

# East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
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July 2022



## ELNA

### General Meeting

July 11th 7-9 pm

Online via Zoom

### Agenda

always available at <http://www.eastlawrence.com/meetings>  
Email Phil at [phil@pcollison.com](mailto:phil@pcollison.com)  
for zoom link info

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## From the President

*Barry Shalinsky*

Wow, it has sure been hot! Some of you who know me, know that I too have been hot, literally. Fever, dehydration and way too tired for how a neighborhood association president needs to be to get the job done. It's not Covid, but so far, my only diagnoses have been what it isn't. Hey, I realize that nobody really wants to read about my health. After all, that is a private personal matter between me and my doctor, right?

That brief discussion does give me the opportunity to acknowledge our many active ELNA board members and our neighborhood coordinator who have stepped up in big ways and small to see that all of the essential work of ELNA moves forward.

Part of that work is engaging with neighborhood residents and the City Planning Department to work on revisions to the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan. I am told that the recent meeting at the Amtrak Depot was well attended and folks were well engaged. For regular updates on opportunities for engagement, see [www.lawrence-ks.org/ELN](http://www.lawrence-ks.org/ELN), follow the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association's Facebook page, or sign up for our weekly e-news by emailing [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

Mark your calendars for September 24. This will be the annual East Lawrence Block Party. This is a fun family event that you won't want to miss. There will more details in our September newsletter.

Finally, if you read nothing else in this abbreviated newsletter, please read the election article, including methods and timeframes for voting. There have been a lot of mischaracterizations, obfuscation, and let's be honest about it, deliberate lies about what a yes vote or a no vote on the Kansas constitutional amendment means. Please do your research and consult with sources you trust to cast a well-informed vote that truly reflects your intentions.

## Association Reminders

### Upcoming ELNA Meetings –

The ELNA Board and attending membership meet each month on the second Monday of the month. Our upcoming meetings on Monday July 11th and Monday August 8th will continue to take place on zoom. As the school year begins, we will evaluate the safety of returning to in person meetings at our usual New York Elementary library site. The zoom link to our monthly meetings is always available at the top of each month's agenda. That agenda is \*always\* available on our website -- [eastlawrence.com/meetings/](http://eastlawrence.com/meetings/).

### Mower and Tiller for Rent

You can rent a mower from ELNA for \$10 per half day. You can also 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](mailto:phil@pcollison.com).

### Save the Date for the ELNA Block Party!

We've reserved Hobbs Park for our annual Block Party for Saturday September 24th from 5-9pm. If you think you'd like to volunteer or have an info table for your organization, campaign, or cause, it's not too early to reach out. Email Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com)

### News Sources

If bimonthly (the schedule for this newsletter) just isn't often enough for getting your neighborhood news, you have options. We have an active Facebook page and linked discussion group. Just request to join. We also have a weekly e-newsletter -- an email sent out on Thursdays, full of events and notices relevant to the East Law-

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rence neighborhood. You can sign yourself up for the Thursday ELNA News at [eastlawrence.com/join/thursday-news/](http://eastlawrence.com/join/thursday-news/). Email Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) if you need assistance. And don't forget, we post static info, like minutes, board member contact info, and such, to our website regularly. Check that out at [eastlawrence.com](http://eastlawrence.com)

### ELNA Merch

We've got tshirts, hoodies, and stickers! We even have a few coozies still kicking around. Tees range from \$12-20, hoodies are \$25, and stickers are just two dollars. Design-

wise, we've got our traditional ELNA house graphic, like on the front page of this newsletter, created by our illustrious neighbor Anne Patterson, in various colors. We've also got our Ever Vigilant Neighborhood Bitch shirts in heathered grey and heathered blue. We still have Wishing Bench and Possum Lady shirts too! We'll have all these at our Block Party, including a reorder of hoodie sizes, in September. But if you just can't wait, and even if you want to see the shirts and/or try them on, email Lane. We can make arrangements.

