East Lawrence News

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ELNA

General Meeting March 8th 7-9pm

Online via Zoom

Agenda

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From the President

Barry Shalinsky

Happy Springtime East Lawrence! After February's subzero temperatures, we look forward to beautiful days ahead!

Whatever the season and whatever the challenges or opportunities, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is here to make life just a little bit better in our neighborhood. In this newsletter, you will read about East Lawrence Movie Night, a fun socially distant activity to bring neighbors together to celebrate ourselves. East Lawrence is unmistakably the epicenter of arts and culture in Lawrence!

ELNA is about far more than fun. We have been here to assess community needs and connect people with resources and assistance during the pandemic. We have advocated for safe streets, and are proud that our efforts have resulted in reduced speed limits on Lawrence streets. We have advocated for our recreational outdoor spaces, and as a result, there will be a new splashpad at 15th and Burroughs Creek Trail, and the City will be leading an effort to remove invasive plant species from the habitat restoration area along the River in the coming months. ELNA has been working closely with other central neighborhoods and City staff to create a new policy for the restoration of brick streets and sidewalks in Lawrence. We closely monitor all zoning and land use matters affecting our neighborhood.

ELNA produces this newsletter from time to time to communicate with you, but we have more information to share than we could possibly put here. We invite you to visit our website at www.eastlawrence.com, visit our Facebook information page, Facebook discussion group or Instagram page for more information. Better yet, sign up to receive our weekly e-news in your e-mail inbox every Thursday. Contact EastLawrence@yahoo.com to subscribe.

ELNA has been the advocacy voice for East Lawrence for nearly a half century. For over 40 years, our work has been partially funded by small annual Community Development Block Grants. After a significant funding cut last year, we were disappointed to be informed by City staff in January that we should not expect to receive any CDBG funding in the coming fiscal year. This is especially devastating because the YART Sale, Kaw Valley Kickball concessions and other normal fundraising activities are not feasible during the pandemic. It is also disappointing because we have collaborated so closely and successfully with several City departments on policy initiatives in the last several months.

If you value the work that ELNA does, please consider making a donation to ELNA. You can make a one-time donation by clicking the "Donate" button on www.eastlawrence.com or mailing us at PO Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044-2393. Better yet, if you can afford to do so, please click that same "Donate" button and make a monthly contribution in any amount of your choosing. Your monthly \$2, \$5, \$10 or \$25 can help fund our hardworking Neighborhood Coordinator, this newsletter, our activities and so much more! With your help, we can ensure that ELNA will be the advocacy voice for East Lawrence for another 40 years!

Sacie Lambertson

sacie.lambertson@gmail.com

Sacie Lambertson joined our board in January, and we missed the opportunity to publish an interview and photo for her in our January February newsletter. Here it is now!



Introduce yourself -- what do you do for a living? for hobbies? what do you want people to know about you?

Though we've lived in the area for 30 yrs (north, in the country), we moved to our 1884 East Lawrence house only 3 years ago after gutting and rebuilding it. Before retirement we lived either abroad (Foreign Service, or in the Wash DC area). My current occupation in this covid era seems to be reading, reading, reading and walking around the neighborhood. I used to build houses and I used to ride a bike a lot. My only real occupation at the moment is doing the layout for a newspaper my partner publishes.

We love living in E. Lawrence and love the easy access to downtown.

What projects do you want to work on, or issues do you want to learn more about, in this year of your board service? Basically, what's so important to you that you want to serve on the ELNA Board?

After attending numerous board meetings, I've grown to appreciate the considerable activism of the board. I feel our city government listens to an active representative board, thus making its work effective. The board is clearly concerned with 'improving' our neighborhood in ways that will be endorsed by most of us living in this area. As well, the people on the board represent a wide variety of views, which is good IMO. I'm interested in maintaining our unique community identity in Lawrence. At the same time I would very much like to see absent landlords clean up their properties here. And while I generally approve of 'growth' I would like to see this in the form of well-built-affordable home ownership. I would like to encourage the participation of the many 'new' E. Lawrence households in the welfare of our neighborhood. At the moment I am actively involved in persuading the city to brick rather than asphalt our street, thus preserving its history.

The obligatory silly question that is supposed to give us some insight into who you are as a person -- If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs—such as food, water, shelter—were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you?

I would want a good reliable Internet connection and a way to use it, ie a computer/Ipad or similar device.

East Lawrence Film Festival Save the Date!

We'll be unable to safely host our annual Yart Sale AGAIN this year, due to COVID. But we want to do *something*. How about a Film Festival? We're working on the details, so we can't share too much right now, but please save the date!

