

# East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
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## ELNA General Meeting

Mon., Jan. 2nd  
7-9 p.m.

New York School Library

Agenda includes:

- 9th & New Hampshire
- Amtrak Station

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## *From the President*

Winter is settling in, and I can't help but think of the people in the Occupy movement across the nation, out in the cold & fighting for a government that truly is one for the people and by the people. I've been continuously impressed with their courage and bravery at standing together, and their dedication is impressive knowing they are dealing with intimidation, fear based tactics, and even police brutality. Hats off to them!

This fall we've been having our own sort of 99% battle with a massive hotel proposed on the very border of our neighborhood at 9th and New Hampshire, a mere 20 feet away from our neighbor's homes and back yards. So far what has been most unsettling to see is that some people don't seem to feel they need to follow the same rules as the average citizen!

But I don't believe that our democracy has been squashed by the 1% here in little Lawrence. What is clear, though, is that we have to be extra vigilant to ensure an even playing field, and to be brave enough to stand up to fight when the time comes for that.

Our historic neighborhood is NOT a giant game of Monopoly, where tall hotels are the ultimate goal, and profit is the ultimate motive. We are not anti-development, but we will not stand by and let it come at the expense of our homes, our community, our neighborhood and our history.

So my message for the new year is to channel your inner Luke and Leia, STAY STRONG, and never be afraid to stand up for what you believe in!

Leslie Soden, ELNA President



## Your New ELNA Board and Coordinator

On Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association elected a new board and hired a new coordinator in August. The 2011-2012 ELNA Board consists of many familiar, long serving faces and a few new ones, too. You can find their contact information on the front page of this newsletter. You'll also find in this newsletter a short biography of each member and a picture. Say hello to them, if you see them around the neighborhood, and thank them for their service.

The neighbors serving you this year are:

President: Leslie Soden

Vice President: Boog Highberger

Treasurer: Phil Collison

Secretary: Jacki Becker

Board Members: KT Walsh, Bill Wachpress, Brenda Nunez, Christine Kosirog, Matt Pryor, Aaron Paden, Jim Garner, Scott Frazier, Stephanie Garrison, Josh Davis

Coordinator: Lane Eisenbart

# Your New ELNA Board and Coordinator

## Boog Highberger

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 2 years (but for the previous 20 years, I could see East Lawrence from my front porch).

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* Since September.

*What do you love about East Lawrence?* My neighbors! Also front porches, historic houses, and brick streets.

*What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* Voter registration.

*If you were a dessert, what kind of dessert would you be?* Something salty.



## Phil Collison

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Seven yrs, but 30 yrs of knowing folks on my block.

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* 6 yrs.

*Why do you love East Lawrence?* It's an easy walk downtown and it has good ambience.

## Brenda Joyce Nunez

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Since I was 12 years old. Only lived out of East Lawrence four years during my first marriage.

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* Off and on over the last 25 years.

*What do you love about East Lawrence?* Everything.

*What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* The success and expansion of the "Can We Talk" program in the high schools and junior highs.



## Jacki Becker

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Seven-ish years.

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* Two years.

*What do you love about East Lawrence?* I love the fact that there are businesses and houses living together in harmony...

Our neighborhood is funky and that rules. Kickball in the summers! Gardens everywhere...

*What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* Pretty much everything keeping our neighborhood strong.

*If you were a dessert, what kind of dessert would you be?* Not a cupcake. I think I am more of a pear bread pudding with a salted caramel sauce and bourbon whipped cream.



## Christine "Cheap Thrills" Kosirog

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 10 years

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* 2.5 years

*What do you love about East Lawrence?* The energy, the people, the history, the alleys, the school! the kickball, and the neighborhood association!

*What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* Increasing voter turn out, learning more East Lawrence history, and celebrating our Eastness.

*If you were a dessert, what kind of dessert would you be?* Baked brie with apricot jam – 'cause it's salty and sweet, like me... I feel like I'm on a 1970's dating show.



## Aaron Paden

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Five years.

*How long have you been on the ELNA Board?* 1 year.

*What do you love about East Lawrence?* The people and their

eclectic lives, Hobbs Park on a summer Sunday night with kids, tacos, beer, bikes and balls.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* Larger neighborhood clean-ups, updating zoning, “school consolidation” closing,

*If you were a dessert, what kind of dessert would you be?* Sweet Potato Pie because beneath the masses of beard, I’m just a sweetie pie.



## Scott Frazier

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Nine years.

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* I’m beginning my second term on the ELNA Board.

*What do you love about East*

*Lawrence?* I love the palpable feeling of “community”. I’ve lived all around Lawrence in the past 27 years and I can’t imagine living anywhere else.

*What kind of projects/causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* East Lawrence is growing. I believe it is essential for the city to keep up its infrastructure development to match this growth – regarding the Poehler building, etc. I also think the city has neglected the streets that the bus uses in East Lawrence and I want to fix that.

*If you were a dessert, what kind of dessert would you be?* I would be a cheesecake because I have a tasty baked crust, I’m creamy on the inside, and I’m covered in cherries.

## Jim Garner

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Nine years.

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* I am starting my second year on the board.

