

East Lawrence News

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March 2024
& April 2024



ELNA

General Meeting

March 12th 7-9 pm

April 8th 7-9 pm

IN PERSON AT THE DEPOT!

7th & New Jersey Streets

And Online via Zoom

Agenda & Zoom Link

always available at [http://](http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings)

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From the President

Barry Shalinsky

March has arrived in East Lawrence, which means a lot of things. For one, it means that the weather can take wild turns such as the one we recently experienced, with temperature swings over 50 degrees in an afternoon. March of course means March Madness!

For me, March is a time to remember my dear friend Shelley Miller who died thirty years ago on March 1. Shelley was a vibrant force in East Lawrence, serving as president of the neighborhood association, serving vegetarian chili at New York School's annual MLK chili supper, and famously, printing the original "Ever-vigilant Neighborhood Bitch" t-shirts after receiving publicity for stopping semi-trucks unlawfully driving on her residential neighborhood street. Shelley's fingerprints are still all-around East Lawrence.

March is Yart Sale time, one of ELNA's signature social and fundraising events, this year on March 23rd. Details are contained in this newsletter about the many ways you can participate! Buy your updated version of the Shelley Miller tee and other ELNA merch at the Yart Sale! The weekend prior to the Yart Sale is Lawrence's St. Patrick's Day Parade. ELNA will once again participate in the parade, and volunteers are needed to march with us.

Yes folks, it's already that time again, election season. On March 19th, Kansas will hold its Presidential Preference primaries. Unlike most elections, I am not going to tell you how much your vote matters and how urgent it is for you to participate. The trajectory for the outcome is pretty clear, a November rematch of the 2020 candidates for President. Still, we are providing some detailed information about how you can participate, because democracy matters, and wouldn't it be cool if one of our neighbors was a delegate to a national convention! And here's your fair warning, in August and November, I will be telling you that your vote really matters, because then, it really will!

As always, regardless of presidential elections, ELNA's attention will remain focused on City Hall and the School District. A rewrite of the city's development code is in the works, which could have a major impact on policies that affect East Lawrence, such as historic preservation and off-street parking requirements. We will continue to volunteer at and monitor our neighborhood schools -- the transition of New York Elementary to Montessori and Liberty Memorial Central Middle School to STEAM magnet. City, County and School entities make daily decisions that impact on local tax policy and quality of life.

It wouldn't be spring time without the Yart Sale!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday March 23rd, from 8am to 1pm, at the New York Elementary gymnasium, at 936 New York St.

DONATIONS: We want your stuff! Please bring your unique and useful gently used items to donate to our sale. We'll set up for the sale on Friday evening, that's Friday March 22nd, from 5-9pm. You can bring whatever you have to donate then. We'll take just about anything – clothes, kitchenware, books, toys, housewares, small furniture, etc.

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Yart Sale...continued

ARTISTS: Do you make stuff? Do you sell the stuff you make? We'd love to have you be a vendor at our sale. You're the Art part of Yart! Here's how that works – first, please email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you think you'd like to sell, so we can promote your stuff! Then, come to the set up time on Friday night and stake out your space. Bring a table or whatever display you use. We will be able to provide chairs. Then, the sale starts at 8am on Saturday, and ends at 1pm. Just at the end of your time there, donate 10% of your sales to ELNA. That's it. Very low pressure.

VOLUNTEERS: We'll need help setting up on Friday. And we'll need help personing the check out table, and cleaning up and loading up trucks to haul stuff away on Saturday. Aaron Truck Crew King may need some more muscles and trucks for that last task. If you'd like to volunteer, email us!

MUSICIANS: Do you play music? Wanna play for your neighbors while they shop? That'd be cool. Email us!

SHOPPERS: Absolutely the most important part is shoppers! Please plan to come and shop the sale. We'll have yard sale items donated and any number of things from local artists – photographs, post cards, yarn crafts, tie dye, jewelry, ceramics, etc. We'll bring our ELNA merch for sale also. Cash is preferred, but we can take cards.

Compost & Woodchips City-Load Events

The City offers City-load days at the Compost Facility, at 1420 E 11th, several times throughout the year to allow customers to have compost and/or mulch loaded into their trucks or trailers by City staff using loading equipment. All compost facility guidelines are still in effect during City-load events. As a note, please do not self-load during city load events.

