

East Lawrence News

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ELNA

General Meeting

May 9th 7-9 pm

Online via Zoom

Agenda

always available at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings>

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for zoom link info

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From the President

Barry Shalinsky

President's Column

Slowly but surely, things are returning to normal in East Lawrence. After two-year hiatus, ELNA held our first Covid-era Yart Sale, which was a smashing success! Thanks to everyone who made it happen! Another East Lawrence tradition, Just Food's Kansas Food Truck Festival also made a successful return this year. Final Fridays are happening at various venues in the neighborhood. Starting this month, ELNA will once again help fuel those attending Kaw Valley Kickball on Sunday nights at Hobbs Stadium. Come grab a burger, say howdy and enjoy a game! And for a real immersion into East Lawrence art and culture, you won't want to miss the *Community Identity and Outsider Art in East Lawrence, Kansas* walking tour on Saturday, July 9.

ELNA plans to begin in-person meetings again this summer. We hope to hold our meetings in a hybrid fashion, with in-person and online options to participate. We will try our best to work out any technological kinks. You can always find the time, place and agenda for our ELNA meetings at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings>. We look forward to seeing you!

Mark May 26th on your calendar. This will be a very important date for planning East Lawrence's future. The Lawrence / Douglas County Planning Department is seeking the involvement of East Lawrence neighbors in developing a revised East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan. If you really care about the future of our neighborhood, you will not want to leave it to others to make these important decisions without you! See the article inside this newsletter for more information.

Perhaps the biggest news for East Lawrence in a long time is that New York Elementary School will remain open, as the neighborhood school for the East Lawrence and Brook Creek neighborhoods, for the foreseeable future! USD 497 approved a plan to convert New York Elementary to a public Montessori school. The school would serve families within the New York boundaries first, and then would be open to transfers by students from other neighborhoods, subject to space availability.

Last week, I was looking through some old East Lawrence newsletters from 1983. That kind of thing happens when one lives in a big old house with lots of room for file cabinets full of "stuff". There was an item that New York's enrollment had "increased" to 138 students. Then, as now, our school was threatened with closure. This year, the enrollment was some 50 students more than in 1983. As the Montessori transition goes forward, there is every reason to believe our school enrollment will be close to full capacity, and just maybe, finally be safe!

Make no mistake: because we've had an active neighborhood association over the last 45 years, there is a New York School today, there is a well-preserved historic streetscape, there is a vibrant culture and a strong sense of community in our part of town. If you value what we do, please support ELNA with your participation, your memberships, your donations. Each newsletter costs nearly \$1000 to print and distribute. If you are a neighborhood business, please consider a small sponsorship of our newsletter. We are here because you care! Together we continue to create community!

East Lawrence Plan Revisions Begin Soon – First Meeting is May 26th

East Lawrence will soon be engaged in a process to update our East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan documents. The Lawrence / Douglas County Planning Department has assigned staff to begin a collaborative process to revise the planning documents that inform land use and development in our neighborhood. Neighborhood residents and stakeholders will be invited to participate in the process over the course of the coming months, and provided the opportunity to attend meetings and provide input. The first public meeting will be held at New York Elementary on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

According to the Planning Department, “This meeting is all about hearing from the neighborhood. We want to know what the neighborhood wants to see in the plan and even how it should be designed. We want to know the best way to stay in contact with people in the neighborhood and if different types of interaction work better than others. There will be a very brief presentation on what a neighborhood plan is, but the bulk of the meeting will be listening to neighbors.”

Although the process has not yet begun, ELNA anticipates that the neighborhood association will advocate for the inclusion of policies that promote: preservation and enhancement of historic resources including buildings and streetscape, cultural diversity, affordable housing, public art and music, continued viability of New York Elementary and Liberty Memorial Central Middle schools, environmental and economic sustainability, walkability, and other attributes that make East Lawrence the special place that it is. When a draft plan is completed, it will be submitted for approval by the Planning Commission and City Commission. Watch your mailbox, e-mail, social media, future editions of this newsletter and other media for information about how to be involved. ELNA encourages everyone to

participate and stand up for our neighborhood! The City website for the neighborhood plan is www.lawrenceks.org/ELN and the email is eastlawrenceplan@lawrenceks.org

USD 497 to Convert New York Elementary to Montessori

In late April, the USD 497 Board of Education voted 4-3 to convert New York Elementary School from a traditional learning model to a public Montessori school. The Board members voting against the change did not disagree with the Montessori concept for New York School, but did not agree with some of the details as proposed by the district administration.

