

East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
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November 2012



ELNA

General Meeting
Monday, Nov. 5th, 7-9pm
New York Elementary School

Nov. & Dec. Calendar

November

- 2nd – Dia de los Muertos Celebration,
The Percolator, 900 New Hampshire alley
- 4th – Train Depot Clean –up,
3-4:30pm, BNSF Depot, 7th & NY
- 5th – ELNA Meeting – Elections! –
New York School Library, 7-9pm
- 6th – Election Day! Don't forget to vote!
- 21st-25th – USD 497 Fall Recess

December

- 2nd – Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30pm,
BNSF Depot, 7th & NY St.
- 3rd – ELNA Meeting – New York
School, 7-9pm
- 21-31st – USD 497 Winter Recess

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SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD by VOTING! Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th

Put bluntly, a neighborhood that votes is a neighborhood that politicians cater to!
 Did you know you can go to the courthouse & vote before November 6th? Get it over with early, and that is one less thing on your "To Do" list. The courthouse is open weekdays 8am until 6pm and Saturdays 9am to 3pm to accommodate early voting before November 6th.

If you need help getting to the polls during the next 2 weeks, contact one of the ELNA board members and we'll get you there!

Block Party 2012 Thanks

Cans for the Community	Great Harvest	Bill Dodd
Checker's Grocery	Bread Company	Lisa Marie Benke
HyVee Grocery	The ReStore	John Myers
Plymouth Church	Jacki Becker and	Russell Benke
Heartland Community	Up to Eleven	Diane Taveggia
Health Center	Productions	Joe Bickford
The League of Women Voters	Ricky Dean Sinatra	marci francisco
New York Elementary PTO	Steve Mason	Pete Laufer
Cottin's Hardware	Lilly Mason	Mike Reihm
Liberty Hall and Mick Cottin	Aaron Paden	Eric Farnsworth
Aimee's Coffeehouse	KT Walsh	Mike Myers
Aly Young and the	William Justice	Kurt Limesand
Kansas Zen Center and	Matt Hall	Nancy Cayton-Myers
Ad Astra Acupuncture	Phil Collison	Lynate Pettengill
Leslie Kay Screen Printing	Josh Davis	Kristin Colahan-Sederstrom
The Dusty Bookshelf	Cari Davis	Brenda Nunez
Sunflower Bike Shop	Matt Pryor	Brad Gibson
The Sandbar	Tim VonHolten	Dian Taveggia
The Lawrence Farmer's Market	Chris Lempa	Lily and Olivia McMahon
Mass St. Music	Kara Martin	ELNA Board
Dempsey's Burger Stand	Daina Bitters	All you cake bakers!
Tony Peterson	Christine Kosirog	
Gina Darrow	Karen Seibel	

Walking School Bus Seeks Volunteers

East Lawrence's Walking School Bus, a collaboration between New York School, the Douglas County Housing Authority, and Live Well Lawrence, is back again this year.

The New York Elementary WSB calls on parents and community members to be volunteer "drivers" and supervise children on the walk home.

Who can volunteer? Parents, teachers, community members, any adult who cares about the health and safety of children in her/his community. Volunteers must submit an application and undergo a background check prior to walking with the bus.

What is expected of a volunteer? Volunteers are asked to supervise a group of children as they walk a set bus route home from school. Volunteers must be aware of pedestrian safety, communicate safety precautions to children, and take necessary action in case of inclement weather or child injury.

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From the President

This is my last President's letter, and there are a few thoughts I wanted to leave you with, thoughts that served me well for the past year and a half as President.

Thanks to the ever vigilant efforts of past residents, our neighborhood still stands today in nearly the exact same form it was in 1854. That is a testament to the sustainability, livability and community that is the rock solid foundation of this very special place in the heart of Lawrence. We have seen trends come, and then seen those same trends go, but we always remain. Whether it was an idea of razing downtown to build a shopping mall, or watching suburban sprawl run rampant on the west side, we still remain.

We have always seen what "others" want for OUR neighborhood. In our 158 year existence, Old East Lawrence is a neighborhood that has always felt and fought development pressures from downtown, and these pressures can be obvious threats, such as intense development at 9th & New Hampshire, or more subversive, such as fighting the closure of our elementary school.

Our residents choose to live here. We are not a polished diamond, a perfectly planned set of "quality of life" variables that have been polished & set for maximum shine & brilliance. No, our neighborhood's values do not lie on the surface for all to see, but they are there at the root of our existence, a foundation literally laid at our feet. As ELNA board member Josh Davis describes it, "East Lawrence is a perfect collection of imperfections". And this is where our strength lies, taking pride in the duller edges, the less obvious beauty that may be hidden under a layer of dust, but to the more discerning eye, is no less beautiful, and one that hides an indestructible core.

