

# East Lawrence News

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September 2016



## ELNA General Meeting

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 14th, 7-9pm

New York Elementary  
9th & New York

Agenda item:

⇒ ELNA Board Election

**Voting is Open 7-8 pm**

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Hello ELNA friends and neighbors,

Turn out and vote for your ELNA Board at our next meeting, Monday November 14th, 2016. The ELNA Board Election vote has been delayed one week from the usual first Monday of the month in deference to the General Election.

The entire November ELNA meeting of November 14th will be turned over to election business, very similar in format to the 2015 election. Please read this entire letter for information and instructions. With questions, email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

### Definitions and Procedures:

#### When and Where:

**Monday, November 14th, 7-8 pm**  
**New York School, 936 New York St**  
**Cafeteria and Gym**

#### Process:

Much like your average voting experience, you will visit a series of tables. First, you will verify your membership. If you are a current member, your name will be on a list of dues-paid members. If you are not a current member, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a membership then. Once your membership is verified, you will move to second table where you will receive your ballot. After your ballot is filled in, you will turn it in at another table.

Because we must vacate the building by 10pm and the ballot counting process will take some time, we must limit the voting time frame to 7-8pm. All persons wishing to cast a ballot must be in line to do so by 8pm. All late arrivals, regrettably, must be turned away.

Ballots will then be tallied. The top 13 vote-getters will be declared the 2016-2017 Board. The results will then be released for publishing on the ELNA website as soon as possible.

Due to the logistical constraints of a large election, the new 2016-2017 Board will then meet at their convenience to determine officers.

#### Rules:

##### A. Of Conduct:

The League of Women Voters, Lawrence/Douglas County has graciously agreed to moderate our ELNA Board election this year, and has determined that these standard government election practices will be observed:

- 1) There will be no campaigning in or outside the building.
- 2) No campaign material will be left in the building
- 3) No one will leave the room with the ballot
- 4) Voters will arrive and depart in an efficient and orderly fashion

##### B. Of Voting Eligibility:

All in-neighborhood individual (not business, nor non-profit, nor out-of-neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote. East Lawrence property owners with property title in their personal name will be permitted to vote as in-neighborhood members. Proof of residence will not be required. A map of the official boundaries of East Lawrence will be available.

#### Candidates:

All candidates will have declared their intention to run for the ELNA Board at the October 3rd ELNA meeting. All Board candidates must be voting eligible. Officers of the Board (President, Vice President, and Secretary), must have been board members for at least ninety days, and no more than 35% of the total Board can be new members. The current President of the Board is required to serve on the incoming Board, and therefore a maximum of 13 Board slots are available for election. All Board members will please be available for a Board training in January of 2017, date to be determined.

# ELNA Board Candidates and Questionnaire Excerpts

At the November 14th ELNA meeting, 7pm at New York School, ELNA members will vote for the 2016-2017 ELNA Board. Of these 15 candidates alphabetically listed below, 13 will be selected. President Aaron Paden is required by the bylaws to serve on the ELNA Board for the coming year, for a total of 14 ELNA Board members. Board officers will be selected at the December meeting.

Full questionnaires can be read on the elna website: [eastlawrence.com](http://eastlawrence.com)

**Mike Anderson** -- 800 block of New Jersey  
[mtanders4@yahoo.com](mailto:mtanders4@yahoo.com)

*What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?*

*The future. With passionate and thoughtful neighbors, East Lawrence looks to have a very bright future. I'm excited about the growing art scene, new brewery, new restaurants, and the relationships that are going to continue to grow.*

*As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?*

*Living here the past 11 years I feel very knowledgeable about the issues and problems facing my community. I've run for City Commission in the past and received 1500 votes. I have a strong grasp on the pulse and people of Lawrence in general, and believe I can do a lot to help the community. I have a doctorate in Communication Studies from the University of Kansas. Therefore, I would be able to help foster any communication in East Lawrence. I think the key word in that description above is "enhance." I want to do everything to live up to that word. Last year I felt people didn't vote for me because I didn't make myself seen enough. I've worked on that this past year and remain up to date and involved with the issues not only facing East Lawrence but the city as a whole. A couple of newsletters ago the Vice President of ELNA spoke about encouraging "new blood." I hope he's serious about that because I'd like to see that new blood represented on the board. Fresh ideas and fresh eyes will always help progress the conversation.*