Under the approved plan:

New York would remain as the neighborhood public school for East Lawrence and Brook Creek.

The conversion to Montessori would begin with Kindergarten and a limited number of pre-school students. Older grades would have traditional education and would be added to the Montessori program over time, as the younger students grow into it.

Any family choosing a traditional learning model could seek a transfer to Cordley School. The Montessori program would be open to students from other neighborhoods subject to space availability.

All Montessori classes would be taught by fully trained and certified Montessori teachers, with regular consultation and reviews from KU’s Center for Montessori Education.

Questions about the program should be directed to Sunny Halsted, principal, at the school.

Sunrise Project Updates

Service Saturdays at Sunrise Project!

WHAT: Service Saturday is the first Saturday of each month where we invite you to Sunrise to connect, create community, and be of service. We will be working in the garden, organizing the pantry, and taking care of our site.

Starting SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 AT 10 AM – 1 PM

WHERE: 1501 Learnard Ave. Lawrence, KS 66044

WHO: Everyone! We welcome all ages and skill levels! We provide tools, gloves, snacks and drinks. If you don't feel like engaging in tasks, we welcome you to come out and just be with us. Our goal is to provide space for our community to be together, connect, heal and experience joy. Questions? email melissa@sunriseprojectks.org or call/text 785-865-1618.

Community Meals

Sunrise Project Community Meals will continue every first and third Wednesdays of each month through May and June. Check Sunrise Project social media for the menu! Donations are always accepted but never required. ALL are welcome to join us - we love cooking for you! Interested in volunteering? Need a delivery? Want some more info? Email ella@sunriseprojectks.org Please note: deliveries require at least 24 hours of notice.

Burroughs Creek Splash Park Update

City staff met with the contractor of the project, MegaKC, who wasn't satisfied with the concrete work that was recently poured. Unfortunately, it was determined the finish of the concrete and its final grades were not to the standards of the plan. Options were discussed to remedy the situation. The final decision, which will further delay the project, will be to remove and replace the concrete pad at the contractor's expense.

We know the neighborhoods have been anticipating the opening for a long time. We too are excited and want to not only have the facility open for the enjoyment of the neighborhoods but also want to have a quality, safe environment. We hope you understand the decision and will take pride in the facility once it is complete. You'll begin to see concrete being removed and replaced. The delay in opening will depend on the availability of the embedded fixtures, but the contractor is working hard to get the project finished in short order.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out: Roger Steinbrock rsteinbrock@lawrenceks.org

Yart Sale Thanks

Artists

Carolyn Olson baked goods
Christy Miller photographer, postcards
Chelsea Rae Jewelry, hula hoops, etc
Derald Carlson Photographs, prints
and cards
Daneka Vann Cakes and art
Elliot Good DeCosta Watercolors and
stationary sets
NYE Student Group – Samantha Saltz
Baked goods
Carol Schwarting Plants
Cody Bonham Carved wooden scul-
tures
Dave Micheal Digitally manipulated
photographs
Marge Brown Paintings and prints
photography

Musicians

John Thompson
Josh Davis
Ardys Ramberg
Tom Krause
Darrell Lea
Hear and Now Gregor Brune, Jane
Live, Joe Bickford
Stephanie Barrows
Porch Band with Michael Fox, Norm
Westhoff, Anna McCoy and Phil
Collison
Byron James and Friends
Mick Palmer sound
Plus
Cindy Trask and Gotfred Beardshear
Krista Gentry and G.G.
Frank Janzen
Mike Yoder
Christy and Brownie
Anna McCoy
Alicia Kelley
Arch and Cindy
Don Kantorv
Barry Shalinsky
Ardys Ramberg
Jane Live
Norm Westhoff
Aaron, Arlo, and Oscar Paden
Zippy
Elliot Good DeCosta
Uma and Juliet Outka
Karen Seibel
Marshall Maude
Joe Bickford
Stan Trekkell
KT Walsh and Brad Gibson
Eric Farnsworth and Jean Burgess
Heather MacLaren

Summer Fun in the Neighborhood

901 Pennsylvania Porch Concerts

We are working on booking people perhaps a couple of times per month. We aim for Thursdays at 7pm but remain flexible, especially for those out of towners who are touring. People can go to 901 House Concert Series on Facebook. We also advertise with separate posts and word of mouth. The address is 901 Pennsylvania St. People should bring a lawn chair and drinks/snacks if they wish. We are not comfortable about moving inside yet, but the porch concerts have been quite fun for a lot of people!

