East Lawrence News

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ELNA

General Meeting

TUESDAY, Sept. 2nd, 7-9pm New York Elementary Library

Agenda:

- ⇒ Presentation on the proposed new police facility
- ⇒ Update on progress of "Artillery Bar" at 8th & Penn
- ⇒ East 9th Street update

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Mark Your Calendars! The Annual Block Party Returns

On Saturday, September 27th, 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 4th 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! 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.

New This Year! New York Elementary PTA will be raffling off two plane tickets, to anywhere in the Continental United States *valued at \$800*, as a fundraiser for the PTA. Come and enter for a chance to win!

Music! East Lawrence always brings out its best musicians on this night. This year, we're looking for some new blood in the music crew. Do you want to help recruit acts and organize sets? Would you and your band like to play? Contact Phil Collison, phil@collison.com or Lane, eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you'd like to play or volunteer.

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 t-shirts will be for sale at the block party. What fall wardrobe is complete without an ELNA shirt?

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!

From the President

The East Lawrence Block party is coming up soon – all of the merits of attendance are already well advertised here in this newsletter, but I'll tell you my favorite parts... At the block party we shall have excellent fair and plenty of it. Besides the plentiful potluck



there will be a cake walk, and the Bike Mikes fixing for your ride for free, musicians performing, raffles, games, and beer. Some of us stay unreasonably late sitting around bonfires. Weather permitting, one can say it is glorious. I hope to see you there.

At the block party this year I'm expecting there will be much banter about the East 9th Street / "9th street corridor" project. Ninth street has garnered attention recently with the recent 'ArtPlace Grant' of \$500,000, and the city's decision to spend \$3.5million on renovating the street, sidewalks, and infrastructure. To facilitate the banter and its urgency here is the rather aggressive timeline:

September 2nd 2014: RFQ – Request For Qualifications (job posting) goes out.

October 1st 2014: Submittal of Qualifications of the Design Team due.

November Late 2014: City selects and finalizes contract with design team.

December 2014 – May 2015: Design process occurs – facilitated by the design team

May 2015: Design of ninth street approved by City Commission

Fall 2015: Construction documents finalized

Spring 2016: Construction

It is during the December 2014 to May 2015 period that you and me and everyone will be asked to participate in some form of a rethinking 9th street. So lets start now – come to the block party and we'll have some maps – we can take a stroll over to the wishing bench and take a gander down the 'Corridor' and dream up what it might become.

In the meantime - I'll try to make some ice cream for the party and I'm volunteering Phil to get the beer.

Aaron

ELNA is on Facebook!

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

Thanks to KVKL, AGAIN!

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association would like to thank Kaw Valley Kickball League for the opportunity to run several concessions this summer. And extra thanks to all the hungry kickballers who bought our goods, and their patience with the slow thing that can be waiting in line for food. (Especially that night the grill wouldn't ignite properly...) Thanks are due, too, to Matt Pryor and Christine Kosirog for their spearheading efforts, Pam Blackburn for her most excellent money taking skills, and to Aaron Paden and Lane Eisenbart for stand-in grilling and food prep. Thanks to those who donated foodstuffs and money, including Jacki Becker, Eric Farnsworth, Katie Keating, and Cindy Suenram and Arch Naramore. We made around a thousand dollars!

ELNA Mower and Tiller for Rent

Lawn mowing season isn't over yet! You may rent a lawn mower from ELNA for \$10 per half day. Please be prepared to provide your own transportation. Contact Heather at (785) 830-9085. Text preferred.

You can rent the ELNA tiller too! \$20 per half day. Contact Phil 785-843-8098 phil@collison.com -- call, text, or email.

Lawrence Community Orchard Workdays

Workdays for September, October, and November have been set for the Lawrence Community Orchard.

September 20th October 18th November 15th

Each day is the 3rd Saturday of the month, starting at 10am and lasting until 3pm.

Come help make this "free food park" a success. As always, we still need truckloads of cardboard for sheet mulching. We want brown cardboard that is no smaller than 2ft. by 3ft. Cardboard can be found in green cardboard recycling dumpsters throughout the city.

At the work day we will be weeding, mulching, and perhaps getting around to grafting trees in the nursery. Come prepared with water and appropriate dress. Some snacks will be provided. If you'd like to provide for the orchard's hard workers, bring food and drinks to share.