What --A drive-in style film showing in the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot at 13th and Rhode Island. For COVID safety, we'll ask that everyone stay in their cars, some distance between cars if the windows will be down, and wear masks if they venture outside of their personal vehicles. We're hearing loud and clear that people are really missing their community gatherings! And if we're all respectful of distancing and masking, we can at least see each other from a distance and wave enthusiastically!

Films -- As of the printing of this newsletter, we don't have confirmation from film sources, so we can't tell you what films! But, we'll be showing East Lawrence-centric movies - made by or featuring people or stories of East Lawrence! To that end, have you got anything good in your personal archive? Let us know if you've got ideas of films we could show!

When -- In traditional Yart Sale fashion, we're looking at Saturday March 27th, 8ish to 10ish pm. Because this will be an outdoor event, we will be at the weather's mercy, so that date *may* change.

Money! We'll share PayPal and Venmo info of all the folks who help us make it happen -- ELNA, film makers, Trinity, etc -- but this event will be free to attend. We're toying with the idea of selling concessions as a ELNA money maker, but nothing's decided at this time.

SAVE THE DATE AND STAY TUNED!

Watch our website and social media for details when we have them.

Thanks, Donors!

We want to take a moment to appreciate what nice friends we as ELNA have. Knowing that our funds were cut by the City of Lawrence and that we have been unable to hold any of our traditional fundraisers, many of our local businesses and neighbors have stepped up and made private donations to ELNA. \$100 here, \$20 there, it all adds up. People are weird about such things, so we won't name names, but you know who you are, and we do so appreciate your support.

Thank you, friends!

City Sidewalk Repair Program

City of Lawrence staff has begun inspections for the 2021 Sidewalk Improvement Program, which includes approximately 1,700 properties along priority routes designated by City staff through a data-driven process. The Sidewalk Improvement Program aims at providing safe sidewalks for all Lawrence residents—from kids going to school, to older residents walking to the market, to walkers and joggers of all ages, and especially to our residents with disabilities—by eliminating tripping hazards.

Many properties included in the 2021 Sidewalk Improvement Program will have received post cards in late January, notifying them of their inclusion in the program. Some selected residences are located in East Lawrence. You can view a map of this year's identified route at lawrenceks.org/sidewalk-improvement, click on 2021 Program Map button.

City staff will inspect sidewalks along identified routes. When a hazard is identified, staff will mark the area with paint.

- White paint identifies a hazard caused by Cityowned infrastructure (manholes, street tree roots, etc.) and will be repaired by the City. Property owners will not be charged or responsible for these repairs.
- Pink paint identifies a hazard that is the adjacent property owner's responsibility to repair according to City Code.

If a sidewalk hazard is identified, City staff will leave a door hanger at the adjacent property with a brochure that provides more information about the program. Property owners will then receive a letter in the mail no later than March 12 with an inspection report and notice to repair.

Property owners who receive a notice to repair have two primary options for mitigating the sidewalk hazards; City contractor or self-repair.

Utilizing the City's contractor comes with several benefits, including:

- Favorable pricing due to economies of scale. The City will bundle all properties utilizing its contractor into one bid package, soliciting competitive pricing for the entire group of properties.
- The City manages the project, including obtaining the required permits, coordinating utility locates, contractor oversight and much more.
- A one-year warranty on repair work.
- Potential for financial assistance, including incomebased assistance and cost-sharing grants to qualified applicants.
- An extended five-year payback period through the property tax bill.

Property owners who do not wish to utilize the City's contractor may hire a City-approved concrete contractor or complete the work themselves before June 30. Any property owner who chooses this option must:

- Ensure the work meets City standards and specifications and code requirements.
- Acquire the appropriate permits.
- Coordinate with City staff for inspection following the completion of the repairs. Should the repairs not pass inspection, the property owner would be required to do further maintenance until the sidewalk meets specifications.

Property owners who choose the self-repair method are not eligible for program benefits, including contractor pricing, financial assistance, warranty or an extended payback period.

Property owners who wish to utilize the City's contractor do not need to inform the City of their intent. Properties with sidewalk hazards remaining following the June 30 self-repair deadline will automatically be included in the City's bid package.

How to apply for financial assistance

Income-Based assistance and Cost-Sharing grant applications are available on the program's website – https://lawrenceks.org/sidewalk-improvement/

If you do not have access to the internet, you may fill out a paper form. Just call the Municipal Services & Operations Department at 785-832-7800 and ask for a paper copy of the form.

