

East Lawrence News

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November 2014



ELNA

General Meeting

Monday, Nov. 3rd, 7-9pm

New York School Library

Agenda:

- ⇒ Board / Officer Elections
- ⇒ 9th Street Project:
 - Updates
 - Imagining Planning / Discussion
 - Organizing Blocks
- ⇒ Zoning Update / Discussion

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From the President

Hello Neighbors,

East 9th street project update: Do you have ideas about what you might want to see on 9th street? Wondering what your neighbors are thinking? ELNA is hosting an Imagining for the neighborhood at Abe and Jakes landing: Sunday, November 16th, 10 am - 2 pm with a potluck at noon.

We'll be able to sketch out ideas – maybe make a model or draw up several versions. Pose questions for the project – what is art in the context of our traditionally working class neighborhood? Does a renovated 9th street serve the East Lawrence community or the broader community?

The process for selecting a design team is in full swing. Be looking for a date to meet with finalist(s) and help shape the scope of work they will be tasked with. I encourage you to contact the selection committee with your ideas, questions, and concerns about how the design team will operate. ELNA selection members are: Jacki Becker & Dave Loewenstein. Mike Myers, also a neighbor, is an at large member.

Ideas? Questions? Concerns? - Here are some ways to stay in touch:

REPRESENTATIVES: Your neighborhood representatives who will be directly communicating with the city are Christine Kosirog and Jacki Becker. Can't get in touch with Jacki, Christine, or myself? The city and arts center are happy to answer questions as well.

WEBSITE: ELNA's resource page on its website www.eastlawrence.com has links to information and you can sign up for the city email (and for ELNA's weekly email list.)

Not an email / web person?

INFO LIBRARY: ELNA is getting a 'pocket library' built by sculptor Matt Burke to put up on 9th street. We can use it to share information about this project with each other and hopefully continue to use it as a future community library. Built with volunteers from the community from

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ELNA Board and Officers Elections

At this our yearly annual meeting, November 3rd, we will again select our Neighborhood Association Board of Directors. Please come and vote! You choose the Board that represents you, members of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association!

At the meeting, in addition to voting, you may also declare your desire to serve on the Board, and toss in your hat for consideration. You must be a dues-paying ELNA member in order to vote or become a board member, but dues are payable on the night of the elections. Only members residing within the boundaries of East Lawrence are eligible to serve on the Board. In order to become an Officer of the Board, you must have been a general member of ELNA for at least 90 days.

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Thank You!!! Block Party 2014

Byron James and Sugarfoot Detour
Rebecca McAnulla and Clementine
Beth Breitenstien and Jasper
Lawrence Recycles
Douglas County Democrats with Voter Registration
Joanna Bonee and Cari Davis with the
New York PTA
Kaw Valley Kickball League and KVLFK
Marci Ramsay and Positive Bright Start
KT Walsh and Bea VonHolten with the
New York School Mural Project
Community Village Lawrence
Schuyler and Quinton Westphal
a Marie and Russel Benke
Leslie Kay
The Habitat ReStore
Great Harvest Bread
Aimee's Coffeehouse
Cottin's Hardware
Au Marche
Liberty Hall
Decade Coffee
Up to Eleven Productions
Tenants to Homeowners
Lawrence Arts Center
The Bourgeois Pig
Hot Box Cookies
Tony Peterson
KT Walsh
Sylas and Maddy's

Struct/ ReStruct
The ReCyclery
Ladybird Diner
Alicia Kelly
Checkers Foods
Marshall Maude
Micheal Davis
Mike Myers
Joe Bickford
Josh Davis
Aaron Paden
Bob Rose
Mick Palmer
Jacki Becker
Phil Collison
Lindsey Frye
Chris Lempa
Brenda Nunez
Pam Blackburn
Scott Blackburn
Beth and Jay Holley
Christine Kosirog
Tim VonHolten
Eric Farnsworth
Rowyn Fisher
Annie Neri
Eric and Josie Jay
John Gascon
Vickie Goetz
Wendy Barsotti

New Members September, October

Penny's Concrete Inc
Justin Parr
Carladyne Conyers
Nate, Magali, and Ofelia Frieburger
Jo and Jerry Portillo
Amy and Derick Schweppe
Arianna Auxter
Jeremy Beezly
Rachna Patel
Todd Foster
Joey McDonald
Betsy Hatch
Eleven Productions
Catherine Reed
Wendy Barsotti

ELNA Meetings and Locations Through May 2015

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association meets on the first Monday of each month from 7-9pm. If the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting will be rescheduled for the Tuesday after, or at the earliest convenience of the Board. ELNA meetings will take place at the New York School library, at 936 New York Street, through the school year.

