

East Lawrence News

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ELNA

General Meeting

March 9th, 2026

April 13th, 2026

IN PERSON AT NEW YORK SCHOOL

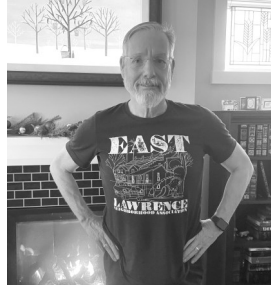
936 NY St

And Online via Zoom

Agenda & Zoom Link

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From the President

As the days grow longer and the temperatures rise, we know that Spring is around the corner. I was always told that March was a temperamental month. It might come in like a lion but leave like a lamb, or start like a lamb and leave like a lion. Maybe that is another reason we appreciate March Madness. I am not sure I believe that, but whatever happens weather-wise, we have a lot going on this month. The

Yart Sale will be held at the New York Elementary School gym on Saturday, March 28th from 8 am to 1 pm. Along with our regular ELNA Board meeting, there's enough happening to keep many of us busy. Since the newsletter comes out after our March meeting, remember that we meet on the second Monday evening of each month at New York Elementary, starting at 7 pm.

The Yart Sale, a major fundraiser for ELNA, promises to offer a trove of treasures, and we are presently going through some gently used items that we plan on donating. I am also looking forward to simply walking around the gym to see how I might replace my treasures with whatever I might find. I encourage you to do both.

A lot is going on in our larger community as well as our neighborhood. There is talk of the city commission considering the largest debt the city has ever faced, the Sunrise Nursery proposal to build cross-mod housing, affordable housing, and to redo the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan. Along with other pressing issues that have an impact on our neighborhood, these are items (along with others) discussed at our monthly meetings. You are free to come and participate in discussions and learn about how best to support the uniqueness of our neighborhood.

The fact that you received this newsletter means that we have many volunteers willing to help distribute them. My thanks go out to all who write articles, format the newsletter, print it and make sure it arrives in your hands. If you'd like to help in the process, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you at the Yart Sale, and at our monthly meetings.

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ELNA Meeting Dates 2026

ELNA meets on the second Monday of each month, from 7-9pm in person and on zoom. In this new year, we'll meet in the New York School library at 936 NY St.

Mark your calendars with these meeting dates:

Jan 12th, Feb 9th, Mar 9th, Apr 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, Aug 10th, Sept 14th, Oct 12th, Nov 9th, Dec 14th.

YART SALE 2026!

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

Join us Saturday March 28th, from 8am to 1pm, at the New York Elementary gymnasium, enter from New Jersey St.

DONATIONS: We want your stuff! Please bring your unique and useful gently used items to donate to our sale. We'll set up for the sale on Friday evening, that's Friday March 27th, from 6-9pm. You can bring whatever you have to donate then. We'll take just about anything – clothes, kitchenware, books, toys, housewares, small furniture, etc. OH! And we could really use some hangers. If you have spare hangers, give them to us! Our hanger source in the past isn't an option anymore, and we really like being able to hang up clothes for sale.

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

ARTISTS: We're all full up on artists this year. Already! We've got jewelry makers, resin artists, crochet artists, print makers AND MORE! Shoppers, come ready to find some one of a kind cool stuff made by your neighbors.

MUSICIANS: Board member Phil is all over it. We'll have some high quality live music for your enjoyment.

SNACKS! Don't worry about grabbing breakfast before you come to the sale, our New York School PTA and Student Leaders will bring the baked goods and coffee for purchase again this year.

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

Spring Bake and Plant Sale at Sunrise!

The Spring Sunrise sale is back!
Sort of. But with baked goods!
Saturday April 4th noon-4pm
Sunrise Project 245 N 4th St

Welcome to our Spring Bake Sale + Plants!
All proceeds go straight to our programs that you
love: Community meals, orchard and garden,
youth program and Sunday cafés!

We will have:

- *yummy homemade treats available by the dozen and individually
- *Sunrise granola
- *Plants, courtesy of Jungle House!

We accept credit cards, Venmo, PayPal, checks
and cash!
Looking forward to seeing you!

KU's Big Event Seeks Job Sites

Need help in the yard or with a painting project? Some KU student volunteers may be able to help you! KU's Big Event is non-need based and accepts job sites from all across the Lawrence Community including homes, agencies, businesses, parks, etc. Our volunteers can do any jobs that do not involve power tools and are safe to be completed. Jobs typically include gardening, yard work, cleaning out garages, painting, etc.

The Spring Big Event on April 18th, 2026! If you'd like to submit your job/location for consideration as Big Event Job Site, visit the Big Event website at <https://thebigevent.ku.edu/job-sites>, and fill in the job site application.