Second Saturday Outdoor Art Market

721 E 9th St, Lawrence 9am to 2pm Hosted by Art Emergency
On the second Saturday of each month! 9am to 2pm.

City Band Concerts

The Lawrence City Band will return to the South Park Gazebo on Wednesdays at 8pm beginning May 25th. Concerts will continue through July 13th with a special 4th of July concert to commemorate the holiday. Watch the City of Lawrence website and on City Band social media for a schedule with concert titles as well as information about rainout calls and relocations.

In with the Old, In With The New

KVKL Commissioner's update 2022

Hi friends! Spring is just around the corner (allegedly) and I hope you're as excited to start a new kickball season as I am. Holy cow this year we are celebrating KVKL's 20th anniversary! We've got some exciting plans for celebrating. The board is planning a league wide survey in the coming weeks. We want to know what pulled you in and keeps you in this league, ways we can improve, what this league should be, and how you'd like to celebrate our 20th year.

If you're anything like me, you already loved kickball, but you fell in love with the league when you watched/played in your first game at Hobbs. The stadium also has a history that is important to preserve. That is why our league will be committing to help restore the stadium in order to have it for many years to come. It won't be an easy undertaking, but this year we've committed to taking the first steps required. Expect some of our future fundraising to go to Hobbs restoration. We will announce more details as we have them.

For this year's summer charity, we've chosen Haus of McCoy, a community hub for queer and trans youth of Lawrence, KS. We are excited to work with them in order to help further their mission!

Season Schedule!

May 15th: Week 1

Memorial Day: We will play

July 3rd: We will not play

July 31st: August: Tournament (Start date is rainout permitting)

September: Afterparty/Charity Auction

I know the 15th is not an ideal start date for some folks but unfortunately the August calendar did not allow for the needed 2 weeks of rainout buffer. We appreciate everyone's understanding.

Thanks to everyone who has worked to make our league great this year and in years previous. I'm excited to share the season with you and excited to celebrate 20 years.

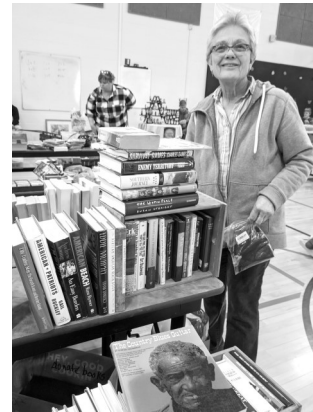
Ethan Fincham, KVKL Commissioner

For updates, visit the Kaw Valley Kickball League website:

<https://kawvalleykickball.com/>

► ELNA will be there! Stop in and watch the ball players play ball, Sundays through the summer, Game of the Week starting at 9pm, at Hobbs Park at 11th and Delaware. ELNA will be there selling concessions, usually burgers and fixins, including vegetarian fare, for a small donation, please. For certain, ELNA will be at Hobbs for Game of the Week concessions Sundays through May and June, starting on opening day, May 15th. We'll possibly do more Sunday concessions in July, dates to be determined.

Email Aaron Paden, master of the grills, if you have questions or you'd like to help – aaronpaden@gmail.com.



YART Sale 2022

Photos by Lane Eisenbart





East Lawrence Outsider Art & Culture Tour July 9 from 9am - noon

Former ELNA Board member Suzan Hampton was awarded a Kansas Humanities grant for a neighborhood art and culture project called *Make a Wish: Community Identity and Outsider Art in East Lawrence, Kansas*. ELNA is the community sponsor of the project that consists of oral history interviews about art and culture landmarks in our neighborhood, a walking tour on July 9 from 9am - noon, and a tour transcript and map posted to the ELNA website for future self-guided explorations.

Details are still being planned but the walking tour will start at 9am at the Wishing Bench, make several stops throughout East Lawrence, and will end at 12 noon at the Arts Emergency Art Market next to the Wishing Bench in time for a little shopping. The tour will be led by artist/Kansas Humanities Speaker Erika Nelson from Lucas (of the World's Largest Collection of the World's Smallest Versions of the World's Largest Things fame) with guidance and live participation by East Lawrence artists and neighbors.