ELNA Meeting dates already determined are as follows:

November 3rd
December 1st
January 5th
February 2nd
March 2nd
April 6th
May 4th

Items on the agenda are determined shortly before the meetings, and can be found in our Thursday ELNA News newsletter, our Facebook page, and on our website when possible.

Information can always be requested at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

What Is This Sunrise Project We've Been Hearing About?

The **Sunrise Project** is an initiative of the **Lawrence Community Food Alliance (LCFA)**, a new non-profit organization, seeking to bring together groups across the community that are working on the issues of sustainability, food security and engagement in social justice issues. Inspired by the vacant Sunrise Garden Center at 15th and Learnard, just outside the boundaries of East Lawrence, The Sunrise Project is exploring the possibility of using the garden center as the physical space in which the various programs of LFCA can operate.

Lawrence Community Food Alliance programming will include sustainability education, Healthy Sprouts Farm to Preschool, Lawrence Fruit Tree Project, community garden resources, farmer support and a community greenhouse. The Sunrise Project is collecting data via a number of assessments that target youth, other non-profit agencies, farmers and the wider community to determine if the garden center is a workable location for LCFA. In addition, The Sunrise Project is pursuing collaborative efforts with other non-profit agencies, businesses and farmers as committee members outline a business plan and develop programming. Give us your feedback! Find the community and youth assessments at: www.thesunriseproject.weebly.com.

The Courthouse Lawn, Prequel --

The J. L. Prentiss House By Dave Evans

Throughout the 19th century the Prentiss family occupied and held the property in the southeast and southwest corners of Quincy (11th) & Massachusetts Streets. Ground was broken early in the 20th-Century for construction of the first Douglas County Courthouse upon four lots of a former manor belonging to Dr. Joseph Lyman Prentiss. From 1858 when the county seat was re-located to Lawrence from Lecompton, the affairs of county government were conducted in rental buildings near the banking and central business districts north of Warren (9th) Street. While at the far southern end of town, for half-a-century, Joe Prentiss' house was an impressive bookend for the residential block east of Massachusetts along the south side of Quincy (11th) Street.

Joseph's father, Dr. Sylvester Bemis Prentiss (1817-1892) and afterward his step-mother spent four decades within the 1859 two-story brick building at 1105 Massachusetts Street. Mrs. Annie J. Prentiss (1842-1931) Sylvester's 3rd wife, being widowed opened the 'Home Store' selling candy & school supplies to several generations of parents and children attending the nearby Quincy School. Within half-a-decade after the opening of the courthouse in 1905, the 'Home Store' was felled by the impetuous progress of an expanding commercial district coursing down Massachusetts Street.

S. B. Prentiss was a New Englander who moved his family to Jackson, Georgia when Joseph was four years old. Nine years later Prentiss closed his medical practice, sold his slaves Delsy and Jane to the McMichael plantation a mile outside town and removed to the Kansas Territory. Settling in 1855 on a preempted farmstead west of Lawrence in the Wakarusa Township, when Joseph was thirteen years old. The former slave holder became "an ardent free-state man ... a 'southern man' with northern principles", according to the Rev. Richard Cordley. Dr. S. B. Prentiss maintained an office in town which was destroyed in the August 21, 1863 raid of confederate irregulars led by William Quantrill. Joseph Prentiss the 'Georgia Mammy' reared 19-year-old, enlisted in the Union Medical cadet corps at the outbreak of the Civil War. Almost immediately the cadets were themselves performing surgery as the hospitals were overwhelmed by the severity of the battlefield carnage. It was meatball surgery as mangled limbs necessitated amputation by the wagon load. Joseph served in this capacity throughout the crucible, thereafter completing a medical degree at Chicago's Rush College following the war, and then returned home to practice medicine downtown with his father.

During the Civil War, Joseph had given his father a power of attorney over his real estate interests. The purchase of the four lots and home where Joseph lived after the war were acquired on November 15th, 1864 for \$3,000 from Ronda and Henry Brown.

