 5-6pm (also our 4/5 Music Performance)

Friday, April 17th, 5-6pm (also our PTA Party and School Dance)

Wednesday, May 20th, 11-12:30pm (Our Annual School Cookout)

All are welcome! Main dish provided by Student Leaders and community elders.

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## History of LAN

The Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) was formed 33 years ago, on January 29 (Kansas Day), by our Old West Lawrence neighbor Steve Lopes, East Lawrence Neighbor Barry Shalinsky, and others who wanted the neighborhoods to have a strong voice in City decision-making. Prior to that, the City often ignored the wishes of the residents of the historic neighborhoods of Lawrence and neighborhoods fought each other.

Many of those in power did not want the neighborhood associations to have that voice, but the founders of LAN were successful. The group, of which OWL and ELNA remain members, has been a strong voice for the neighborhoods for decades, and now is a must attend meeting for Lawrence City Commissioners, with one or more commissioners always in attendance.

Topics on which LAN was briefed and had input last year included Opportunity Zones, the Downtown Master Plan, Short Term Rentals, Affordable Housing, Plan 2040, the 19th Street project, and the Fiscal Impact Study. No doubt much more will happen this year.

The LAN board meets from 7 - 9 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Lawrence Public Library. The meetings are open to all Lawrence residents, who are welcome to ask questions and join in conversations. For more information, visit the LAN website at <https://lawrenceneighborhoods.wordpress.com/>

*Eric Kirkendall, Old West Lawrence Neighborhood Association President, OWL Newsletter January 2020*

If you are a registered Democrat, watch your mailbox in March for information about the

**Kansas Democratic  
Presidential Primary  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020**

[kansasdems.org/2020primary](http://kansasdems.org/2020primary)

## News from the Sunrise Project

Sunrise Project welcomes everyone to our monthly community meals! What can you expect at a Sunrise community meal?

GOOD food! We make high quality, home cooked meals.

A welcoming, inclusive environment - all are welcome! Connection! The simple act of eating a shared meal connects us.

Donations accepted but never required.

Upcoming dates: March 16, 5-7 p.m. (enchiladas) and March 29 12-2p.m. International community meal featuring dishes from around the globe. Vegan options available at each meal.

Join us for our second annual Dig In! event on March 29, 12-3 p.m with food, garden planting and community connections! This event will feature an international community meal. In addition to "digging in" to some good food, we will dig in the community garden! Help plant some early spring crops! And share your ideas for our summer garden!

Mark your calendar for Sunrise Project's annual spring plant sale fundraisers!

April 18, 9am to 2 pm

April 25 & April 26, 9am to 2pm

We will have native plants, kale, lettuce, herbs, collards, broccoli, annual flowers, variety of heirloom tomatoes, peppers, tomatillos and more! All proceeds fuel our programs! Follow us on Facebook for updates!



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# Seventh Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival to Benefit Just Food

Just Food will again this year host a major public outdoor event in East Lawrence, attracting food, music, and art lovers to the area.

The Seventh Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival is set for May 2nd, 2020 from 4pm to 10pm.

This family-friendly event will benefit Just Food, the Douglas County Food Bank. Just Food's mission is to end hunger in our community by increasing access to healthy foods, reducing barriers to health and well-being, and cultivating self-sufficiency. Annually, the organization provides access to healthy food for 13,000 residents and offers programming like Just Cook to teach people how to cook healthy meals all under \$2 a serving. Last year the Kansas Food Truck Festival raised over \$60,000 for Just Food making it one of the organization's largest annual fundraisers. The funds raised provided healthy food for the 19,000 Douglas County residents who are at risk of hunger.

The event will be returning in 2020 with 30+ food trucks featuring food from around the world and an expanded lineup of live entertainment. After the event sold out in 2019, over 5,000 individuals are anticipated to attend. Entertainment will include family friendly activities such as face painting and a bouncy house, KU kids' fun zone, Hoop Mamas, as well as live street performers from the Lawrence Busker Festival and live musical performances by local musicians.

Neighbors will notice that the footprint of the festival is slightly altered this year, (See Map) shifting north of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, with no closures on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and centering on the 800 blocks of Pennsylvania and Delaware streets. Residents of the Poehler building will have limited mobility, but event organizers are in contact with Poehler residents and will make accommodations. Residents with any parking or traffic concerns are invited to contact Elizabeth Keever, email [ekeever@justfoodks.org](mailto:ekeever@justfoodks.org), to find solutions. To learn more about the festival – food trucks attending, entertainment, volunteer opportunities and more – visit <http://www.ksfoodtruckfest.com/>

Tickets, \$10 each, kids under 12 free, will be available online

<http://www.ksfoodtruckfest.com/> or at The Granada Box Office.