Assistance Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for assistance, it must be a owner-occupied property (not rental) and the owner must utilize the City's contractor for the repairs. More requirements listed below for each of the assistance types.

Income-Based Assistance – The City will fund 100% of the repair costs for residential, owner-occupied properties that meet the income threshold of less than 80% of the area Median Family Income based on the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines. Submission of a complete application is required to be considered for this assistance.

Cost-Sharing Grant – For residential, owner-occupied properties with sidewalks adjacent to multiple edges of the property (i.e., corner lot). Property owners that qualify for this program receive partial financial assistance with the repairs.

Five Year Payback Period – The city offers a five-year payback period through the property tax bill. It does come with a 4% interest added on, but it removes the burden of needing to have the money up front for the repairs.

Residents are encouraged to explore assistance options as soon as possible, in order to ensure time to make their own repairs before the program deadline.

More information about the program can be found at law-renceks.org/sidewalk-improvement.

Contact: Josh Carson, Public Information Officer,

Municipal Services & Operations – jcarson@lawrenceks.org | 785-832-7822



Toxic Odor in the Neighborhood?

A few East Lawrence residents report periodically noticing a strong toxic smell akin to diesel permeating the neighborhood. If you ever notice a distinctive reduction in neighborhood air quality, please alert ELNA so that we can begin to track the frequency and sources of these events, and hopefully find ways to prevent them in the future. If you notice a strong, toxic odor, please note the date, time, location, and if possible, the wind direction at the time of the experience, and email this information to our coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

The Willow DV Center

Will Averill and Desmond Granger of the Willow attended our February ELNA meeting to tell us all a little more about what the Willow does. The ELNA Board and attending membership were pleasantly surprised at the variety of services and programs Willow provides. Here's a little note from Will, reflecting on his visit:

Thank you so much for letting me come and speak with everyone about the variety of services Willow has to offer. We have grown so much from the loose volunteer network of women providing safe shelter for other women back in 1976; we now are a 501c3 nonprofit with a staff of 30. We serve all survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, regardless of gender identity. We have a variety of programs aimed at breaking the cycles of violence in our community. In addition to our 24-hour crisis hotline (785-843-3333), we offer emergency shelter for a stay of up to 90 days, a transitional housing program, community and court advocacy, and most recently, a foster transition support program. Youth coming out of foster care are vulnerable to both abusive relationships and trafficking. Our foster support team's goal is to provide them with educational, social, and career networks that will allow them to be successful in moving to more permanent housing.

Last year we took over 3,000 calls, provided over 5,7000 nights of safe shelter, and delivered over 900 services to clients in Douglas, Franklin, and Jefferson counties. We continue to work with schools and organizations to talk about domestic violence, healthy relationships, and positive parenting. Last year, we presented to over 2,000 community members (both in-person and online) about DV, and this year we hope to do more. All of our services are free, confidential, and do not require proof of ID or documentation, and all of our presentations are available free of charge as well. We do have opportunities for volunteer work throughout the year, and we always accept monetary donations and urgent need items listed on our website. To find out more about The Willow, please check us out at willowdvcenter.org, or contact me at will@willowdvcenter.org. I am happy to answer any questions you may have!

Public Support Expands Work Scope at St. Luke AME

Public support from three separate sources has reached a level where masonry repair and repointing at the historic church will now be expanded to the south and east sides.

Lawrence Preservation Alliance presented a check for \$40,968.85, the full amount of its fall 2020 membership drive, to the Douglas County Community Foundation for deposit in their St. Luke AME Capital Improvement Fund. There is also a still-active GoFundMe account with about \$10,000 raised, and others have donated directly to DCCF. These combined funds will qualify for a 30% non-profit boost from the Kansas Historic Tax Credit program as well.

Current work includes masonry on the north wall and west gable (between the two towers), and restoration of the two large stained-glass windows. Look for the windows to be installed when the weather warms up. That work has been funded by \$147,750 in grant funding won for the project.

When the project concludes later this spring, work on the two towers will remain, but repairs for structural deficiencies and the resulting damage to the brick veneer walls of the main hall noticed as far back as the 1980s will finally be complete. DCCF is still accepting donations for this project. If the budget allows, louver repairs on the north tower and loose window sash on the south tower will also be completed.

KU's Big Event

The Big Event is KU's largest single day of community service. It is a chance for KU students, staff, and faculty to give back to you, the Lawrence community. Each year, we recruit nearly 3,000 KU students, staff, and faculty volunteers to work at over 300 local job sites as a way of showing our appreciation to the city that has continuously supported our University and its students for over 150 years. In Spring 2021, we are looking forward to providing a wide range of community services to the Lawrence community with our student volunteers.