Riverfront Clean Up Nov. 15th

Last June, ELNA officially adopted the Riverfront Habitat Restoration Area through the City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department's "Adopt-a-Park" program. The program encourages clean, beautiful parks and builds community through mutual stewardship of our natural assets. The Riverfront is one of East Lawrence's finest natural assets. It is typical for a park to be cleaned three or four times per year, and we had our first clean up in March. Our next clean up is happening Saturday November 15th from 8am to Noon. The location to be cleaned is in East Lawrence directly north of the Santa Fe Train Station at 7th and New York Streets. We will meet in the lower parking lot of the former Riverfront Mall (now Springhill Suites), directly north of the train station. ELNA will provide the bagels and coffee, a jug of water and cups, and the City of Lawrence will provide trash bags and vinyl gloves. Attendees should wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves and long pants. Work gloves might also be helpful. The event will be rain or shine with no alternate date planned. Young children should be accompanied by an adult. This park has excellent wild-life habitat as well as access to the Kansas River. Attendees can expect to have a good time and get some exercise in nature.

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In accordance with our Bylaws, the ELNA Board may not have more than fourteen members – ten At-Large members, and four officers. All Board members serve a one year term and commit to attending monthly meetings held on the first Monday of each month, as well as to contributing their time to chosen projects. Officers, including President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, also serve a one year term in addition to their duties as Board members. The Treasurer position is elected in June of each year, congruent with the fiscal cycle, and so not up for election at this time.

The President serves as leader to call meetings to order, call any special meetings outside of the monthly meeting, and as general Executive of the Board. The Vice President serves as stand-in for the President, in case of his or her absence or inability to attend a meeting or event. The Secretary's duties include the composition of minutes and voting records at each meeting, assisting the President and Vice President to compose an agenda for each meeting, and to compose other reports due to the City of Lawrence quarterly. Officers are elected by popular vote of the Board.

This year, as in years past but not in recent history, the ELNA Board of Directors will be selected by private ballot, so come with a writing utensil, prepared to fill out a form with your choice of board slate.

With questions, you may contact the ELNA Coordinator at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.



Block Party September 2014

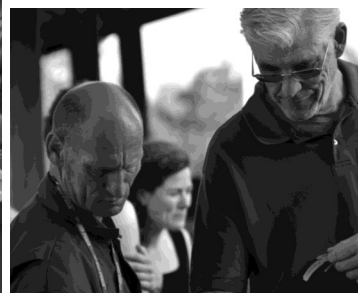




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Scholarships at the Lawrence Arts Center

Dear Neighbors,

Our fall catalog is out and our courses and events are up on our website. Many events are free and open to the public, but I wanted to send a note about financial aid for classes, workshops, and performance opportunities.

At the Lawrence Arts Center, we are committed to providing visual and performing arts opportunities to children, teenagers, and adults regardless of their ability to pay. We work hard to keep our Financial Aid Fund robust so that we do not have to turn any families away. Currently 25% of our preschool families receive financial assistance from this Fund which also makes participation in dance, Summer Youth Theater, summer camps, and all classes possible for everyone. In 2013-14, we raised and gave away over \$116,000 in Financial Aid to individuals. We also use this Fund to underwrite arts education at the Arts Center for Haskell Indian Nations University Little Nations Preschool, CASA kids, Boys and Girls Club, and Headstart.

Our goal is access and removing financial obstacles from people getting into classes here, while being responsible and fair with the Financial Aid Fund. Awards are made on a sliding scale based on household income using current Federal Poverty Guidelines. To determine this, we usually ask for the tax return for a household. Financial aid may cover up to 90% of the tuition for any class for students of any age. If someone does not qualify based on federal guidelines, special circumstances, such as medical bills,

housing issues, illness, recent unemployment or other hardships can also be considered. We offer discretionary one-time awards for those experiencing temporary difficulties. Payment plans are an option for all students; we work with families to arrange payments that are manageable within their family's budget. For students coming to us from foster care, Douglas County CASA, Ballard Center, DCCCA, Family Promise, WRAP, or other social service referrals, we offer 100% tuition.

With questions, or to apply for Financial Aid for any class at the Arts Center, stop by, call 843-2787, or visit our website www.lawrenceartscenter.org, look under Education/Enrolling is Easy/Financial Aid.

Take time to check out our classes for all ages, our mission, links to City site to sign up for 9th Street Corridor news, films, artist opportunities, our roster of exhibitions and performances, and more. You can also sign up for our weekly blast and find contact information for our staff who will be happy to answer any questions. If you haven't been to the Arts Center, come by anytime. Open to all, no admission, and you can ask for a tour or just walk around. We would love to have you.