To help with traffic control, a limit of one (1) scoop will be in effect until 11th Street is free of vehicles. Those wishing to haul two (2) or three (3) scoops of material are encouraged to come after 10:30am, though the availability of multiple scoops is not guaranteed. Scoop limits will be at the discretion of staff and will be determined on site. The one (1) scoop limit is a total limit per vehicle, not per material.

Cost: Compost and wood chips loaded into trucks or trailers by City staff using loading equipment costs \$10 per scoop. Cash only, and exact amount, please. One scoop typically fills a pickup truck bed. There is a limit of three scoops per visit.

2024 City-Load Dates (9 a.m.–2 p.m.)

April 6, May 4, June 1, August 3, October 5

KU Big Event

Job Site Registration for Spring 2024 is Now Open!

Thank you for your commitment to The Big Event at KU! At this time, we are currently accepting job sites.

Your site might qualify!

The Big Event is non-need based accepting job sites from all across the Lawrence Community including homes, agencies, businesses, parks, etc. Our volunteers can do any jobs that do not involve power tools and are safe to be completed. Jobs typically include gardening, yard work, cleaning out garages, painting, etc.

Please complete the registration form on our website if you are interested in being served on April 20th between 10 am and 2 pm.

<https://thebigevent.ku.edu/>
bigeventku.community@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Director of Community Relations, Nawal Basra:
bigeventku.community@gmail.com

Volunteer at Ready for Good

Are you looking for a fun place to volunteer and serve the community of Lawrence? Check out Ready for Good Co! We're a nonprofit, social enterprise that provides job skills training and mentorship to at-risk youths. We operate as a furniture store at 708 Connecticut. Our mission is to create work opportunities and space for job training and mentorship for students in foster care and the juvenile justice system. Here, these students are shown they are somebody and given opportunities to develop the skills and relationships needed to reach their potential and become ready for good, in life and work.

This store is open to the public, and all proceeds go towards our mission. We have a lot of fun at the store every day! = If you're interested in volunteering, simply log onto our website at shopreadyforgood.com and click the "Volunteer" icon. From there you'll be prompted to sign up, tell us which opportunities most interest you, and select the dates that you'd be available. You can also call the store at 785-856-0651. We can't wait to hear from you!

Mower and Tiller for Rent

It'll soon be yard work time again! When your grass is green and growing, you can rent a mower from ELNA for \$10 per half day. When you're ready to get those gardens in, 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.

La Yarda Project Seeking Artists

The Lawrence Arts Center, in collaboration with Live-Well Douglas County and the City of Lawrence Department of Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture, is seeking a professional artist or an artist team to develop a long lasting, innovative, original work of art to honor the Mexican American community of La Yarda, a housing unit created by the Santa Fe Railroad to house workers from 1920-51. The artwork will be installed on the Lawrence Lawrence Loop trail system in East Lawrence within a few blocks proximity of where the La Yarda neighborhood once stood. Emerging artists are encouraged to apply in collaboration with more established artists and/or fabricators. Community engagement will be an important part of this project and artists with cultural connections to the history are especially welcome.

Historical signage to accompany this artwork will be funded separately but the artist may collaborate with the signage design team on the aesthetics for integration. This public artwork project, made possible by funding from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas as part of LiveWell Douglas County's Pathways to a Healthy Kansas grant, will recognize the contributions of the La Yarda residents and invite visitors to revisit history while engaging in the outdoor trail system. The steering committee is comprised of arts professionals familiar with the field of public art from the Lawrence Arts Center and the Lawrence Department of Parks, Recreation Arts and Culture, community members from the La Yarda families, and representatives from Douglas County Live-Well, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association and the Watkins Museum of History.

