

# East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
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July 2012



## ELNA General Meeting

Monday, July 2nd  
7-9 p.m.  
The Percolator Gallery

Agenda includes:

- ◀ Round Table Lawrence
- ◀ Curb Talk
- ◀ Treasurer Elections
- ◀ 900 New Hampshire

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## Calendar for July and August

### July

1<sup>st</sup> – Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30pm, BNSF Depot, 7th & NY Streets

2<sup>nd</sup> – ELNA General Meeting, 7-9pm, The Lawrence Percolator

3<sup>rd</sup> – Special Independence Day City Band Concert, 8pm,  
South Park Gazebo

5<sup>th</sup> – Brown Bag Concert, noon to 1pm, 900 Mass St.

11<sup>th</sup> – City Band Concert, 8pm, South Park Gazebo

12<sup>th</sup> – Brown Bag Concert, noon to 1pm, 900 Mass St.

18<sup>th</sup> – City Band Concert, 8pm, South Park Gazebo

19<sup>th</sup> – Brown Bag Concert, noon to 1:00pm, 900 Mass St.

19<sup>th</sup> – Eastside Village Lawrence meeting, 7pm,  
East Lawrence Rec Center

26<sup>th</sup> – Brown Bag Concert, noon to 1:00pm, 900 Mass St.

### August

1<sup>st</sup> – New York School Enrollment, 7:30-3:00, New York School Office

2<sup>nd</sup> – Brown Bag Concert, noon to 1:00pm, 900 Mass St.

5<sup>th</sup> – Train Depot Clean-up, 3-4:30pm, BSNF Depot, 7<sup>th</sup> & NY Streets

6<sup>th</sup> – ELNA Board Meeting, 7-9pm, the Lawrence Percolator

14<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School, Grade 6, USD 497

15<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School, grades 1-9, USD 497

16<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School, Kindergarten and Grades 10-12, USD 497

## Pennsylvania St. Gardens Update

1304 PENN ST. COMMUNITY GARDEN  
GROUP VISIONING AND PLANNING

Most Wednesdays, 6:30pm @1304 Pennsylvania St., Lawrence KS 66044 Transition Kaw Valley invites anyone interested in creating a novel and unique manifestation of the Penn St. Community Garden to meet together at 1304 Pennsylvania St. We are considering multiple concepts to be developed in several parts of the site, and **we welcome any innovative proposal** from anyone interested in making it real. Some possibilities are: **aquaponics, vermicomposting, Greenhouse + Rocket Mass Heater, hoop house, rain-water catchment, permablitz area, apiculture, compost toilet, tool library - - add your idea to the mix!** If you can show how you would pull it off, we may provide you the opportunity, AND you may provide a real asset for the community. For more info, contact Matt at <schwabauer@gmail.com>.

## From the President

Howdy Neighbors!

The #1 question I have been asked in the past month is “What is going on down at 8<sup>th</sup> & Pennsylvania?” So I thought I would take some time and talk about it with you, as it has a bit longer of a back story than you might think.

The Poehler building was built in 1904 but has been mostly vacant since 1957, and the elements have been having their way with it since then. In 2006 Bo Harris decided to try his hand at rehabilitating that block and breathing new life into it.

At that time, the greatest controversy for Bo’s projected plans was for the west side of Penn street: 3 and 4-story buildings of new construction, which backed up to 1 and 2 story houses across the alley, thus creating a near continuous 3-story brick wall along the alley. For familiar reasons, the residents rejected to such density & height being built directly across the alley from them. And then the housing bubble popped and the recession moved in to stay, and nothing ended up happening down there at all.

But we did have one lingering result from Bo’s efforts: the “8<sup>th</sup> & Penn Design Guidelines”. These were created at public neighborhood forums to provide a structure for rehabilitation and development for the 800 block of Pennsylvania. You can check it out here:



<http://www.lawrenceks.org/planning/documents/8th&Penn.pdf>

One of the important pieces of information from the guidelines is that the Poehler building will remain the tallest structure for that area, and provide the visual anchor & reference point for the East Lawrence Industrial Historic District (page 15). All other buildings must be lower than 40’ tall and a max of 3 stories tall.

In early 2011 our neighborhood was approached by Tony Krsnich, a Kansas City developer, with plans to rehabilitate the Poehler building into affordable housing using several methods of public financing. Since his development plans were restricted to rehabbing the existing infrastructure on that block, our neighborhood solidly supported his efforts. And now we are finally seeing the results of that work: 49 apartment units in the Poehler building that will be ready for occupancy by July. Art galleries, studios, and office space are already planned for the surrounding buildings. And I’ve heard rumors of a yoga studio, daycare center & organic grocery store being interested in other retail spaces along Penn Street as well.

Sustainability is an important value for our neighborhood, and the most sustainable way to redevelop is to re-use & re-purpose existing infrastructure. And by adding more permanent residents to our neighborhood, it will have a positive impact on our neighborhood, our public school and our downtown as well.

We will keep you updated on any future plans proposed for that area. Enjoy your summer!

