

East Lawrence News

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March 2018



ELNA

General Meeting

MARCH 5th 7-9 pm

New York Elementary School
Library

📄 Agenda

Recurring Updates

the agenda as it is known can
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eastlawrence.com>join>meetings

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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, March 31st, 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. 30th, 5:30-9pm), take down/clean up (Saturday, Mar 31st @ ~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!

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

We've reached our Wishing Bench Repair Fund goal, and then some. Thanks friends!

We'd like to especially thank ELNA Board member Catherine Reed for bringing the item to ELNA's attention and for her pictures of the bench. Thanks, too, to Joanna Hlavacek at the Journal World for covering the story, and to ELNA Board member Dave Loewenstein for making contact with her. And we extend enormous thanks to Randy Radosevich at Allen Press for his generous contribution, as well as to Cottin's Hardware for agreeing to donate hardware for the reconstruction. Such fantastic teamwork!

Here's what's happening next: in the Spring, Eric Jay of the ELNA Board and Struct/ReStruct, will organize the repair of the bench. As his time allows, he'll select a weekend for the work, with one day for demolition of the existing structure, and one day for reconstruction. Eric anticipates not needing a lot of volunteers, but if you'd like to volunteer or you have ideas or suggestions, you may contact him by email at eric@structrestruct.com.



From The President

By the time you read this Spring will be showing signs of emergence. And that means the YART Sale is right around

the corner! This is one of our two big social events of the year. This year it will be on March 31st, rain or shine! Look for information elsewhere in this newsletter for how you can participate.

The plans for the physical rebuild of 9th street are out. They have had their first public viewing and the City wants feedback quickly so that it can move on to the next stage in which the drawings are turned into a shovel-ready project. Send your comments to Dave Cronin, dcronin@lawrenceks.org at the City. Watch for the work to begin by summer.

A shoutout of thanks to our famed Coordinator Lane Eisenbart for editing this and every Newsletter we publish (and for all the other things she does!). And, kudos to Cindy Suenram for laying out the newsletters and getting them ready for press. These things happen in the background and do not get the thanks they deserve.

Read on! The March Newsletter is here.

Riverfront Cleanup

Saturday April 21st
8 to 10am -- done in time for
the Earth Day Parade at 11!

In collaboration with the Friends of the Kaw, we'll be cleaning up the Riverfront again this Spring. We'll pick up trash and debris, and remove vegetation as well. Please remember to wear sturdy footwear, long pants and long sleeves. We'll have a few pairs of work gloves and some loppers, but bring your own tools if you've got them. Parks and Rec will again provide latex gloves and trash bags. This event is safe for children, but they must be accompanied by a parent. ELNA will bring bagels and coffee for you early risers!

with questions, contact Mike Myers mike@hernly.com or Dawn Buehler riverkeeper@kansariver.org.

YART Sale Mystery

"Our ELNA super-sleuth (KT Walsh) found these old pictures of a YART Sale past. We know the pictures were taken before 1999. Picture 1 features, from right to left, Sharen Steele former NY School Principal, a New York School dad in the hat, and Mitch Pearson former NY School art teacher. Who are the other two women? In Picture 2, we recognize Jim Power, by the ELIA sign, former ELNA (then ELIA) president. And in the background, second on the left, KT recognizes the profile and distinguished '90s 'do of Mike Rundle. Do you recognize anyone else? We'd love to hear from you! eastlawrence@yahoo.com



*ELNA Meeting March 5th, 2018,
7-9 pm at New York School*

Juanita and Jesse

You may have heard, our dear neighbors, Juanita and Jesse Hernandez, of the 900 block of New Jersey, passed away January 25th, 2018, within hours of each other.

Juanita Romero Hernandez, often called Jenny, was born here in Lawrence in 1927. She was the oldest of 13 children and a devoted member of the St John's church.

Board member Judy Romero remembers Juanita as one of her mother's friends, "when mom moved to Lawrence from Williamstown [in the] 8th grade. They worked together at Hercules Ammunition Plant during the war. Surely they were at least 18 then. Mrs. Hernandez lived all her life in East Lawrence, on New Jersey St across from New York School."

Jesse N. Hernandez was born in Topeka in 1927. He worked for Santa Fe Railroad, then worked for USD 497 for 37 years, until his retirement. Jesse was custodian at New York School for many years.

Jesse and Juanita were married in 1945. They were married for 72 years and had five children together.