Lawrence Community Orchard is located on the far east end of Garfield street in east Lawrence. Walking and biking to the orchard are encouraged. Please park cars on Delaware street.

You can visit Lawrence Fruit Tree Project on the web at http://lawrencefruittreeproject.wordpress.com

New Habitat for Humanity House on New Jersey Street

You'll soon have new neighbors in the 1200 block of New Jersey Street. Habitat for Humanity will be building a new four bedroom home at 1233 New Jersey Street, site of 2012's City demolition. The carport on the lot will be kept, but one tree will have to be removed in order to accommodate the site plan. The "Nail Drive Ceremony", the official beginning of the project, will occur at the home on September 13th at 9am. This house is co-sponsored by the KU Greek organization called "The House that Greeks Built." This group will be providing the majority of the volunteer labor and has raised \$40,000 to help build the home. Construction will continue Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9am-3pm.

The Zamora-Clark family will be the happy new residents of 1233 New Jersey – mother Danielle, plus three children John, 7; Melanie, 6; and Alejandro, who is almost 3 years old. Alejandro has a medical condition requiring numerous pieces of equipment, which will be much more efficiently and conveniently used in his new home. Though Danielle works in Lawrence and the children attend Kennedy school, the Zamora-Clark family moves to East Lawrence from a rental they have outgrown in Eudora. Homeownership can transform the life of a family. Lawrence Habitat is confident that the Zamora-Clarks will experience all the benefits that come with being a homeowner.

Important Notice from Westar Energy

For residential customers concerning medical equipment in your home

Please contact Westar Energy at 866-515-0857 if you or a permanent member of your household uses medical equipment that requires life-sustaining, continuous electric service, such as:

Oxygen concentrator

Kidney dialysis machine

Infant apnea

Electric feeding pump

Our customer advisors will provide additional information and instructions on how to learn if you are qualified for our Life Support Program.

2015 Langston Hughes Creative Writing Awards

The Lawrence Arts Center and Raven Book Store announce their joint sponsorship of the 2015 Langston Hughes Creative Writing Awards. Submissions are now being accepted through December 18, 2014 through an online submissions form, langstonhughes-award.submittable.com/submit. Unpublished writers of poetry and fiction living in Douglas County who are at least 21 years of age are invited to submit manuscripts.

2015 contest judges will be Elizabeth Schultz, Denise Low, Mary O'Connell, Tasha Haas, Megan Kaminski, and Darren Canady. Two awards of \$500 each are given annually, one in the area of poetry and one in the area of fiction.

Growing up in Lawrence prepared Langston Hughes to understand the difficulties of a racist society as well as the complexities of life itself. He responded by writing in diverse genres - poetry, fiction, drama, memoir, travel narrative - and in diverse styles, drawing on the rich culture of African Americans and the many voices of American democracy. The Langston Hughes Creative Writing Awards encourage and support contemporary poets and writers who present their life experiences creatively through poetry, stories, and non-fiction prose.

An award ceremony will be held on Langston Hughes' birthday, February 1, at 7 pm at the Lawrence Arts Center. The public is invited for birthday cake, live music, coffee, readings of Hughes' poetry, and presentation of awards.

For more information contact: Amy Albright Lawrence Arts Center Marketing Director/Graphic Designer 785.843.2787

East 9th Street Project Update

A meeting was held on August 25th at the Arts Center to receive input from the public on the document, the Request for Qualifications, to be used as a guideline for hiring a design team to lead the project. If you were not able to make the meeting, but you have input for the collaborative team at the City office, you may contact Diane Stoddard via email at dstoddard@lawrenceks.org. You may call her at (785) 843-3413, or you can stop by her office at City Hall at 6 E 6th Street. It is hoped that the

Curbside Recycling Begins in October

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the City's residential recycling collection service begin?

Starting October 21st, the City's Solid Waste Division will begin providing a single-stream recycling collection service for single-family and multi-family customers.

What is single-stream curbside recycling?

Single-stream curbside recycling means all permitted recyclable materials may be combined at your home and set out for collection in a co-mingled recycling container.

Which recyclable materials will be accepted? Which materials will not be accepted?

