

East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
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March 2012



ELNA General Meeting

Monday, March 5th
7-9 p.m.
New York School Library

Agenda includes:

- Using the arts & historic tourism as economic drivers
- 9th & N.H. update

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Come To the YART Sale!

Come one, come all, to the annual ELNA YART (yard/art) Sale! This year's sale will be, **Saturday, March 31st, 8am-2pm, in the New York School Gym.** The YART sale is ELNA's annual fundraiser, where neighbors donate their gently used items to sell, local artists vend their creations and we are all entertained by our neighborhood musicians. The PTO will again be selling plants for your gardens and feeding us breakfast. The YART sale is always a great place to mingle with neighbors and find treasures – we hope you will join us! And we need your help to make the event a success.

Here's what you can do to take part in this neighborhood event:

VOLUNTEER – Let's make this a whole neighborhood event! We need volunteers! Volunteer to set up (on Friday, Mar. 30th, 5:30-9pm), take down/clean up (Saturday, Mar. 31st @ 1pm), help organize and work at the event. Contact Lane, eastlawrence@yahoo.com , if you can volunteer.

Donate Your Gently Used Items - Please consider donating your gently used items for this event. You can either plan to bring items to the school the evening before (we will be setting up from 6:30-9pm on Friday), or you can put them in KT's barn (located in the alley behind 732 Rhode Island).

Sell Your Art - We are putting out a call for artists (you will be asked to donate 10% of your earnings to ELNA and bring your own table). Contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you would like to vend.

Play Your Music – Are you a musician looking for a venue? If you would like to play, contact Phil Collison at phil@collison.com or Aaron Paden at aaronpaden@mac.com .

Plan to Come! – The Yart Sale is ELNA's big fundraiser for the year. Please plan to come and support us and the work we do for the community!

From the President



Howdy, Neighbors,

Living in Old East Lawrence for 8 years, it certainly seems like we are constantly fighting off other, more influential people and what they think our neighborhood should be. Behind the vague words of “revitalize” and “improve” and “unstable” and “blight” runs a basic undercurrent that there is just something wrong with our neighborhood and that it needs to change.

But people choose to live in our neighborhood for how it is now! Flowing through our neighborhood are the twin philosophies of “live and let live” and “one person’s trash is another person’s treasure”. While “open-minded” is merely a buzzword for some people, it is an actual way of life here, and people really respond to that refreshing change of attitude.

These two conflicting opinions of our neighborhood have frequently clashed with each other in our 150+ year history, and 2012 is shaping up to be another year. Between a 6-story building proposed for 900 New Hampshire, potentially moving the mass transit hub to the Amtrak depot, fighting closure of our elementary school, and development going on in the 800 block of Pennsylvania, this year is certainly ramping up to be a barnburner one for our neighborhood.

So in an effort to get in front of these things, and to position ourselves as masters of our own domain, I have invited the Chamber of Commerce to our March meeting. With their new-found interest in the arts and historic tourism as economic drivers for our city, well those are the very two things that our neighborhood foundation rests heavily upon.

Come to our March meeting and share your ideas of how we can channel these premium parts of our community in a way that impacts our city in a meaningful way, without damaging ourselves in the process. Let’s brainstorm about what WE want for OUR neighborhood, not the other way around.

See you soon!

Leslie Soden, ELNA President

Calendar for March & April

March

- 3rd – “This Green Space”**
Opening at The Percolator
- 4th – Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30pm,**
BSNF Depot, 7th and New York St
- 5th – ELNA General Meeting, 7-9pm,** NY School
- 6th – NY School Site Council Meeting, 5:30pm,**
NY School Library
- 14th – Pi Day Festival, 7:00pm,** Theater Lawrence,
1501 New Hampshire
- 19th-23rd – USD 497 Spring Break**
- 23rd – City Compost Sale, 8-3pm,** 1420 E. 11th St.
- 24th – City Compost Sale,** continued 8:00am to
3:00pm or until supply is depleted
- 30th – Yart Sale Set-Up, 6-9pm,** NY School Gym
- 31st – Yart Sale, 8-2pm,** NY School Gym