This neighborhood exists to serve the actual residents of the neighborhood, no one else. All questions and issues related to our neighborhood should be framed in the context of "What do WE want for OUR neighborhood"? Be wary of new outside interest in our neighborhood, and always stop to double-check how their interest is framed before accepting Trojan Horse gifts.

Stay strong, stay together, and keep fighting the good fight. The world is finally catching up to what we knew all along, that our neighborhood is indeed the best neighborhood in the city! So for the neighborhood's sake, get out and VOTE!

Leslie Soden, ELNA President



Lawrence Preservation Alliance Purchases Historic Turnhalle Building

The Lawrence Preservation Alliance (LPA) has purchased the Turnhalle, 900 Rhode Island, from Rod Ernst, owner of Ernst Hardware in downtown Lawrence. Turnhalle, built in 1869, is the oldest standing community building in Lawrence and was a social and physical fitness center for the Lawrence German community until the early 20th century. The Turnverein is considered to be the most significant threatened historic structure in Lawrence.

LPA's goal is to repair and stabilize the exterior shell of the building and ensure that it is passed on to a buyer who will provide the light-commercial structure a future as a vibrant space in the Lawrence community.

The Ernst family has owned the Turnhalle since the 1930's and were members of the Lawrence Turnverein, housed at Turnhalle. Rod Ernst approached LPA to ensure the preservation of the structure and its rich history. The purchase price reflected his understanding that LPA will have to raise significant funds to achieve that goal.

The Turnhalle is LPA's largest rehabilitation project since forming as a nonprofit organization in 1984. To be successful, the project will require the support of the entire Lawrence community. Tax-deductible donations to the Turnhalle project can be made to LPA at PO Box 1073, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.



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RE-ELECT



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Joe and I encourage our neighbors in East Lawrence to vote in the election in advance or on November 6th.

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KANSAS SENATE ★ 2ND DISTRICT

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Individuals/organizations are asked to commit to volunteering at least once a week for one semester or one academic year, depending on availability. Typically, it will take a total of an hour and a half to prepare for and walk the bus route each week (2:45-4:15pm).

For more information, contact Mary Orem at (785) 331-4418 or ormorem@ldcha.org. You may pick up a volunteer application at the Huppee Community Facility, 1600 Haskell Ave. #150, or New York Elementary School, 936 New York Street.

ELNA Adopts-a-Family for the Holiday

Want to help ELNA adopt a family for the holiday season?

Each year, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association adopts a needy family (or two) through the Ballard Center. As a group, we purchase food and gifts for the selected family. In the coming weeks, we will receive a wish list of items from the family. As soon as we acquire this list, we will be looking for neighbors to purchase and donate gifts. If you would like to volunteer to donate items, contact Christine Kosirog, 218-6786 or ckosirog@yahoo.com, or Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

New and Returning Members

Franklin Fantini, Martha Thorp, Susan Darby, Bryon Darby, Ginger G. Chance, Jane Hoyt, Sheridan Stewart, Allison Steffen, Sydney Stone, Jacki Becker, Arch Naramore, Cindy Suenram, Kristina Davis, Michael Davis, Cheryl Arquitt, Bill Dodd, Emily Cope, Jenine Meston, Lisa Pool, Deron Belt, Oskar Belt, Kitty Tinsman, David Whittaker, Wyatt Whittaker, Sarah Wallace, and Maya Crocker

Block Party 2012



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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.

Support us. Let us support you.

\$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood members

\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses

\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profits

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- We print the names of new and returning ELNA members in the ELNA newsletter – check here if it is okay to print your name.
- I'd like to be part of the East Lawrence Safety Network calling tree
- Please deliver an ELNA T-shirt – my \$12 is enclosed!

UNI-SEX WOMEN

S M L XL XXL S M L

Black Burgundy Navy Sage Brown Pink Light Blue

CHILD ONESIES!

8-10 10-12 12-14 14-16 3-6mos 6-12mos 12-18mos 18-24mos

Kelly Green Kiwi Green Heather Grey

- I would like to join the ELNA Yahoo group – please invite me.
- Please add me to the “Thursday ELNA News” (the weekly neighborhood newsletter) email list.
- I do not want to be included in email messages.
- Please remove me from the mailing list. Send to ELNA, Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044

Make checks payable to ELNA
Send Payment to:
ELNA, PO Box 442393
Lawrence, KS 66044

ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

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

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