Juanita's sister, Becky, shares this memory:

"Juanita and Jesse Hernandez loved living on the East side of Lawrence. They lived on the east side 64 years. Fifteen years ago, their house needed many repairs done and they felt it was best to move on rather than try to remodel. They looked all over Lawrence looking for a good location, but their heart kept coming back to the East side. From their window at 910 New Jersey, they could see the children playing at New York School and they could walk in 10 minutes to downtown Lawrence to see all the parades and shop. They just felt comfortable living there. They then decided they could never leave, so bulldozed their beloved house down (they didn't look) and built their new home right there. They enjoyed 14 years living in their newer home. They had great neighbors, Eloise Davis, Don Kantorv and June Floyd and many other great neighbors as well. The neighbors on the block looked out for them, putting their newspaper on the porch, shoveling their sidewalk, checking in them, and they loved that."

Neighbor Don Kantorv has these few apt words to share about Mr and Mrs Hernandez, "I lived four months short of 30 years two doors south of Jesse and Jenny, and thus knew them well. They were two of the best people that I have ever known. I felt honored to be asked by them to sign their will as a witness."

Rest well, Jesse and Jenny. You will be missed.



Recent photo by Judy Romero of Juanita Romero Hernandez, right.

Mrs. DeGarmo Bids Farewell

January 18, 2018

Dear New York Staff and School Families,

I have truly enjoyed getting to know each of you and your bright and talented students during the 14 years that I have had the great pleasure of serving as your principal. My purpose in writing today is to inform you that I plan to retire at the end of the current school year.

While in Lawrence, I have worked with some exceptional people at every level of the school district. The community embraced me and allowed me to be part of a wonderful school family. The students and parents with whom I have had the opportunity to work will always have a special place in my heart. There is no question in my mind that the New York Elementary staff is simply the best!

The solid foundation you have helped our staff to build here will enable New York Elementary school to continue to grow and improve. We have much to do during the remainder of this year as we work toward our school improvement and district Excellence, Equity and Engagement goals. I am confident that the New York Elementary school community will meet these challenges together.

Again, I am thankful for my time with your children. I will continue to work hard on their behalf, and to effect a smooth transition to new leadership at the end of my term at New York Elementary. You will hear more about the principal search in the coming weeks, as the district values staff and parent input in this process.

Some of you may know that I started my career in education in Lawrence, NE and so I end this part of my career in Lawrence, KS. If you are familiar with one of the songs from the Broadway show "Wicked", you will understand why this quote means so much to me at this time in my life: "Because I knew you I have been changed for good". Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Principal Nancy DeGarmo

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Kansas Riverkings Walking Tours

Kansas Riverkings Museum Exhibition

Guided Walking Tour and Coffee Discussions

Beginning in Spring 2018 the Kansas Riverkings Museum exhibition will provide guided walking tours to the public. Education director, Barbara Higgins-Dover will lead the group on a journey into the past when 19th century rivermen worked the waters and sold what they caught to a hungry community.

We'll begin our journey either in front of Levee Café or at the Springhill Suites hotel lobby on the riverfront. From there we'll head out on a four stop walk across the Kansas River bridge and back. Along the way you'll hear about:

The earliest Riverkings

Where they built their fishing cabins

Equipment and techniques

How they marketed what they caught.

You'll also learn about lives lost, lives saved, and the great floods!

2018 SCHEDULE OF STARTING POINTS

Saturdays at 11am

Pre-register at bhigginsdover@gmail.com

April 7 Levee Cafe

April 14 Springhill Suites

April 21 Levee Cafe

April 28 Springhill Suites

May 5 Levee Cafe

May 12 Springhill Suites

May 19 Levee Café

May 26 Springhill Suites

After returning from this 40-minute tour your group will come together for coffee discussions at the location where you began.

IN CASE OF RAIN: If it's raining or rain is forecast for the allotted time, tour will be canceled.

Example Tour: Meet at 11am Levee Café, head out for 40-minute tour, return to Levee Café for coffee and discussion.

COST?

A \$5.00 DONATION IS EXPECTED BEFORE THE TOUR BEGINS. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AND THOSE UNDER 12 ARE FREE.

LPA Information

The Lawrence Preservation Alliance recently published "Your Guide to Owning a Historic Home in Lawrence," a brochure full of basic information, tips and useful links for those owning historic homes. It contains a wealth of information for properly caring for and learning more about a historic property. Here are some excerpts:

What Do I Need to Know About Caring for a Historic Home?

Owning a historic home can be a bit like being the curator of an antique. Ownership brings responsibilities to preserve and protect a home's value. There are resources you can use to help you with maintenance or alterations you seek without harming the things that give your home its historic value. For larger projects, following the guidelines can mean rehabilitation tax credits for your project.

