

# East Lawrence News

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September 2024  
& October 2024



## ELNA

### General Meeting

September 9th 7-9 pm

October 14th 7-9 pm

IN PERSON AT THE DEPOT!

7th & New Jersey Streets

And Online via Zoom

Agenda & Zoom Link

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## From the President

*Barry Shalinsky*

Welcome to East Lawrence!

For those who have lived here for a long time, this might seem like an odd way to begin my column, but Lawrence is a mobile community, and just this week, I met three people who moved to East Lawrence from out of state, and I know there are dozens of other new residents. So welcome to our new neighbors! Congratulations on your smart choice to live in Lawrence's most walkable, culturally vibrant and historically significant neighborhood! Fortunately, you won't have to wait long to experience the best of living here!

The East Lawrence Block Party / Picnic in Hobbs Park (10th & Delaware) has been an annual happening in East Lawrence since the 1970's, and is a great way to meet your new neighbors or reconnect with old friends. For more info about this year's Block Party, see directly below!

Lawrence's most vibrant neighborhood deserves to have Lawrence's most vibrant Neighborhood Association, and ELNA strives to fulfill that role. To keep you well-informed, we publish and distribute this newsletter 5-6 times a year, usually in odd-numbered months. Previous editions are archived on our website, [www.eastlawrence.com](http://www.eastlawrence.com). We also send out a weekly e-news blast with current information. To subscribe, contact our Neighborhood Coordinator, Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com). Follow our neighborhood page and our discussion group on Facebook, and our neighborhood page on Instagram.

ELNA's Officers and Board pay close attention to budgets, plans and policies under discussion at City Hall, the Douglas County Courthouse and the USD 497 School Board. We advocate for policies and levels of service that protect and enhance the unique physical and cultural character and quality of life that have made East Lawrence a diverse and welcoming community throughout our history. Currently, we are closely monitoring proposed changes to the Lawrence Land Development Code, the proposed policy for Brick Streets and Sidewalks, the site selection for Lawrence's downtown bus station, demolitions of historic buildings and maintenance of our neighborhood parks. We have advocated successfully for decades to keep our schools open!

*see page 5*

## East Lawrence 2024 Block Party

*It's a potluck style neighbor party and you're invited! Please come!*

*Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Hobbs Park (10th & Del.) 5-9 pm*

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, merch for sale, games, info tables, and maybe a silly hat or two. 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](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

*Can't wait to see you all! Please feel free to bring guests.*

*Everyone is welcome.*

# ART in the PARK

Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 10am to 6pm

Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 10am to 5pm

Art in the Park is a juried fine art and fine craft event held in beautiful shade-filled South Park (12th and Massachusetts) on the south end of vibrant downtown Lawrence, Kansas.

125 artists booths, 14 Bands and a wide variety of sweet and savory food trucks will be set up for this two day event!

Art in the Park is a Lawrence tradition dating back to 1964 and is the Lawrence Art Guild's premier fundraising event. Winning "Best Event" since 2019 as voted by the public in the "Best of Lawrence" contest, Art in the Park is a Lawrence favorite. 2024 will be our fourth year as a two day event with over 20,000 visitors expected. Fifteen musical groups create beautiful background music (keeping in mind volume for artists), and food vendors provide a wide variety of sweet and savory options.

The Lawrence Art Guild is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to support local artists and promote art in the community and provides workshops, exhibits and show opportunities for its members. Due to the proceeds made at Art in the Park, the Lawrence Art Guild has donated over \$30,000 to local high school art programs over the past five years.

# Lawrence Beer Co 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> 5pm

We are celebrating turning SEVEN (!!!) the only way we know how to do it... with a FREE, ALL AGES community street party! Join us on the 800 block of Pennsylvania St on Friday, September 6th as we welcome local legends The Band that Saved the World plus The Whips, The Short Circuits, and DJ Top Ranx to East Lawrence.

We will be open and celebrating with normal hours all day at LBC, with music and street festivities starting around 5pm. We'll have special beer releases, limited edition merchandise, local community vendors on site, and unlimited high fives to go around.

Looking forward to celebrating our super 7th birthday with the community who means so much us and a few thousand of our closest friends!



