

East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
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May 2012



ELNA General Meeting

Monday, May 7th
7-9 p.m.

New York School Library

Agenda includes:

- ▶ Group discussion of Amtrak depot
- ▶ 900 New Hampshire

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Calendar for May & June

May

- 5th – **Cinco de Mayo Party & Poehler Building Open House**, 3pm
- 6th - **Train Depot Clean-up**, 3-4:30pm, BNSF Depot, 7th & NY Streets
- 7th – **ELNA General Meeting**, 7-9pm, New York School
- 12th – **Electronic Recycling Event**, 9am-1pm, Free State High School
- 24th – **USD 497 Last Day of Classes**
- 30th – **City Band Concerts in the Park**, Opening night! South Park Gazebo

June

- 2nd – **Lawrence Food Garden Tour**
- 3rd – **Train Depot Clean-up**, 3-4:30pm, BNSF Depot, 7th & NY Streets
- 4th – **ELNA Board Meeting**, 7-9pm, New York School
- 6th – **City Band Concert in the Park**, South Park Gazebo

Dennis Brown Awarded Lifetime ELNA Membership

by KT Walsh

Dennis Brown has devoted countless hours to preserving the history of East Lawrence. To show our deep appreciation of this exhaustive work on our behalf, last December ELNA voted to award him a Lifetime Membership.

He is currently the President of the Lawrence Preservation Alliance (LPA), but he has been a committed preservationist since he moved back to Lawrence from California in 1984. Shocked to learn that our Union Pacific Depot in North Lawrence was to be torn down, Dennis joined with others who cared about our history. They saved the Depot in the nick of time, which was completely restored by 1996.

Under his leadership in 2007, LPA partnered with Tenants to Homeowners to save 1120 Rhode Island from demolition by neglect, and to also build accessible, affordable housing next door. Drive by and check it out.

Currently Dennis is helping ELNA with several projects: the proposed hotel at 9th & New Hampshire, the restoration/adaptive reuse of the industrial district on Pennsylvania Street, 1106 Rhode Island, and the Santa Fe Amtrak Depot.

If you meet him, shake his hand and thank him. He sure deserves it.

Check out: <http://lawrencepreservation.org>, click on: "Outreach and Education", then "Guides and Instructions", then "Window Repair" to watch Dennis & Mike Goans video on wooden window repair.

From the President

Going into 2012, we knew there would be several significant challenges to work through for our neighborhood this spring: proposed development at 900 New Hampshire, possibly moving the mass transit hub for the T city buses to the Amtrak building, and potential closure of New York Elementary School (which has survived another year, yay!). So far if there is one thing we have learned this year, it's that whatever doesn't kill us, only makes us stronger!



It's precisely because of these challenges we face, that the network of people and organizations that we call friends has only grown wider & stronger: Depot Redux, Lawrence Preservation Alliance, Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, adjacent neighborhoods, the Percolator Gallery, Social Service League, Tenants to Home-Owners, PTO, Site Council, elected officials and a myriad of city staff. Whew, that is a long list of excellent allies to have, and that's just off the top of my head!

Nurturing & expanding these mutually respectful relationships has been absolutely instrumental in the support of our neighborhood. But did you know there is another word to describe these close ties & bonds that surround us? It's called community, and building community is indeed the entire reason for our existence as the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association.

Another unexpected bonus to all this conflict? It has served to re-affirm just what our neighborhood priorities truly are, even renewing interest in our official "East Lawrence Plan" written a decade ago. This plan provides a structure of our values & priorities, which largely centers on continuing our neighborhood's long tradition of mixed use, protecting historic landmarks, and promoting single family housing. Check it out when you have time: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/lr-eastlawrence>

Coming up is our May 7th meeting, which will be dedicated to discussing one of our neighborhood challenges: adding a secondary use to the Amtrak depot at 7th & New Jersey. The proposed second use involves making the depot the mass transit hub for the T, as well as moving the city transportation offices into the building. At the meeting we will be hosting proponents & opponents of this use, and city staff will be there to answer questions. We hope that you are able to join us in our fact-finding mission.