COMMUNITY BUILDING ACCESS

You may have heard that the Community Building, just west of East Lawrence on 11th, is open for public use for free, unlike other rec center facilities, **FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS!** So, show your support for continued free access to the Community building through June of this year by visiting as much as you can.

Community Building 115 W 11th

**Hours: 8am to 8pm M-F,
Saturdays 9am to 6pm
Sundays 10am to 4pm**

Facility Offerings:

Office – for class enrollments and reservations
8am to 5pm M-F
Locker /Shower facilities
Full-size Gymnasium
Weight room
Cardio Equipment
Classes held regularly

How to Access?

During regular operating hours, the facility is locked and patrons may gain entry by pressing the Ring doorbell buttons, located at both entrances, and staff will assist them. As the facility has two entrances, accurately tracking usage has been challenging. To address this challenge, this process was implemented to ensure accurate facility usage and access.

All patrons are required to check in. Upon entering the facility, patrons will go to the front desk to check in and scan their access card. We ask that all patrons scan their card each time they enter the facility. If a patron does not have a card, staff will assist them in obtaining one. In the event a card is lost, staff can issue a replacement at no cost. There is a Community Building membership, which is free of charge, as well as memberships for other recreation facilities that require a fee, available to purchase at that time. The same access card may be used for all facilities, based on what patrons sign up for.

Who can use the Community Building?

Everyone! It's especially important for young people, low income people, and seniors on fixed incomes to utilize the space in order to show the City with numbers how important free access to health and fitness is to our community!

Mower and Tiller for Rent

It's yard work time again! When your grass is green and growing, you can rent a mower from ELNA for \$10 per half day. When you're ready to till up your garden, 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.



HEY, YOU FOUND IT!

A podcast where we discuss local art, politics, and community, recorded right here in East Lawrence!



www.radiolawrence.com



Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Loan and Rental Programs
In This Area that also Accept Donations

Please call to find out if the item you are looking for is available to borrow. Also call prior to donating to find out if a particular item is needed/will be accepted.

Our good buddy KT wanted to share this information with you all. If you, or someone you know is in need of affordable medical equipment, please check out these resources!

Independence, Inc. Equipment Loan Program 2001 Haskell Ave Lawrence, KS 66046 Phone: 785.841.0333 Website: independenceinc.org Loans & Accepts Donations	First United Methodist Church DME Loan Program 946 Vermont Lawrence, KS 66044 Rick Koester Phone: 785.764.5655 rkoester7485@gmail.com Loans & Accepts Donations	First Presbyterian Church DME Loan Program 2415 Clinton Parkway Lawrence, KS 66047 Phone: 785.843.4171 Loans & Accepts Donations
Keep Living at Home LLC DME Loan Program 3017 W 6 th St, Suite B Lawrence, KS 66049 Website: klah.org Phone: 785.592.1848 Loans & Accepts Donations	Northeast Assistive Technology (AT) Access Site OCCK, Inc. 712 W. Kansas Avenue Topeka, KS 66603 Phone: 785-286-7415 Email: occktopeka@occk.com Website: atk.ku.edu Devise demonstration; short term equipment loan; AT reuse; Assistance determining funding.	Accessibility Medical KC 311 Delaware Street #102 #A, Kansas City, MO 64105 Website: accessibilitymedical.org Phone: 866.201.3829 Email: info@AMEKC.org Accepts Donations and sells new & refurbished equipment at low cost
Criticare 1006 West 6 th St, Lawrence Phone: 785-749.4878 Loans wheelchairs to individuals with cancer. Rents hospital beds & wheelchairs (some bariatric) on a monthly basis. Rent 5 ft ramps. Sells a variety of new durable medical equipment.	Anderson Rentals 2206 East 23 rd Street Lawrence, KS 66046 Phone: 785.843.2044 Rents wheelchairs monthly. No bariatric wheelchairs.	East Central KS Area Agency on Aging Ottawa, KS Phone: 785.242.7200 Loans & Accepts Donations (limited basis- 90 days)

Additional information is available from Independence, Inc. upon request, including where to donate or obtain a wide variety of assistive technology, medical equipment and supplies that local programs do not accept. Obtaining assistive technology and potential funding sources.

NEW YORK MONTESSORI PREK NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2026

PreK Montessori Program
 Available for children ages 3-4
 Free tuition for those who qualify, \$690 per month for others.
 Priority for students within district boundaries for New York School.