Standard recyclables, such as cardboard, newspaper, and plastic containers, along with glass will be accepted. Other items such as plastic grocery sacks or Styrofoam will NOT be accepted. For a complete list, visit the city website http://www.lawrenceks.org/swm/recycling collection.

What will my recycling container look like?

Residents serviced by a trash cart will receive a standard 95-gallon blue recycling wheeled cart. Residents at multi-family dwellings with dumpster trash service will have access to a recycling dumpster.

When will recycling carts be delivered?

From September 8th through mid-October a standard 95-gallon blue recycling cart will be delivered to all single-family residences by the cart manufacturer, Rehrig Pacific. Carts will be delivered Monday through Saturday.

Can I request an additional recycling cart or a different size recycling cart?

Residents with special needs may request a smaller recycling cart (65 or 35 gallon). Residents may request additional 95-gallon recycling carts at no additional fee. You may order additional 95-gallon recycling carts or request a smaller recycling cart by filling out a form that can be found online at the City website.

How often will recyclables be collected?

Recycling collection frequency will be every-other-week on the same day as your trash day. The residential recycling collection begins on October 21st. Visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org to view the collection schedule map and find your first day of service (week 1 or week 2). You can also request to receive notifications for your waste collection days via text or e-mail by filling out the self subscription form on the City website.

Are there any guidelines for placing permitted recyclables in the recycling cart?

Please rinse food residue off all recyclables, place only dry paper in your cart, and flatten chipboard and card-board boxes.

Where will the recyclable materials be processed and who will do the processing?

The recyclable materials collected by the City crews will be transported a few miles northeast of Lawrence to the Hamm Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Hamm will sort, process and market the recyclable materials.

Will I be able to opt out of the program?

Participation is voluntary and you may decline to receive a recycling cart; however, solid waste rates will be adjusted in October to include recycling for all residential customers.

Will Deffenbaugh continue collecting curbside recycling in Lawrence?

No, Deffenbaugh has scheduled their final recycling collection in Lawrence the week of September 22nd. On your day of service that week, please leave your Deffenbaugh recycling cart at the curb for collection by their cart retrieval teams.

Resource: City of Lawrence,

http://www.lawrenceks.org/swm/recycling collection.

New Members July August 2014

Eastside Village Lawrence -- CVL Annie Neri and Katherine Walters Scott Frazier and Jim Garner Jane Live Andre, Cari, Josh, and Will Davis Art Emergency Demoree Ann Davis Chad LaFever Lindsey Frye Cody Jennings CJ Brune and Bill Getz Mr. Anon Y Mous

New York Construction Update

from Mrs. DeGarmo, New York School Principal

After a slow start, things are beginning to speed up. The construction you see on the south side of the building will be our new kitchen and cafeteria. It will have windows that look out on the playground. The construction you see directly north of the gym is the new Art room. The area between the gym and the school will have a classroom, teacher's workroom and break room, a conference room, and an office for the janitor. The connection hall that you see is temporary. This temporary hall allows us to continue to use the gym/cafeteria.

Many of you that have been in the building have noticed that the tile floor in the main hallway is gone. It was removed this summer during the asbestos abatement phase. The crew did not want to have to try to complete the asbestos abatement phase in January, when construction begins on the two new Kindergarten rooms that will be on the south end.

Parking has been our biggest issue. I hope we are being good neighbors, but if we are parking in an area that makes it difficult for you, please call the school at (785) 832-5780 and we will let staff know that we need to find other places to park.

We are hopeful that when we have the annual MLK Chili Feed, we can show off our new kitchen and cafeteria. If you can't wait, and want to see what is happening inside New York, come by and we will give you the tour.

Truck Routes on Delaware & Pennsylvania Streets

On Sept. 15, 2014, at 5 p.m. the City of Lawrence Public Works Department will hold a public meeting to discuss truck routes in your neighborhood – specifically Penny's Concrete use of Pennsylvania and Delaware Streets (between 8th and 9th Streets).

Representatives from Penny's, the Poehler loft developer and the City will be on hand to discuss the truck route(s), receive input and answer questions.

The meeting will be held in the parking lot of the Poehler Loft building (832 Pennsylvania Street) on the south side.