The tour is free and is geared toward adults, though all are welcome. It must be capped at 30 participants, so please email Suzan at suzanhampton@gmail.com to reserve your spot, find out about participating as an artist or community member, and inquire about the oral interviews. Stay tuned to ELNA communications and social media for more details about this fun upcoming project!

Free Summer Meals for Kids

Lawrence Public Schools' Nutrition and Wellness staff will be serving up fresh and free summer meals. All children age 18 and younger may drop by the Lawrence Public Library from Noon to 1 pm June 6 to August 5 for free summer meals. No enrollment necessary! Meals also available at Billy Mills Middle School 11:45 to 12:30 pm or Holcom Park 11:30 to 12:15 pm from June 6 to July 29. (Note: Meal sites closed on July 4).

Juneteenth Celebration June 17th-19th 2022

Friday June 17th

7pm Community Gospel Choir
Victory Bible Church, 1942 Mass St

Saturday June 18th

11am Parade on Mass St
Beginning at 6th St to South Park
Noon-8pm, 1100 block of Mass St

Main stage events with music, videos, speakers, essay contest winners and more! Family fun for all ages! Children's play area! Juneteenth t-shirts! Social Service and Health Booths! Great food and products from area vendors!

Sunday June 19th

3-5pm - Walking Tour at Maple Grove Cemetery
Cross the Kansas River Bridge into North Lawrence
Continue north on N 2nd St

The cemetery is north of the light at HW 24040 on the east side.

<https://lawrenceksjuneteenth.org>

Mower and Tiller for Rent

The grass is green and growing! It's mowing time again! You can rent a mower from ELNA for \$10 per half day. You can also rent a tiller for just \$20 per half day. Please be prepared to provide your own transportation. Contact Phil by call or text 785-843-8098 or email to phil@pcollison.com.

City Compost Facility

Location: 1420 E. 11th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044

Hours: Saturdays, March through mid-December / 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The City of Lawrence offers compost and woodchips to Lawrence residents at the Compost Facility. Compost and woodchips are not intended for commercial applications.

Self-loaded compost and woodchips cost \$10 per truckload. Small quantities of less than or equal to 20 gallon are free.

2022 Compost & Woodchip City-Load Events

The City offers City-load days at the Compost Facility once a month (unless noted) during peak season to allow customers to have compost and/or mulch loaded into their trucks or trailers by City staff using loading equipment. All compost facility guidelines are still in effect during City-load events.

Cost: Compost and wood chips loaded into trucks or trailers by City staff using loading equipment costs \$10 per scoop. One scoop typically fills a pickup truck bed. There is a limit of three scoops per visit.

2022 City-Load Dates (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)

April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3,
October 1

Compost Facility Guidelines

- Customers must bring their own tools (e.g., shovels, pitchforks) to load and unload.
- Personal motorized loading equipment (e.g., skid steer) is not allowed.
- Gates to the facility will close promptly at 2 p.m. All customers must be out of the facility by closing time.
- Do NOT stop on the railroad tracks while waiting to enter the facility.
- All transactions are CASH ONLY. Please bring exact change.
- Absolutely no bills larger than \$20 will be accepted.

Yard Waste Drop-Off

- Absolutely no plastic bags
- Brush must not be longer than 4 feet
- Brush must not be more than 8 inches in diameter
- Brush must be loose, no ties of any kind
- Leaves and grass may be loose, or in kraft paper bags only

Materials Not Accepted

- Lumber
- Pallets
- Sod
- Stones
- Rope
- Fill Dirt
- Food Waste (Including food grown in the garden)
- Metal
- Plastic
- Tree Root Balls

Contact

Phone: 785-832-3026

Email: recycling@lawrenceks.org

Moving Tips from the City of Lawrence

The month of July is peak season for Lawrence residents to move-in and move-out of apartments, subleases, homes, etc. If you're planning a move here are some steps to make your move easier.

STEP 1: SWITCH YOUR UTILITIES

In late July and early August, the city processes 500+ service requests for starts, stops and transfers a day. Fill out an online service request early to get as close to your target moving date as possible.

STEP 2: PACK IT UP, PASS IT ON

Pile of trash versus box of donations.

Whether you're moving during the peak move-out season in July and August, or later this year, plan ahead and reduce the amount of items you set at the curb for trash disposal. Keeping in mind reuse, recycling and reduction options through the packing process can keep usable items out of the landfill. Here are a few helpful tips:

REDUCE the amount of waste generated by using reusable or recyclable padding like towels or newspaper to pack your boxes instead of purchasing Styrofoam peanuts or plastic wrap.