## VOTE!

Voters should prepare to vote on one of the most significant ballot questions in recent Kansas history. In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's recent decision overruling *Roe v. Wade*, Kansas will be the first state to decide on state level constitutional protections for reproductive choice. A YES vote removes those protections and would give the Legislature the authority to enact a total abortion ban. A NO vote maintains the limited protections currently found in the state constitution. Every registered voter may participate in the August 2 Election, whether or not you are registered to a political party. PLEASE VOTE!

### DATES TO KNOW:

**July 12:** Last day to register

**July 13:** Advance Voting begins, in person at Douglas County Elections Office (23rd and Louisiana) and by mail

**July 26:** Deadline to request an advance ballot to be mailed

**July 30:** Saturday Advance Voting 9am to 1pm Lecompton City Hall, Eudora City Hall, Baldwin Fire Station, County Clerk Elections Office (23rd and Louisiana at the Malls Shopping Center

**August 1:** Advance Voting Closes

**August 2:** ELECTION DAY -every registered voter may participate!

### WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

August 2nd 2022 is the August Kansas Primary Election. Voters will cast ballots on a proposed Kansas Anti-Abortion Amendment. Voters who are registered unaffiliated or third party WILL be allowed to vote on the Amendment. Poll workers will know which ballot to give you. Voters who are registered with a political party will also vote on their party's nominees for public offices, including US Senate, Congress, Governor/Lt. Gov., Secretary of State, Attorney General, and precinct committee posts.

### WHERE TO VOTE

If you're not yet registered to vote or you've changed addresses or names etc, you can register here: [www.ksvotes.org](http://www.ksvotes.org). Not sure about your registration? Check that here: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/your-voter-information>

If your registration is accurate and complete, you may vote in advance by mail in ballot or in person.

To request a ballot be mailed to you, you must fill out the Application for Advance Voting by Mail form. It's best to print it and sign it, as digital signatures are not accepted,

and bring it to the County Clerk's office, mail it in, or fax it. You can find that form with instructions here: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections/advance-voting/#Link-To-Advance-Voting-by-Mail>.

In person advance voting takes place from Wednesday July 13th to Friday July 29th, 8am to 5pm, at the Douglas County Elections Office at 711 W 23rd St, Suite 1. Also 8am to Noon on Monday August 1st.

If you like the thrill of voting on Election Day in person, you can cast your ballot in person at your precinct location. Most of East Lawrence is in precinct 39. If you live east of Mass and north of 11th, you'll vote at the Cider Gallery 810 Pennsylvania St. The southern portion of East Lawrence, south of 11th but north of 14th, is precinct 40 and votes at Trinity Lutheran Church at 1245 New Hampshire. A tiny portion of neighbors south of 14th but north of 15th, east of Mass and west of the trail is precinct 33. Those neighbors will vote at Vintage Church 1501 New Hampshire. Polls are open 7am to 7pm.

If you need help getting to your polling place, please email Lane at [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) and we'll find you a ride!

## Lit and Local at Sunrise

Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7-9pm

At Sunrise Project, 1501 Learnard

Featuring youth artists ages 12-18! All ages are welcome to come and shop from local youth vendors, enjoy youth performances, and partake of snacks and community.

Admission is free!



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## Back to School Info

School starts for USD 497 students mid-August!

Incoming Kindergarteners, 6th graders, and 9th graders start a “transition day” on Wednesday August 17th in the morning only. A regular schedule begins for everyone K-12 on Thursday August 18th. Early Childhood classes begin on Thursday August 25th.

With questions, you can contact the office of each of our East Lawrence schools: New York Elementary 785-832-5780, and Liberty Memorial Central Middle School 785-832-5400. New York and Central both have active Facebook pages, with school specific supplies lists and other useful information, that are sure to be updated as the first days of school approach. Or, with more general questions, you may call the District Welcome Center 785-330-1921.

## LMCMS NEWS

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School staff are working hard this summer to prepare for the 2022-23 school year! There are so many exciting things happening this year!

### Mustang Meet Up

Our Annual Mustang Meet Up and Family Cookout will be on Tuesday, August 16th from 4pm to 6pm. Students can pick up their schedules, drop off school supplies, have a hot dog and mingle with family and friends and our amazing LMCMS staff. We are always looking for donations! Top items needed: Kleenex, Expo markers, pencils, and fun items for our school store (candy, fidgets, more school supplies).