**Pam Blackburn** -- 800 block of Connecticut  
[pamblackburn55@gmail.com](mailto:pamblackburn55@gmail.com)

*What ELNA events and projects have you volunteered for or donated to in the past?*

*I am a staple at the KVKL concessions. ELNA runs concessions at 4-5 games each summer as a fundraiser. I enjoy talking to everyone and all the mental math (I tell everyone how much they need to pay) is great! I sell raffle tickets and memberships at the ELNA block party. Painted a BUNCH of Ms Frizzle Yellow on the intersection repair intersection.*

*If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?*

*Last year I worked on the project to rezone the area north of 9<sup>th</sup> to actual use. I plan on continuing this project to completion. There are many nonconforming dwellings in the north of 9<sup>th</sup> area which is making the rezoning a bit more complicated. After that completes, I will work on the urban conservation overlay to help determine if/ what is appropriate.*

*As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?*

*Continue work on rezoning. I am interested in efforts to combat increasing property values which burden low income residents,*

*both homeowners & renters. I feel it is important to managing change without losing the flavor of the neighborhood.*

**Phil Collison** -- 900 block of Pennsylvania St  
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**Josh Davis (Penn St)** -- 1000 block of Pennsylvania St  
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**Joshua Davis (NY St)** -- 800 block of New York St  
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**Jennifer Distlehorst** -- 1200 block of Delaware St  
[kansascoast@gmail.com](mailto:kansascoast@gmail.com)

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?*

*I've lived here nine years and owned property for 15 years*

*What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?*

*The passionate, creative people who are committed to making East Lawrence a great place to live.*

*What ELNA events and projects have you volunteered for or donated to in the past?*

*I've served on the ELNA Board, gathered trash at the River Cleanup, set up and cleaned up the Block Party, set up for the Yart Sale and donated lots of great treasures, made brownies for the MLK Chili Feed, attended design charrettes for neighborhood development projects, and addressed ELNA issues at Planning Commission and City Commission meetings.*

*As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?*

*Good meetings facilitate communication and maintain good relations. I've learned a lot about facilitating conversations in my years with Delaware Street Commons that could be shared to help keep meetings on track and productive.*

**Katherine Harris** -- 900 block of Rhode Island  
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**Eric Jay** -- 800 block of New Jersey  
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*What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?*

*New York Elementary Site Council*

*What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?*

*The diversity of the neighbors and the eclectic structures*

*What ELNA events and projects have you volunteered for or donated to in the past?*

*Grilling at kickball, river clean up, wrapping gifts, block party*

*If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?*

*HOME TOUR!*

*As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?*

*By listening to and engaging others with an open mind and an unbiased opinion*

**Johni Lacore** -- 400 block of E 9th

johnilacore@gmail.com

*What community/city groups/boards do you belong to or attend regularly?*

*USDAC, Girls Rock Lawrence, The Ovaries-eez, Whatever Forever*

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?*

*Several years ago I lived at 11th and Delaware and volunteered with AmeriCorps at New York Elementary and Boys and Girls Club of East Heights. I just recently moved back to the neighborhood at the beginning of October!*

*If selected for the ELNA board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?*

*I am a young, active female community member and no matter what the project may be I am passionate about creating a space for everyone's voice to be heard. I am interested in helping to get a downtown grocery store. Another project that is important to me is maintaining the local flavor and unique character of this neighborhood.*

**Chris Lempa** -- 1200 block of Delaware

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*Employer/ Where do you work?*

*I am the Community Relationships Manager at the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority. I also run the agency's Full Circle youth program.*

*What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?*

*New York Elementary Site Council, United States Department of Arts and Culture, Safe Routes to School Community Advocate, Fuel Up for Summer (summer nutrition program)*

*What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?*

*I have never felt like a stranger in East Lawrence. I was greeted by neighbors the day I moved in. I've made some of the best friends here and in turn they helped me through some difficult times. This place is pretty magical.*