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# Fall Native Plant Sale

Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> 4-6:30pm

At Cottin's Hardware Farmer's Market

Fall is a great time to plant natives- find yours at Grassland Heritage Foundation's Fall Native Plant Sale! This sale will be held at the Cottin's Hardware Farmer's Market in Lawrence, KS on Thursday, September 05, 2024 from 4 pm to 6:30 pm. We will have around 15 species of locally-grown, Kansas natives available for purchase. All plants will be \$4.50 each. The plant list will be released a few weeks before the sale, and can be found with more information at [www.grasslandheritage.org/fallplantsale](http://www.grasslandheritage.org/fallplantsale).

GHF's Plant Sales are a great way to find Kansas native plants for your own yard and garden while directly supporting the prairie education and protection work that GHF does. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you this fall!

Please contact Nicole at [grasslandheritage@gmail.com](mailto:grasslandheritage@gmail.com) with any questions that you may have.

# New York School Update

To begin the school year, New York School shares this wishlist with their neighbors. If you have items to share, just drop them off at the office during school hours.

With questions, contact Parent Involvement Facilitator Linda Kucza [lkucza@usd497.org](mailto:lkucza@usd497.org).

## 2024-2025 Partner Beginning of Year Wish/Need List

24 count cases of 8 oz. bottles of water (Any size is fine. This just seems less wasteful.)

## School supplies for grades 3, 4, and 5:

- Anti-bacterial wipes, 6 packages
- White copy paper, 500 sheet packages...unlimited
- Headphones, fairly sturdy, over the ear. NO EARBUDS!
- Ultra Fine-point black sharpies (for Art), 36 each
- Index cards, 100 count, 18 packages

## Montessori needs to begin the year:

- Indoor shoes, 4T-kid size 4, 6 pair (Can be slippers, clogs, sandals...)
- 1" square graph paper, one package
- 1/2" square graph paper, two packages
- Drawing pencil sets, 6 sets
- Boxed cake mixes and frosting mixes in containers, any flavors, as many as you like
- Ivory soapy bar packs, 4
- Water color paper packages, 8 pkgs
- White construction paper packages, 8 pkgs
- Baby wipes, 6 pkgs
- 20-color palette, water colors, 10 sets
- Cloth napkins, cocktail size, approx.. 8"X8" or 9"X9" size.

Unlimited numbers and can be handmade, squares, hemmed up

· Storage baskets or cloth bins, no plastic. Don't need to be new, just clean and functional! LOTS of them!

# Kansas Half Marathon in East Lawrence Streets this November

The Kansas Half Marathon and 5k will take place on Sunday, November 3rd at 7:00 am, starting and ending at South Park. This race is a benefit for the Heartland Community Health Center, which provides medical services to residents of Douglas County regardless of income or insurance status. Most runners will be passing through East Lawrence from 7 am to 8:30 am. Roads will remain open to traffic with a narrow portion coned off for runners; motorists may experience slight delays during this time but the impact, as in years past, is expected to be minimal. Those interested in participating or volunteering may find more information at [kansashalfmarathon.com](http://kansashalfmarathon.com); and questions may be directed to Matt O'Reilly at [oreilly3@gmail.com](mailto:oreilly3@gmail.com).



## Mower and Tiller for Rent

It's still yard work season! When your grass is green and growing, you can rent a mower from ELNA for \$10 per half day. When you're ready to till your garden under for the winter, you can 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](mailto:phil@pcollison.com).

## SUNRISE UPDATE: Tattoos and Pie!

We have partnered with our amazing friends at Standard Electric Tattooing to offer Get Inked for Sunrise Project!

Here's how it works:

Choose from the 7 pre-drawn flash designs

Each design is \$100 to be paid online at the time of registration

Link to make payment will be emailed to you when you register. You are required to make this donation within three business days or your spot will be forfeit.

This is a donation to Sunrise Project. There will be no refunds for a missed appointment. There will be no rescheduled appointments.

Artists will tattoo arms and legs only

Participants must be 18+ with ID

No guests allowed

Please remember to tip your artists

100% of the proceeds benefit Sunrise Project.

This event will take place on the Sunrise building grounds, 15th & Learnard, September 20 & 21, 2024, 11:00 am.

Here's the sign up link! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849AFAE23A1F49-50228096-getinked/#/>

Save the date for our 10th Annual Pie Auction fundraiser! We are planning the best pie auction yet!