## ELNA Meetings 2020

The ELNA Board meets on the second Monday of each month, unless we must reschedule due to a holiday. During the school year, we meet at New York School, 936 New York St, in the library. During the summer months, when the school is closed, we usually meet at the Delaware Street Commons common house, 1222 Delaware St. We meet from 7-9pm.

Here's a list of dates for the new year.

MONDAYS March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th. But don't forget, we'll meet at the Santa Fe Depot in March!

And please make note of these yearly events as well: YART Sale in March, Block Party in September, Board declarations in October, and Annual Meeting and Board Elections in November.

One More Thing! The agenda for each month can always be viewed, as it is known and updated, here: <http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings/>

# E9th Update

There are only four months remaining in the Rebuilding East Ninth Together project! Can you believe it? It's been a wild ride, to say the least, but we've almost done it. \*Together\* As the artists wrap up their projects, you'll be seeing A LOT of events and calls for participation. To get the quickest, most up-to-date information be sure to subscribe to the Rebuilding East Ninth Together newsletter at <https://www.rebuildingeastninth.com/>. We'll update information there as we have it. In the meantime, here's what we know about what's happening on East Ninth.

## Calendar

**3/1 Sunday:** Yarn It Forward projects continued! Every Sunday through March 22nd. Newcomers & all ages welcome. 2-4pm, Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire

**3/14 Saturday:** Natives Now portrait projection, 8th & Delaware 8:30pm-10pm

**3/8 Sunday:** Yarn It Forward projects continued! Every Sunday through March 22nd. Newcomers & all ages welcome. 2-4pm, Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire

**3/15 Sunday:** Yarn It Forward projects continued! Every Sunday through March 22nd. Newcomers & all ages welcome. 2-4pm, Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire

**3/22 Sunday:** Yarn It Forward projects continued! Every Sunday through March 22nd. Newcomers & all ages welcome. 2-4pm, Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire

**3/27 MARCH FINAL FRIDAY:** Natives Now portrait projection, A-1 automotive 8:30pm-10:00pm

**3/28 & 29 Saturday and Sunday:** Natives Now mural panels installed at Dragon's Hoard at 11th and Pennsylvania!

### 4/11 Saturday:

Natives Now portrait projection, Burroughs Creek Park, Kaw Pavilion 9pm-10:30pm

Wild East Lawrence Walk with naturalist Ken Lassman, 2-3:30pm, meet by the gazebo at South Park

**4/18 & 19 Saturday and Sunday:** Natives Now planting of indigenous fruit trees at Burroughs Creek Trail, 12th & Oregon, noon-4pm. There will be a half hour educational event at Noon on the 18th by presenter Ed Smith, advocate for indigenous food sovereignty, with a tree blessing on the 19th at noon.

### 4/24 APRIL FINAL FRIDAY:

Natives Now portrait projection, Burroughs Creek Park, Kaw Pavilion 9pm-10:30pm

East Lawrence Family Tree -- potluck and display of portraits at Art Emergency, 721 E 9th St

**4/25 Saturday:** "Traqueros" dance performance choreographed by James Moreno, time TBD, at the Amtrak Depot, 413 E 7th St

**5/2 Saturday:** "Shake It Off" dance performance by Jahna Sabilla, youth corps, and her dance crew. Two performances at 10am and Noon, free, in conjunction with LAC's Free Family Event, at the Lawrence Arts Center.

**5/10 Sunday:** Songs and Stories of East Lawrence Book Launch Concert, 2-4pm @ the Cider Gallery

**5/16 Saturday:** Natives Now portrait projection, Hobbs Park, Murphy-Bromelsick House 9:30pm-10:30pm

## 5/29 MAY FINAL FRIDAY:

Natives Now portrait projection, Hobbs Park, Murphy-Bromelsick House 9:30pm-10:30pm

Wishing Bench Film Screenings at the Wishing Bench on 9th and Delaware, at 7 or 8pm

Art Box by Hang 12 opening event, community potluck, location tbd

## Notes from the Artists

### • Natives Now -- Mona Cliff

We are also looking for volunteers to help install panels on the Dragon's Hoard building March 28th & 29th, if you would like to volunteer please reach out to Mona Cliff at [jona-mane77@gmail.com](mailto:jona-mane77@gmail.com) we require persons with some general handy-person experience as we will be installing a somewhat heavy cement board onto the building.

