

East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
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March 2013



ELNA

General Meeting

Monday, Mar. 4th, 7-9pm
New York Elementary School

Agenda:

Cultural District Task Force

Proposed Apartment Building
at 10th and Delaware

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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 30th, 8am-1pm, 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 selling breakfast foods.

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. 29th, 5:30-9pm), take down/clean up (Saturday, Mar. 30th @ 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 5:30-9pm 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!

Greetings Neighbors!

2013 is already shaping up to be a big year for East Lawrence.

On February 12th, the City Commission accepted a recommendation from the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission to designate the downtown and east Lawrence areas a “cultural district”. This district idea was led by the Lawrence Arts Center and received support from several area organizations, businesses, and individuals. In essence, it is an attempt to tie together the many important cultural, historic, and artistic resources in the area in a meaningful way. To work through the details of the district, the city has authorized the creation of a seven member task force.

ELNA board members and other residents have been debating the district for several months now and ultimately our board voted to support the district formation. We successfully lobbied for language in the proposal meant to support our residents and 2 of the 7 task force members will be appointed by ELNA. Please bring concerns, questions, and ideas to our attention! I anticipate that all of our monthly meetings will touch on this subject for the foreseeable future.

Elections are coming up! The city commission has a large list of candidates so this election is getting a lot of attention. There are also school board elections and a proposed bond for school improvements. The bond aims to bring improvements to all of the schools in the district but focuses on 6 elementary schools, New York included. **VOTE! VOTE! VOTE April 2nd!** The higher the voter turnout from our neighborhood, the stronger the voice we have with our elected officials.

As the newly elected ELNA president I'd like to thank Leslie Soden for all of her presidential efforts. She did a tremendous job representing the neighborhood and gave a lot of herself to the job. I also want to give special thanks to Aaron Paden, the new ELNA vice president. Aaron has really stepped up and the two of us are partnering on many topics so that we can manage our families, work, AND ELNA. Think of him as a co-president because I literally could not be doing this without him!



Josh Davis, *president*

March and April 2013

March

- 4th – ELNA monthly meeting
- 5th – New York Site Council Meeting
- 12th – Last day to register to vote
- 16th – Advance voting begins
- 18th – 22nd – Spring Break USD 497
- 19th – New York PTO Meeting
- 29th – YART Sale set up 5:30-9**
- 30th – YART Sale 8-1**
- 30th – City Compost and Woodchip Sale 8-3

April

- 1st – ELNA monthly meeting
- 2nd – Vote! Spring General Election 7-7
- 4th 5th 6th – City Compost sale 8-3
- 5th – New York Site Council meeting
- 6th – Lawrence Flea returns 8-3
- 11th 12th 13th – City Woodchip sale 8-3
- 18th – New York PTO Meeting

ELNA is on Facebook!

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

We have a Twitter too!

Get your neighborhood news short and sweet. Follow us, ELNAks, on Twitter.

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, and light blue. 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.

Notes from KT...

There is help to make your home accessible.

The city will help low to moderate income people with accessibility improvements to their homes. This will make the home easier and safer to live in and perhaps allow a person who is older and/or has a disability to stay in their house.

There are no deadlines, so you can apply at any time. Just call Jessica Roberts, Projects Specialist at 785-832-3114. She'll answer your questions, see if you qualify, and if so, she'll set up the improvements for you.

Muchas Gracias!

In January, Mike Myers (New Hampshire St. neighbor) picked up six bags of trash in our riverfront woods.

Stephen Spencer (New Jersey St. neighbor) picks up the windblown trash every week after the recycling dumpsters are emptied at New York School.

Thank you!



The Thursday ELNA News has moved!

Did you know? We've moved our weekly enews bulk-mail to our webhost's server.

If you haven't been getting your enews, or, gasp! you've yet to sign up for the listserve, follow these simple instructions:

1. visit our website eastlawrence.com
 2. under the "JOIN" tab, you'll find the subheading "THURSDAY ENEWS"
 3. click the "THURSDAY ENEWS" tab
 4. fill in your name and email and click "subscribe to the ELNA newsletter"
 5. a confirmation page should appear and you're added!
- Contact Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you're having troubles. We'll try to fix it up for you.

