

East Lawrence News

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September 2021



ELNA

General Meeting
September 13th 7-9pm
Online via Zoom

Agenda

always available at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings>
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for zoom link info

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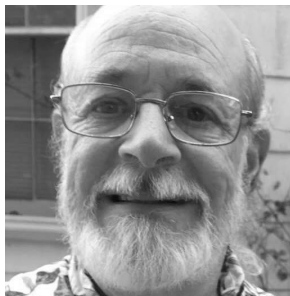
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From the President

Barry Shalinsky

It has been quite eventful in my world this summer. Election time is always an event in our family, as my spouse and I carefully study the candidates and issues, to cast what we hope are well informed-votes, which we did at the Cider Gallery on Primary Election Day. Although turnout around Lawrence was embarrassingly small, East Lawrence's turnout was above the citywide average, giving us something positive to build on.

My family's home at 7th and Connecticut Streets is now listed on the State Register of Historic Places and has been recommended for the National Register, thanks to Dennis Domer's team of local talent with a special interest in East Lawrence history, including Dave Evans and Brenna Buchanan Young. East Lawrence's historic buildings and streetscape play an essential role in defining our sense of place, and the listing of dozens of neighborhood properties on the local, State and National Registers is an important part of protecting that legacy.

My Seventh-Grade son and I enjoyed attending a few Sunday night kickball games at beautiful Hobbs Park, and did a little work to help out Aaron Paden and the ELNA grill team to earn money for our ELNA treasury, cheeseburger by cheeseburger.

The Wishing Bench burned in a tragic fire on August 15. ELNA's Board is overwhelmed with gratitude for the outpouring of love for the Wishing Bench and good will for our neighborhood from all across Lawrence and beyond. We were inundated with offers of materials, money, ideas and assistance to bring the Wishing Bench back from the ashes. We love being part of a community of generous caring people who step up in times of difficulty to reach for the stars and do whatever needs to be done.

It appears that the Wishing Bench is granting my wish that it will once again be in good repair in time for our Annual East Lawrence Block Party on September 25 in Hobbs Park. A short re-dedication / celebration will take place at the Wishing Bench at 4, followed by the Block Party at 5. Some of that money that ELNA raised at those kickball games will go right back into grilling burgers for the party! All of the candidates for Lawrence City Commission and USD 497 School Board have been invited to attend the Block Party, and several have indicated they will be there. We hope you will attend and interact with the candidates to demonstrate these principles: East Lawrence is resilient. East Lawrence Neighborhood Association gets things done. East Lawrence is a friendly and welcoming neighborhood that knows how to throw a party! East Lawrence residents are well-informed, ask insightful questions and hold our leaders accountable. And finally, on November 2, let's show everyone that East Lawrence votes!

The City Commission and USD 497 School Board are not the only elections in November. ELNA will be electing its governing Board for the coming year. You must be an eligible member to vote or run for a position on the Board, and interested people should declare their candidacy at the October ELNA meeting. We can always use fresh ideas and committed people in ELNA.

Just as it has been a busy summer, things are shaping up for a busy autumn. I wouldn't have it any other way!

EAST LAWRENCE VOTES!

The General Election for a final selection of City Commission and School Board members will end on **Tuesday November 2nd**. ELNA does not endorse any candidate, BUT we do strongly encourage you to vote, and we will help to make sure you have all the information you need to do so. **LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER! PLEASE REGISTER and VOTE!**

Important Dates to Remember:

- October 12, 2021: Last day to register to vote in the General Election
- October 13, 2021: Advance voting begins; advance ballots by mail will be sent to voters
- October 26, 2021: Deadline to request an advance ballot for mail
- November 1, 2021: Advance in person voting closes at noon
- November 2, 2021: General Election

Who's Running?

USD 497 Lawrence School Board -- 3 available seats (vote for 1, 2 or 3 candidates)

Kay Emerson	Nate Morsches
GR Gordon-Ross (incumbent)	Andrew Nussbaum
Kelly Jones (incumbent)	Elizabeth Stephens

Lawrence City Commission -- 3 available seats (vote for 1, 2 or 3 candidates)

Stuart Boley (incumbent)	Bart Littlejohn
Ma'Ko'Quah Jones	Milton Scott
Lisa Larsen (incumbent)	Amber Sellers

The Douglas County Clerk's office is a great resource for everything you need to know to vote. At the Clerk's office website, you can register to vote, find your polling place, explore other ways to vote such as mail in and advance ballots, see who will be on your ballot, view your own voting history, and even link to each candidate's information. You can find that here: <https://www.douglascountys.org/depts/voting-and-elections/current-elections>. Or visit them at the Douglas Courthouse, 1100 Massachusetts St.