Anticipated Total Public Art Budget: \$35,000

Deadline for Submissions: March 15, 2024

A link to the full RFQ is here:

<https://www.findinglayarda.com/publicart>

Please contact Marlo Angell with any questions:
marlo@lawrenceartscenter.org

Stay in Touch with ELNA Online

Do you want to keep up to date with the latest neighborhood and community news and info online? Subscribe to the ELNA's Weekly E-News by sending an e-mail message to Lane at eastlawrence@Yahoo.com. Every Thursday, we will send the ELNA Weekly E-News to your inbox. You may also follow the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association's pages on Facebook and Instagram, and join the East Lawrence Neighborhood Discussion Group on Facebook. Also, please take a look at our website in coming weeks. We are working on a big refresh for www.eastlawrence.com.

Tree Treasures of Old Lawrence

Saturday May 4th 2024 10am to noon

\$24 Class Code 727258-A

In this long time running Lawrence Parks and Rec class, join us for an opportunity to learn about Lawrence's big, historic trees. The tour this spring will focus on North Lawrence and East Lawrence, emphasizing Oak Hill cemetery, the East Bottoms, the railroads of Lawrence and Bismark grove. Tour Guide John Standing.

For more information please visit lprd.org or contact Gayle Sigurdson at gsigurdson@lawrencecks.org.

Fruit Tree Community Choir

Saturday April 6th, 12-3pm, on the Lawrence Public Library Lawn and Surrounds

Fruit Tree Community Choir is a collaborative artwork by geographer Hazlett Henderson, songleader Lyndsey Scott and orchardist Skyler Adamson. In this event we will reimagine public space's capacity to nourish our needs for connection and care. We will be planting an orchard on library grounds and serenading it into being. All are welcome to let their voices harmonize and get some dirt under their nails, or simply be present at the Ceremony this spring. In case of rain, the event will be held on April 7 from 11 AM-2 PM.

Three choir practices will be held online before the ceremony. Snacks and children's activities will be provided at the ceremony. We need both singing and planting volunteers to nurture these trees as they begin life by the library.

Sign up for the project by contacting fruittreecommunitychoir@gmail.com.

You can learn more on Instagram [@fruit_tree_community_choir](https://www.instagram.com/fruit_tree_community_choir).

Support for this community artwork is provided by a Rocket Grants project award, a program of Charlotte Street and the Spencer Museum of Art. Funding is provided by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.

For the dates and details of the Community Choir practices, look to the Lawrence Public Library website, News & Events, dates beginning February 26th. <https://lawrence.bibliocommons.com>

Ready for Reusables

About Ordinance No. 9996

On August 15, 2023, the Lawrence City Commission passed Ordinance No. 9996, prohibiting establishments in Lawrence from providing single-use disposable plastic bags to customers at the point of sale, distribution, or other departure point. The new ordinance goes into effect on March 1, 2024.

Prohibited Single-use Bags

The legislation prohibits establishments in Lawrence from providing single-use, disposable plastic bags as well as certain disposable paper bags to a customer at the point of sale, distribution, or other departure point.

Prohibited bags include:

Plastic bags that are less than 4.0 mils in thickness, with or without handles.

Paper bags that do not contain at least 40 percent post-consumer recycled content.

Paper or plastic bags that do not meet the labeling criteria set in the legislation, even if the bags meet the other requirements .

Alternatives:

Reusable Bags

The City strongly encourages consumers to use reusable bags instead of single-use disposable bags. Establishments are welcome to provide reusable bags to consumers for free, for a cost or for a deposit.

Reusable bags are permitted if they are made of nylon, cotton, cloth, polyester, other materials that are specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuses.

Reusable Plastic Bags:

Must contain at least 40% post-consumer recycled content.

Must measure at least 4.0 mils in thickness. Plastic reusable bags.

Must be labeled with the post-consumer recycled content percentage, the mil thickness, and the word “reusable” on the bag.

Paper Bags

Establishments are welcome to provide consumers with single-use disposable paper bags if they meet the criteria below.

Single-use paper bags:

Must contain at least 40% post-consumer recycled content.

Must be labeled with the post-consumer recycled content percentage.

Exemptions

The ordinance includes a few exemptions. These include the following establishments:

Religious and charitable institutions, except when engaged in the commercial sale or distribution of perishable or non-perishable items to consumers.

Schools, except when engaged in the commercial sale or distribution of perishable or non-perishable items to consumers.

Not-for-profit organizations, except when engaged in the commercial sale or distribution of perishable or non-perishable items to consumers.