Saturday October 12th, noon-3pm, 15th & Learnard

As always, free admission and free meal!

DJ Proof !! Come ready to dance!

Free Community Meal!! Grilled bratwursts (vegan option too!), potato salad, cucumber salad and more!

Pie by the slice (\$3 donation)

Activities!! Including: Bring a T-shirt to tie dye with Sunrise colors! Corn hole! Pumpkin painting and more!

Drinks! Local beer, wine, and mocktails! Soda and seltzer waters!

Live Auction provided by Bradley Chapin. ALWAYS a good time!!!!

Every pie winner will receive a commemorative pint glass designed by our friend and artist Crystal Hammerschmidt!

We are looking for event sponsors! Apple Level: \$250; Strawberry Rhubarb Level: \$500 or Gooseberry Level: \$1,000. Secure your sponsorship here: [https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign\\_id=DXPF4ADD56A7E](https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=DXPF4ADD56A7E) or contact [melissa@sunriseprojectks.org](mailto:melissa@sunriseprojectks.org)

Thank you to our committed event sponsors:

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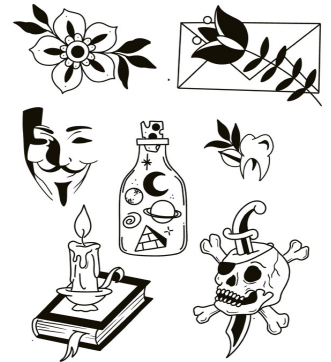
Strawberry Rhubarb Level

Kitcha Paranjothi, Sunrise Board Member

Apple Level

Melissa Mitchell, in honor of Nina Mitchell

Apple Level



# “Finding La Yarda” Exhibit at Lawrence Arts Center

The “Finding La Yarda” exhibit opened August 9th at the Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire. and will run through September 21.

This immersive exhibition recreates a room from the Mexican American housing units of La Yarda which housed railroad workers between 1920-51. The artistic render is based on architectural design by Brenna Buchanan Young and set construction by Jeremy Rockwell. A wall length mural by Justin Favela and 3D elements such as a tree, garden and flowers create an impressionistic landscape for attendees to explore. Ceramic pieces by Jonathan Christensen Caballero isolate special memories from the residents created from casted moldings of family members’ hands, feet and faces. Photographic portraits of La Yarda residents by Ann Dean will be installed on the intersection of 8th & Delaware on the Lawrence Loop.

September 16, 7pm - Art Talk




**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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## ELNA Board Declarations and Elections Upcoming Soon!

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 11th, 2024. If you think you’d like to run for a position on the ELNA Board, you must attend our October meeting, Monday October 14th, and declare your intention to run.

Only neighborhood resident or property owner individual members (not business or non-profit or out-of-neighborhood associate members) are eligible to run or vote for the ELNA board. Further questions can be addressed by reviewing the bylaws on the ELNA website or directed to the Neighborhood Coordinator at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

## What's a Nostalgia Room?

Lane sat down with Emily Kate of The Nostalgia Room (412 E 9th, you know, next to Marty's Do's Deluxe) in mid July, to ask that very question. Here's a rough transcript of their conversation.

You look familiar. Where do I know you from, Emily Kate?

Emily Kate is from here, from Lawrence, and went to art school in Boston. She's worked at many places in Downtown Lawrence's service industry – bartending and serving at La Prima Tazza, The Pig and Second Chance and more.

So, what is The Nostalgia Room?



*Emily Kate at the dry bar, nostalgia-room.com*

A unique bar without the alcohol. A place to be socially sober. A thriving community. Like Cheers, but without the booze. An option for young people. Drinking culture is a problem. A social problem, an addiction, a poison. Nostalgia Room is a place for harm reduction, consent, and boundaries. It's a healthy service industry and a way to raise awareness of sobriety as an option.

How long has The Nostalgia Room been here?

About year in this location. The Nostalgia Room was a dry bar in Repetition Coffee, just another block east on the other side of 9th. There we built a community and tested concept with sustainable, incremental growth. We were in that location for one year.

What was this space, 412 E 9th, in the past?

In the past, recent and distant, it was mostly commercial space. A grocery store, a farm supply store, etc.

How many employees are at The Nostalgia Room?