### Football Camp

Football camp for Central students will be July 25-28 from 6-8pm at LHS. Football Camp is open to 6th, 7th and 8th students. A completed physical is needed before the first day of official practices, August 15, but a physical is not needed for the camp. Complete athletic packets including the paperwork required for physicals is available in the LMCMS main office. Students who are interested can contact Head Football Coach Eugene Miles for more information (emiles@usd497.org). The first day of football practice is the first day of school.

### Hundred Year Celebration Planning Has Begun!

Our next committee meeting will be August 1st from 5-6pm in the LMCMS Cafeteria. Anyone who is interested in our 100 Year Celebration Committee or if you have questions, please contact Samantha Moore, LMCMS Admin. Asst. at 785-832-5400.

### Fun fact about LMCMS:

On Election Day in 1920, citizens voted on the bond issue to build Liberty Memorial High School; when the announcement was made that the bond had passed, singing and dancing broke out along Massachusetts St.

### Important Dates:

The first day of school for 6th grade is August 17th from 8:00am to 11:15am.

The first day of school for all students is August 18th. We open our north doors for students to get breakfast at 7:40am.

Our 39th Annual Fun Run will be on October 28th!  
Dr. Anne Hawks  
Liberty Memorial Central Middle School Principal

## WE’VE GOT A SPLASH PAD!

The City of Lawrence has installed a small water park at 15th and the Burroughs Creek Trail. The ribbon cutting ceremony took place on a sweltering Tuesday July 5th. It’s now open for play! The Burroughs Creek Splash Pad will be operational 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily through the summer season.

Parnell Park is a 2.7-acre park created by the City of Lawrence in 1954, according to the City website. The park is adjacent to the 1.7 mile long Burroughs Creek Trail & Linear Park. Representatives from the City, Brook Creek, Barker, and East Lawrence neighborhoods all collaborated to compose a plan for the Burroughs Creek Trail to repurpose defunct rail lines approximately 15 years ago. A water feature was apparently in the Burroughs Creek Plan from the beginning of concept. In 2011, Everygy, Black and Veach, and several regional construction companies donated funds to purchase and install playground equipment and surface. A concrete block storage building was once located at the park, utilized for evidence storage, but became structurally unsound and demolished in 2018. KU Architecture students built the picnic table shade in 2019. And now, our sweet little Parnell Park features restrooms, picnic tables with shade, play equipment and swings, and a small orchard, in addition to our fancy new splash pad. Parnell Park is a very enjoyable example of community collaboration over time. Thanks to everyone!

## Move Out Tips from The City of Lawrence

July and August are peak months for moving out of apartments and homes in Lawrence. The annual migration can strain city services and temporarily clutter neighborhoods.

To provide a smoother transition, city staff recommends:

- Usable items such as televisions, furniture, appliances, clothing: don’t discard, hold a moving sale or donate to local charities.
- Books, CDs, records, videos, tapes in good condition: donate to the Friends of the Lawrence Public Library, call (785) 843-3833.
- Bicycles: donate to the City Street Maintenance, call (785) 832-7800.
- Bulky items that are no longer usable, such as couches, appliances, and automobile tires: call Solid Waste for pickup at (785) 832-3032.
- Paint, used motor oil and potentially hazardous chemicals: call Waste Reduction and Recycling at (785) 832-3030.
- Recyclable items, such old newspapers, plastic bags and beverage containers: log on to [www.LawrenceRecycles.org](http://www.LawrenceRecycles.org) for recycling drop off locations.
- Give away usable items at [Freecycle.org](http://Freecycle.org)
- Water service: transfer or terminate service by calling (785) 832-7878 or go online to [www.lawrenceks.org/utility\\_billing](http://www.lawrenceks.org/utility_billing).
- Your residence trash can stays at the residence.

Editor’s Note: There are also a number of Buy Sell Trade and Buy Nothing Groups on Facebook. You can put a box on the curb, post a picture, and it disappears! It’s like magic!

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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.

\$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 enewsletter) email list.

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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_