Leslie Soden, ELNA President

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## New and Returning Members

Julie A Buchsbaum  
Depot Redux  
Shelle Rosenfeld  
Jeff Kuhr  
Val Romero  
Chelsey Scanland  
313 Studios, John Hachmeister, Grace Peterson  
Eric and Mary Kirkendall  
Cottage Hill Counseling

## Neighborhood Resource Officer Contact Information

Got a problem with your neighbor?

In issues and incidences of graffiti, disturbing the peace, and disorderly nuisance houses, your neighborhood resource officer can help. Eastside Resource Officer Robert Neff can act as a liason between you, your neighbor, and a myriad of city agencies to reach a resolution.

Officer Neff can be reached at (785) 830-7409 or [nro@lkpd.org](mailto:nro@lkpd.org). The city’s page on resource officers can be found at <http://police.lawrenceks.org/content/neighborhood-resource-officers>.

## Rent Your Gardening Equipment from ELNA

The ELNA rototiller and lawn mower (purchased new in 2010!) are now available for your use. The lawn mower rents for \$5/half a day. The rototiller is available for \$10/half a day. There is also a training video available on how to use a rototiller – available for free! Contact Phil Collison, 843-8098, for inquiries on how to rent this equipment. Please have a way to transport this equipment yourself.

# Scott Frazier and Jim Garner Resign from ELNA Board

Effective as of June 4<sup>th</sup>, Scott and Jim are no longer members of the ELNA Board. With love and regrets, they send the following letter to East Lawrence and the existing ELNA Board:

*We have news. Jim has accepted a job offer with the US Department of Labor in Washington DC.*

*We share this news with conflicting feelings of joy and sadness. We are very excited that Jim finally has a job and a new purpose supporting government programs about which he is passionate. However, we really love living in East Lawrence and will very much miss being here.*

*Someday, we will return to Kansas and we can imagine no other place we would want to live in Kansas than East Lawrence. If you ever find yourself in Washington DC, please let us know. Keep up the good work as you strive to make our city a better place.*

*Jim Garner and Scott Frazier  
1246 Delaware St.*


ELNA most sincerely thanks Jim and Scott for their long and dedicated service. They will be missed.

**ELNA is on Facebook!**  
Like our fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/eastlawrence> and look for updates regarding neighborhood events.

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# Senior Village Update

EASTSIDE VILLAGE LAWRENCE  
community meeting  
July 19 - 7pm  
East Lawrence Recreation Center

A village is:

- a new approach to aging in place
- community members working together
- one number to call for the services you need to make your life simpler, safer, more supported.

Nancy Intermill of midtown Village in Lincoln, NE. will be here to help us get the ball rolling.

If you have any questions or would like to be part of the organizing work group, contact Bonnie Uffman 856 0057 or [bonuff@gmail.com](mailto:bonuff@gmail.com).



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**Homes for Sale: The Lawrence Community Housing Trust has homes for sale near downtown and farther east, near 26th & Haskell. Very low down payment requirements; Newer homes are Energy Star rated; For information about qualifying for this affordable homebuyer program contact:**

**Tenants to Homeowners, Inc.**  
(call or visit our website for more details)

**842-5494 • [www.tenants-to-homeowners.org](http://www.tenants-to-homeowners.org)**

## City Offers Free Concerts

Each Wednesday evening at 8:00pm, the Lawrence City Band will perform at the Willam Kelly Bandstand in South Park. The concerts are free and open to all. Concerts continue through July 18<sup>th</sup>, excluding Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Instead, a special Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> concert celebrates Independence Day. In cases of adverse weather, concerts will be held at Murphy Hall, Room 130, at KU.

Each Thursday afternoon, through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lawrence Parks and Recreation and Downtown Lawrence Inc., offers the Brown Bag Concert Series from noon to 1:00pm. The concerts will be held in front of U.S. Bank at 900 Massachusetts St. In the event of inclement weather, the venue for this concert moves Watkins Community Museum at 1047 Massachusetts St.

For more information, contact Duane Peterson, Special Events Supervisor, (785) 832-7940.

## New York School Enrollment

August 1, 2012, 7:30-3:00

Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00

All returning students must enroll.

Proof of residency will be requested from all parents and guardians enrolling students at New York Elementary. Please bring a current utility bill, lease agreement or contract on new home purchase.

Students new to New York School must visit the Lawrence Public Schools Welcome Center at 110 MacDonald Drive, or call at (785) 330-1921.

If you cannot enroll on August 1, 2012 call the office at 832-5780 to make arrangements for another time.

Sandy Unruh, New York School

## Kickball is Back!

The Kaw Valley Kickball League is back and again taking up residence in Hobbs Park. Every Sunday evening two games will be played at the park, at 7:00 and 9:00pm, with the "Game of the Week". The games are open to the public and free to attend. More information about KVKL, including a complete game schedule, can be found at [www.kawvalleykickball.com](http://www.kawvalleykickball.com).

### 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!

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Black Burgundy Navy Sage Brown

CHILD

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

Kelly Green Kiwi Green

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Heather Grey

Make checks payable to ELNA  
Send Payment to:  
ELNA, PO Box 442393  
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: \_\_\_\_\_