

East Lawrence News

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March 2017



ELNA

General Meeting
Monday, March 6th
7-9pm

New York Elementary
9th & New York

Agenda items:

- ⇒ Tony Krsnich Presentation on Warehouse Arts District
- ⇒ Murphy Bromelsick House Community Activities
- ⇒ What are all those signs? (re-zoning project)

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Come To the YART Sale!

Come one, come all, to the annual ELNA YART (yard/art) Sale! This year's sale will be **Saturday, April 1st, 8am-2pm, 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. 31st, 5:30-9pm), take down/clean up (Saturday, Apr 1st @ ~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.

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!

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

Email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you'd like to volunteer, or you want to sell your art or play some music.



Spring River Clean Up

Save the Date! The Spring River Clean Up will take place on Saturday April 15th, with a rain date of April 29th. Watch our enews and facebook pages for more details.

From The President

March 2017

Signs are up! You may have noticed about a million signs out north of 9th street in the neighborhood. The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association has initiated a zoning project with the City that will re-zone the properties to their existing use. Notification Ordinances require that all those signs be put in place as they have been.



Some of you probably got a mailing from the City about this. We have recognized for a long time that the zoning in this area was out of whack with what was currently there. Zoning helps to shape the future for what is to come in a city, and helps to make that outcome both known and predictable. The zoning in that area has been mostly RM-24, which allows for apartments to a density of 24 people per acre. Most of the properties have single-family dwellings on them. Most of the property owners do not have an interest in seeing their property replaced by apartments. For these reasons we formally asked the City in 2015 to work on re-zoning these properties to current use. City Staff held various meetings to come up with this plan and on December 6, 2016 the City Commission told Planning Services to proceed with this plan. You can learn more details about this plan at <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/rezoning/>. There you can see the presentation and handout given at our February 6 meeting. At ELNA we believe that re-zoning this area to existing use will provide security to property owners to be able to invest in their property without the fear that something will be built next door that could drastically impact their quality of life and the overall character of the neighborhood. The project is slated to come before the Historic Resources Commission on March 16th, the planning commission on April 26th and then to the City Commission in May.

We encourage you to let your thoughts be known on this topic, either at our monthly meetings or with the City when these discussions take place.

ELNA Meetings

When: ELNA meets each month, usually on the first Monday. In the event that a first Monday falls on a holiday (or "observed" holiday) the meeting date will be moved by decision of the Board, usually to the following Tuesday or following Monday. We meet at the New York School library during the school year, and at either the Lawrence Creates Makerspace (at 9th and New Jersey) or the Lawrence Percolator (in the alley behind the Lawrence Arts Center) during the summer months.

Procedures: All ELNA meetings are open meetings and anyone is welcome to attend.

At the meetings, agenda items will be covered one by one and discussed among presenters, Board, and attendees. Sometimes, a specific action will be requested of the Board; the writing of a letter of support, for example. If such a formal action is requested, Board members will then be asked to vote their support and pass motion. Only Board members will be asked to vote on these items. Other items may require a vote of general attending membership.

Some tools for that may be used to provide a container for expression in meetings include:

- stacking (calling participants in the order in which they raised their hands),
- going around the circle to give each person a chance to talk,
- summarizing the discussion to see if a consensus is emerging before proposing a motion,

A governance committee of 2017 Board members is also currently working on refining some ground rules for meetings with the goal of making meetings more efficient and cohesive in other ways. Your suggestions for this committee's work can be directed to Phil Collison, Jennifer Distlehorst, Joshua Davis, and Dave Loewenstein.

Agendas: a current agenda can be found on our website at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings/>

The complete agenda for each meeting will be determined several days in advance and posted for public viewing. People wishing to be granted time on the agenda should contact the Board President with details of their request. At least two weeks advance notice for that request would be ideal. Each agenda item will be limited to a certain number of minutes so as to efficiently work through an agenda in the meeting time allotted.

With questions, check our website eastlawrence.com, or email our Coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

- 2017 meeting dates as we currently know them:
- January 9th -- New York School *moved due to holiday*
 - February 6th -- New York School
 - March 6th -- New York School
 - April 3rd -- New York School
 - May 1st -- New York School

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Every Thursday is 99¢ standard house key day!

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Trinity Lutheran Church Pet Food Pantry

Trinity Lutheran Church, at 1245 New Hampshire, has a new Pet Food Pantry, giving out free pet food. Mostly dog and cat food, cat litter, and some other products occasionally such as treats, collars, and leashes, as they are donated.