Dec/ Jan/ Feb New Members

Cottin's Hardware & Rental	Kristina Poraesky
Ann K Cobb	Suzanne Miles
Lawrence Arts Center	Eric Farnsworth
Tim Swanson	Boog Highberger
James & Nancy Dunn	Aaron Paden
Ron & Linda Wright	Mike Myers
Sammi Ryan	Amy Hope
Mary Harwood	Scott Frazier & Jim Garner
Mary & Michael Alexander	KT Walsh
Tom Peters	Josh Davis
Phil Collison	KH Harris
Angie Newton	Leslie Soden
Chris Hadley	Meredith Tack
Grace Peterson	Patrick O'Neil
Gina Westergard	John and Erica Gascon
Beth & Jay Holley	Brian Barland

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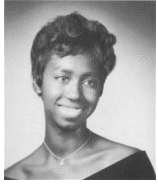
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Store Hours

Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Cottin's Hardware Farmers Market – Indoors!
Thursdays {through April}
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Located inside Cottin's Hardware & Rental



**Board Member
Brenda Nunez**

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 50 years

How long have you served on the ELNA Board? Off and on for 30 years

What do you love about East Lawrence? EVERYTHING!

What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in this year of service? Eastside Village and “Can We Talk”

If you could be a superhero, what power would you want to possess? I wish I could fly like I do in my dreams.

Lane Eisenbart

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 7 years last October. Minus a summer here and there.

How long have you served on the ELNA Board? I am not a member of the board. I am the coordinator. I work for the board and for you!

What do you love about East Lawrence? The creativity. The small-town feel but with urban liberal-mindedness. The proximity to downtown. The wonderful, dear friends.

What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in this year of service? I’d like to continue to learn how to do my job – how to make events, and services even better – and to support the board in their endeavors.

If you could be a superhero, what power would you want to possess? Super strength would be cool. Do you realize how much I could get done if I were as strong as ten men? But, I bet I could get even more done if I could figure out how to not sleep. So, Super Insomnia, but without negative side effects.



**Board Member
KH**

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? 20 years

How long have you served on the ELNA Board? 9 months

What do you love about East Lawrence? That's it's a real neighborhood where people know each other, walk around, participate, and have an identity. I also love the history and wonderful working class houses.

What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in this year of service? Protecting East Lawrence from gentrification and encroachment from attempts to expand downtown to the east. We need to stop the building of apartments which don't include low to moderate-income level prices and that are not required to meet "green" standards.

If you could be a superhero, what power would you want to possess? The ability to knock down tall buildings in a single bound.



**Board Member
Leslie Soden**

How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Since 2003.

How long have you served on the ELNA Board? Since 2004.

What do you love about East Lawrence? There is not a feeling of “keeping up with the joneses” here that I appreciate, sort of a “live & let live” attitude, great tolerance for other’s lifestyles.

What kind of projects/ causes are you interested in this year of service? Turning the Amtrak depot at 7th & New York into a wildlife center, boosting river access there, and having an “eagle watch” point.

If you could be a superhero, what power would you want to possess? The ability to shape-shift into different animal forms!



East Lawrence Votes!

Lawrence City and School General Elections will be held April 2nd, 2013. Items up for vote include Lawrence City Commission, Lawrence School Board, and the much discussed No-Tax-Increase School Bond Issue.

Historically, East Lawrence has very low voter turn out. In the major election last November, only a little more than half of all registered voters turned out. Estimates show too that not all eligible residents are even registered.

That's easy to fix. Register! To vote in the Lawrence City and School General Elections on April 2nd, you must be registered by March 12th. To register you must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of the state of Kansas, have reached the age of 18 years before the election, and not imprisoned, or paroled. You can find an application to register at the Douglas County Clerk's office, 1100 Massachusetts St., Level 1, or at the state of Kansas website <https://www.kdor.org/voterregistration/Default.aspx>. Once your registration has been processed, the county clerk's office will mail you a registration card with your precinct and voting place on the card.

FYI, parts of East Lawrence falls into precincts 33, 35, 39, and 40. Voting places for these precincts are Liberty Memorial Central Middle School, the East Lawrence Rec Center, New York Elementary, and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Next, Vote! Once you are registered and you know where to vote, do it!

All polling places are open 7am to 7pm, making it easy to fit your civic duty into your day. You can even bring your

children if you must, so don't let that be an obstacle. Consider it a teaching moment, and show your children how important voting is!

Because of new state legislation in January, you must also be sure to bring a valid, government issued photo ID with you. Some valid ID documents are: driver's license or nondriver's ID card issued by Kansas or another state, U.S. passport, concealed carry of handgun license issued by Kansas or another state (yes, really,) U.S. military ID, employee badge or ID document issued by a government office, student ID issued by an accredited Kansas postsecondary educational institution, or public assistance ID card issued by a government office. If you do not have a government issued ID card, you can get one at the County Clerk's office. They can create for you a photo ID valid for voting purposes. Contact the Clerk's office at 832-5167 for more information.

