

East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
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September 2013



ELNA

General Meeting

Monday, Sept. 9th, 7-9pm
New York School Library

Agenda:

- ⇒ Block Party Planning
- ⇒ Yart Sale Grants
- ⇒ Cultural Arts District

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Mark Your Calendars!

The Annual Block Party Returns

On Saturday, September 28th, from 5--9pm, at Hobbs Park, ELNA will throw its annual block party. Come and join the fun! We will have all our favorite things—food, entertainment, games and lots of great neighbor-mingling!

The block party can't happen without volunteers. Please read the list of events, and see what kind of help we need. Contact eastlawrence@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Food! ELNA will supply the drinks and grilled fare. *We ask that all neighbors bring a side dish or dessert to share. Volunteer to take a turn at the grill. Volunteer to be on trash duty.*

Best Dish! Back by popular demand, our 3rd Annual Best Dish competition. We want you to bring out your best for the block party! There will be a contest for the best side dishes, dessert, and vegetarian fare. *Volunteer to be a judge!*

Cake Walk! Cake Walk! Cake Walk! The cake walk, a neighborhood favorite, always popular with the kids, will be back! *We need you to donate a cake! If you plan to play cake walk, bring a cake!*

Prizes! We always have great door prizes, and we need donations to make this happen. *Donate your art! Go out into the community and ask for donations!* Contact eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you have an item for the prizes.

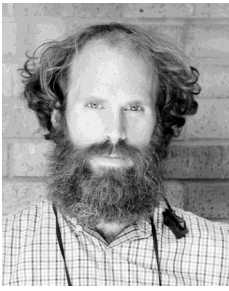
Music! East Lawrence always brings out its best musicians on this night. If you would like to play at the party, contact Aaron Paden, aaronpaden@gmail.com, or Phil Collison, phil@collison.com to sign up. *Come, listen and enjoy!*

Bike Repair! Get your bike fixed by our friendly neighborhood bike mechanics! It's the perfect time to start your bicycle commute!

ELNA T-shirts! ELNA will debut new tshirt stock at the Block Party. New sizes and colors! Maybe even some stickers! Bring cash or checks and get yours!

Set-Up & Take-Down! *Be an ELNA hero, volunteer to set up or take down!*

Trash Duty! Not glamorous but NEEDED! *Volunteer to be on trash duty!*



Hello Neighbors!

I'm writing this 'neighborhood update' as I eat my home-made strawberry ice-cream. This is important because I love ice cream almost as much as I love East Lawrence. I like to eat that yummy ice-cream while I contemplate what makes East Lawrence such a fine place to re-

side - like the block party, New York Elementary, and our cultural history.

Block Party: On September the 28th we have our annual block party with live music, potluck, free hotdogs & hamburgers, free bike repair, keg of freestate beer, cake walk, fires to sit around, desert and side dish competitions all in our very own Hobbs park. We'll be looking for help setting up and cleaning up so please email our coordinator if you are interested. And for your sake - I hope you get a scoop of my home-made ice-cream.

Bond Planning Committee for New York Elementary: New York Elementary School will be expanding as part of the school bond that was past in the recent election. The bond planning committee members for New York are: Nancy DeGarmo, Nancy Ornburn, Carol Beth Whalen, Steph Manley, Cari Davis, Chris Lempa, Eric Jay, David Lewis, Randy Tate, and myself. The committee met for the first time on August 7th and brainstormed the defining characteristics of New York Elementary. We attempted to define the spirit and heart of the school and its place in the community. Many of us liked the human scale of the building and how it fits so nicely in the neighborhood. The long main hall where you can see everyone and the cupola and columns defining the main door of the school. We'll be meeting over the next several months and we will post as much information as we can. In the meantime think about what is your favorite part of the school - ask your kids what they like and what they would improve. Let us know what you come up with and we'll see if we can keep New York Elementary a great school and community resource. Mmmm ice-cream! I only have enough for one more update...