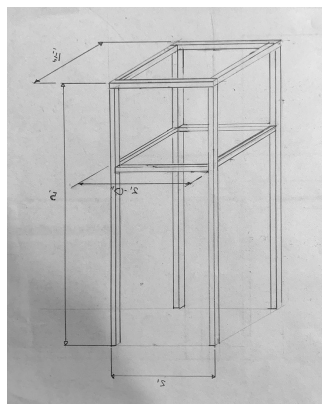
All projection locations are subject to change due to weather. Follow NativesNOW on instagram for the latest!

### • Apotheosis -- Jude Black, Youth Corps

I Want Your Bad Plastic! Did you know that some plastic items can't be recycled easily?

Many of these plastics are smaller than 2 inches and include things like: pill bottles and lids, soda bottle caps, straws, plastic utensils, liquid detergent lids, toothbrushes, etc. Instead of throwing these items in the trash, please bring them to fill up my bin. You'll be helping me, Jude Black, collect materials for a sculpture AND you'll be preserving the environment at the same time. Bins are located at New York Elementary and the Lawrence Arts Center at this time. Collection ends March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 THANK YOU!

### • Art Box -- Hang 12, Youth Corps



Our team has put together plans for a project to bring art and community to the East Lawrence area through the creation of an Art Box! This concept is similar to the Free Libraries which can be seen all around town, but with the idea of trading art rather than books. Community members can place their art in the secure box while walking by, and take home some art

of someone else's. Our hope is that this could help to put artists in contact with other artists, and overall encourage people to share their creativity, and ideas.

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## E9th Update *continued*

Hang12 now needs YOUR help to find locations! Anyone who owns yard space in East Lawrence (preferably close to a sidewalk or busier street) is encouraged to reach out!

Interested parties can contact Hang12 via email at [hang12collective@gmail.com](mailto:hang12collective@gmail.com). All applicants should submit their location by Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020. We will be contacting the selected application on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 and we will set up a meeting time, so you can meet the group! The ArtBox will have an opening on the Final Friday of March, which is the 27th. It will be quite a community driven opening, and we would love for you to be as involved as you like! We are excited to get your email!

### • Kent Smith and Mike Riggs Sculpture

What do you want to see a sculpture of in East Lawrence? Mike and Kent want to hear from you! You can find their sculpture survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WWRDJXH>

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## Easy Ways To Give To ELNA

### Metal Recycling

You can take your metal recycling to the Recycling Yard on East 11th. Just tell them it's for ELNA, and they'll mail a check to our Treasurer once a month! Aluminum, copper, and car batteries are worth the effort!

### Lifetime Memberships

Did you know you can become a lifetime member of ELNA? No more yearly membership renewal hassle for you! Businesses and Individuals can become lifetime members -- \$100 for an individual or non-profit, \$200 for in neighborhood businesses, and \$250 for out of neighborhood businesses. Just fill out the membership form on the back page of this newsletter.

### Place an Ad

The East Lawrence News is published bi-monthly in odd months. Over 1200 copies are printed and distributed to over 1000 East Lawrence homes, several local businesses, and mailed to associate members far and wide. We have special rates for ELNA members! An ELNA member can place a business card sized ad for six issues, for as little as \$135. A single member business card ad is just \$25! Email the ELNA Coordinator, Lane, for full details.

### Buy Merchandise

Brave Merch Captain KT and her tubs o' merch will be at the ELNA YART Sale Saturday March 28th, and she usually hauls them out for ELNA meetings too! We've got coozies, tshirts, hoodies, stickers, and wee baby wear too!

### Help Hand Deliver the Newsletter

Did you make a new years challenge to get out and stretch your legs more? Interested in seeing more of your neighborhood? Email Kaitlin ([kaitstanley@gmail.com](mailto:kaitstanley@gmail.com)) if you'd like to help us deliver the next ELNA newsletter. The physical newsletter is essential so that all of our neighbors, regardless of access to the internet, have a chance to stay up-to-date with what's happening in their neck-of-the-woods. Thank you!

## 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

\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses        \$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profits

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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

\_\_\_ Art

\_\_\_ Photography

\_\_\_ Gardening

\_\_\_ Historic Preservation

\_\_\_ Serving on the ELNA Board

\_\_\_ Baking/Cooking

\_\_\_ Grilling / Concessions

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