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Attention Women Singers:

Threshold Choir is a national women's organization with a local chapter of women from several faiths here in Lawrence. We provide ease and comfort through singing to those on the threshold of living and dying. We seek to provide a calm, focused presence with gentle voices to various local senior homes and hospices. We practice on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Oread Friends Meetinghouse at 12th and Oregon. To join our simple practice sessions or ask questions, contact Jean at (785) 841-6067.



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Calendar for November and December 2014

November

- Nov. 3rd – ELNA Meeting – Elections! – New York School Library 7-9pm
- Nov. 7th – USD 497 PreK-5 No School
- Nov 13th-14th – USD 497 PreK-5 No School
- Nov 15th – River Clean Up 8:00-noon. Meet just past the train depot at 7th and New York
Lawrence Community Orchard Workday, 10am-3pm @830 Garfield
- Nov. 16th – Imagining at Abe and Jakes
10:00am-2:00pm with a noon potluck
- Nov. 26th-28th – USD 497 Fall Recess,
No School All Grades

December

- Dec. 1st – ELNA Meeting, New York School Library
7-9pm
- Dec. 22nd – Jan 2nd – USD 497 Winter Recess,
No School All Grades

ELNA Channels of Communication

Cycles, Types, Reach, & Submittal Process

August 2014 – Lane Eisenbart, ELNA Coordinator

Paper newsletter:

Cycle: Bimonthly in odd months – Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov. Composed by the 15th of the preceding month – for example, September’s newsletter is composed by the 15th of August

Newstype: because of the timelessness, long term information is best – for example, the City Weatherization grants, which were announced in June, but deadlined for September were included in the July and August newsletter

Reach: Approximately 1200 printed, approximately 1000 mailed to households in East Lawrence, the remainder distributed at local gathering places (Z’s, Cottin’s, ReStore, etc) and other meetings (LAN, ELNA meetings, etc)

Submittal: direct request, submit documents for inclusion by email by deadline, word documents preferred, pictures possible, submissions (in most cases) not to exceed 300 words

Thursday Enews:

Cycle: Weekly – in email boxes Thursday mornings before 9am

Newstype: events relevant to the Eastside – happening in our neighborhood or downtown, relative to our interests*, including City news relative to events happening in our neighborhood or downtown or relative to East Side interests

Reach: emailed to approximately 300 email addresses

Submittal: direct request, submit documents for inclusion by email by 8pm on Wednesdays, submissions generally not to exceed 150 words

Facebook:

Cycle: several times per week

Newstype: content curation, status post, Weekly Enews Headlines -- events and notices relative to the eastside, similar content to enews

Reach: approximately 700 followers

Submittal: content curation and direct request

Twitter:

Cycle: once per week

Newstype: Enews headlines

Reach: approximately 70 followers

Submittal: Enews headlines, direct request

Website:

Cycle: approx. once per month

Newstype: static news, like paper newsletter, meeting notices, links

Reach: ?would have run an analytics?

Submittal: direct request, by email, standard internal notices

Special Notices:

Special email notices can be sent in very special circumstances using the Enews listserve. I try to reserve this for near emergency situations, for fear of overuse. (I don’t want people to feel “pestered” by ELNA emails and remove themselves from the list. I have only used the special notice a half-dozen times or so in the last three years.)

*“our interests” can be defined as things that East Lawrencians and ELNA generally take interest in, including but not limited to: civic engagement (voting, committee serving, volunteering, charities and fundraising, public safety), recycling, environmental stewardship, gardening, free public events, art and artist events

**emails can be sent to Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com. Email is checked daily weekdays, sporadically on weekends.

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the old library’s trees - it is the story of vernacular architecture. A story I hope plays out on 9th street.

The remaining timeline:

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

Finally: **Trick or Treat!** If this newsletter makes it out in time – try trick-or-treating in East Lawrence and/or turning your porch light on with a bit of candy. Rumor has it that the world’s best home made popcorn balls are on Delaware street.

Cheers! Aaron

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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. Please note, memberships are per individual, not per household.

Support us. Let us support you.

\$1.00 for in-neighborhood individuals \$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood individuals
\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses
\$100.00 lifetime individual membership

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ 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 ELNA Yahoo group. An e-vite will be sent to you.
- 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 removed from our paper mailing list.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:

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**Plus! Visit ELNA's website for information on *new* tshirts and merchandise!
Click the paypal button to donate securely there!**

ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

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

- Work Days
- YART (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
- Other: _____