The pantry is open for distribution of food from 10am to 12 noon every Saturday, from the South door on 13th St. No proof of income or identity is required, but patrons will be asked to give their name and the number and kind of pets in their care. At this time, due to abundant generosity, patrons are NOT limited to receiving food only once a month. Patrons may visit the pantry as needed for the time being.

If you would like to donate to the Trinity Pet Food Pantry, you may do so by bringing your donation to the church during office hours (9am-noon Monday through Friday) or when the pantry is open on Saturdays. Monetary donations to the pantry are also accepted, and can be mailed to Trinity Lutheran Church. Contributions are tax deductible and will be used to purchase food, litter, and distribution supplies such as storage bags.

Volunteers for the pantry are also welcome. Those interested in volunteering to hand out food, unload large donations, and repackage damaged food supplies, can call the church and leave their number for the church volunteer organizer to contact them. Potential volunteers are also invited to stop by on Saturdays during the distribution time.

Thanks so much for helping us get pet food into the hands of those who need it, so they don't have to give up beloved pets when times are hard!

Kansas Food Truck Festival 2017

The 4th Annual Kansas Food truck Festival to be held on Pennsylvania St. and the side streets, 9th St. and 8th St. on May 6, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Due to the continued success of the event, it will be returning with expanded entertainment, selection, street performance and live entertainment to benefit Just Food. Food trucks from Lawrence and across the region will be serving up delicious dishes of all varieties.

The entertainment is comprised of family friendly activities include face painting, a bouncy house as well as live street performers from the Lawrence Busker Festival and live musical performances by local musicians.

Last year the Kansas Food Truck Festival raised a record breaking \$41,000 for Just Food making it the organization's largest annual fundraiser. Over 85% of Just Food's annual budget is covered by the donated dollar making events like the Kansas Food Truck Festival vital to the financial stability of the organization. Last year the Food Truck Festival hosted 4,000 guest. We will continue to cap ticket sales for 2017 at 4,000 guests. The event is made possible with the help of local sponsors, vendors and volunteers.

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Low Income Elderly Utility Assistance

From the City of Lawrence

The City Commission passed an amendment to the City Ordinance that allows qualified elderly residents reduced water, sanitary sewer and sanitation charges. Those residents that meet the guidelines below should complete an application (available online at <https://lawrenceks.org/utility-billing/low-income-elderly-application/> and in person from the Utility Manager's office), provide the needed verification materials, and mail to the Utility Billing Division of the Department of Finance:

City of Lawrence
Utility Billing Manager
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

The purpose of this amendment is to permit qualified low-income elderly persons to have reduced water, sanitary sewer and sanitation charges. A low-income elderly person is one who is sixty (60) years of age or more before the 1st day of January of the year in which the reduced service charge is applicable. To qualify for these low-income elderly reduced charges:

- The individual shall have an income during the preceding calendar year from all sources of less than \$13,068.00 or
- Any elderly person who is the head of a family with a family income during the preceding calendar year from all sources of less than \$17,622.00
- A low-income elderly person who applies for reduced dwelling unit water, sanitary sewer and sanitation charges, whose application is approved, shall pay a flat rate monthly charge per dwelling unit of 35% of the regular monthly residential water, sanitary sewer and sanitation charge. The applicant shall supply all information required on forms. Applications made prior to the first of any month and approval shall be granted for the following billing month and through the balance of the year. All qualifying persons must submit new applications annually to be eligible for the reduced rate through the next year. An individual may transfer this special rate status from one address to another unless such individual is disqualified by other circumstances.

This ordinance shall be effective on and after November 15, 2012; the above income limits are effective 12/6/2016. For more information please call (785) 832-7878.

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ZONING DISTRICT DEFINITIONS

As defined in the Lawrence Land Development Code, Article 2, Base Districts

City of Lawrence at East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Meeting February 6, 2017

RM (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District “The primary purpose of the RM Districts is to accommodate multi-dwelling housing. The Districts are intended to create, maintain and promote higher density housing opportunities in area with good transportation access.”

- RM24 District – 24 dwelling units per acre
- RM12D District – 12 dwelling units per acre (Building type restricted to duplex or attached dwellings of 2 units)

RS (Single-Dwelling Residential) District “The primary purpose of the RS Districts is to accommodate predominately single detached dwelling units on individual lots. The Districts are intended to create, maintain and promote housing opportunities for individual households, although they do permit nonresidential uses that are compatible with residential neighborhoods.”