Just four! Emily Kate, Becca, Cody, and Brooke

What does The Nostalgia Room serve?

Coffee, sourced from Repetition Coffee – everything from espresso to cappuccino. Teas – chai tea, matcha latte, black, green, and herbal tea blends from Firebelly teas. Seasonal and housemade sodas. Plus non-alcoholic cocktails, non-alcoholic beer and wine.

Most ingredients in our cocktails are made in house and hand-crafted. We also have a bottle shop. If you like a cocktail, take a bottle home! We don't have food just yet, but we're working on getting a local source. We have plenty of seating and wifi. You could have a meeting here. Bring your kids. We have playthings. We do catering! We'd love to collaborate with your organization, do a pop up, provide drinks for a party, or dry bar at a wedding.

Hours?

Closed Monday and Tuesday. Open 8am to 2pm Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Open Friday and Saturday 8am to 9pm.

Is there anything you want neighbors to know?

We are not an ornament. We bring value. A place where people feel safe and can just be.

But those places don't exist for free. We're invested. If you've thought about coming, do. Make us part of your routine.

We're on Instagram only! Check out our full menu and options on our website: <https://www.nostalgia-room.com/>

## NATURE + ART WORKSHOPS

Last Nature + Art Workshop!

Prairie Plant Cyanotype Flags

September 7th, from 9 am to 12 pm

Instructed by Mona Cliff

Join us for a hands-on session and learn how to create cyanotype prints using native plants. You'll experience the process of using sunlight to develop unique prints that showcase the intricate details of these plants. Your creations will be part of a community flag installation at the Prairie Park Nature Center 25th Celebration on 9/14, and participants can take home a prairie plant flag.

To enroll, visit the LPRD website: <https://lprd.org/activity?n=323264>

To navigate to the workshops, click on "Activity Number" on the left and type in "323264". "Art and Nature Workshops" will be listed and folks can click through to their specific workshop of interest. These workshops are open to everyone 13 and older. Each workshop is \$20 per participant, and no prior art or creative writing experience is necessary.

## *President's Column continued from page 1*

Because of our focus on public policies that affect East Lawrence, ELNA recognizes that elections at all levels and at all times can be consequential. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we do not endorse candidates for public office. However, we strongly encourage neighborhood residents to register, educate themselves about the candidates and issues, and to cast a well-informed vote. See the article in this newsletter for more information about the November election.

Flying under the radar is a ballot measure this November that would change the structure of Lawrence's City Commission. There have been loud rumblings of discontent with local governments at recent meetings and in social media, with calls for changes. This ballot measure may or may not produce the kind of changes that are needed. I encourage a full vetting and community discussions of the proposal to assure it would make things better and not worse.

# EAST LAWRENCE VOTES!

East Lawrence voters will help elect a new President and Vice-President. There are contested races for US Congress, State Senator, State Board of Education, Douglas County District Attorney and Douglas County Commissioner. There is also a ballot question that would change the makeup of the City Commission and directly elect Lawrence's Mayor.

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association, as an organization **never** endorses any candidate nor takes positions on any ballot measure. 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. **YOUR VOTE MATTERS! PLEASE REGISTER and VOTE!**

## First, Make Sure You're Registered to Vote

- If you're not sure if you're registered, or uncertain if your registration information is correct, you may check on the Douglas County Clerk's website: <https://www.dgcoks.gov/depts/voting-and-elections/your-voter-information>. You may also check your status in person at the Douglas County Election office at 711 W 23rd St. (23rd & Louisiana).
- The last day to register to be eligible to vote in the Election is Tuesday October 16th.
- If you know you're not registered, but you want to be, you can do so online through the State of Kansas website at: <https://sos.ks.gov/elections/voter-registration.html>. You can check your voting eligibility and fill in an online registration through that portal. The Douglas County Election office at 23rd and Louisiana can help you register as well. Be sure to have your ID documents in order before you register.

## Then, Vote!

### By Mail-In Ballot

- You may request a mail in ballot at <https://www.ksvotes.org/>. A separate application must be submitted for each election, except in the case of permanent illness or disability.
- Your completed application must be received at the Election Office by the Tuesday October 29th. Submit your application much earlier to avoid mail delays!
- Ballots will be mailed to you beginning 20 days before the election.