Cultural District Task Force: East Lawrence is a lot like my ice cream. No I'm not going to eat East Lawrence - and I don't think we are creamy and sweet - but we are made up of vernacular architecture. Vernacular - like my ice-cream is home-made. Historically East Lawrence is a working class neighborhood - to put it plainly - East Lawrence is affordable. I got my milk on sale and I happened to have a bunch of strawberries -and I needed to write this update - which I can only do with ice cream. It might as well be that I have a family and a modest house and I built an addition for my kids with materials that were plentiful. This vernacular architecture is a resource that we shouldn't overlook. It is affordable housing in a beautiful way. As we address what this 'cultural district' is made up of - It should first and foremost represent this history and include methods to keep us 'home-made.' We hope that you will help us in this task.

We've put up one version of a draft on our resources page and will continue to add more as we make changes that reflect our neighborhood. There is also a link to a survey. Please take the time to add your thoughts to the survey and inform yourself. <http://www.eastlawrence.com/resources/documents/>

Hope to see you and your home-made dish at the Block Party! Aaron

September & October Calendar

September

- 1st - Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30pm, BNSF Depot, 7th and NY Streets
- 2nd - Labor Day - No School USD 497, all grades
- 9th - ELNA Meeting, 7-9pm, New York School Library
- 17th - New York Elementary PTO meeting - 5:30-6:30pm, New York School Library
- 28th - ELNA BLOCK PARTY! - 5-9pm, Hobbs Park

October

- 5th - City Compost Sale and Woodchip - 8am-3pm, 1420 E. 11th
- 6th - Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30pm, BNSF Depot, 7th and NY Streets
- 7th - ELNA Meeting, 7-9pm, New York School Library
- 10th -12th - City Compost and Woodchip Sale - 8am-3pm, 1420 E. 11th
- 11th - No School USD 497, Middle and High School
- 15th - New York Elementary PTO meeting - 5:30-6:30pm, New York School Library
- 17th - No School USD 497, Middle School only
- 19th - No School USD 497, Middle and High School

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Do You Know About the Penn House? – Lane Eisenbart

Smallish, lightly colored, set back from the street, and surrounded by a chain-link fence, the house at 1035 Pennsylvania Street seems innocuous at first sight. You might even miss it, if you aren't looking. But, did you know, that the building at 1035 Pennsylvania, known only as "The Penn House", has been in operation for over 43 years and is actually a thriving hub of community services for people on the east side and Lawrence at large?

No? You didn't know? Neither did I, so I asked Kyle Roggenkamp, Penn House Director, a few questions.

What is the Penn House?

Funded by grants from United Way, Community Development Block Grants, funds from several small philanthropic institutions, and donations from community members, Penn House is an outlet for the Ballard Center Human Services Programs. (The Ballard Center is a larger non-profit community organization, with its headquarters on Elm Street in North Lawrence.) The Penn House is a strictly not-for-profit public service organization working toward the goals of "stabilizing crisis and mobilizing resources that promote change toward self-sufficiency for those facing poverty" in Douglas County.

Who does the Penn House serve?

It serves approximately 7,000 low-income Douglas County residents each year. The majority of those residents live within walking distance of the Penn House, says Kyle. Services are available to all Douglas County residents who meet 185% federal poverty level guidelines. Anyone enduring short-term financial insecurity is encouraged to seek assistance. Some proofs of residence and income eligibility are required.

What kind of services are offered at Penn House?

Services offered at the Penn House location include; rent and utility assistance, a free open-access clothing pantry, a

food pantry, a selection of free toys and household goods, and seasonal school supplies and holiday gifts and meals programs. Greater Ballard Center programs such as the senior citizen food commodities, diaper pantry, the "Suitable for Work" professional attire closet, tax return preparation assistance, and referrals to other agencies and services can also be applied for at the Penn House.

How can you receive services?

Kyle says you should just come in fill out some papers.

How can you help the Penn House?