- RS5 District –minimum lot size required is 5,000 square feet

RSO (Single-Dwelling Residential – Office) District “The primary purpose of the RSO District is to accommodate low to medium-intensity Administrative and Professional Offices that are compatible with the character of low and medium-density residential neighborhoods. The District is also intended to be used as a transitional zoning district between higher intensity commercial areas and residential neighborhoods.”

CS (Commercial Strip) District “The CS District is primarily intended to provide for existing commercial strip development along the City’s major arterial streets.”

CN1 (Inner Neighborhood Commercial) District “The CN1 District is primarily intended to accommodate pedestrian-oriented, small-scale retail and service businesses that serve nearby residential areas, typically within a developed neighborhood.”

Accessory Dwelling Unit
A dwelling unit that is incidental to and located on the same lot as the principal building or use, when the principal building or use is a dwelling.

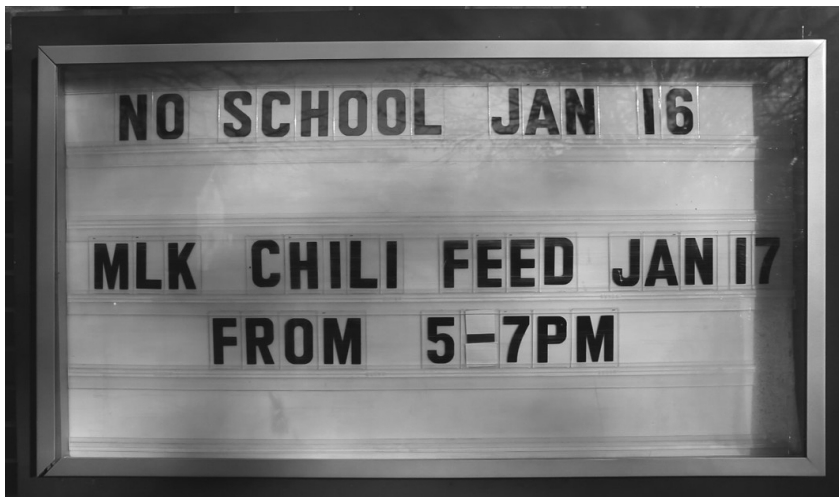
Detached Dwelling
A dwelling unit located on its own lot that is not attached to any other dwelling unit (single-family residence)

Dwelling Unit
One room, or a suite of two or more rooms, designed for living and sleeping purposes and having only one kitchen or kitchenette.

Duplex
A single structure that contains two primary dwelling units on one lot. The units may share common walls or common floor/ceilings.

Multi-Dwelling Structure
A structure that contains three or more dwelling units that share common walls or floor/ceilings with one or more units. The land underneath the structure is not divided into separate lots. A multi-dwelling includes structures commonly called garden apartments, apartments and condominiums.