The weather is beautiful and spring is here. Next time you're outside, nurture & expand your own personal community, and introduce yourself to your fellow neighbors!

Leslie Soden, ELNA President

Poehler Building Loft Apartments Open House and Cinco de Mayo Party!

The much-anticipated Poehler Building development, featuring apartments with all modern convenience in a historic setting, will host an open house with a party May 5th, 3-8:00pm. Located at 800 Pennsylvania, the open house promises music and food and a grand tour of the new Poehler Art Area. The apartments will be ready for move-in sometime in July. For more information, visit www.poehlerloftapartments.com or call 785-318-9254.

Reductions in Water and Sewer Services Charges Available for Low-Income Elderly

A low-income elderly person, (one who is sixty years of age or more on or before the 1st day of January of the year in which the reduced services charge is applicable,) and has an income during the preceding calendar year from all sources of less than \$11,979, (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 \$16,181) may qualify for a reduction in city services charges. If approved, a low-income elderly person shall pay a flat rate monthly charge per dwelling of 35% the regular monthly residential water and sanitary sewer charge. Applications for reduced charges shall be on forms supplied by the City, filed or mailed to the Utility Billing Division of the Department of finance. Applications and more information can be requested of the Utility Billing Division at 832-7878.

"Senior Village" Proposed in East Lawrence

Most seniors prefer to "age in place" in the homes they love, as they grow older. However, as physical abilities decline with age, this often becomes challenging. The "village" concept, which has been growing across the country, is a big step towards meeting this challenge.

Villages are grass-roots organizations, run by volunteers and paid staff, to coordinate access to affordable services. Members of a village contact the coordinator whenever they need assistance. The coordinator will then find a volunteer to meet the need. It's all about neighbors helping neighbors.

To learn more about villages, see vtvnetwork.org or midtown-villagelincn.org.

Some local elders, including members of the Lawrence Douglas County Advocacy Council on Aging, would like to promote a village-type organization in east Lawrence, east of Massachusetts Street.

If you would like more info, please call Bonnie Uffman at 856 0057 or email her at bonuff@gmail.com.

Yart Sale Thanks

It takes a village to raise a Yart Sale, and we have many people, artists, musicians, and volunteers, to thank for their efforts. Special thanks go out to the new management of Papa Keno's Pizzeria for the donation of pizzas for the set up crew and to Matt Pryor for his generous contribution.

Tony Peterson	Daina, Ivy, Milo, and Zoe Bitters
Liz Bonny	Rae Johnson
Shannon Berqueist	Chelsey Scanland
Nan Renbarger	Jacki Becker
Nina Kinti-Moss	Sarah Madden
Fernando Boza	Karen Seibel
Gail Daniels	Boog Highberger
Jane Flanders	Stan Trekell
Derald Carson	Christine Kosirog
Ardys Ramberg	Karen Cook
Gene Deegan	Micah Jost
Shana Talley	Ardys Ramberg
Mike Myers	Wake Mitchell
KT Walsh	Phil Collison
Aaron Paden	Mick Palmer
Josh Davis	John Thompson and Tuba Ed
Joe Bickford	Walt Babbit
Rae Johnson	Linda Siouxz
Marilyn Roy	Alonzo Beardshear
Jim Garner	N'umbs Up
Cari Davis	Ozzie Backus
Staci Ahlvers	John Lomas and Bill Crahan
Matt Hall	Lawrence Ballet Theatre

Pennsylvania St. Gardens

The non-profit, Transition Kaw Valley (TKV) has been awarded two city lots as part of the City of Lawrence Common Ground community gardens program. TKV will be installing the infrastructure to allow neighbors to plant and nurture your own garden plots. TKV volunteers have wealth of knowledge to share and will provide assistance and offer workshops on garden topics. Experience is not a pre-requisite, you just need to want to produce delicious, healthy foods for family and friends.

We will provide fencing, walkways, laid out plots, materials to build soil, water and tools. To cover expenses of fencing, bed materials and water use, there will be an annual fee of \$30 for an 8' x 10' bed and \$50 for a 10' x 20' bed. A \$30 fee for water use and a \$20 cleanup deposit are also required. We are an all volunteer organization and we will need your help to make this all happen.