April

- 1st – Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30,** BSNF Depot,
7th and New York St
- 2nd – ELNA Board Meeting, 7-9pm,**
NY School Library
- 3rd – NY School Site Council Meeting, 5:30 pm,**
NY School Library
- 12th -13th – City Woodchip Sale, 8-3pm,**
1420 E. 11th St.
- 14th – City Woodchip Sale, 8-4pm,**
or until supply is depleted
- 17th – NY School PTO Meeting, 5:30pm,**
NY School Library

New and Returning Members

(Dec. 5- Feb.8th)

Micheal Almon
The Percolator
Ryan L. Wise
Kristoffer Dover
Tom Harper Realty
Judy Romero
Virginia Romero
Ramon Romero Jr.
James C. Dunn
Lawrence Arts Center
Bonnie Cherry
Jesse and Kate Brubacher
Kristen Blosser
Dean and Stephanie Garrison
Carey Maynard-Moody

Community Compost & Woodchip Sale

Compost

Compost consists of decayed organic matter and has been proven to be extremely successful as a natural soil amendment. Lawrence Community Compost is made from the yard trimmings and small woody debris collected curbside on Monday mornings, as well as grass clippings, leaves, and woody debris from some commercial lawn care providers.

2012 Spring Compost Sale - 2-Day Event!

Bring shovels and buckets to load your own, or we will load your pickup truck or small trailer for you. The city cannot load trucks with ladder racks.

NO dump truck quantities. For residential use only.

DATES

Friday, March 23, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 24, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (will close early if supply is depleted)

COST

\$10 per truck load (more for larger trucks or trailers)

CASH ONLY

Self loading is free

LOCATION

1420 E 11th St. (east of 11th and Haskell, then over the railroad tracks)

Woodchips

Mulch is a material used to cover the soil. Most mulches are organic (woodchips, unfinished compost, straw) but

inorganics such as lava rock or limestone can add an appealing, low maintenance touch. Good mulch conserves water by reducing moisture evaporation from the soil.

The woodchips the City sells are made from tree materials brought in from residential and commercial sources. The Forestry Division manages both the influx and distribution of these materials, and may be reached at (785) 832-7979.

2012 Spring Woodchips Sale

Bring shovels and buckets to load your own, or we will load your pickup truck or small trailer for you.

NO dumptruck quantities. For residential use only.

DATES

Thursday, April 12, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 13, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 14, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (will close early if supply is depleted)

COST

\$10 per truckload (more for larger trucks or trailers).

CASH ONLY

Self loading in small quantities (bucket size) is free

Patrons are asked to bring a tarp for their pickup to secure the woodchips, preventing them from littering the roadway as they drive from the facility.

LOCATION

1420 E 11th St. (east of 11th and Haskell, over the railroad tracks)

Thank You MLK Bakers and Chili Makers!

ELNA, New York PTO, and Mrs. DeGarmo of New York School would like to Thank You! all for the desserts and vegetarian chili contributed to the MLK Chili Feed! There were *so many* delicious choices!

More importantly, Thank You! for the awesome turnout. There were 468 attendees counted and running out of chili means it was a record crowd!

Some of the generous ELNA bakers and chili makers were:

Jacki Becker

Daina Bitters

Scott Frasier

Gina Darrow

Katie McGrath

Whitney Samuelson

Ashley Baehr

Sarah Norman

Ruth and Rosemary Story

Miriam Friesen

Cindy Suenram

Kate Frick

Bonnie Cherry

The Ladies of Lawrence Altrusa

Members of the Lawrence

Wesleyan Church

TJ of the Cosmic Beauty School

Aaron Paden

Shana Talley

Chelsey Scanland

Natasha Naramore

Plus MANY silent donors!

Plus special thanks to Mrs. Rauna McCoy, Gail Daniels, and The St. Luke AME Choir!