*What do you love about East Law-*

*rence?* I love the feel of our neighborhood. It reflects the many creative and caring people who live here. I love the ability to walk in our neighborhood being greeted by friendly faces and feeling safe. And I love living in a part of town full of so much history.

*What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* We have an awesome neighborhood party each fall where we come together for food, fun, and music. Be There.

As far as causes, I simply want to make sure East Lawrence is not overlooked when decisions are made.

*If you were a dessert, what kind of dessert would you be?* Real vanilla ice cream.

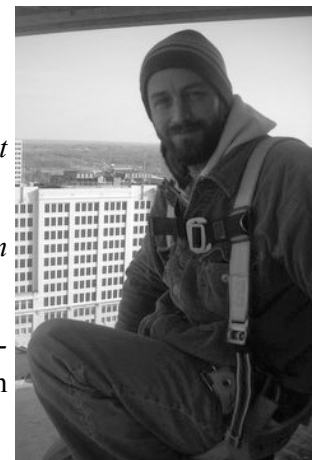


## Josh Davis

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 10 yrs.

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* 2 yrs.

*Why do you love East Lawrence?* It is a perfect collection of imperfections.



## Matt Pryor

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Ten years.

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* One month.

*What do you love about East Lawrence?* It’s where I keep all my stuff... and family.

*What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in this year of service?* Website, protesting 9<sup>th</sup> and New Hampshire, saving New York School.

## Bill Wachspress

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 19 years.

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* 19 years.

*What do you love about East Lawrence?* I love East Lawrence because of you, neighbors. You are diverse, creative people living from your hearts and spirits. You make this a fun and fascinating place. I also love walking downtown or running past farm fields ten minutes from my door.

*What do you want East Lawrencians to know about you?* ...and in answer to your next question; Yes, I am “Balloonman“, that guy who made you a balloon hippo when you were three.

## Lane Eisenbart

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* Six years this last October – minus a few summer months here and there.

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* I’m not a board member, I’m the \*new\* coordinator. I just work here. But I do LOVE my job.



*What do you love about East Lawrence?* The dear, sweet, supportive friends I have here. The amazing children I’ve had the opportunity to watch grow. (And I’m looking forward to watching them grow up in to amazing adults.) The safe, close, nurturing environment the east side provides for my own children. love the beautiful old homes, the kickball, the bicycles, Burroughs Creek, and the walkable or bike-able distance to everywhere I need to go.

I think East Lawrence is like most small Kansas towns and nearly everybody knows everybody else. It’s cozy like that. Only, unlike most small Kansas towns, in East Lawrence, everybody’s a little different, there are a dozen different kinds of cool, and eccentricity is not only tolerated, it’s encouraged. I dig that.

*What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in this year of service?* As coordinator, I’m interested in updating ELNA’s record keeping methods and assisting with the website materials. Personally, I’m interested in the preservation of an east side elementary school and learning more about the history of East Lawrence and ELNA.

*If you were a dessert, what kind of dessert would you be?* I could be a 16 layer ice cream cake composed of every kind of chocolate-y, fruity, minty caramel-y, peanut butter-y, rum raisin-y deliciousness imaginable, with whipped cream and cherries and chocolate syrup and nuts and marshmallows on top. And raspberries. I would be served on a giant, shiny, crystal dish big enough to swim in, with an elaborately embossed silver spoon the size of your head. Yeah. That would be awesome.

## KT Walsh

*How long have you lived in East Lawrence?* 30+ years.

*How long have you served on the ELNA Board?* Off and on since the 80’s.

*What do you love about East Lawrence?* The people, the amazingly interesting architecture, the river, New York and Central, the friend supportive nature of the place, etc!

*What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in working on in this year of service?* Paying attention to development plans on New Hampshire, at the Poehler building, the Amtrak Depot, etc.



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.

Cans for the Community recycles aluminum cans and donates proceeds to local non-profit organizations. Recycle your cans at the Trinity Lutheran parking lot on 13<sup>th</sup> street. Look for the miniature blue house.

## YART Sale – Save the Date!

We have set the date for the YART sale, Saturday, **March 26th in the New York School Gym**. The Yart sale is ELNA's annual fundraiser, where neighbors donate their gently used items to sell, local artists come and sell their creations, and we are all entertained by our neighborhood musicians.

Here's what you can do to prepare for this neighborhood event:

**Donate Your Gently Used Items** – Start collecting your gently used items now to donate. You can put donations in KT's barn at any time.

**Sell Your Art** - We are putting out a call for artists (you will be asked to donate 10% of your earnings to ELNA). Contact Heather at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you would like to vend.

If you are interested in helping plan this year's YART sale – contact Heather, eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

## Santa Fe Station

2011 is ending on a positive note of hope for the Santa Fe Station in Lawrence, KS. Our platform ribbon cutting ceremony on December 3<sup>rd</sup> had standing room only. Over one hundred supporters came to celebrate this big step forward. May 2012 be the year BNSF and the City seal the deal of transferring the ownership of the station to the City. Then the depot will get the chance to be rehabilitated that it so justly deserves.

