

# East Lawrence News

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The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association will hold a regular monthly meeting on **Monday January 4th** from 7-9pm. Even though New York School will not be open for students until Wednesday January 6th, the meeting will still be held in the New York School library. Agenda TBD.

## ELNA Board Elections 2015

238 ballots were cast on the evening of November 2nd; a record turnout for the neighborhood! The results are as follows:

Christine Kosirog 205	Matt Pryor 123
jacki becker 194	Cindy Suenram 122
Eric Jay 191	Amanda Davis 95
Josh Davis (PennSt) 168	Patrick Watkins 90
John Sebelius 155	Codi Bates 86
KT Walsh 150	Mike Anderson 84
Dave Loewenstein 145	Kent Frye 70
Phil Collison 142	John Gascon 69
KH Harris 138	Bruce Eggers 66
Pam Blackburn 134	Mark Francis 61
Joshua Davis (NYSt) 131	

As of the ELNA meeting on December 2nd, Board officers include President Aaron Paden, Vice President Phil Collison, Secretary Pam Blackburn, and KH Harris continues as Treasurer through the fiscal cycle ending in August. Lane Eisenbart, non-elected staff, continues to serve as Coordinator.

We owe ENORMOUS thanks to the League of Women Voters Lawrence/ Douglas County for their invaluable assistance in organizing the election. Join the League! Consider making a donation to their good work! We'd also like to thank New York School for sharing their space with us and being so very willing to accommodate our needs. THANK YOU!



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## Other Notes:

If you're cleaning out your spaces this winter, save your junk for ELNA! Save it and give it to us to sell at our annual Yart Sale in March. Watch our news outlets in the coming months for an exact date for our sale, and details about where you can drop off your donation.

# Board Member Interviews December 2015



## Aaron Paden

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Since the summer of 2007

Why do you choose to live here? It may be the best place on the planet. Our structure is made up mainly of affordable vernacular homes on old streets and sidewalks, that while humble, are rich in story and in walkable distance to many day to day destinations. The history of East Lawrence isn't your typical white man's history tracing time by the actions of pocketbooks but instead it celebrates the hands that built Lawrence. I see us, East Lawrence, as a neighborhood of predominantly working class people that embody a live and let live life, a life of helping each other get by.

How long have you been on the Board? I think this is my 5<sup>th</sup> year – but I can't remember – this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as president.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I believe that healthy local social networks are fundamental to a good standard of living. I believe ELNA enables neighbors to work together for the betterment of the community but also of themselves. When we host a clean up by the river or sell food at Sunday night Kickball or raise money at the YART sale or host a discussion at a meeting we are accomplishing much more than the direct task at hand. Neighbors get to know neighbors – trust is formed – information and history is shared or created. Our stories combine and community happens.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I think ELNA is experiencing an influx of development interest at a rate that exceeds the community's ability to respond and interact with it towards a positive end. I'm not sure that we can 'slow' development interest – but we can try to implement tools that help slow it from eroding the culture, community, and history that already exists. I'm interested in those tools.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Sticky notes - They are so dang handy and it is much less wasteful than an entire sheet of paper and I can stick them everywhere – they even fit in my pocket. 2<sup>nd</sup> would be the rubber band... because projectiles are always fun.



## Eric Jay

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Resided for 2 yrs. and owned business for 7.5 yrs.

Why do you choose to live here? Because the eclectic nature of the neighborhood and its proximity to the projects I work on. I also enjoy living near like-minded folks who care about their neighborhood and school.

How long have you been on the Board? 3 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? To be involved in decision making processes that affect the neighborhood and to learn more, and to be a voice for, folks who live in the hood.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? Interesting ways to create affordable housing is always on my mind and it's a project I'd like to work on.

What's your favorite office supply and why? A nice pen, because it's the tool for me that allows ideas to come to life.

## Dave Loewenstein



How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 20 years

Why do you choose to live here? It is where my friends are, where my work is and is the place that inspires and supports my sense of community. It is beautiful. It's where I've put down roots.