Volunteer! The Penn House has only one paid employee, and that's Kyle. All other work is done by volunteers. As a volunteer, you might participate in a community outreach effort such as distributing flyers, you might process donations, hand out food at the pantry, or help with phones, computers or paperwork. Walk-in volunteers are welcome as well as preplanned helpers.

Donate! The Penn House accepts all donations during open hours (Monday through Friday 8-4.) No donation of any kind is ever turned away. Every item is either distributed in house, or passed along to another community outlet. "Every item," emphasizes Kyle. As example of the Penn House's commitment to utilizing every donation; even stained, ripped, or otherwise unwearable clothing is given to a Kansas City company to be shredded and turned into eco-friendly insulation.

Is there any one thing that East Lawrence can do for the Penn House?

"Talk about it," says Kyle. He'd like everyone to make sure that people know the Penn House is there, that people can go there for help when they need it, and to donate if they ever have a little extra.

Meet the Neighbors

Hello East Lawrence!

We're your new neighbors at 1000 New York, which for the next year we're calling The Pilot Balloon Church-House. We are Rubber Repertory—an experimental theatre company founded in 2002 in Austin, TX after we earned our Theatre degrees from KU. You may have heard about our artists' colony project, and we wanted to say a few words about what we're up to.

While the two of us will be living here the entire year, we've invited two additional artists at a time to stay with us for periods between one and three weeks. So over the course of the year, 73 different artists (from ten states and four countries!) will be living and working in the church. We're not imagining the space as a performance venue, but as a retreat in which artists of many disciplines can escape distraction and concentrate on their work. Having been in the church at a house party back in the late 90's, we acted

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Phillip Kimball
Eric, Josie, Harper, & Wren Jay
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Penn House
Colleen & Paul Stock
Austin & Ruth Turney
Cindy Trask & Gottfred Beardshear
Debbi & David Johanning
313 Studios

East Lawrence History Project Update

The East Lawrence History Project, ongoing since 2007 and detailed in the July August paper newsletter, is finally coming to fruition! Twelve properties in East Lawrence have been designated Landmarks on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places by the Lawrence Historic Resources Commission.

645 Connecticut	1029 Delaware
739 Connecticut	1208 Delaware
742 Connecticut	821 New York
946 Connecticut	936 Pennsylvania
1004 Connecticut	946 Pennsylvania
934 Delaware	1002 Pennsylvania
945 Delaware	

Congratulations and thanks for all the hard work! Next stop, the final designation by the Lawrence City Commission. We do not yet know what date the properties will appear before the Commission, but when the date is clear, we'll let everyone know. Please come and show your support. Watch the enews and Facebook for upcoming details.



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What's happening at the Lawrence Creates Makerspace?

The Lawrence Creates Makerspace is up and operating.

Our mission is to empower community residents to learn new skills, develop products and businesses, create art, and build their future. We create opportunities for collaboration, learning, mentoring, and innovation by providing shared workshops, tools, services, and training for artists, designers, inventors, engineers, architects, makers, hobbyists, and other creative people.

Members have 24x7 access to internet service, computers, printers, scanners, and a digital video projector; extensive woodshop; drafting, light, and worktables; fridge, microwave, and lounge space; studio photography lights; power, hand, and artists tools; and more.

Under construction – An art gallery, design studio with the Adobe Creative Suite and other design tools, and a CNC (computer controlled) mill.

Coming next – welders, lathes and other metal and machine shop equipment, 3D printer, and 3D scanner. We will build a complete prototyping facility, so members can turn their ideas into reality!

Because our purpose is to help our members and the public improve their lives, members deliver training to the public at a reasonable cost, and keep most of the proceeds. 3D design and screen printing classes are underway; rock cutting, wood shop, art welding, and other classes are coming.

Perhaps more important than tools and training, we provide a place for creative people to meet, exchange knowledge and ideas, and collaborate. Our members include engineers, artists, designers, computer programmers, educators, inventors, college students, and people in many other lines of work. The Lawrence Creates Makerspace is an exciting and fun place to be!