*If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?*

*I am interested in working on the newsletter and neighborhood clean-up projects. I am also interested in outreach and youth involvement. If possible I'd like to work on pedestrian/bicycle issues in the neighborhood. Free summer lunch and dinner programs are also something I would like to see expanded, especially in our neighborhood.*

**Dave Lowenstein** -- 700 block of Rhode Island

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*What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?*

*City Commission, Cultural Arts Commission, ELNA, USDAC – Lawrence Field Office*

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 20 years

*What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?*

*The best thing about East Lawrence is the way people who live there have worked tirelessly to sustain its working class community, and celebrate its passionately progressive and creative spirit. If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?*

*I want to work on a conservation overlay district for the area around East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, the potential of a neighborhood cultural center, and exploring new tools and training for the ELNA board. As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?*

*By continuing to advocate for low-mod income housing so that the neighborhood does not become gentrified. By fostering open and equitable structures for communication, including the way outside entities propose projects that affect the neighborhood. By working to develop ELNA board procedures that support ELNA values.*

**Timothy Morland** -- 700 block of Connecticut St

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*What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?*

*I attend and participate in ELNA meetings, City Commission and Historic resources. My job at Douglas County is based in the neighborhood and both my kids participate in Art Center classes almost daily.*

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?*

*15 Years October 31st*

*What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?*

*Residents are very invested in their homes and the neighborhood in general.*

*If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?*

*My main concern is slowing the push to redefine and rezone a large portion of the neighborhood. As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?*

*I look forward to returning to the ELNA board. There are so many positive projects happening in the neighborhood to be a part of. We really need to move away from the idea that "the board" is the ELNA. The Neighborhood residents need a voice; I hope to represent as many people as I can. We need to redefine the ELNA as a tool to guide preservation and progress, as unfortunately for most, it has a reputation for protest and disruption.*

**Catherine Reed** -- 1200 block of Delaware St

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*Employer/ Where do you work?*

*I'm a retired entomologist. I do art work at SeedCo Studios at 9<sup>th</sup> and Delaware.*

*What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?*

*I'm a homeowner at Delaware Commons Cohousing and rent a studio space at SeedCo Studios; a docent at Baker Wetlands; a member of the Audubon Society, Kansas Native Plant Society, Kaw Valley Quilters Guild and Kaw Valley Fiber Guild.*

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Two years

*What, in your opinion, is the best thing about East Lawrence?*

*EL is a walkable neighborhood where people of all ages meet and talk with each other.*

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# Block Party



**September 2016**



## Meeting Notices

As noted in the election notice elsewhere in this newsletter, the **November 2016 ELNA** meeting will be postponed one week from the usual first Monday in deference to the General Election being held on November 8th. Instead, the November ELNA meeting will take place on **Monday November 14th**. This will be our election meeting, COME VOTE! and will take place in the New York Elementary cafeteria and gym. All non-election business is delayed until December.

The **December 2016 ELNA** meeting will take place on the regularly scheduled first Monday of the month, **Monday December 5th**, from 7-9pm at the New York School library. At this meeting, among other agenda items, officers of the ELNA Board will be selected.

The **January 2017 ELNA** meeting is scheduled for Monday January 9th, as the first Monday, January 2nd is New Year's observed and a designated holiday. ELNA will meet **Monday January 9th** from 7-9pm at the New York School library.

## Block Party THANKS

Aaron Paden	Ladybird Diner
Alicia Kelly	Lawrence Arts Center
Beth and Jay Holley	Lawrence Parks and Rec
Blue O'Leary	Leslie Kay
Brad Eldridge	Leslie Soden
Brad Gibson	Lisa Marie Benke
Byron James and Christen Buie and Sugarfoot Detour	Marshall Maude
Cari Davis	Michael Davis
Catharine Reed	Mick Palmer
Charlie Bryan and Lawrence Loop	Mike Anderson
Community Village Lawrence	Mike Corrigan
Cottin's Hardware	Mike Myers
Dave Loewenstein	Mike Rheim
Diane Lehman	Oxbow Studio
Emily Myers	Pam Blackburn
Eric Farnsworth	Paula Wilhelm Naughtin
Eric Jay	Phil Collison
Eric Kirkendall and the Lawrence Makerspace	Repetition Coffee
Galactic Acid	Rowyn Fisher
Gerald Trimble Band	Russell Benke
Hillary Barnett	Scott Blackburn
Intersection Repair	Stacey Wohlford
Joe Bickford	Staci Ahlvers
John Myers	Stephens Real Estate
Josh Davis	Sue McConnell
Josie Jay	Sunrise Project
Katy Clagett	Suzan Hampton
Kristina and Claudia Davis	Teresa Wilke
KT Walsh	Tim VonHolten
	Tony Peterson
	Wheatfields

Thanks to all who came out! It was a perfect morning and we completely filled our dumpster! Go check out the trails. They are clean and clear!