What Does "Historic" Mean?

Many existing structures could be considered historic, but thorough documentation is needed to be designated in registers of historic places. In Lawrence, it is possible to be listed on three different registers as an individual structure or as part of a historic district:

- Lawrence Register of Historic Places
- Register of Historic Kansas Places
- National Register of Historic Places

How Does Historic Designation Affect What I Can Do With My Property?

There is no historic review for any general maintenance or building activity that does not require a permit. If you apply for a permit, your plans will be reviewed by local officials to ensure that the changes you seek will not remove or damage defining characteristics that make your property significant.

How Does Historic Review Work?

Building or repair projects that require a permit will undergo some type of review by the Planning Office when they impact a property that has a historic designation, are within a historic district, or are located near a listed property.

If you file for a demolition permit, there is a 30-day waiting period for the permit, regardless of your location. For building permits, city Planning Staff will check to see if your project impacts a property that has received historic designation. If it does, your plans will be forwarded to the Historic Resources Administrator. Most projects pass review administratively. Larger projects are reviewed by the Historic Resources Commission (HRC), which conducts monthly hearings for projects impacting properties listed on our state and national registers, as well as our local register.

The brochure is available to view in full, or downloadable in PDF format, at the LPA website, at lawrencepreservation.org/historic-home-guide.

KU Big Event Accepting Project Requests

The Big Event is KU's largest day of community service where organizers send out 4,000 volunteers into the Lawrence community to help homeowners, churches, and schools with any tasks they may have - raking, trimming hedges, washing windows, we can do it all, as long as it does not involve any power tools. This year's Big Event is on Saturday, April 14th from 10am until 2pm. If you are interested in registering, a form is available on our website at thebigeventku.com. There are no requirements for signing up, no need-based considerations - we just ask that you are within Lawrence city limits. Questions? You can always contact us through KU's Welcome Center at 785-864-7469 or by e-mail at bigeventku.outreach@gmail.com.

Food Truck Festival

The 5th Annual Kansas Food truck Festival to be held on Pennsylvania St. and 8th St. (See map below) on May 5, 2018 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. Volunteers are needed the whole day and opportunities include, ticket sales, ID checking, perimeter checking, parking attendant and many more. If you are interested in volunteering contact Elizabeth Stephens at estephens@justfoodks.org. All volunteers get free admission outside of their volunteer shift and a free event t-shirt.



ELNA Meetings

ELNA monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, unless delayed due to holiday. We meet from 7-9pm. During the school year, we meet at New York School, 936 New York Street. In the summer months and when school is not in session, we find an alternative location. In the past, we have met at the Delaware Street Commons, The Lawrence Percolator, and the Lawrence Makerspace. Holiday delays and alternate meeting locations will be announced as they are known. Agendas, as they are known, can be viewed at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gB0AhiF0GfBBCEDo_1bORk-EvjSc5ygiIDMyeWAnl-w/edit?usp=sharing, and archived after meetings on our website in a timely fashion.

ELNA Meetings for 2018:

- March 5th, New York School
- April 2nd, New York School
- May 7th, New York School
- June 4th, location TBD
- July 2nd, *may be delayed due to holiday,*
location TBD
- August 7th, location TBD
- September 11th, *likely delayed due to holiday*,
New York School
- October 2nd, New York School
- November 6th, New York School
- December 4th, New York School



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Sunrise Project

Now that Sunrise Project is all moved into our space at 1501 Learnard Ave, there are SO many ways to get involved! Of course, you can always stop by and get coffee and a treat at Sunrise Coffee, which benefits the organization. There are also several workshops and events coming up, so mark your calendars! The first Community Orchard Days of the year will be on Saturday, March 10th and March 31st, 10am to 2pm, so drop by when you can to help out or just enjoy the lovely free food park at 830 Garfield St. Elementary students are invited to cook with us on their day off, Friday, March 9th 10:00 to 11:30am. RSVP on the website or call (785) 865-1618. Sunrise Project is now hosting Community Meals where anyone can come cook and connect. The next meal is on Thursday, March 15th, 5-7pm. All food and beverage supplied; just bring yourself and any companions, friends or family members that would like to participate! MUST RSVP on the website or call (785) 865-1618. Lastly, we'll have a Sunrise Community Garden work day on Saturday, March 24th, 4-6pm (1501 Learnard Ave.). Join us for an afternoon of planting, learning and connecting! Any RSVPs can be done at sunriseprojectks.org/events and you can always check there for future events! See you at Sunrise!



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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: _____



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