Contact ELNA if you need a ride to the polls for Advance Voting or on Election Day.

785-330-5067 (call or text); or email eastlawrence@yahoo.com (subject: Ride to Vote)

YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

ELNA Board Declarations

Are you interested in volunteering to serve on the ELNA Board? Are there issues in the neighborhood you'd like to see addressed? Do you feel you could speak for neighbors who are underrepresented in City processes and social mechanisms? Unlike some boards, the ELNA board does not require a monetary investment in the organization, all we want is your time and effort. ELNA board members are required to attend monthly meetings and are encouraged to champion projects and lend a hand in regular events and fundraising activities.

Our annual Board of Directors election and all member meeting is coming up on Monday November 8th, 2021. If you think you'd like to run for a position on the ELNA Board, you must attend our October meeting, Monday October 11th and declare your intention to run.

At this time, we aren't sure if we'll meet via zoom or in person. Watch our website for details as they are decided.

As always, only in-neighborhood individual (not business or nonprofit or out-of-neighborhood associate) members are eligible to vote for the ELNA board. All Board members must be voting eligible. Officers of the Board (President, Vice President, and Secretary) must have been board members for at least ninety days.

Further questions can be addressed by reviewing the bylaws on the ELNA website or directed to the Coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

Concessions THANKS

We'd like to extend thanks to all who assisted ELNA in selling concessions at kickball games this summer. At the seven games ELNA attended, we raised a much needed and much appreciated \$2,500! First thanks to Kaw Valley Kickball League for organizing games at Hobbs Park stadium, for letting us sell concessions, and for generally being so much fun. We'd also like to thank all the players and friends who purchased food! We couldn't have done it without you! Huge thanks to Aaron Paden, for being the primary person making it happen -- grocery shopping, getting volunteers to help, grilling, trucking all the stuff around and more. We REALLY couldn't have done it without YOU. Aaron and ELNA would like to thank our dependable concessions helping hands; Pam and Scott Blackburn, Marshall Maude, Zippy, Justin Parr, Suzan Hampton, Oscar Paden, Barry and Elijah Shalinsky, and Lane Eisenbart and Ro O'Leary.

Planners to Consider Accessory Dwelling Units

City zoning codes already provide for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in single family zoning districts across the city. ADUs can be an extra attached or detached apartment in addition to the main dwelling. Currently, ADUs are not permitted in the RS-5 zone, the primary zoning classification for much of East Lawrence. The City Planning Staff has been instructed to draft a text amendment to allow ADUs in the RS-5 zone. ELNA has invited Sandra Day from the City Staff to our September ELNA meeting to explain the issue and listen to concerns that East Lawrence residents might have. This will be our first opportunity to comment on the issue, not the last. ELNA will provide periodic updates as the discussion continues.

New York School Needs

Got a little cash left in your back to school budget? Consider purchasing and donating kid sized facial masks and quality over the ear headphones to New York Elementary. You can drop your contribution at the school office anytime during school hours. Questions? Email Ms Saltz at ssaltz@usd497.org.

Block Party! Block Party! Block Party!

It's been a *rough* year. For everyone. In so many ways. We need each other, neighbors, now more than ever. And that is why we've *got to* have this party. So, make something tasty to eat and share, put on your snazziest park party attire, tuck a face mask in your pocket just in case, and come on down to Hobbs Park on Saturday September 25th. We'll have our Annual ELNA Block Party there from 5-9pm. ELNA will provide the burgers (both meat and vegetarian) and some drinks. We'll have beer for purchase by donation. You can bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll have live music and raffle items, for sure, and maybe a cakewalk and silly hats as well. We'll ask our Bike Repair friends if they can come too, so you can bring your bike in need of small mending.



Want to help? We need volunteers to set up, grill, person the raffle/merch table, and clean up after.

You wanna play music for your neighbors? It's a very chill gig.

Got something fun to donate to the raffle? We'd love it!

Please let us know if you can help by emailing Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

We will monitor our local Covid numbers closely, to make sure it's still ok to gather, but we anticipate that it will still be safe to be outside together. With Covid safety in mind though, we'll try to spread out as much as we can, and we will not plan for an indoor rain location.

Can't wait to see you all! Please feel free to bring guests. Everyone is welcome.

Sunrise News

Community Meals

Community Meals continue on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Vegan and Gluten-Free options will be available at each. You are invited to bring a blanket or chairs and eat with us picnic style. Deliveries and takeout boxes are still available

Masks are mandatory if you are not eating

If you need to be connected to a volunteer delivery driver, please message us, text 785-865-1618, or email melissa@sunriseprojectks.org by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday and we will connect you!