How long have you been on the Board? The first time about two years. This time 1 year and 1 month.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? It's critical, if we want a healthy neighborhood that has a voice on the issues that affect it, that those with relevant experience, skills and knowledge serve in some capacity. My work and experience intersects with many of the challenges and opportunities our neighborhood is engaged with now so I feel the responsibility to serve.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I am especially interested in working with neighbors to better understand and then act on the potential opportunities and impacts of the arts-based development projects that are being proposed for East Lawrence. I'm also interested in helping with board training and capacity building.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Rubber band for all my rolls of drawings and mural designs.



## Jacki Becker

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 12 years

Why do you choose to live here? love it. close to downtown, close to work.

How long have you been on the Board? long time.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? love my neighborhood and hope i can be a fair and accurate representative for those who surround me in the neighborhood

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? zoning. making sure we are keeping single family homes in the neighborhood. also supporting local businesses / craftpeople / creative endeavors in the neighborhood.

What's your favorite office supply and why? my phone. enables me to work where ever.



## Cindy Suenram

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 29+ years

Why do you choose to live here? This house was for sale 29+ yrs ago, near my at-the-time new job, and near lots of amenities. It worked out and I love it.

How long have you been on the Board? 2 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? To stay in contact, and up-to-date, with the neighborhood and fairly represent it.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? The YART Sale and Block Party for sure; continuing with the printed newsletter involvement; see what comes up.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Hole reinforcement labels; their self-stated purpose.



**Josh Davis (NY)**

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 8 years  
Why do you choose to live here? East Lawrence is an amazing group of eclectic individuals who as a whole, care more about their neighborhood than anywhere I have ever lived. It is a neighborhood where you know your long term neighbors, you often know someone on every block, and you even get to know the college student just passing through because the whole neighborhood leads to connections. There is an appreciation of the small things like a simple walk or the big things like helping neighbors, preserving history and being active in discussions. I also appreciate the walk-ability of the neighborhood.

How long have you been on the board? New this year.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? To be more involved in continuing existing traditions and trying new ones. I am more aware of community issues than in the past, and would like to continue to learn and help where I can.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? All the existing traditions. Highlights for me are River Cleanup, Holiday Adopt a Family and YART sale.

Additionally...

Addressing housing issues (via committee or otherwise)

-Affordability

-Zoning

-Appropriate Development

-Property tax freezes if certain conditions are met (length of ownership, age of owner, property tax % increase).

Picking up trash - I like to pick up trash. I do that now just when I walk, and I would like to be involved in more organized efforts around that simple act (similar to the River Cleanup). I spend a considerable amount of time on a computer each day, so that is something basic that I enjoy doing.

What's your favorite office supply and why? The inkello Matchbook Calendar. Every year, I get three so I have a three month physical calendar I can reference on my desk. And even better, they are from East Lawrence! <http://inkello.com/collections/calendars>



**Pam Blackburn**

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 2.5 years

Why do you choose to live here? I was looking for a house close to downtown with character. I didn't want to be in the Burbs.

How long have you been on the Board? 2 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? Initially, it was to get involved and understand the neighborhood. Now, it is to keep the neighborhood a neighborhood and not downtown apartments.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I am continuing to work with city planners on rezoning "north of 9<sup>th</sup>" to current usage. We are seeing great progress on the preparations necessary to present to the city commission. As more changes happen in the neighborhood, I would like to get involved in property tax changes for low income home owners and property owners who rent to low income.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Mechanical pencils. I have finally decided I like to be able to erase occasionally. And I never seem to be able to find a sharpener, or work a sharpener.

**KT Walsh**



How long have you lived in East Lawrence? approx. 40 years

Why do you choose to live here? East Lawrence has a relaxed, scruffy aesthetic that I cherish. It's also home to preservationists of all ages who work to honor our culture, multi-racial history, and our internationally recognized largest remaining neighborhood of vernacular architecture in the nation.