Does voting on April 2nd still sound like too much trouble? Vote by advance ballot. You can download an advance ballot from the Kansas Secretary of State's office at <http://www.sos.ks.gov/>. Advance voting begins March 16th.

The results of this Spring General Election directly affect the quality of life in your community. It's important. Register. Vote. Make your opinion heard. Show the city that East Lawrence votes!

Sources:

Office of the County Clerk http://www.douglas-county.com/depts/cl/ve/ve_home.aspx,

State of Kansas Office of the Secretary <http://www.sos.ks.gov/>

Lawrence Flea is back!

The Lawrence Flea will return to East Lawrence on the first Saturday of every month, 8-3pm, April through November. Lawrence Flea will begin its new season on April 6th.

Lawrence Flea is a unique conglomeration of antique, vintage, handmade items, and food. Rain or shine, the Lawrence Flea can be found at the Seed Co. 846 Pennsylvania or directly across the street.

If you're interested in vending, contact Angela at lawrenceflea@gmail.com or 785-840-5688.

Cheap vendor rates and no contracts.

You can also keep up to date with the Lawrence Flea on FB and Twitter (@LawrenceFlea on Twitter and [facebook.com/lawrenceflea](https://www.facebook.com/lawrenceflea)).



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Represent the East Side on an Advisory Committee

Besides voting on April 2nd, you can positively impact your community by volunteering to serve on a city advisory board.

These boards/ task forces investigate, deliberate, and directly report to the City of Lawrence on specific issues in the Lawrence community.

Some current vacancies include:

150th Anniversary Advisory Committee A new committee, the 150th Anniversary Advisory Committee will have nine members and is tasked with advising the City Commission on the implementation of the 150th Anniversary schedule of events and to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the August 21, 1863 raid on the City of Lawrence by Quantrill and his followers.

Community Development Advisory Committee (formerly Neighborhood Resources Advisory Committee) This board's function is to develop and propose Neighborhood Resources strategy and policy, to recommend allocation of CDGB and HOME funds, and to review Housing Code and Environmental Code appeals. One vacancy for a position that expired 09/30/12.

Downtown Task Force The Downtown Task Force shall develop recommendations to the governing body of the City of Lawrence regarding the City's downtown, specifically focused on retail vacancies and retail growth management, mix of retail and bar uses in the downtown area, event coordination with Convention and Visitors Bureau and the University of Kansas, and Support for the Arts in the downtown area.

Among the issues the Task Force should specifically review is the feasibility of incentives for retail incubation in the downtown area with the goal of enhancing non-food service retail occupancies in downtown businesses.

A newly formed task force, the Downtown Task Force will hold seven to eleven members.

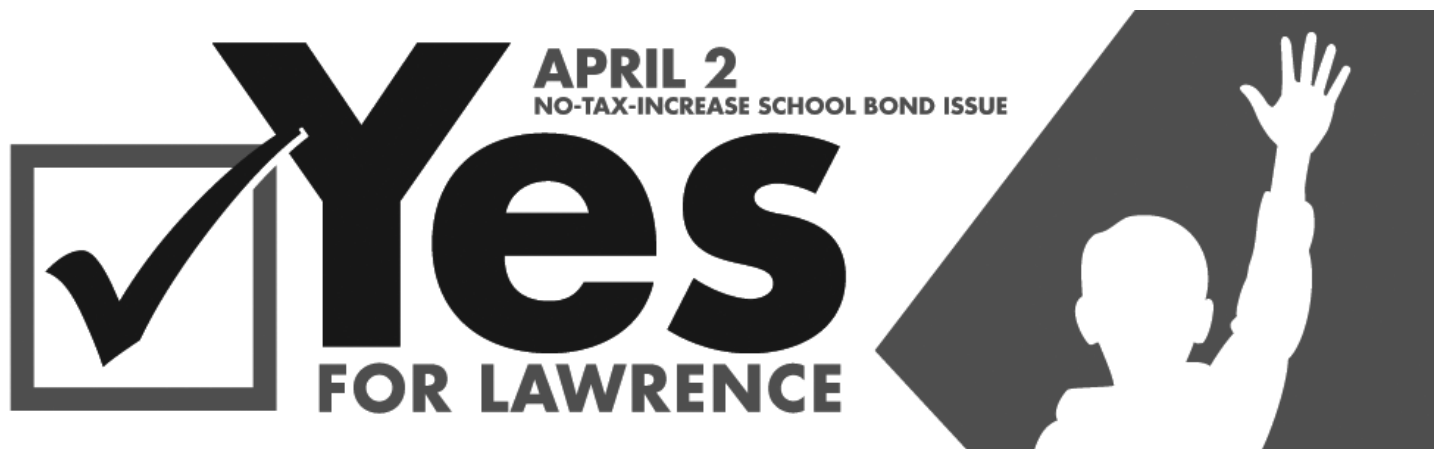
Human Relations Commission This Commission consists of nine members from diverse racial, ethnic, commercial, industrial, and other segments of the community who work to eliminate discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and housing by accepting, investigating, ruling upon, and resolving complaints within the City limits of Lawrence. Some of the activities include study of the problem of discrimination or any other matter which may have an adverse impact on community relations; promote good will and cooperation among diverse ethnic groups and other elements of the population of Lawrence; solicit, receive, and accept funding for programs and to advise and support the Director and City Commission.