DONATE gently used clothing and household goods to local charities or hold a moving sale. Donate non-perishable food to local food banks, pantries and shelters.

RECYCLE obsolete electronic equipment, cardboard boxes, newspaper, plastic bags and all other recyclable materials. Visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org for local options.

PROPERLY DISPOSE of paint, automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides and other potentially hazardous chemicals at the City of Lawrence/Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call (785) 832-3032 to schedule a drop-off appointment.

SCHEDULE A PICK-UP for bulky items no longer usable, such as couches, appliances and automobile tires by filling out the online form available at lawrenceks.org/swm or calling (785) 832-3032.

Please do not take the city trash and recycling carts with you when you move. Carts belong to the address delivered.

STEP 3: BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Now that you're all settled remember that you're part of our community. Being a good neighbor is courteous. Knowing some basic city ordinances about pets, bicycling, parking, trash, noise and roommates can go a long way to keep neighborhood interactions friendly and positive. Here's a list of some common ordinances that students need to know.

The University of Kansas also has a Good Neighbor program intended to help you understand your rights as a Lawrence resident and access resources to help you live safely and comfortably.

The City of Lawrence cares about our residents and wants to ensure conditions in your home or apartment are safe and habitable. The city has a Rental Licensing and Inspection program that requires all residential rental properties to have a valid rental license and periodic inspections. As a tenant, we want you to know about the licensing program and how this program will affect you. The Rental Licensing and Inspection Program requires interior and exterior inspections of dwelling units to ensure minimum code standards are met to protect the life, health, safety and the general welfare of occupants. Here's a list of general inspection items and FAQs about the Rental Licensing Program. Contact us with questions, comments or concerns at (785) 832-3345 or rentallicensing@lawrenceks.org.



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Hang 12 SNAP OUT!

Hang12, your local teen curatorial board, is excited to share details for our spring 2022 event, "SNAP OUT!" The event will be on May 14th from 4-8pm in the new Lawrence Arts Center space at 10th and Mass St., which is where Laugh Out Loud was previously located. There will also be music and poetry performances in the area right outside this space. The show will have an eccentric and immersive vibe, including multiple installations and 2D art. We will have the street blocked off from Mass to the alley with an area for interactive art, food and music as well as more installations, art and music inside. SNAP OUT! will include tables with information, merchandise, etc. from the Lawrence Humane Society, ELNA, the Spencer Museum, and the Lawrence Arts Center as well as Hang12 merch! Razzle Dazzle Photo Co will also be running a photo booth at the event. We will feature local professional and emerging artists and musicians; artists include Violet Bredemus, Kent Smith, Allie Fischer, Aaron Storck, Milo Bitters, Matthew Fliehler, Oliver Elwell and Akosua Danso, and performers include Anna Kober, Jonas Lord, Molly Roecker, Henry Adams, and Lily Pryor.

– ELNA will be there with Merch! We've got our traditional ELNA house graphic, as well as possum lady, Shelley Miller Memorial tees, and Wishing Bench shirts. See you Saturday May 14th, 4-8pm at 10th and Mass!

Lawrence Transit Route Redesign

Transit needs your help determining the final planned route changes for Route Redesign! Route Redesign will occur in two phases, Phase 1 in August 2022 and Phase 2 in January 2023.

1. Routes 30, 34, 36, 38, and 42 along with routes 11 & 29, will change in August 2022 to meet the needs of students for a full academic year. Route 41 will be merged with Route 42, and Routes 43 and 44 will have no changes.

2. Routes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 27 will change in January 2023, along with additional slight adjustments to routes 11 & 29, the addition of Route 100, and the addition of Sunday microtransit service. Lawrence Transit is also pursuing a 1-year pilot of fare free transit in 2023.

Each route in the proposed network aims to connect people, jobs, education, grocery, and medical without requiring a transfer. Some highlights for the East Lawrence Neighborhood:

- Changes to Routes 1 & 7 connect East Lawrence residents directly to grocery on both routes.

- Changes to Routes 7 & 9 preserve an important connection from the Holcom Park neighborhood to Billy Mills MS and Lawrence HS.

To view maps and route details, explore our project page: <https://lawrencetransit.org/route-redesign-final-scenario/>

Need a summary or want to learn more about fare free and Sunday microtransit service? Check out our Project Overview here: https://lawrencetransit.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/FinalScenario_1pager-1.pdf

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