Can you help us develop the Lawrence Creates Makerspace as a community resource? Would you like to contribute, enjoy and benefit by being a part of the Lawrence Creates team? If so, please visit lawrencecreates.com and sign up! Membership is just \$20 per month, plus a \$20 initiation fee.

Eric Kirkendall 785-260-0083 Kirkendall1@gmail.com

Visit ELNA's Website

And speaking of the ELNA website, have you visited recently? We've been making updates. On the website, you can find everything from bylaws to Board Member profiles to the latest documents relating to the Cultural Arts District. Keep an eye out too for our new ELNA Merch Table store, compliments of Blue Collar Press.

Visit us on the web at www.eastlawrence.com

City of Lawrence Compost and Woodchip Sale

Self-Load Only - Compost and Woodchip Sale
Saturday, October 5, 8am – 3pm

Will Load – Compost and Woodchip Sale
Thursday – Saturday, October 10-12, 8am – 3pm

On Saturday, October 5th, self-loading pick-up truck or trailer loads will be \$10 per load and small quantities will be free.

On Thursday, October 10th - Saturday October 12th, the city will load trucks and trailers. Cost is still \$10 per bucket load, equivalent to two cubic yards.

Please bring a shovel, and a tarp to secure woodchips in trucks and trailers to prevent littering the roadway. Both events CASH only. Events are rain or shine. Thursday through Saturday, October 10, 11, 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or until the supply is depleted.

Compost and woodchips are not intended for commercial applications but rather for the citizens of Lawrence. Dump truck quantities are not allowed. The city cannot load trucks with ladder racks.

The event will be held at the city's Wood Recovery and Composting Facility located at 1420 E. 11th Street which is east of 11th and Haskell Avenue, over the railroad tracks.

For more information, visit www.lawrenceks.org/swm.

Apply for an ELNA Grant

Got a neighborhood cause that needs a little funding? Just a little? ELNA is currently accepting grant proposals.

ELNA will award up to 3 worthy recipients up to \$300 each. In order to receive a grant, you must submit a request, in writing, by **September 30th, 2013**. The ELNA board will then review your request and contact award winners by **October 31st 2013**. In your proposal, note the exact amount you request, the nature of your project and how the funds will be spent, and how your project will positively impact the quality of life in East Lawrence. Please include your contact information. Proposals may be emailed to eastlawrence@yahoo.com, or to ELNA at P.O. Box 442393, Lawrence KS 66044.

Past recipients include the Social Service League, programs at Central Middle School, the New York Elementary PTO, classrooms at New York Elementary, and various community gardens.

With questions, email eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

Thanks from Eastside Village

Eastside Village would like to take this opportunity to thank the neighborhood associations for their interest, support and partnership as we continue moving toward implementation. Our first public fundraiser 'Early Evening with Eastside Village' held on July 18 at the Union Pacific Depot in N. Lawrence was a great success. We were gifted with generous contributions and close to \$2,000 in in-kind donations were secured. The enthusiasm for the Village is alive and growing! It was an honor to see so many supporters and neighbors in attendance. The evening was lovely as guests enjoyed musical entertainment by local band, Fresh Picked, and a poetry reading from newly appointed Kansas Poet Laureate, Wyatt Townley. Food was generously provided by 23rd Street Brewery, HyVee, and Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Wine was sponsored by On the Rocks Liquor and the beer by Playerz Sports Bar. Thank you, neighbors!

ELNA Tshirt Fire Sale!

We want new shirts! But Mom says we have to finish what we start, and to not be wasteful, and starving, shirtless children in third-world countries and all that, so we've got to sell the ones we've got first. Fire Sale!

From NOW until the block party, September 28th, get yourself a new ELNA tshirt for just \$5.00! Yes, really! Buy one, buy two, or stock up for Christmas! (Even Santa wants an ELNA tshirt for Christmas.)