De-Clutter and Downsize to Save Yourself Time and Money

For my spring cleaning, I am on a mission to drastically pare down my STUFF. There are such good reasons to do this:

1. Less stuff means I can more easily find the stuff I need.
2. Less stuff is fewer items to clutter up my space/trip over/clean around.
3. Less stuff means I can live in a smaller place saving me money on rent/mortgage, heating/cooling costs, and saving my time and energy of cleaning/organizing.
4. Less stuff means I have more space for the things I like to do (playing with the dog, dancing, playing music, jumping rope, building forts, etc.)
5. As I am getting rid of things, I can sell some of it to earn money.
6. The things I don't sell I can donate to a non-profit group I support.

Of course that sounds fine and dandy, but there are two problems I have when trying to part with things.

1. I am emotionally attached to it (it was a gift, it was inherited from a family member, it has special memories associated with it.)
2. I think I might need it for something someday.

I've been thinking about how to get around these issues. The first issue, of emotional attachment is that I need to remember that even when I get rid of an item, I still have the memory I associate with it. If I really want to, I can write down that memory somewhere and keep that. Secondly, I need to remember that even though my grandmothers and other relatives are very important to me, I don't need to keep every single thing they gave me. I

have dozens of items from my grandmothers, and I know I can pare it down to just a few.

The second issue, of "I might need it sometime" is tough too. There is no reason to get rid of something that will be useful in the future, but there are some criteria I need to stick to. Questions to consider are: How difficult would it be to get another one? How much money would it cost to get another one if I found I needed it? If I keep it, will I know where it is and remember that I have it? Frequently I find the answers to these questions help me part with items I really don't need.

Some of my favorite places to sell stuff in Lawrence:

Love Garden- Music (822 Mass)

Game Nut- Video Games, Music, Movies, etc.
(844 Mass)

Arizona Trading Co. (736 Mass)

Lawrence Pawn & Jewelry- Almost anything
(23rd & Haskell)

Larryville Swapmeet- Almost anything including
vehicles (<http://www.http://larryville.com>)

Lawrence Craigslist - Anything you couldn't sell
anywhere else (<http://lawrence.craigslist.org>)

Some of my favorite places to donate stuff in Lawrence:

Social Service League- anything clean and useful
(905 Rhode Island)

St. John's Rummage House- anything clean and useful
(1246 Kentucky St)

Habitat Re-Store- building materials, furniture, etc.
(708 Connecticut)

-Jessica Bergin

ELNA Needs a New T-Shirt Design!

Do you have an idea for a t-shirt that represents East Lawrence? We'd like to see it! Submit your work for consideration to ELNA at PO Box 442393, Lawrence KS, 66044 or eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

Cans for the Community recycles aluminum cans and donates proceeds to local non-profit organizations. Recycle your cans at the Trinity Lutheran parking lot on 13th street. Look for the miniature blue house.

Tenants to Homeowners Opens Housing Legacy Fund

Tenants to Homeowners, Inc (TTH) is one of 242 members of the National Community Land Trust - a network of nonprofit community housing development organizations dedicated to making homes permanently affordable in communities where there is a wide disparity between income and the cost of housing. In such locations the cost of land is prohibitively expensive. By owning the land and placing it in permanent trust, the land or housing trust is able to significantly reduce the initial housing cost to the potential buyer. The land lease contains a resale provision which ensures that if the house is sold, it goes to another low or moderate income person. This is one of the reasons why it is called a community land trust: you agree to pass on the same benefits that you received upon getting into your house to the next homeowner. Currently there are over five thousand community land trust homes across the country. CLTs nationwide also provide housing through affordable rental properties and housing co-ops, while developing community facilities, preserving open space and working with other community groups to promote economic opportunities. Additionally, because all land trusts are locally operated, they provide greater local control over land and housing ownership and build leadership among community residents. Two East Lawrence residents currently serve on the TTH board.