Two vacancies for positions that expired 09/30/12 and one vacancy for a position that expires 09/30/14.

Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission This group is the City's advisory board on all matters of public art. Some ongoing programs include the Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition and the annual Phoenix Awards. The board also makes recommendations to the City Commission regarding construction or renovation of public buildings, purchase of artwork for the City and sponsorship of local art activities.

Four positions expired 01/31/13 and all are eligible for reappointment to additional terms. One vacancy for a position that expired 01/31/13.

For more information on what these boards do, how long their terms are, and their meeting dates and times, visit the City of Lawrence website, <http://www.ci.lawrence.ks.us/boards#hand>



Get Health Care

Heartland Community Health Center is a holistic primary care clinic that exists to serve all community members, regardless of income. HCHC accepts patients without insurance, with Medicaid (now KanCare), Medicare, and most commercial insurances. HCHC offers an affordable sliding fee scale to patients without insurance.

HCHC employs well-qualified male and female providers to offer high quality health care. HCHC also offers mental and behavioral health care in addition to other health services, such as a Diabetes Care & Prevention program, Nutrition & Exercise coaching and a Smoking Cessation program. Through these services, patients receive personal goal-setting and coaching support while making positive health changes. As a holistic health center, we believe in the health of all aspects of an individual — physical, emotional, social and spiritual — and we desire to be a medical home for the “whole” person.

Call 785.841.7297 to make an appointment or visit our website at heartlandhealth.org.

Give Health Care

Make a difference by signing up for HCHC food pantry’s “Adopt an Item” program. This program ensures the most requested and needed items are available on a consistent basis at our food pantry. “Adopt an Item” provides the choice of healthy items for our patients and clients of the food pantry, which encourages healthy habits and new lifestyle changes.

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2013 Spring Compost & Woodchip Sales

This spring, the City of Lawrence will hold the following compost and woodchip sales at the City’s Wood Recovery and Composting Facility located at 1420 E. 11th Street, just east of 11th and Haskell Avenue, over the railroad tracks. The compost and woodchips are not intended for commercial applications, but rather for the citizens of Lawrence.

NO dump truck quantities. For residential use only.

COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALE SELF LOAD ONLY

Saturday, March 30, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Compost and woodchips are for SELF LOAD ONLY. Self-loading pick-up truck or trailer loads will be \$10 per load and small quantities will be free. CASH only. Please bring a shovel.

COMPOST SALE

Thursday, April 4, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 5, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(will close early if supply is depleted)

The city will load by tractor into pick-up trucks and trailers. The city cannot load trucks with ladder racks. The cost of the compost will be \$10 per bucket load, which is equivalent to 2 cubic yards. CASH only.

WOODCHIP SALE

Thursday, April 11, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 13, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(will close early if supply is depleted)

The city will load by tractor into pick-up trucks and trailers. The city cannot load trucks with ladder racks. 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. The cost of the woodchips will be \$10 per bucket load, which is equivalent to 2 cubic yards. CASH only.

For more information on the compost or woodchip sales, please call (785) 832-3030.

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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.

\$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!

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Black Burgundy Navy Sage Brown

WOMEN

S M L

Pink Light Blue

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Kelly Green Kiwi Green

ONESIES!

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

Heather Grey

- 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.
- Please remove me from the mailing list. Send to ELNA, Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044

Make checks payable to ELNA
Send Payment to:
ELNA, PO Box 442393
Lawrence, KS 66044

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: _____