Available colors and sizes include:

Unisex

Burgundy – 1 small, 1 xxl

Sage – 2 small, 2 medium, 3 large

Black – 9 small, 8 medium, 6 large

Women's

Tanks – 3 small, 2 medium

Pink – 4 small, 3 medium, 1 large

Children's

Onesies – 3 3-6 month, 2 6-12 month, 4 12-18 month,
3 18-24 month

Kelly green – 4 size 10, 3 size 12

Lime green – 8 size 6/8, 8 size 10/12, 7 size 14/16

Contact ELNA Board member Christine Kosirog at ckosirog@yahoo.com and get your tshirt delivered to your door!

We'll debut new colors and sizes at the Block Party.

Watch the website too for our new ELNA Merch Store button and order your custom ELNA wearables from Blue Collar Press.

ELNA is on Facebook!

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

We have a Twitter too!

Get your neighborhood news short and sweet. Follow us, ELNAks, on Twitter.

Neighbors continued

quickly when we heard that the property was available to rent. We're thrilled to have the opportunity to return to where we first started making shows together and introduce some of our favorite artists to the wonders of Lawrence.

If you'd like to learn more, we'll be posting updates about the project on our Tumblr page throughout the year: pilotballoon.tumblr.com.

Also, please feel free to email us at rubber-rep@gmail.com.

Looking forward to meeting you,
Josh Meyer and Matt Hislope, 1000 New York St.

Want to spend an hour or two every two weeks doing arts and crafts?

The Recovery and Hope Network Inc. (RAIN), at 1009 New Hampshire, Suite C is looking for a volunteer to lead a relaxed art session during a week-day.

RAIN is a support center for adults who have mental illness and are working to celebrate life in all it's fullness.

If interested, call Michelle Hayner, Outreach Coordinator, at 785-856-1222 or recoveryandhope.org

Request a City Service

Request a city service by selecting a topic below. To better serve you, please leave a valid e-mail address so we can contact you if we need clarification of your request. You can request City services at the City of Lawrence website at http://www.ci.lawrence.ks.us/request_city_services. You'll find this helpful form there.

What do you need help with?

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Abandoned Vehicles		(785) 832-7509
Backflow Test Report	Contact Form	(785) 832-7800
Barking Dog		(785) 832-7509
Code Enforcement	Contact Form	(785) 832-3111
Report a Damaged Curb	Contact Form	(785) 832-3111
Report a Damaged Sidewalk	Contact Form	(785) 832-3125
Dilapidated House	Contact Form	(785) 832-7700
Graffiti	Contact Form	(785) 832-5354
Hazardous Parking		(785) 832-7509
Overhanging Trees and Shrubs	Contact Form	(785) 832-7979
Potholes	Contact Form	(785) 832-3456
Request GIS Data Sets	Contact Form	(785) 832-3325
Stray Dog		(785) 832-7509
Stormwater Blockage	Contact Form	(785) 832-3123
Street Lights Not Working	Contact Form	(800) 544-4857
Broken Traffic/Street Signs and Signals		M F, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (785) 832-3035 After Hours/Weekends (785) 832-7509
Weeds	Contact Form	(785) 832-7700
Water Service	Establish, transfer or stop services	(785) 832-7878
Water Taste/Odor/Appearance	Contact Form	(785) 832-7800
Website Help	Contact Form	(785) 832-3337
Emergencies		
Police, Fire and Ambulance:		911
Water Main Break:		(785) 832-7800

East Lawrence Neighborhood!

Fall is just around the corner. All of those beautiful leaves will fall - onto your yard. Are you prepared? Eliminate those yard waste bags and heavy lifting by purchasing a new Yard Waste Cart!



The City of Lawrence is selling brown 95-gallon yard waste carts to be used for Monday yard waste collection. These carts are for yard waste collection only; no trash, please.

Benefits of a Yard Waste Cart:

- Eliminate heavy lifting
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\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profits

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- I'd like to be part of the East Lawrence Safety Network calling tree
- 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.
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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: _____

Plus! ELNA's website has a new paypal button, so feel free to donate securely there!