How long have you been on the Board? Off and on since the Umbrella Incident that taught me that united neighbors can fight, and win at, City Hall.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? It's fun, challenging and you get to work with engaged, committed people. Also it's like taking an advanced, hands-on course in civics, history, and community building and social justice combined.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? Continued work on the East Ninth project to ensure the promised process is adhered to and the Arts Center and city work with ELNA to help the hood rather than just the developers. Plus, getting more East Lawrence sites and buildings on the local historic register.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Stapler. Hands down. But, would someone please open a stapler repair shop?

**John Sebelius**



How long have you lived in East Lawrence? My family is new to the neighborhood and we have lived in East Lawrence since 2014.

Why do you choose to live here? We moved to East Lawrence because we love the culture, history, artistic significance, and close proximity to my studio (Seed Co.) and downtown.

How long have you been on the Board? 1 month and still going strong.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I want to give back to my community that I care so deeply for. My aim is to help bridge divides amongst the neighborhood and get more individuals involved.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? YART Sale, connecting community resources to neighbors, Freestate Festival, and continuing my grilling prowess at the Block Party.

What's your favorite office supply and why? I have an untraditional office and it would definitely be spray paint. Colorful, permanent, and dries quickly.



**Board Member  
Christine Kosirog**



**Board Member  
KH Harris**

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### Phil Collison

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? I moved back to East Lawrence in 2004 for my current stint here. I moved to Lawrence in 1976. Back then Lawrence was the mecca for a liberal community and there were so many progressive ideas going on. The ELIA was getting started by leading the charge against the destruction of Pennsylvania

Street by the Haskell Loop, a road conceived by City Fathers to solve the problem of poor, awful East Lawrence. Over the last 40 years I have lived, worked and played in Lawrence and East Lawrence.

Why do you choose to live here? I choose to live in East Lawrence because it is a place where I am not dominated by mainstream culture. Where I can walk to shop at places not owned by corporate conglomerates and where my neighbors feel the same way. It is a place where I can tend my own garden and not be absorbed by the mainstream. My environment has always reinforced my ideals. Time is passing, and now East Lawrence is facing a coming out party. We have been discovered for the wonderfulness that we have espoused over the years. Now the trick: how do we continue growing and have an impact on keeping these wonderful values we have shared?

How long have you been on the Board? I have been on the board since getting my current residence in 2004.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? ELNA has been a positive force in Lawrence and our neighborhood since its inception. Without ELNA, folks would be driving in from K-10 on the bypass to downtown to shop at the big box mall at 7<sup>th</sup> and Massachusetts. There would be no Liberty Hall, no Free State Brewery. No Van-Go, no WAD. ELNA has been at the forefront of keeping Lawrence unique. We were EFL before there was LFK.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I sit on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Arts Center sponsored 9<sup>th</sup> street project. I have been a part of that for the past year and hope to impact it in a way that can make it be a win-win for both Neighbors and the City, with Neighbors coming out a little better. I want to use Planning to help shape the future here, rather than leaving its outcome to chance. That is what community does. What if there were infrastructure (sidewalk!) improvements beyond the immediate environs of 9<sup>th</sup> street?

What's your favorite office supply and why? I suppose my printer that is now capable of making copies. I use it more than my stapler (because I can never find my stapler...).



### Lane Eisenbart

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Ten years this last fall. Minus a summer here and there.

Why do you choose to live here? In the beginning, it was a matter of convenience and necessity. It was affordable and within walking distance to KU, where I was going to school. Since then, as my life has changed and changed again, I have chosen to stay in East Lawrence because it feels like home. There are lots of people and places I love here, and hate to be parted with.

How long have you been on the Board? I am not part of the Board. I am ELNA's only (very part-time) employee.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I choose to serve my neighborhood for the *glamour and profits*, of course. (*font for sarcasm*) Seriously though, I continue to work for ELNA because I have skills that are of use to the people and places I love.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? I'll do all the usual things. From a technological standpoint, I'll like to look again at automating some of our communications so that more platforms can be utilized without additional effort. From a person-centric point of view, I'd like to invite a more racially diverse cross section of our neighborhood to be involved in the Association.

What's your favorite office supply and why? Paperclips. Because they are the truest of free spirits. I have never in my life bought paperclips, and yet I have a handful in my desk drawer right now. How did they get there? They just like, roam, man.