Farmers’ markets

They also include sales of the following items:

Live animals, such as fish, insects or the like

Prescriptions

Newspapers

Laundry or dry cleaning (garment bags)

Produce or product bags.

Produce or product bags are any type of disposable plastic bag used exclusively to carry produce, meats, fish or seafood, frozen foods, breads, pastries, nuts, candy, flowers, prepared foods, jewelry and bulk items from their location within an establishment to the point of sale. These bags are used to prevent contamination from items and can continue to be used for such a purpose.

Newsletter Delivery Volunteers Needed

We print the ELNA Newsletter five or six times a year to try and keep East Lawrence neighbors well informed about important happenings in the neighborhood. Printing and distributing this newsletter can be a costly venture. We offset about \$400 of potential expenses each time by hand delivering a large chunk of newsletters door to door instead of mailing them. We have a nice crew of newsletter delivery volunteers, but there is still a need for a few more to join the team, either on a regular basis, or to serve as an occasional substitute when needed. Contact Lane at eastlawrence-@yahoo.com to volunteer if you would like to help.

Sunrise Project Plant Sales

Saturday April 20th, 10am-2pm Sunday April 21st. 1-4pm

Wednesday April 24th 5-7pm

Saturday April 27th 10am-2pm Sunday April 28th 1-3pm

1501 Learnard Ave, Lawrence \$5/ plant, buy 10 plants get one free!

When you shop at Sunrise Project's plant sales, your purchases support:

Free Community Meals bimonthly,
24/7 No-questions-asked porch pantry
Community Garden & Orchards
Weekly Cafe

and so much more that brings us all closer to each other through social connection, good food and joy! Everything we do is free and open to ALL! Help us make this our BEST YEAR EVER by shopping, sharing our event and spreading the word.

We can't wait to grow with you!!

Here's what we will be selling:

What we will have!! (OG = organic)

Flowers:

Calendula OG
Dahlia (Giant Hybrid)
Dianthus (Sweet Purple)
Snapdragon (Cantilly Purple)
Strawflower (Copper Red)
Zinnia (Giant Dahlia Mix)
Nasturtium (Kaleidoscope Mix) OG

Black Cherry OG
Brandywine (yellow)
Bumble Bee Pink
Cherokee Purple OG
Green Zebra OG
Husky Cherry OG
Sungold OG

Herbs:

Chives OG
Cilantro OG
Dill (Bouquet) OG
Parsley (Giant of Italy) OG
Rosemary OG
Sage (Common) OG
Thyme (Summer) OG
Oregano (Greek) OG
Collards OG
Basil

Other Vegetables:

Eggplant (Galine) OG
Eggplant (Asian) OG
Kale (Winterbor) OG
Swiss Chard (Bright Lights) OG

Native Plants:

Hyssop
Swamp Milkweed
Whorled Milkweed
Common Milkweed
Bush Poppy Mallow
Star Tick
Yellow Cone
Purple Cone
Phlox
Rose Vervain
Southern Blue Flag
Stiff Goldenrod
Prairie Sundrops
Prickly Pear
Beard Tongue
Blue Sage
Yarrow
Eastern Bee Balm
Scarlet Bee Balm

Peppers:

Big Bertha OG
Flaming Flare OG
Habanero Orange OG
Iko Iko OG
Jalafuego OG
Red Knight OG
Shishito OG
Tabasco OG

Tomatoes:

Amish Paste OG
Beefsteak OG
Big Beef OG

ELNA to Participate in Lawrence's St. Pat's Parade

Look for the ELNA entry in the 37th Annual Lawrence St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, March 17. The parade begins at 1:00 pm at South Park, and heads north on Massachusetts Street, crossing the Kaw River bridge, and heading east to the Flamingo Club in North Lawrence. The Parade Committee raises money for local charities. This year the beneficiaries are Babyjay's Legacy of Hope, Lawrence Community Nursery School, Lawrence Unchained Bicycle Co-op, Positive Bright Start and River City Rock Camp. If you would like to march with the ELNA contingent in the parade to show your East Lawrence pride, contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com

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New York School Book Buddies!

Greetings, Everyone!!