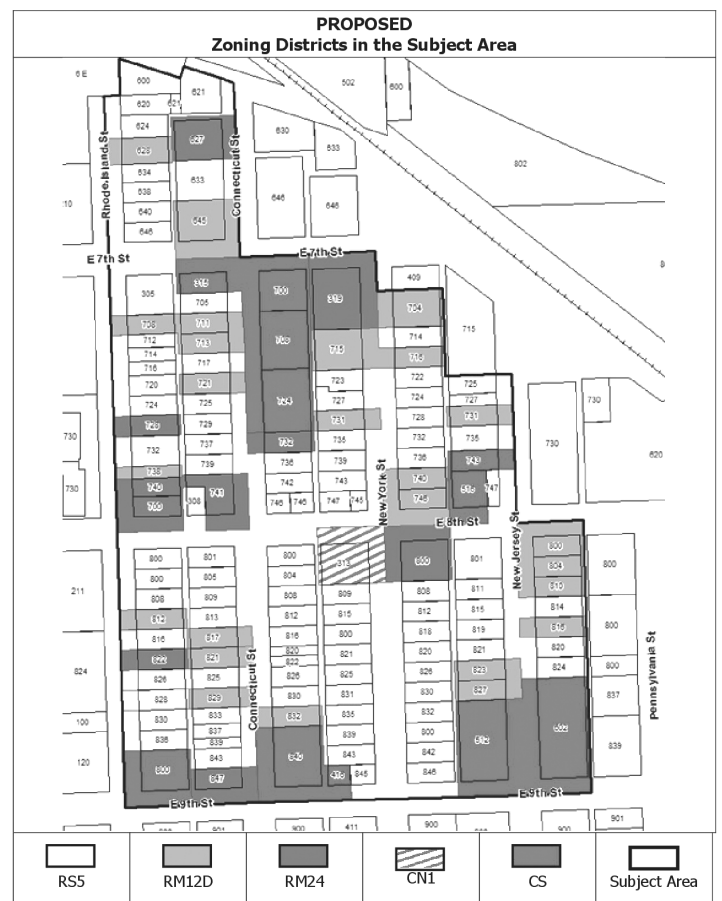
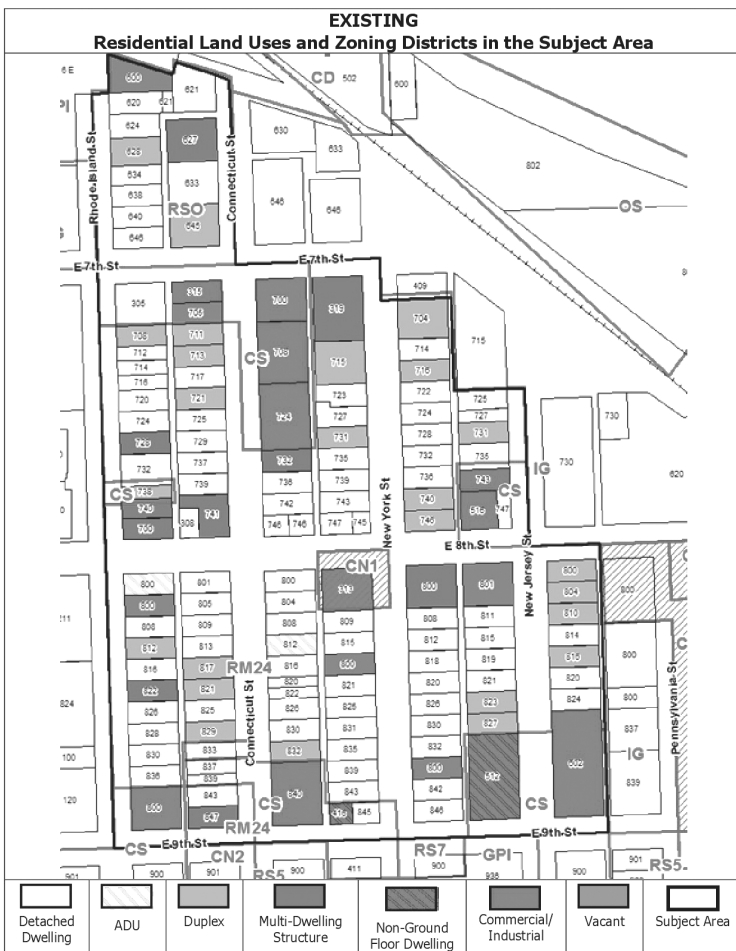
Non-Ground Floor Dwelling
Residential dwellings(s) permitted in any vertical Mixed Use structure which are located above the ground level or first level of the structure or below the ground level or first level of a structure and do not have direct internal access to a nonresidential use.



MLK Chili Feed Thanks

From New York Elementary, New York PTO --

Thank you, beautiful Chili Feed friends! It was so nice to see your faces! All 558 of you! That's record attendance! We'd like to thank everyone who donated food, helped serve and clean, sang!, set up information tables, attended, and everything else. Special thanks to New York School's Leadership Club for serving and to Bon Bon Restaurant for donating bowls. We are so thankful for your help. See you around the neighborhood, or see you next year!



Since these maps are color coded, and our newsletter is not, they may best be viewed at the City website, <https://lawrenceks.org/pds/rezoning/>, along with the presentation given by City Staff at the February ELNA meeting.

The upcoming meeting dates are: Historic Resources Commission, March 16 at 6:30
 Planning Commission, April 26, 2017
 City Commission, TBD

The City Staff person assigned to the North of Ninth ReZoning project is Becky Pepper, contact information:

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 Office 785.832.3153 | Fax 785.832.3160

Penn House Needs a Volunteer Mower

Penn House needs a lawn mower. A volunteer was bringing their own over but their car broke down forever & they live too far to walk it over. There is only one employee so some kind person could volunteer to regularly mow with their own or the ELNA mower. Seems like we could have a 2 hour trim, mow, clean-up for them in the spring. Let us know if you can help! eastlawrence@yahoo.com Many thanks, KT



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Intersection Repair Update

Friends and neighbors,

We're excited to announce that the tentative site for our second intersection mural project is located on the cul-de-sac on E. 14th Street just east of the Burroughs Creek Trail. We are working to finalize the design and will be setting a date for the painting party soon (we are thinking late spring, early summer). We hope this mural will serve as a bridge between East Lawrence, Brook Creek and the Burroughs Creek Trail users communities, and that all will come help paint! Stay tuned for more!