## River Clean Up October 15th 2016

Here are the pictures I took on Saturday. Turn-out was fairly poor but I didn't try to rope in anyone outside the neighborhood by using KU or Roger Hill this time. I have to say that of the twelve people who helped pick up trash I know that six of them don't live in east Lawrence. I'm not sure about the other 6 except for Frank. It is a bit disappointing.

Thanks go to the following people for contributing:

Bert Haverkate-Ens	Ginny Bessom
Fred Bellemere	Brett Holm
Jack Bellemere	Frank Janzen
Andy Bellemere	Andy Lewis
Matt Bellemere	Lane Eisenbart
Catherine Reed	City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department
Erin Bessom	City of Lawrence
Sidra Bessom	



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*I have lived in the Second District for 16 years. As your County Commissioner for the past 8 years I have listened and worked diligently to represent you. I ask for your vote on November 8 to continue to move our County forward.*

◆ As co-chair of the Horizon 2020 Steering Committee I strongly advocate for: quality affordable housing; walkable neighborhoods with bike, pedestrian and ADA-friendly transportation; community grocery stores; community gardens; urban agriculture; and more public trails, parks and open space. ◆ I serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Board to provide quality, permanent, affordable housing and supportive services, to rent or buy, for those with limited resources. ◆ The County and City work together on a variety of economic development initiatives. Peaslee Tech opened in 2015 and provides vocational and technical skills training. Automotive technology classes will be added next fall. Lawrence Metropolitan E-Community provides loans and support for small businesses and entrepreneurs. ◆ The Common Ground Program develops community gardens on city property. There are ten sites, including Oread Friends Garden/Farm and Penn. Street Community Garden.

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Paid for by Nancy Thellman Campaign, Wendy A. Murray, Treasurer

**RE-ELECT**

*marci francisco*

A shout-out to East Lawrence's Farnsworth Bicycle Laboratory for our wonderful parade bike!

**MARCI FRANCISCO**  
KANSAS SENATE ★ 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT

*Paid for by Marci for Senate, Rita Spradlin, Treasurer*

## HELLO... continued from page 1

Further information on each candidate, including personal questionnaires and contact information will be made available in the November/ December paper newsletter and the ELNA website.

### Other Notes:

Disputes regarding officers, eligibility, the interpretation of the bylaws, or other unforeseen conflicts will be resolved by decision of a Board majority.

## CANDIDATES... continued from page 3

*If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?*

*Any projects involving the natural environment, trails, sidewalks and river access*

**Cindy Suenram** -- 1200 block of New York St  
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*What community/ City groups/ Boards do you belong to or attend regularly?* LAN, H2020, and try to get to JEDC meetings

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 30+ years

*What ELNA events and projects have you volunteered for or donated to in the past?* YART, the Block Party, Holiday Adopt-a-Family, the printed newsletter (layout and mailing only)

*If selected for the ELNA Board, what kind of projects are you interested in working on in the coming year?* Pretty much the same as above plus see what else comes up.

*As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission?* Continue with meetings and talking with the neighbors.....

**KT Walsh** -- Rhode Island St, 732, coo-coo-ca-choo

**Tom Harper**  
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### 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. Please note, memberships are per individual, not per household.

#### *Support us. Let us support you.*

\$1.00 for in-neighborhood individuals      \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood individuals  
\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities      \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses  
\$100.00 lifetime individual membership

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

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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 contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:

ELNA, PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

**Plus! Visit ELNA's website for information on \*new\* tshirts and merchandise!**

**Click the paypal button to donate securely there!**

## ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

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

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