Please remember Depot Redux, a 501(c)(3) organization, in your year's end giving. Campaigns cost money. Your membership is tax deductible. Renew your 2010-2011 membership or register your new membership. A strong membership base enhances grant applications. We will seek funding after the ownership transfer happens in 2012.



Article and photo by Chuck Hatler

## City Board / Commission Vacancies

ELNA Board member, KT Walsh would like that you be advised to the vacancies on the city's various boards and commissions. A list of more than seventeen vacancies currently exists, including advisory committees for everything from bicycles to homeless issues to cultural arts. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards>. "Civic buy-in is good for East Lawrence," says KT. Make East Lawrence's voice loud and clear!

## New and Returning ELNA Members

Sam and Nate Bunnyfield	Gene Deegan
Mary Harwood + donation! ☺	Brenda Nunez
Carl and Melissa Arnett	Karen Hawk
Lonnie Fisher	Sharilyn Wells
Micah Jost	Leslie Soden
Frank Schawaller	Robert J. Myers
Sarah Wallace	Boog Highberger
Linda Lips	Chris and Keri Behre
Joe Bickford	Electric Supply Lighting
Tina Todd	The Granada
Dessie Bickford	Catherine Bolton

## ELNA Needs a New T-Shirt Design!

Do you have an idea for a t-shirt that represents East Lawrence? We'd like to see it! Submit your work for consideration to ELNA at PO Box 442393, Lawrence KS, 66044 or [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

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## Calendar for Jan. & Feb.

### January

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Train Depot Cleanup**, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, 7<sup>th</sup> and New York Streets
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **ELNA General Meeting**, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, New York School Library
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **New York School Site Council Meeting**, 5:30 pm, New York School Library
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Classes Resume USD 497 PreK-8**
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Classes Resume USD 497 9-12**
- 16<sup>th</sup> **No School USD 497**, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> **New York School Annual MLK Chili Feed**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, NYE Gym
- 24<sup>th</sup> **New York School PTO**, 5:30 pm, New York School Library

### February

- 5<sup>th</sup> **Train Depot Cleanup**, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, 7<sup>th</sup> and New York Streets
- 6<sup>th</sup> **ELNA Board Meeting**, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, New York School Library
- 7<sup>th</sup> **New York School Site Council Meeting**, 5:30 pm, New York School Library
- 10<sup>th</sup> **No School USD 497 PreK-5**
- 16-17<sup>th</sup> **No School USD 497 PreK-5**
- 28<sup>th</sup> **New York School PTO**, 5:30 pm, New York School Library

## Voter Increase Coalition

ELNA has partnered with the League of Women Voters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods and other neighborhood associations to create the the non-partisan Voter Increase Coalition.

The mission is to "increase voter turn out in all matters, big and small, by creating opportunities to have face-to-face conversations on why voting matters in Lawrence, Douglas County, the state of Kansas and the USA."

We are seeking interested individuals from the neighborhood to help with this project. Work would include networking with groups across the city, keeping a master calender of city events, assisting in group planning, offering new ideas and attending meetings.

Contact Christine at [ckosirog@yahoo.com](mailto:ckosirog@yahoo.com) or 785-218-6786 for more information.

## 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.

## New York Elementary’s Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Chili Feed

New York Elementary will host the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Chili Feed on Tuesday, January 17th from 5:30 to 7:00. The public is invited to the community celebration of the life of Dr. King. Come join your neighbors and support New York Elementary by enjoying a bowl of chili (there will be a vegetarian option), crackers, carrot/celery, dessert and drinks. There is no set cost. Instead, diners will be asked for a donation.

### ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE EAST LAWRENCE NEWS

ELNA members must reside (or their business reside) within the East Lawrence boundaries and have paid member dues for the current year. Those businesses that wish to advertise in the newsletter and do not meet membership criteria, may become an Associate ELNA Member. Associate members of the ELNA are given a discount of 20% from the Non-member rates.

AD SIZE	SINGLE ISSUE (member)	SINGLE ISSUE (non)
Business Card (2”X 3 ¼”)	\$16	\$20
1/8 <sup>th</sup> Page (2 ¼” X 3 7/8”)	\$24	\$30
¼ Page (3 7/8” X 4 7/8”)	\$36	\$45
½ Page (4 7/8” X 7 3/8”)	\$72	\$90
Full Page (7 ¾” X 9 ¾”)	\$160	\$200

## School District Recognizes Volunteers at Neighborhood Schools

Linda Cottin and Annette “Grandma” Ritchie were recently recognized by the Lawrence Public School district for their service in our two neighborhood schools. Linda Cottin was recognized for her help with Liberty Memorial Central Middle School’s garden project. Cottin’s Hardware donated money and services to the project as well. Annette Ritchie received the tribute for her work with clerical duties, student projects and even hand made gifts to the kindergarteners at New York Elementary. The ceremony honoring Cottin and Ritchie included a reception at district headquarters at 110 MacDonald Dr. and music from Lawrence High School’s Chamber Orchestra.

### 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](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to join the ELNA yahoo group - please invite me

Please send me email notice of ELNA business and events

Please add me to the "Thursday ELNA News" (the weekly neighborhood newsletter) email list

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