### Matt Pryor

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 15 years

Why do you choose to live here? all my stuff is here

How long have you been on the Board? off and on for about six years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? to try and repair the rift in our neighborhood

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? neighborhood potlucks and other social events

What's your favorite office supply and why? no comment



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### Josh Davis of Pennsylvania Street

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Almost 16 years.

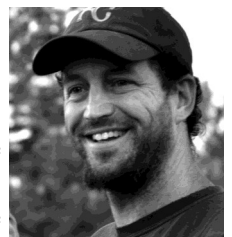
Why do you choose to live here? It keeps me young.

How long have you been on the Board? Maybe 7 years? Time goes fast and I've lost track.

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? I like knowing what's going on and taking part.

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? We shall see what the year brings.

What's your favorite office supply and why? White Out. Because stuff happens.



# East Ninth Project Update

The East Ninth Citizen Advisory Committee last met on December 16th. East Lawrence Citizen representatives Phil Collison, Dave Loewenstein, and John Sebelius offer these words of reflection from that meeting:

**Phil Collison:**

At the last meeting, we took a look at two concept proposals for the 9th Street Project. One which featured an 8 to 10 foot shared use path on the south side of 9th street, along with a 5 foot sidewalk on the north side, and another which had 5 foot sidewalks on both sides. Folks leaned towards rejecting the idea of a shared use path. Both plans showed losing at least half of the parking along ninth street, with the WAD end increasing parking, and the residential center and downtown losing parking. The design group will be using the comments from this meeting, including some public comment to put together a finalized plan that will be presented at the January 27 CAC meeting, and that will ultimately come to the City Commission in late March.

Helper Artists were announced that will work with the 3 Artists who will receive \$100,000 commissions for their installations along 9th street.

Send your comments to Porter Arneil at the City.

**Dave Loewenstein:**

The three \$100,000 infrastructure artists are "idling" J. Shelton said. None of the selected artist were present at the meeting to comment on their work. J. Shelton said that Associate Artists (working as assistants to the three infrastructure artists - \$5,000 each) selected so far are -

Kate Dinneen to work with Jarret Mellenbruch

John Sebelius to work with James Woodfill

and possibly Tyler Peck and Alicia Kelly to work with Derek Porter

J. Shelton said that the East Ninth Artists (for individual projects along E. 9th - \$10,000 each) are also idling. They include – Zia, Rachael Perry, Nick Carswell, Meredith Moore, and Steven Johnson.

**John Sebelius:**

Associate Artists have been chosen by the Intergrated Artists, although Derek Porter is still in discussion with two local artists. The East Ninth Artists that have begun working are Zia (ceramicist) and Nick Carswell (musician). There was discussion of collaborative crossover potential between Carswell and Associate Artist James Woodfill.

CAC gave input of coexisting with the delivery truck route and both design plans embrace this. There was also concern raised about the historic relationship of the Turnhall being preserved -- mainly the connection between the building, sidewalk and curb. Earlier designs where this was disrupted have been omitted. There was two different design plans discussed. The overall reaction of the CAC and public comment was the more "traditional" design with sidewalks on both sides and bike paths in the street was supported more. The sidewalks will be made ADA compliant and the original materials, like brick, will be used to make theses changes. We were assured that the sidewalks will not be demoed, just repaired and widened, keeping the integrity of its historic nature.

**Updated East Ninth CAC Schedule:**

The design team will meet to synthesis the notes from CAC and public comments.

CAC will meet Wed, Jan. 27th at 6:30pm at Library and Wed, March 2nd at 6:30pm at Library

El Dorado will go before ELNA to discuss these changes and the plan once these comments are consolidated.

March 9th - El Dorado and the project go before the Cultural Arts Commission

March 17th - El Dorado and the project go before the HRC

March 22nd - El Dorado and the project go before the City Commission

## At the Judicial Center

by KT Walsh

In the long hallway  
tall lawyer lays out options  
family is scared  
court workers walk fast  
no eye contact, folders stacked  
arrests ensure jobs  
striated classes  
lawyers in long black coats, heels  
pro bono? not free

worn out dark courtroom  
burnt orange fade, wood rug chairs  
trail day – lives spin



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## Artist Opportunity at Lawrence Arts Center

The Lawrence Arts Center will host Artist INC this spring March 22- May 10, 6-9pm.