The sites are located at 1304 and 1313 Pennsylvania St.

Contact Michael Morley at morlinc@sunflower.com for more information.

New and Renewing Members

Jennifer Lattimore
Jim and Susan Transue
Caroljean Brune and Bill Getz
Janet and Scott Anderson
Debbi and David Johanning
Karen Cook
Peggy Robinson and Shirley Braunlich
Jessey Johnson and Tony Sams
Fred Sack and Jenna Coker
Adam Pousson
Michele Berendsen
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Skyler Adamson
Jane Live
Stephen Spencer
Madeline O'Brien
Erin Adamson
Al and Marcy Mauler
Bonita Yoder
Megan Keepes and Emma Willis
Gina Darrow and Chris Wells
M. G. Roy
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Lawrence Community Orchard Brings New Life to Vacant Lot

By Skyler Adamson

This spring marks a turning point for farming and gardening in Lawrence, KS, as the city has initiated the Common Ground program which supports urban agriculture by leasing idle city-owned land to farmers and gardeners. Lawrence Fruit Tree Project (LFTP), one of four successful applicants of the program's pilot year, has already begun planting trees at Lawrence Community Orchard, a public orchard in the East Lawrence Neighborhood, from which anyone can harvest its bounty.

LFTP was founded in 2008 with a vision of a cityscape abundant with productive plants, helping to locally meet the demand for fresh foods. The group works to educate, assist, and inspire the public to grow, steward, and utilize fruit and nut trees and shrubs. As a Common Ground recipient, LFTP has signed a three-year rolling lease for a vacant city-owned lot neighboring Burroughs Creek Park and Trail at the east end of Garfield St. On that lot, Lawrence Community Orchard will provide an ecological orchard with a park-like atmosphere that produces nutritious foods and serves as a perennial food gardening demonstration and educational space for the greater community. One goal of the orchard is to become a replicable model for edible landscaping to be applied to anything from backyards and city parks to school campuses and beyond.

The orchard is an experiment in gift economy. Its yields—food, education and inspiration—are free to any visitor. Community members who see the benefits of the orchard are free to give back by participating in work days and contributing to orchard maintenance. LFTP will teach the skills needed to successfully maintain the orchard with workshops on pruning, propagation and pest management. Growing stewards is as much a priority as growing trees.

The design of the Lawrence Community Orchard is a synthesis of food forest, community garden, orchard and city park. Low maintenance was a key priority in the design, thus disease and pest-resistant species are included such as elderberries, persimmons, jujubes, paw paws, hazelnuts, mulberry and kousa dogwood. More familiar trees like pears and pie cherries can be found there as well. Edible and medicinal herbs and greens, bee forage plants, and nitrogen fixing plants are also a key component of the orchard.

Start-up costs have been kept at a minimum. Fortunately, the city was generous enough to install a water meter on-site. The largest remaining expenses are for purchasing plants and constructing a kiosk, benches and a small storage shed. So far, most plants have been purchased by LFTP members and the group has received some cash donations. LFTP will continue searching for funding for the orchard.

Lawrence Community Orchard will be an East Lawrence asset for years to come. LFTP organizers wish to get all interested persons involved with the project to make this truly a "peoples park". To learn more about the Common Ground Program of the City of Lawrence visit http://lawrenceks.org/common_ground. To learn more about Lawrence Fruit Tree Project and Lawrence Community Orchard visit www.lawrencefruittreeproject.wordpress.com.

Reach Skyler at lawrencefruittreeproject@gmail.com.

New ELNA Metal Recycling Account

Out of respect to our neighbors, the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association, we have moved the ELNA metal recycling account to [Lonnie's Recycling](#) at 501 Maple St., in North Lawrence. You can drop off your metals and ask that the proceeds be donated to the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association. Your contribution will help various ELNA neighborhood projects.

Lonnie's is a super friendly, helpful, family owned business operating for the last 25 years, and properly registered with the city.