Best, Intersection Repair



Hike Through History Update

We are pleased to announce that the Hike Through History project has received grants from Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area and the Douglas County Community Foundation to support the installation of permanent outdoor signage along the Burroughs Creek Trail, to be installed by summer.

Excerpted Press Release

“Lawrence Public Library Foundation Obtains Grant from Freedom’s Frontier NHA for Burroughs Creek Trail Interpretive Signage Project

The first permanent “Hike Through History” in Lawrence is one step closer to completion.

Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area has awarded the Lawrence Public Library Foundation a \$5,000 grant to support development, design, and fabrication of nine outdoor panels examining key historical points along the Burroughs Creek Trail and Linear Park. The east Lawrence trail follows the route of a former rail line once operated by the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe.

The FFNHA funding augments a \$31,500 charitable contribution for the project from Pam and Dolph Simons through the Douglas County Community Foundation.

As a result, the 1.7 mile concrete-paved path running 11th St to 23rd St in east Lawrence will be transformed into a “Hike Through History” offering trail users the opportunity to connect with such topics as the Oregon Trail, the 1863 Quantrill Raid, Langston Hughes, Lawrence’s WWII-era POW branch camp, Kansas railroad history, Douglas County agricultural history, the stories of several east side Lawrence families, and Beat Generation author-artist William S. Burroughs who is the trail’s namesake.

The City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department will install the panels in Spring 2017 as an in-kind donation to the project. A public unveiling event will be held at that time.

The signage panels will be adapted from an original traveling exhibit that premiered at the Lawrence Public Library in July 2016 and is currently on display at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Archival images from the Watkins Museum, the Kansas State Historical Society, KU’s Spencer Research Library and other sources illustrate the panels.

Scholars and other subject experts developed the editorial content under the direction of Henry Fortunato, founder of Sunflower Republic, LLC, and a visiting fellow at the Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas. Lawrence historian Katie Armitage served as project advisor.

The overall goal of the Hike Through History project is to connect public humanities with health and wellness, encouraging individuals to exercise their bodies and their minds at the same time.

The project enjoys formal support from the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association and the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association. Working with neighborhood representatives, the Hike Through History project intends to seek funding to develop a second set of interpretive signage panels that will focus on topics examining more contemporary community history.”

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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. 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

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- 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: _____

Lawrence Community Orchard

Lawrence Community Orchard (LCO) is a free food park located in your neighborhood! The Orchard was established in 2012 and is going into its sixth year! The land was made accessible by the City's Common Ground program. Implementation and maintenance has been made possible through the hard work of many dedicated volunteers. LCO occupies 1/3 acre in the Burroughs Creek corridor of East Lawrence. It is currently planted with 77 individual productive woody plants composed of 23 species.

If you've never been to LCO, this spring is the perfect time! This year, we're expanding LCO and we want you to be a part of the process! Currently, the Orchard can be seen but not accessed from Burroughs Creek Trail. In order to make the Orchard more accessible, we're adding on a new site that is located directly on the trail! On Sunday, March 12th at noon, we will begin planting the LCO addition on 13th St.,

east of Delaware. We want the whole community to come and celebrate this orchard expansion and help us plant the new trees. We'll be planting peaches, cherries, jujubes, pears and persimmons. Bring your helping hands and invite your friends and family. We'll have refreshments! If you want to help with the planting, come prepared with appropriate dress. There is no parking on 13th, so either walk or bike to the site, or park on a residential street nearby. We are grateful for the incredible support we've received from the neighborhood and community and look forward to growing with you in 2017! (A donation of \$30 will help purchase a tree for the new space. Contributions can be brought to the event or donated online: www.sunriseprojectks.org. Thank you!)

-- Emily Hampton, Executive Director, Sunrise Project
info@sunriseprojectks.org (785) 727-3926

Food Truck Fest...

For more information on last years event visit www.ksfoodtruckfest.com

With questions, you may contact:

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ELNA Meetings...

June 5th -- location TBD
July 3rd -- location TBD *may move due to holiday*
August 7th -- location TBD
September 4th or 11th -- New York School *may move due to holiday*
October 2nd -- New York School
November 6th -- New York School
December 4th -- New York School

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