I am excited to say we have Book Buddy volunteer opportunities available. Our Lower Elementary Montessori teachers have decided that their students could be available during lunch to meet with a Book Buddy. The lunch period for these students is 11:50 AM - 12:15 PM and you can choose any day of the week that works for you.

For anyone not familiar with Book Buddies, the adult volunteer comes to school during his Book Buddy's lunch period. They find a place to sit, usually in or around the library. While the student eats their lunch, the adult Book Buddy reads to them. Then they visit about the book and reading or whatever seems interesting. Adults love being a Book Buddy and I guarantee the kiddos love it and look forward to seeing their Book Buddy every week!!

If you sign up, I will do a little tour the first time you come so it feels easier.

If anyone has questions or they want to sign up, please, get in touch with me:

Linda Kucza

New York Parent Involvement Facilitator

785-330-1717

lkucza@usd497.org

New York Garden Club Plant Sale

Save the date! Sunday May 5th, 10am, in the south playground at New York School. We'll have houseplants, native flowers, and veggies for the garden. All proceeds go directly to supplies for the garden. Watch New York PTA and New York Garden Club social media for flyers and updates on other garden club opportunities.

Three and Four Year Olds PreK and Kindergarteners

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old and looking for a PreK program? Will you have a Kindergartener in August? The 2024-2025 new student registration portal is currently open at this address: <https://www.usd497.org/Domain/7439>

We would love to get more 3 and 4 year olds in East Lawrence enrolled in our Montessori PreK Program here at New York! Kindergarten Orientation Day will be 4/17 and the best way to receive more information about that day will be to register with the district!

Jori Krenzel

Administrative Assistant

New York Elementary

936 New York St.

Lawrence, KS 66044


785-832-5780 www.usd497.org/newyork

Come join us on Sunday mornings!

9:00 a.m. -	American Sign Language Class
9:30 a.m. -	In-person and Livestream Worship
10:30 a.m. -	Sunday School and Adult Forum



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(Please note personal memberships are per individual, not household.)

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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: _____

Voter Information for Kansas Presidential Preference Primary

Yes folks, it’s that time again, Election season. On March 19th, Kansas will hold its Presidential Preference primaries. Here is the basic info:

The purpose of the Presidential Preference primary election is to apportion delegates to the party national conventions. The parties each have their own processes for selecting the people who will serve as delegates. You must be a registered voter in the respective party to participate in the primary and delegate selection.

The Democratic candidates on the ballot are Joseph R. Biden, Jason Michael Palmer, Dean Phillips and Marianne Williamson. The Republican candidates are Ryan L. Binkley, Ron DeSantis, Nikki R. Haley and Donald J. Trump.

Advance voting has already commenced, and continues through noon on Monday, March 18 at the Douglas County Elections Office at 23rd & Louisiana in the Malls Shopping Center. Advance ballots by mail can be requested from the Elections Office, and returned to the office, by mail, or at secure drop boxes at the Courthouse 11th & Mass., the Elections Office 23rd & Louisiana, or the Satellite Treasurer’s Office, 31st & Iowa.

In person voting on Election Day takes place from 7 am to 7 pm on March 19th at the usual locations: Precinct 39 (East Lawrence, east of Mass and north of 11th Street)

votes at the Cider Gallery, 810 Pennsylvania Street. Precinct 40 (East of Mass and West of Burroughs Creek Trail, from 11th to 14th Streets) votes at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1245 New Hampshire Street. Precinct 33 (between Mass and the Trail, from 14th to 15th Streets) votes at Vintage Church, 1501 New Hampshire Street. Remember to bring your ID when you vote.

As always, contact the office of Douglas County Clerk Jamie Shew with any questions. Info is available online at <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/>.

If you need transportation to the polling place on Election Day or for early voting, e-mail Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com and we will arrange transportation for you.

If you are interested in participating in your political party’s delegate selection process, see <https://KansasDems.org> or <https://www.Kansas.gov>. For local party information, see <https://www.douglascountydems.org> and <https://dgc corepublicans.org>, or contact the local parties. The Douglas County Democratic chair is Melinda Lavon, chair@douglascountydems.org. The Douglas County Republican chair is Brent Hoffman, dgc corepublicans@gmail.com.

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