We have a Twitter, too!

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

September is National Preparedness Month

Douglas County Emergency Management would like you to be aware that September is National Preparedness Month, and a great time to prepare ourselves and those we care most about before the next unexpected event. Usually we think of being prepared for major disasters, like tornadoes or floods, but preparedness can be used for those unexpected or isolated events such as a fire, power outage or a burst pipe.

Immediately following a major disaster, first responders are overwhelmed which is why it is important that everyone is prepared to take care of themselves. If you and your neighbors have a plan and better yet, have practiced the plan, your community will be more resilient.

Douglas County Emergency Management is your county agency ready to assist you with tools and information to prepare, respond and recover from any disaster or unexpected event. Please, check our website, and follow us on Facebook.com/dgcoem and Twitter @dgcoem throughout the month of September for tips, and helpful links about National Preparedness Month. http://www.douglas-county.com/depts/em/em_home.aspx

Additionally, if your organization would like to schedule a free Weekend CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training, please contact us at 785-832-5259 or emdept@douglas-county.com

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Appreciating Older Homes



East 9th Street – What's in a Name?

- Lane Eisenbart and Dave Evans

9th Street has known many names, since Lawrence's origination in 1854. With the designation of the Cultural Arts District (covering all of East Lawrence and much of Downtown), the growing popularity of the Warehouse Arts District (the area now bound by 9th, 8th, Delaware, and Pennsylvania Streets)² and the new 9th Street Corridor, dubbed the Free State Boulevard by Lawrence Arts Center ArtPlace grant writers, many in East Lawrence and the City are thinking a lot about East 9th Street. We know what it is now, but what was it in the past, and what will it be in the future? The following article is an exploration of those questions in particular regard to the naming of 9th Street. From Warren Street to 9th Street, to East 9th Street, to the 9th Street Corridor and the briefly dubbed Free State Boulevard, what's in a name?

The Past – 9th Street History

In Lawrence's original town site plan, the streets running east to west, the now numbered streets, were all named after American Revolution patriots.³ For example, 8th Street was once Henry Street, named for the Revolutionary period orator Patrick Henry, who generations of school children were taught Henry's infamous line from a March 23, 1875 speech: "Give me liberty or give me death!" 7th Street was Winthrop Street, named after John Winthrop, the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. East Lawrence's own 9th Street was once Warren Street, named for the Revolutionary War hero General Joseph Warren martyred at the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17th 1775.

In December of 1913, the City of Lawrence revamped its fifty-nine year-old street naming system while also accepting a proposition from the Lawrence chapter of the Federation of Women's Clubs to help fund and install the city's first street signs. Though some opposed the name change for years preceding the December 1913 City Council decision, for sentimental and patriotic reasons, the process of renaming was relatively painless, according to newspaper articles surrounding the event.⁷

The Present – the 9th Street Corridor and Free State Boulevard

In June of this year, the Lawrence Arts Center announced the receipt of an ArtPlace America Grant to fund the "Free State Boulevard: From the Studio to the Streets" project. The purpose of the project is to "reimagine and transform" the six blocks of 9th Street between the Cultural Arts District and the Warehouse Arts District, specifically 9th Street from Massachusetts Street to Delaware Street. The grant request was titled "Free State Boulevard", and plans for officially changing the name of 9th Street have not been heard, but one can't help but wonder, if 9th Street were no longer 9th Street, what would it be?

The Future – How to Tie the Two Together

At a recent commission meeting, KT Walsh gave testimony to the City Commission that she hoped Mercy Otis Warren was the person Warren Street had been named for. We know it was not, but Mercy Otis Warren was a political writer and propagandist during the American Revolution, and because of her stirring essays, a Revolutionary War hero in her own right. If we were to return to Lawrence's original naming system, and rename 9th Street after a Revolutionary War hero, we might name it Mercy Otis Warren Boulevard. Or, perhaps we could look closer to home and honor another woman of note, one of the first few African American women to hold a certified embalmer's license in Kansas and Missouri, Mrs. Katie Mae Miles.