Artist INC is a cutting edge training program that empowers artists to create opportunities and take control of their careers. By addressing the specific business needs and challenges artists of all disciplines face every day, participants learn the business skills specific to their art practice and how apply those skills cooperatively with peers. Leveraging a class design that focuses on the three major components of adult learning (mentorship, peer networks, knowledge), artists learn collectively through artist facilitator mentoring, small group application activities, as well as large group discussion and multi-media lecture. The program is open to artists of all disciplines: visual art, theater, literary arts, dance, and film. The Artist INC Lawrence program peer facilitators will be artists Matthew Lord, Kent Smith, Nick Carswell, Molly Murphy and Kirsten Paludan.

To participate in the program, artists need to submit an application online at <https://artistinc.submittable.com/submit/48038>. Applications are being accepted November 16, 2015 through January 18, 2016. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, live within an 80 mile radius of downtown Lawrence, be available to attend all sessions of the Artist INC session, students are ineligible to apply. Twenty-five applicants will be accepted per session. The fee to enroll for the 8 week session of Artist INC Live Lawrence is \$150, however financial aid is available to those who qualify through the Lawrence Arts Center's financial aid program.

## ELNA Meetings 2016

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, unless a holiday, 7-9pm

Meetings are held at the New York School library during the school year, and usually at the Lawrence Percolator during the summer months.

January 4 <sup>th</sup>	*July TBD*(4 <sup>th</sup> of July)
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	*September TBD* (Labor Day)
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 7 <sup>th</sup>
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	December 5 <sup>th</sup>

## Sunrise Project Update

On Tuesday, December 8th, the former Sunrise Garden Center site received final city approval to rezone the site to Limited Industrial. While Central Soyfoods and Seeds from Italy will still need to apply for a Special Use Permit to begin their operations, the agricultural and nonprofit portions of the site can begin their activities immediately. With the environmental assessment and zoning finalized, Sunrise Project, the nonprofit arm of the site collaboration, will now need to raise the funds to renovate its portion of the site. The mission of Sunrise Project is to empower people to live healthy, self-determined lives through engagement with food and the environment to build a socially just community. Currently, the organization implements four programs off-site, which include Lawrence Fruit Tree Project, Summer of Service youth volunteering, Food Rocket cooking and gardening with elementary students, and Healthy Sprouts farm to preschool. Sunrise plans to renovate the retail building so that it includes a classroom and meeting space, as well as a classroom kitchen. Once the site is fully operational, Sunrise will be able to expand its programming and engage the neighborhood in food and environmental activities on a larger scale. We greatly appreciate all of the support we've received from the East Lawrence neighborhood and look forward to a continued partnership as we become neighbors over the coming year! Please consider giving whatever you can to help us renovate the site and move in as soon as possible. You can click "Donate" on our website: [www.sunriseprojectks.org](http://www.sunriseprojectks.org), or mail checks to Sunrise Project, P.O. Box 1454, Lawrence, KS 66044. ALSO, we look forward to seeing all of you at the New York Elementary MLK Day Chili Feed on January 19th. We'll be kicking off our Food Rocket cooking club with New York students and helping prepare veggie chili for the community that day! See you there!

## Adopt A Family Thanks



With the remarkable turn out for the Board election this year, organizers were inspired to adopt not just one, but TWO families for the annual Adopt A Family project. We were able to get clothing, toys, and household items, as well as over \$200 worth of gift certificates for our families. Thank you, neighbors!