Hours:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, 8:00 to 4:00 pm

Closed Sundays

Directions:

Over the river bridge and under the underpass, take the first right on Lincoln St. Go three blocks east; turn right on 5th St. Go 1-½ blocks. Lonnie's is on your left.

Thanks!

KT Walsh



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Help Your Neighborhood Schools!
Liberty Memorial Central Middle School & New York Elementary

Recycling: Deffenbaugh dumpsters, accepting all types of recyclables except glass and plastic bags, are located at both Central and New York schools. The schools will receive \$25/ton for your donations!

Box Tops for Education: The familiar “Box Tops for Education” labels can be found on many popular grocery items. When you clip them, save them, and bring them to the schools, New York and Central can receive valuable instructional materials of their choice through this program. Drop boxes are located in the front entrances of each school.

Hy-Vee Receipts: Both New York and Central now collect Hy-Vee receipts. This collaboration with Hy-Vee will help the schools to raise funds for field trips and other activities.

Checkers Receipts: Checkers receipts mean materials and equipment for New York Elementary! A drop box for Checkers receipts is located at the front entrance of New York School.

Campbell’s Soup Labels: In addition to Hy-Vee and Checkers receipts, New York Elementary also collects the labels of Campbell’s soup cans. Can labels can be deposited in the same locations as the receipts.

Ink Cartridges: There is a collection box in the entryway of New York Elementary accepting spent inkjet ink cartridges. The cartridges will be recycled and the return cash will be credited to New York Elementary’s general site fund. Office Depot will also accept donations on behalf of New York Elementary.

Advertising Rates for the ELNA Newsletter

Have you considered advertising in the ELNA paper newsletter? The ELNA newsletter is published bi-monthly, sent out to each household in East Lawrence, and placed in businesses around town. We have special rates for ELNA members and offer a 10% discount for buying ads for the year (6 issues). Contact Lane, eastlawrence@yahoo.com, if you are interested in purchasing ad space.

The following are the advertising rates for the ELNA newsletter:

Single Issue Rates

<i>Ad Size</i>	<i>Single Issue</i>	<i>Single Issue (member)</i>
Business card	\$20	\$16
1/8 page	\$30	\$24
¼ page	\$45	\$36
½ page	\$90	\$72
Full page	\$200	\$160

Yearly Rates (10% discount)

<i>Ad Size</i>	<i>One Yr. 6 issues</i>	<i>One Yr. (member)</i>
Business card	\$18	\$14
1/8 page	\$26.50	\$21
¼ page	\$40.50	\$30.50
½ page	\$81	\$63
Full page	\$180	\$140

East side pride t-shirts!

ELNA T-Shirts are for sale for \$12.00 each. Unisex sizes small, medium, large, extra large, and extra-extra large are available in brown, royal blue, navy blue, black, maroon, and sage green. Women’s sizes small, medium and large are available in pink, light blue and maroon. Children’s sizes 8-14 can be purchased in either Kelly or kiwi green. We even have **NEW baby onesies**, heather grey, in sizes 3-6 months, 6-12 months, 12-18 months, and 18-24 months. To get yours, fill out the order form on the back page of this newsletter, or contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

ELNA is on Facebook!

Like our fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/eastlawrence> and look for updates regarding neighborhood events.

Do you get the Thursday ELNA News?

Each Thursday, ELNA sends out an e-newsletter via email. In it, you’ll find the latest in neighborhood events and ways to get involved. To receive the Thursday ELNA News, email eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

Rent Your Gardening Equipment from ELNA

The ELNA rototiller and lawn mower (purchased new in 2010!) are now available for your use. The lawn mower rents for \$5/half a day. The rototiller is available for \$10/half a day. There is also a training video available on how to use a rototiller – available for free! Contact Phil Collison, 843-8098, for inquiries on how to rent this equipment. Please have a way to transport this equipment yourself.

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\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profits

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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!

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- Please add me to the “Thursday ELNA News” (the weekly neighborhood newsletter) email list.
- I do not want to be included in email messages.

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: _____