Mrs. Miles and her husband owned and operated the first black funeral parlor in Lawrence from 1930 until Mrs. Miles' death in 1941. The mortuary first established at 901 New Jersey moved a few years later to 618 Vermont Street; after the Miles Funeral Home ceased operations in Lawrence the community continued to be served by S. Newton Bowser and successors, at this location until 1982. The Bowser Mortuary was known as the preferred funeral service of the black community and boasted as its company motto "One Standard of Service - The Highest to all regardless of financial circumstances." ¹⁰

The site of the Miles Funeral Home is obviously long gone, as it is now the open field in the northeast corner of the New York School lot. The lot was acquired by the School Board to expand the playground in conjunction with the construction of the new school in 1934.

In recognition of the exceptional personage of Katie Mae Miles, 9th Street Corridor could be named the Katie Mae Miles Half Mile. Another consideration is St Luke Street, to memorialize the beautiful, historic, gothic revival St. Luke AME Church that currently serves as a major anchor for 9th Street. A name could certainly be conjured noting the contributions and history of some of East Lawrence's earliest residents, those who lived in La Yarda around the turn of the century.

As stated above, there are no plans in the works to change the name of E. 9th Street, but there are certainly some interesting, and possibly endless, options if the change should occur. East Lawrence "doesn't have to wish and hope stuff up, only spin what's already real" says local historian Dave Evans. This we know to be true: East Lawrence has always been an amazing place.

You can find resources and references and Dave Evans' original notes for this article on our website, under the history tab, sub titled "Dave Evans!"

East Lawrence lost a good hearted soul, Chris Kaplan, an adopter of stray cats and spoiler of neighborhood children, a front porch fixture who always had a friendly wave. Contributions to a fund for Kaplan's family can be made. Contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com for details.

The view on Chris's porch at 1117 New York Street – photo credit to James Good-DeCosta.



9th Street Corridor continued

RFQ will be completed and sent to potential applicants by September 2nd.

The City collaborative team wishes you to know that they very much welcome all of our ideas to continue to enhance our neighborhood via complete streets, arts and culture on 9th street. What they need are "project-based" ideas. East Lawrence artists and visionaries, this is your cue!!! Start thinking NOW about how your project could be included in this district, our district!

PLUS! There will be a free meeting on Oct. 2 at the Arts Center that will focus on assisting artists/visionaries with three things:

- 1) Project Based Residency in Lawrence via the Arts Center
- 2) How to get involved in the Free State Festival
- 3) What's happening with the ArtPlace grant (aka 9th Street) and how to be a part of/apply to the many opportunities within the Cultural Arts District in the city in the coming year.

Collaborators would also like you to know that this is going to be a lengthy yet fast moving process as the city moves forward with the ArtPlace grant. If you have concerns or questions, you may contact your ELNA representatives who are working on this project, Jacki Becker and Christine Kosirog.

Jacki can be reached at 423-2846 (text only please) or by email at jackioh@uptoeleven.com. Christine can be contacted at 218-6786 or ckosirog@yahoo.com.

September & October 2014 Calendar of Events

September

- 1st Labor Day No School USD 497, all grades
- 2nd ELNA Meeting, 7-9pm, New York School library
- 14th City Fall Arts & Crafts Festival, 10am-5pm South Park
- 15th City of Lawrence Truck Route Meeting 5pm, 832 Pennsylvania
- 20th Lawrence Community Orchard Workday 10am-3pm, 13th and Garfield
- 27th ELNA BLOCK PARTY! 5-9pm, Hobbs Park

October

- 6th ELNA Meeting. 7-9pm, New York School library
- 11th No School, Middle School and High School, USD 497
- 17th No School, Middle School, USD 497
- 18th No School, Middle School and High School, USD 497
- 18th Lawrence Community Orchard Workday, 10am-3pm, 13th and Garfield
- 21st City-wide Curbside Recycling begins!

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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
\$10.00 for non-profit entities
\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses*

\$25.00 for out-of-neighborhood businesses* \$100.00 lifetime individual membership *Are you an East Lawrence business? Fill out our special business membership form!		
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Address:		
Ph	none: 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 part of the East Lawrence Safety Network Calling Tree.	
	Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.	
	Check here if you do not want to be included in email messages.	
	Check here if you would like your address <u>removed</u> from our paper mailing 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! Volunteer!

Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer to serve your neighborhood:

	Work Days
	YART (that's the 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