KU's annual Big Event is currently scheduled for April 17th from 10am to 2pm.

We can perform any job that does not require a power tool. Volunteers will be scheduled to be in your space for four hours so anything that can be done in that time. Jobs like raking leaves or moving brush are ideal. This year, in line with COVID precautions, we're only taking outdoor jobs. There is no requirement to receive volunteer help. Anyone can sign up -- homes, agencies, parks, etc. It's first come first serve. And it's free!

Sign up online here: https://ku.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?

id=1397&r=0beb81c14b5b4f728ce32205909eb4b1 Or call 785-864-7469

Advertising Rates for the ELNA Newsletter

Have you considered advertising in the ELNA paper newsletter?

The East Lawrence News is published bi-monthly in odd months. Nearly 1500 copies are printed and distributed to 1250 East Lawrence homes and businesses, mailed to associate members far and wide and stacked for distribution at several other locations. We have special rates for ELNA members!

• You may submit a membership and fee at the time of purchase to receive a member discount. (Membership forms on our website.)

YEARLY BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

\$25.00 for out-of-neighborhood businesses

\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses

\$10.00 for non-profit entities

LIFETIME BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

\$250 for out-of-neighborhood

\$200 for in-neighborhood

\$100 for non-profits

- The deadline for each newsletter is approximately mid-month of the month preceding publication.
- Please have all ads print ready in pdf or jpeg format. The newsletter is printed in black and white and no color ads are accepted.

Single Issue Rates

One issue, various sizes, member and non-member rates

Ad Size	Dimensions	Non-Member Rate	Member Rate
Business card	3.5"w x 2"h or 2"w x 3.5"h	\$30	\$25
½ page	4"w x 5"h or 5"w x 4"h	\$75	\$65
½ page	8"w x 5"h or 4"w x 10"h	\$130	\$120
Full page	8"w x 10"h	\$240	\$220

Yearly Rates

Six issues, various sizes, member and non-member rates, at a 10% discount

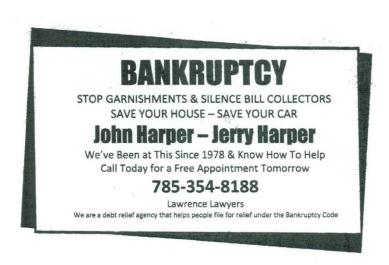
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- picture of ad and thanks on social media

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New Free Fridge in East Lawrence

Inspired by the ICT Community Fridge Project in Wichita, Lawrence Freedgin' Kansas is a mutual aid project with the aim of building community solidarity and fighting food insecurity throughout the Lawrence community. The fridge will be filled with food for the community, by the community. In these difficult times with the pandemic, frigid weather and lack of government aid, we can only look to each other for support. No one deserves to go hungry, EVER. We feed each other as an act of Love.

We are currently securing our first host site at Latchkey Deli, cleaning and decorating the fridge, and bringing together our volunteers to prepare the fridge for set-up.

We are interested in setting up another fridge in East Lawrence as well that can bolster the efforts already started by Sunrise Project. To understand the community better we would like to ask the East Lawrence neighborhood some questions:

- Do you know of any vulnerable populations and their locations in the community?
- Do you know anyone willing to host a fridge?
- Are interested in helping out with this effort?
- Do you know of anyone that can donate a fridge for free or reduced costs?

If you have answers for any of these questions, other questions yourselves or would like to just donate please email either eastlaw-rence@yahoo.com or lawrence-freedginkansas@gmail.com

You can also submit paper replies to: PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

And please follow our social medias if you can for more updates!

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ELNA News Cycles and Outlets

(Cycles, types, reach, submission process, etc) Update December 2020

ELNA has media! Barry says it's about time to reintroduce all the ways you can get ELNA info. So, for your information, here's a quick list of the various media outlets we use and how we use them. If you'd ever like to submit information to our news outlets, or follow us on media, read on to find out how.

Paper Newsletter -- The East Lawrence News

Cycle: published bimonthly -- July/Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec, etc.

Reach: 1500 -- distributed to over 1250 East Lawrence homes and businesses and stacked at several other locations, such as the ReStore, Cottin's, LPL, etc. We believe the paper newsletter reaches more of our residents who may not use social media or email, and that it is also one of the best ways to reach people new to the neighborhood.