In 2005 Tenants to Homeowners converted the first time affordable housing program known as HOOT to the Lawrence Community Housing Trust (LCHT) in order to find a way to transfer the affordable housing subsidy with each resale. The Housing Trust currently has 54 owner-occupied homes and 50 rental units in trust. A number of East Lawrence residences are in trust, including the north

end of the 1100 block of Rhode Island, and homes on Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Sts. Several older homes in disrepair were in danger of becoming slum and blight properties before being rehabilitated and brought into trust through the LCHT program.

Continuing a commitment to permanently affordable housing in Lawrence, TTH established The Tenants to Homeowners Affordable Housing Legacy Fund at the end of 2011. The fund is managed by the Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF), which oversees a variety of funds for such organizations as the United Way, Meals on Wheels and the Lawrence Public Library. Unrestricted donations can be made online, by mail or in trust. Trust donations can include donations of lots or housing (including the lot). DCCF can be contacted in person or by mail (900 Massachusetts, Suite 406), by phone (843-8727) or online (www.dccfoundation.org). If an East Lawrence homeowner were concerned about preserving residential status on their block, it might be possible to put a home in trust with Tenants to Homeowners through the Housing Legacy Fund at DCCF. The lot could become an immediate part of the LCHT, with stipulations in the trust agreement as to how the home in trust would become available for sale through the Lawrence Community Housing Trust. The land under the house would be dedicated to providing a permanent, affordable housing subsidy. TTH would be willing to discuss the process in detail with any interested individual or at an ELNA meeting.



Tom Harper

CRS, ABR, GRI,
e-PRO, REALTOR

785-218-6351

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Pie Day Festival!

March 14th, 2012. Pi Day Festival. 7:00 at Theater Lawrence, 1501 New Hampshire, Lawrence, Kansas.

The Alferd Packer Memorial String Band Hosts an evening of short acts of Math and Science Humor. There will be a Pi recitation contest, and a pie baking contest. Pies will be judged, and two prizes given, in the categories of creativity and flavor. All entries will then be shared with the attendees in Pie-luck fashion. We will provide plates and flatware. Please bring pie servers. Admission is \$10. Pie Makers get in free.

Thanks, Steve Mason

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Stand Up For Math and Science

On March 14th, this year, we will celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of Pi Day (3/14/15), at 7:00 at Theater Lawrence, 1501 New Hampshire, Lawrence, Kansas. Pi is the 14th letter of the Greek alphabet. It is the symbol used to designate the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. It is a baked good with one or two layers of pastry, with a filling of fruit or meat. It's just two little letters, one if you're Greek, three required to spell, if it's an after dinner treat.

We are looking for people to perform short acts of mathematical or scientific daring do. Songs, lectures, demonstrations, jokes, stand-up, interpretive dance, all of a humorous and entertaining bent. Try to keep your act to around 3 minutes and 14 seconds long.

We will have a pie contest. Pies will be judged, and two prizes given, in the categories of creativity and flavor. All entries will then be shared with the attendees in Pie-luck fashion. We will provide plates and flatware. Please bring pie servers.

We will have a Pi recitation contest. With a prize, and a crown.

We will charge \$10 admission to, hopefully, recoup our costs. Entertainers, and Pie Makers get in free. This is the first of at least three Pi Day Celebrations. We are working on obtaining grant money for future years, so we will be able to do better financially by our performers. This year we ask you to entertain for the greater glory of math science and humor (and free pie).

Please bring your students. If you can make them laugh, you can make them learn. I was inspired to a Biology Degree from KU by Thor Holmes humorous lectures. Please forward this message to anyone who should hear it. Thanks.

Please contact me for a time slot:

Steve Mason

Alferd Packer Memorial String Band

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Help Your Neighborhood Schools!

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School & New York Elementary

Recycling: Deffenbaugh dumpsters, accepting all types of recyclables except glass and plastic bags, are located at both Central and New York schools. The schools will receive \$25/ton for your donations!