Donations (\$0-\$6) welcome, but never required. Contributions help us with our daily operational costs and can be made by cash or check, Venmo (@sunrise-project), or through our website www.sunriseprojectks.org/give.

ALL are welcome!! We love cooking for you!

Sunrise Project's 7th Annual Pie Auction Fundraiser

Saturday October 9th, 2021, 4-7pm

Sunrise Project, 1501 Learnard Ave.

We are so happy that we will be able to host our 7th Annual Pie Auction IN PERSON!!!

Join us at Sunrise Project, for this beloved summertime tradition where all are invited to enjoy:

*Community Meal

*Summertime beverages

*Live entertainment

*Kids activities

*Slices of pie (free or by donation)

*LIVE PIE AUCTION, featuring Bradley Chapin & crew of Kansas City Auctioneers

Admission is FREE and open to all!

Here's what we'd love from you:

*Pie submissions: For slicing or for live auction. Please email Melissa: melissa@sunriseprojectks.org if you would like to submit a pie! Please include name, type of pie and if you intend for it to be a slicer or for live auction. If for live auction, please include 2-3 sentences about your special pie. Pie auction is limited to 30 pies.

AND/OR

*Potluck dish: We welcome any contribution you'd like to make: Side dish, main dish, salad, etc. Sunrise Project will make lots of food too, so feel free to just bring yourself!

*Want to volunteer to make this event a success? E-mail melissa@sunriseprojectks.org.

*Are you a youth performer - or do you know one?? We want some youth to play live music. Send 'em our direction and we'll talk through the details with them.

Unable to attend the pie auction but want to show your support? Or perhaps you will attend but want to support our fundraising efforts! Consider sponsoring a pie! Pie sponsorships can range in amount from \$50-\$500 and help each pie bring in even more funds for our grassroots non-profit organization. E-mail Melissa if you'd like to contribute a pie sponsorship!

Spread the word! Invite all your friends and family! All proceeds benefit Sunrise Project.

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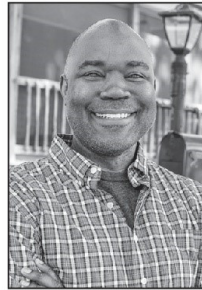
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• Ensure equity is our baseline

As the pandemic and other current conditions have shown us, we've still got some work to do. We need to make sure that everyone has the same access to maintain their health, healthy food, and safe spaces to live.

• Confront our housing crises

We need accessible, affordable and available housing, while taking into account all potential solutions and partners.

• Redevelop our local economy

I support plans to bring new development to the city, but I want to make sure that we are not leaving out people who are already here. Part of that is ensuring that people coming out of our post secondary institutions have a place and support. It takes hard work to maintain that delicate balance that makes this town great for people that live and work here and for the people to come.



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Nov. 2nd

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- *Former Mayor*
- *Licensed Geologist*
- *Former Small Business Owner*
- *Kansas Certified Mediator*



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City Commission

I ask for your VOTE on Nov 2nd!

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- Connected City
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Association News

The upcoming September ELNA meeting, Monday September 13th, will take place on zoom. We will check in with New York Elementary, and possibly hold our October, Monday October 11th, in person at the New York School library. The zoom link to our monthly meetings is always available at the top of each month's agenda. That agenda is *always* available on our website -- eastlawrence.com/meetings/.

Mower and Tiller for Rent

You can rent a mower from ELNA for \$10 per half day. You can also rent a tiller for just \$20 per half day. Please be prepared to provide your own transportation. Contact Phil by call or text 785-843-8098 or email to phil@pcollison.com.

Facebook Discussion Group, Weekly Enews

If bimonthly (the schedule for this newsletter) just isn't often enough for getting your neighborhood news, you have options. We have an active Facebook page and linked discussion group. Just request to join. We also have a weekly newsletter -- an email sent out on Thursdays, full of events and notices relevant to the East Lawrence neighborhood. You can sign yourself up for the Thursday ELNA News at eastlawrence.com/join/thursday-enevs/. Email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you need assistance.



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Wishing Bench Will Rise From Ashes

You have very likely heard about the tragic burning of our Wishing Bench over the weekend of August 15th, 2021. The fire is still under investigation, but plans for repairs are underway.