Register at www.usd497.org/NewStudentRegistration

Questions regarding enrollment? Contact by email to Sheila.callaghan@usd497.org
 More about New York's Montessori program at <https://newyork.usd497.org/about-us/montessori>

**CITY OF LAWRENCE
COMPOST FACILITY
1420 E. 11th Street, Lawrence
OPEN Saturdays,
March through December 12th**

Compost Facility Guidelines

- Customers must bring their own tools (e.g., shovels, pitchforks) to self-load and unload.
- Personal motorized loading equipment (e.g., skid steer) is not allowed.
- Gates to the facility will close promptly at 1 p.m. All customers must be out of the facility by closing time.
- Do NOT stop on the railroad tracks while waiting to enter the facility.
- All transactions are CASH ONLY. Please bring exact change.
- Absolutely no bills larger than \$20 will be accepted.
- No self-load or drop-offs during city-load event days.
- Drop-off and self-load events are for Lawrence residents only.
- City-load events are open to everyone (excluding our April event for residents ONLY)

Cost and Fees

The cost and fees for each type of compost service are listed below:

Yard Waste Drop-Off (Proof of residency required.)

Small Load – \$10

Large Load – \$10

Xtra Large Load – \$20

Self-Loaded Material (Compost & Woodchips)
(Proof of residency required.)

> 20 Gallons – \$10

< 20 Gallons – FREE

City-Loaded Material

1 Scoop – \$15

Scoop and residency limits may apply.

Phone: 785-832-3026

Email: compost@lawrenceks.gov

City-Load Events (Compost & Woodchips)

The City offers City-load days at the Compost Facility several times throughout the year to allow customers to have compost and/or mulch loaded into their trucks or trailers by City staff using loading equipment. All compost facility guidelines are still in effect during City-load events. To help with traffic control, a limit of one (1) scoop will be in effect until 11th Street is free of vehicles. Those wishing to haul two (2) or three (3) scoops of material are encouraged to come after 10:30am, though the availability of multiple scoops is not guaranteed. Scoop limits will be at the discretion of staff and will be determined on site. The one (1) scoop limit is a total limit per vehicle, not per material.

Cost: Compost and wood chips loaded into trucks or trailers by City staff using loading equipment costs \$15 per scoop. One scoop typically fills a pickup truck bed. There is a limit of three scoops per visit.

2026 City-Load Dates (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) [no self-load during these events]

April 4 (Residents only. Proof of residency required)

May 2 (Open to All)

June 6 (Open to All)

October 3 (Open to All)

****These dates are subject to change depending on weather and material availability.**

Yard Waste Drop-Off

Yard waste drop-off is for Lawrence residents.

Proof of residency will be required at the gate.

Non-residents are still encouraged to come and collect compost and woodchips on City-load event days.

Accepted materials: grass, leaves, and brush
ONLY

Absolutely no plastic bags

Brush must not be longer than 4 feet

Brush must not be more than 8 inches in diameter

Brush must be loose, no ties of any kind

Leaves and grass may be loose, or in kraft paper bags only

Drop-offs start at \$10 for small loads. Large loads may cost more.



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HYGIENE PRODUCT DRIVE FOR CENTRAL!

Central Community Closet

Donate hygiene products to promote dignity, health, and confidence at school.

Currently 60% of LMCMS students qualify for free and reduced lunch with a lack of access to essential hygiene products. This closet will provide students with a fully stocked location to access products they need!

Items needed: laundry detergent, deodorant, toilet paper, soap and body wash, cleaning supplies, flushable wipes, toothbrushes and toothpaste

**Drop off any hygiene products at the Yart Sale!
 Saturday March 28th, New York Elementary Gym
 936 New York St**

For more information, contact Helen Vilorio, hviloria71@gmail.com

New York School Pantry

Our little New York School has a free pantry in the entryway. Anyone is free to enter the front area of the school during school hours to use or contribute to the pantry. Any student can pick things up that they need and of course any of our families as they come and go from the school. We keep paper bags right with the food so they are able to shop more easily. The Food Pantry is available on every day of school from 7:45 AM (when school begins) until about 6:00 PM, when BGC closes.

I cannot tell you how fast our food goes out of our little Food Pantry! The need is increasing in a very noticeable way in our neighborhood. So if you'd like to contribute food to the pantry, here's a list of favorite items:

Boxes of cereal (all kinds), Shelf stable milk (no refrigeration), Dry spaghetti noodles, Macaroni and cheese, Canned chicken, Pancake and waffle mix, Syrup, Jelly (we get peanut butter), Rice-a-roni/Pasta Roni type meals, Classroom Snacks (classrooms are 20 to 28 students per class), Canned chili, spaghettios, other canned pasta meals, Spaghetti sauce, Rice, Canned Fruits, Ramen noodle packages, And anything people think would be a good meal for their own families!

If you have any other questions email lkucza@usd497.org.

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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\$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.)

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

- ☐ Please add my email to the “Thursday ELNA News” (the weekly newsletter) email list.

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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Love this Neighborhood Association? Sign up to be a supporter! If you'd like to support the work we do, consider making a donation. Navigate to our website and click any donate button there, or scan this QR.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out.

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