Box Tops for Education: The familiar "Box Tops for Education" labels can be found on many popular grocery items. When you clip them, save them, and bring them to the schools, New York and Central can receive valuable instructional materials of their choice through this program. Drop boxes are located in the front entrances of each school.

Hy-Vee Receipts: Both New York and Central now collect Hy-Vee receipts. This collaboration with Hy-Vee will help the schools to raise funds for field trips and other activities.

Checkers Receipts: Checkers receipts mean materials and equipment for New York Elementary! A drop box for Checkers receipts is located at the front entrance of New York School.

Campbell's Soup Labels: In addition to Hy-Vee and Checkers receipts, New York Elementary also collects the labels of Campbell's soup cans. Can labels can be deposited in the same locations as the receipts.

Ink Cartridges: There is a collection box in the entryway of New York Elementary accepting spent inkjet ink cartridges. The cartridges will be recycled and the return cash will be credited to New York Elementary's general site fund. Office Depot will also accept donations on behalf of New York Elementary.

Advertising Rates for the ELNA Newsletter

Have you considered advertising in the ELNA paper newsletter? The ELNA newsletter is published bi-monthly, sent out to each household in East Lawrence, and placed in businesses around town. We have special rates for ELNA members and offer a 10% discount for buying ads for the year (6 issues). Contact Lane, eastlawrence@yahoo.com, if you are interested in purchasing ad space.

The following are the advertising rates for the ELNA newsletter:

Single Issue Rates

<i>Ad Size</i>	<i>Single Issue</i>	<i>Single Issue (member)</i>
Business card	\$20	\$16
1/8 page	\$30	\$24
1/4 page	\$45	\$36
1/2 page	\$90	\$72
Full page	\$200	\$160

Yearly Rates (10% discount)

<i>Ad Size</i>	<i>One Yr. 6 issues</i>	<i>One Yr. (member)</i>
Business card	\$18	\$14
1/8 page	\$26.50	\$21
1/4 page	\$40.50	\$30.50
1/2 page	\$81	\$63
Full page	\$180	\$140

East side pride t-shirts!

ELNA T-Shirts are for sale for \$12.00 each. Unisex sizes small, medium, large, extra large, and extra-extra large are available in brown, royal blue, navy blue, black, maroon, and sage green. Women's sizes small, medium and large are available in pink, light blue and maroon. Children's sizes 8-14 can be purchased in either Kelly or kiwi green. We even have **NEW baby onesies**, heather grey, in sizes 3-6 months, 6-12 months, 12-18 months, and 18-24 months. To get yours, fill out the order form on the back page of this newsletter, or contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

ELNA is on Facebook!

Like our fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/eastlawrence> and look for updates regarding neighborhood events.

Do you get the Thursday ELNA News?

Each Thursday, ELNA sends out an e-newsletter via email. In it, you'll find the latest in neighborhood events and ways to get involved. To receive the Thursday ELNA News, email eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

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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.

\$5.00 for out-of-neighborhood members

\$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses

\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profits

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- We print the names of new and returning ELNA members in the ELNA newsletter – check here if it is okay to print your name.
- I'd like to be part of the East Lawrence Safety Network calling tree
- Please deliver an ELNA T-shirt – my \$12 is enclosed!

UNI-SEX

S M L XL XXL

Black Burgundy Navy Sage Brown

CHILD

8-10 10-12 12-14 14-16

Kelly Green Kiwi Green

WOMEN

S M L

Pink Light Blue

ONESIES!

3-6mos 6-12mos 12-18mos 18-24mos

Heather Grey

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Lawrence, KS 66044

- I would like to join the ELNA Yahoo group – please invite me.
- Please add me to the “Thursday ELNA News” (the weekly neighborhood newsletter) email list.
- I do not want to be included in email messages.

ELNA Needs Your Help! Please Volunteer!

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

- Work Days
- YART Sale
- Block Party
- Adopt-A-Family
- Art
- Music
- Photography
- Gardening
- Grilling
- Fund Raising
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Website Management
- Baking/ Cooking
- Other: _____