First, a little history:

Some documents hint that the Bench began its life in 2007 as a KU student project with ties to Hurricane Katrina recovery. It is also said that the object that would become the Wishing Bench just appeared one day near 9th and Delaware somewhere around 2010. Previous articles about our beautiful Wishing Bench posit that she emerged from the River, fully formed and self-possessed like the Venus on her half shell, her pylons glistening with the waters of the muddy Kaw. (Wishing Bench fans can decide which origin story to believe.) We know for sure that KT Walsh hand painted the "Make a Wish" sign, and the Bench became the improvised, funky, fragile, unique public work of art we love. Ownership is a difficult term to apply to a Bench Who Belongs to Herself, to a place of hope and contemplation that belongs to Everyone, but, ELNA assumed the role of "owner" in 2017 when neighbors let ELNA know that the Wishing Bench base was unsafe, and required repair. At that time, ELNA raised money and engaged Struct Re-Struct to rebuild the damaged base. The safer and improved



Fall



Winter

Wishing Bench base was in place by May of 2018. The Wishing Bench starred in a film by Marlo Angell in 2020! In addition to the numerous daily wishers and decorators, the Wishing Bench has had many guardians and caretakers over the years, most notably neighbor and



Spring

local artist Catherine Reed who lovingly attended to it before she passed away this May.

As "owner", ELNA's Board has approved a plan for helping our Wishing Bench rise from the ashes. ELNA deeply appreciates many generous offers of help and money from the community, including one from the NR Hamm Company's Community Service Team which recently opened an office around the corner from the Wishing Bench on Pennsylvania Street. The Hamm's folks are able to help us repair the Bench quickly at its

current location in a basic manner -- repair the deck which burned, get a new roof on to replace the burned fiberglass roof, clean some of the soot off the frame and make it accessible.

There will be no major changes to the character and context of the Wishing Bench. We will not be making the metal frame look all shiny and new. The fire is now part of the Wishing Bench's story. Eventually, the Wishing Bench will need to be moved from its current site. The Flint Hills Holdings group, owner of the location, has plans to develop the land in the next 2-5 years. Since we are having an extensive review / re-do of our Neighborhood Plan next year, we will have a discussion of public art as part of the Plan, and can decide on good locations for a new home within that larger context, after extensive community engagement. In the meantime, the Wishing Bench will be able to continue its role as a canvas for grassroots community artistic expression on a safe and accessible platform. The best news is, all signs point to the Wishing Bench repair work being done before our Block Party on September 25th! A rededication / celebration for our Bench, beginning at 4pm at the Bench, is in the works!



Summer

Photos by Tony Peterson

Join ELNA for \$1.00

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD – GET A BIG BANG FOR A BUCK!

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.

\$100.00 lifetime membership \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood members
\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses \$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profits
(Please note personal memberships are per individual, not household.)

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- We print the names of new and returning ELNA members in the ELNA newsletter . Check here if it is okay to print your name.
- Please add my email to the “Thursday ELNA News” (the weekly enewsletter) email list.

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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
- Other: _____

Van Go the Arts Train Program is Hiring!

Van Go Jobs!

Are you between 18 and 24 and looking for a job?
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Are you interested in on-the-job training in various art techniques?

If so, consider applying to be a part of The Arts Train at Van Go, a transitional employment program.

Work schedule: Monday –Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm

Location: Van Go Inc, 715 New Jersey, Lawrence KS

Please apply by September 8th, 2021

Qualifying Guidelines:

You must be between 18 and 24 at time of enrollment

You must NOT be enrolled in school at time of enrollment

Other guidelines apply. Please email or call for more information.

CONTACT

Jeff Stolz, Social Worker: jeff@van-go.org

Emma Givens, Employment Services Coordinator:

emma@van-go.org For an application or information visit www.van-go.org or call (785) 842-3739

New Water Line Being Planned

The City of Lawrence reached out to ELNA to inform us that plans are being made to build a new water line in East Lawrence in 2022. A main water line that runs along New York Street from 8th Street to 15th Street is nearing the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced. The City is currently considering four alternatives for the new line. One alternative would replace the line where it currently exists in the easement adjacent to New York Street. Two alternatives would run the new water line below the street right of way on either New York Street or New Jersey Street. The final alternative would run underneath parts of both streets, connected beneath a numbered street. The City plans to hold a public meeting in late September or early October to present the alternatives and receive comments from neighbors. The City will be sending post cards to every property along New York and New Jersey Streets that could be affected by the project to announce the time and place of any meetings. ELNA will advocate for the protection of historic resources such as brick streets and sidewalks, where ever the project goes, and for robust opportunities for public discussion. Follow ELNA on social media or subscribe to our weekly e-news for up to date details. ELNA encourages all affected residents and property owners to participate actively.

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