### Advance Voting

- Advance voting, both in person and by mail in ballot, for the Election begins On Wednesday October 16th.
- You can return your mail-in ballot by mail or put it in a secure ballot drop box. Ballot Drop Boxes are located at these places around the City:
  - Douglas County Courthouse, 1100 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence
  - Douglas County Election Office, 711 W. 23rd Street, Lawrence
  - Douglas County Treasurer Satellite Office, 2000 W. 31st Street, Lawrence
- You can advance vote in person at the Douglas County Election Office, 711 W. 23rd St. Hours are: Weekdays, October 16 to October 25, 8 am to 6 pm; October 28 to November 1, 8 am to 7 pm. Saturdays, October 6 & November 2, 9 am to 3 pm. Monday November 4, 8 am to Noon.

### Election Day!

- The General Election will be held on Tuesday November 6th. If you didn't advance vote or utilize a mail-in ballot, you can vote at your polling place. Polls are open 7am to 7pm.
- Precinct 39 is the area east of Mass and north of 11th. Precinct 39 votes at the Cider Gallery, 810 Pennsylvania. Precinct 40 is the area between 11<sup>th</sup> and 15th, east of Mass and west of Burroughs Creek Trail. Precinct 40 votes at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1245 New Hampshire Street. You must vote at your designated precinct polling place.

## Who's Running?

US President and Vice President:

Kamala Harris & Tim Walz (D)  
Donald Trump & JD Vance (R)  
Chase Oliver & Mike ter Maat (L)

State Attorney District 7

Dakota Loomis (D)  
Mike Warner (R)

US House District 1

Paul Buskirk (D)  
Tracey Mann (R)

Kansas Board of Education District 6

Beryl Ann New (D)  
Bruce Schultz (R)

Kansas Senate District 2

Marci Francisco (D)  
David G. Miller (R)

Douglas County Commission District 2

Brad Chunn (U)  
Shannon Reid (D)

Lawrence City Ballot Question: to change the method of electing City Commissioners and directly elect a Mayor, increasing the size of the governing body from 5 to 7. Yes or No.

## What to Bring?

Be sure to bring your photo identification with you to your polling place when voting in person. In Kansas, a valid photo ID can be a driver's license or non-driver ID issued by the State of Kansas, a conceal carry license issued by the State of Kansas, a United States passport, an employee badge or ID document issued by a municipal, county, state or federal government office, a military ID issued by the United States, a student ID card issued by an accredited postsecondary institution of education in the State of Kansas, a public assistance identification card issued by a municipal, county, state or federal government office, an ID card issued by an Indian tribe. Persons aged 65 years or older may use expired photo ID documents.

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## Important Dates to Remember:

### General Election Dates

- October 15, 2024: Last day to register to vote in the General Election
- October 16, 2024: Advance voting begins; advance ballots by mail will be sent to voters
- October 29, 2024: Deadline to request an advance ballot for mail
- November 5, 2024: Advance in person voting closes at noon
- November 6, 2024: General Election, 7am to 7pm. You must vote at precinct location.

### For more info:

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. The clerk also has financial disclosure reports, so you can find out who is funding some candidates' campaigns. You can find that here: <https://www.dgcoks.gov/depts/voting-and-elections/current-elections>.

The Lawrence Public Library website is an excellent source for news articles, audio and video recordings of local candidate forums and debates, and other election resources. Visit <https://lplks.org/elections-and-voting/>.

### Your vote matters!

## Remembering Dave Evans

By Barry Shalinsky

I am sorry to report that I have learned that Dave Evans died in July. He was 69. I first met Dave in the late 70's when we played softball together at Hobbs Park. He was kind of a quiet guy with a quirky sense of humor, played hard and was a great teammate. In recent years, I found Dave to have these same qualities as a historical researcher. Many of the homes on historic registers in East Lawrence are there because of Dave's many hours of digging through primary sources and artifacts for info to add to the narrative and create the tapestry. Dave worked tirelessly with Dennis Domer on my house, finding more than could possibly ever be used in one nomination. He was an occasional contributor to the East Lawrence News and was a true champion for preserving our neighborhood and telling our stories. Those of us who knew Dave know what a treasure we've lost, and those of you who didn't, I am sorry you never had the chance to spend a fun evening with him sharing juicy tidbits of East Lawrence history.

## 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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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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