*Do you get our weekly enews? Each Thursday morning, we send out an email full of news and information regarding things happening in the neighborhood and the city at large. Email [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) if you'd like to be added. Or, you can self subscribe at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/join/thursday-enews/>.*

## New York School Shed Project

Hello my name is Jake Lester I am the chair for an organization called Freedom by Design. We are part of the national organization American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS). Every year the Lawrence chapter of AIAS and Freedom by Design picks a project to help better the community, we then design, fundraise, and build the project. This year we have picked New York Elementary school, which is in need of a garden shed. This garden shed will not only store the tools for the gardens but also include and outdoor classroom space all easily accessible for K-5 students. The design process is underway along with fundraising. We are trying to reach the goal of \$4,000 for this project. We have many different fundraisers that we are going to be doing; such as the MLK chili feed on January 19th where we will be having a silent auction of desserts, on February 26th we will be having a final Friday at New York Elementary we will be accepting donations at the door there will also be musical entertainment, and possibly an art auction. We also have a go fund me online, the link is on many different Facebook pages such as: NY garden club, New York Elementary, AIAS KU, ELNA, and the NY PTO page. Some in the community have already decided to help us such as Eric Jay at Struct/Restruct donating materials and desserts donated from the companies Perkins. We've also got donations from Henderson Engineers Inc. Any help we can get from the community will be greatly appreciated, this is a great project that we are all very excited about doing for the kids! If you have any more questions feel free to email me at aias-kufbd@gmail.com

## FAST Time at LMCMS

Are you a Lawrence Public School Family?

Do you need help accessing the internet?

Visit FAST time, Family Access to School Technology, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6-7:30 at Liberty Memorial Central Middle School. Devices and WIFI are available for students and families of Lawrence Public Schools in the LMCMS commons area. Enter through the Northeast doors and use school resources to support student success. Thanks, USD 497!

## ReStore: donating and volunteer needs

Many East Lawrence residents have discovered the Lawrence Habitat for Humanity ReStore. It is located in the heart of the neighborhood at 708 Connecticut. For those not familiar with the ReStore, it is a non-profit home improvement and donation center that resells new and gently used furniture, building materials, home accessories, and appliances to the public at a fraction of retail price. The ReStore works as a funding mechanism for the Lawrence Habitat for Humanity affiliate and supports its mission of building safe, decent, and affordable homes for the residents of Douglas and Jefferson counties. It also diverts salvageable construction and household materials from the landfill while providing the local community with a unique shopping experience.

Materials are generously donated by individuals, contractors, suppliers, property managers, and decorators. Items must be intended for residential usage, be structurally sound, and cosmetically acceptable. Inventory is constantly changing as new donations are received daily.

Information about donation criteria can be found by visiting our website or by calling the ReStore itself. Donations MUST be inspected by staff and can be brought to the Donation Center located at the back of the ReStore, accessible from the alley behind the store. (Don't forget to ring the bell if nobody is on the dock.)

Items can only be dropped off during donation hours: Monday-Friday 9a.m.-4p.m. and Saturday 9a.m.-1p.m. It may be possible to have your donation picked up and accepted items may be tax deductible—the ReStore can provide a receipt. (Donations dropped off after hours are considered illegal dumping.)

While the Lawrence Habitat ReStore depends on donors to bring materials and shoppers to purchase them, we MUST also have VOLUNTEERS to help accept, clean, and process donations. ReStore volunteers make time to give back to the community by working in the warehouse receiving donated materials, organizing stock on the sales floor, or assisting the driver while picking up materials with the ReStore truck.

For more information about volunteering at the ReStore or questions concerning donations, please call the Lawrence ReStore at 785-856-6920.

## New York Elementary MLK CHILI FEED

Mark your calendars for the annual New York Elementary MLK Chili Feed, Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7pm. This is a community event and all are welcome. Free will donation will be accepted at the door. Information tables from the Sunrise Project, the Garden Shed project, the Front Porch project for East Ninth, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association, and more will be there!

In addition to inviting our East Lawrence neighbors to the event, New York PTA would like a few folks to volunteer to contribute vegetarian chili. Email PTA president Joanna Bonee [jjbonee@yahoo.com](mailto:jjbonee@yahoo.com) if you're able. Thanks!

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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 contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:

ELNA, PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

**Plus! Visit ELNA's website for information on \*new\* tshirts and merchandise!**

**Click the paypal button to donate securely there!**

## ELNA Needs Your Help! 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: \_\_\_\_\_