How to Submit: If you have neighborhood news, or even something creative, to share, you are welcome to submit. We can also offer ad space for local businesses. You can find the ad rates at http://www.eastlawrence.com/resources/ad-rates/. Email Lane, at eastlawrence@yahoo.com with your submission. The deadline for submission is always about mid-month in the month before.

Note: The Coordinator collects and composes most of the newsletter materials, but Cindy Suenram, New York Street neighbor, formats it. Cindy formats the newsletter, sends it off to the printer, picks it up from the printer, gets it labeled with addresses and delivers it to the post office for mailing. Cindy is our unsung newsletter hero! Cindy, the Coordinator, and the President are effectively the paper newsletter editorial staff.

Weekly Enewsletter -- Thursday ELNA News

Cycle: weekly edited each Wednesday, by 8pm, scheduled for email each Thursday morning

Reach: about 400 email addresses

How to Submit: Email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com, before 8pm on Wednesday evenings

*Special Notices: Special email notices can be sent in very special circumstances using the Enews listserve. I try to reserve this for near emergency situations, for fear of overuse.

*Email Lists: We also keep contact lists of member emails for various purposes. For example, if you indicate on your membership form that you're interested in our yearly Adopt a Family effort, we'll add your email to the Adopt a Family list, and email you when the event comes around.

Social Media --

Instagram @eastlawrencena, approx 600 followers

Twitter @ELNAks, approx 230 followers

Facebook search for East Lawrence Neighborhood Association, about 2,000 followers, along with a linked Discussion Group with about 800 members

Cycle: as needed, but, typically 2-3 times per week, plus scheduled posts

Newstype Notes: If you'd like to join the Facebook discussion group, to post a question or notice directly to your neighbors, just request to be added.

Our facebook fan page is largely "curatorial". Meaning, we mostly share items of interest (events, notices, etc) from other pages. For example, posts from Cottin's Farmer's Market, The City of Lawrence, non-profit public service fundraising events, etc.

How to Submit: again, email eastlawrence@yahoo.com

Website -- eastlawrence.com

Cycle: updated at least once a month

Reach: Analytics reflect an average of a couple hundred users every month, less than 50% bounce rate (not bad), average session of two minutes (also not bad), largely organic search in origin.

Newstype Notes: The ELNA website is an archive. We post unchanging information there, like meeting notices and newsletters and details for the big neighborhood events. There you can find ad rates, board member profiles, letters written by the board, and more. There are sections for linking other groups websites as well.

How to Submit: email!

Join ELNA for \$1.00

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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. Support us. Let us support you.

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ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

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

_	Work Days / Snow Shoveling
	YART Sale
_	Block Party
_	Adopt-A-Family
_	Music
_	Art
_	Photography
	Gardening
_	Historic Preservation
	Serving on the ELNA Board
_	Baking/Cooking
_	Grilling / Concessions
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New York Elementary School Site Council

email list.

Hi guardians of current and future New York Elementary students,

It's the time of year that school funding decisions are made for the next school year and we need to know how many students will be enrolling in brick-and-mortar school with us in the fall. When you receive your annual student registration from the school district, please fill it out and return it. If your child will be starting at NYE for the first time or you don't receive a registration, please call the school at (785) 832-5780 to let us know.

This is important because the school district allocates funding to schools in the spring based on anticipated enrollment and that funding determines the number of teachers, paraeducators, and other staff we can hire. We know that after the upheaval of this last year with remote learning and hybrid options, parents may be unsure of what the fall will bring. Next fall all students will be in their classrooms as normal and families who want their children to continue learning remotely will need to enroll in the Lawrence Virtual School rather than in their elementary school.

Neighborhood News Briefs

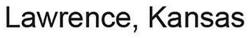
There are plans in the works to renovate and build a small addition onto the old Polk Oil facility at 846 Pennsylvania. There is currently no prospective tenant lined up for the space, which would have a commercial or office use. The project architect is Scott Trettel of Walnut Street LLC. Contact ELNA or the project architect for more information.

Lawrence Transit is considering changes to Route 1 through East Lawrence. The route currently follows Connecticut Street between 7th and 11th. The proposed change would shift the route to Delaware Street. Representatives of Lawrence Transit will be present at the March ELNA meeting to discuss the proposed change. To weigh in with your opinion, https://lawrenceks.org/listens/surveys.

Slow down, you're moving too fast. Gotta make the morning last. The City of Lawrence has lowered the speed limit on residential streets from 30 mph to 25 mph. Slowing down promotes safety for all neighborhood residents, people as well as our four legged friends. New speed limit signs will be going up soon. After years of promoting traffic safety, ELNA is feeling groovy.

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