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IMPORTANT NOTICE ** GENERAL MEETING DATE CHANGED**

by Jo Anderson

The General Meeting for E.L.I.A. has been changed from Monday, February 11, 1991 to Monday, February 18, 1991. The meeting will be held at New York School, 936 New York, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Shirly-Martin Smith will be at the meeting. Come prepared with all the questions you have always wanted to ask City Hall.

We will also be discussing the setting up and operation of the East Lawrence Survey in preparation for a new neighborhood plan.

Individual and Business Memberships

by Curt Enos

As we go into the second month of the New Year, it is once again time to renew memberships in the E.I.L.A. They are \$1.00 for individuals residing in East Lawrence, and \$20. for business memberships.

Those who own businesses in East Lawrence are welcome to attend and vote at our general meetings. We welcome your financial support for our efforts, and would like to see more of you at our meetings and events. With your help we can help make this an even better neighborhood to work and live in. I would also like to thank the following businesses for joining last year: Big Bang Recording Studio; Etc. Shoppe; Ernest and Sons Hardware; The Jazzhause; Luciece Restaurant; The Loft Clothing Store; Paradise Cafe; The Phoenix Gallery; Kizer Cummings Jewelers; The Natural Way; Snedeger & Sons Laundromat; Ricks Bike Shop; and Visions Optical. A Special Thanks to the Paradise Cafe and Natural Way for their help with Earth Day Events. Thanks Guys!

Should you wish to join the E.L.I.A. in the betterment of the community for residents and businesses of East Lawrence, please fill out the attached membership form and mail to the address listed. We appreciate you.

**East Lawrence Improvement Association
Membership Form**

TO: E.L.I.A., Jon Nepstad, Treasurer
916 Rhode Island
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Type of Membership: Individual \$1.00 Business \$20.00

Amount Enclosed: _____

Thank you!

 Martin Luther King T-Shirts

New York School still has some of the wonderful Martin Luther King T-Shirts for sale. Sizes available are: Small; Medium; Large; and lots of Extra Large. The T-Shirts may be purchased at New York School, 936 New York, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for \$6.50 each.

Money/Banks/Houses

by Jim Schneider

Since a recent ELIA meeting where some members expressed concern over the difficulty of obtaining loan money to purchase and/or rehabilitate homes, a number of things have happened that may be of interest.

(1) A questionnaire was sent to all local banks and savings & loan associations, asking about lending policies and types of loans available. Questionnaire responses are in and are being assembled in a form that will, hopefully, provide helpful information.

(2) At one of our ELIA general meetings, Mr. Rod Bremby, Assistant City Manager, shared information about the possibility of instituting a federal Neighborhood Housing Services Program in Lawrence. As I understand it, this particular program would do much to help people with low incomes purchase and/or rehabilitate homes. However, since many cities are competing for the program, local government, lending institutions, and neighborhoods must work together to demonstrate a strong desire for, and a strong commitment to, the program before it is awarded to Lawrence.

(3) Within the past week, Mr. Lynn Goodell, Community Development Director, informed us that a number of local lenders had expressed a desire to work with his office and the people of East Lawrence to provide home improvement loans. While they would consider loans for anyone, they would especially be interested in lending home improvement money to a large number of home owners on one or two blocks. That is, they would be very interested lending home improvement money to groups of individuals who have come together with their immediate neighbors to make a commitment to improve their homes and, thus, the whole block.

(4) In the process of talking with Mr. Goodell, he gave me information about existing city programs which provide home improvement loan and grant money to low income home owners. The terms of some of these city programs are extremely reasonable and generous. As I understand it, in some cases (grants) the home improvement money is given (no pay back)! In other cases (loans) the homeowner is only required to pay back 1/2 of what he or she borrows--- without interest! Further, the pay back schedule of these no-interest loans is extremely reasonable. In some cases, the money need not be paid back until the house is sold.

After gathering the above information, I have some impressions: Questionnaire and experiential data indicate that some local lenders have policies that make it impossible for individuals to get loans on certain types of property. In some cases, loans are said to be available for purchase or rehabilitation; however, the terms of these loans are so outrageous that an applicant would be fiscally irresponsible to accept the terms. On a positive note, with some effort, you can find a few lenders who are willing to take time to consider lending on property, and to applicants, that would be summarily rejected by a majority of local lenders. In some cases, you may be able to find these lenders within Lawrence; in other cases, you may need to go to neighboring communities. Note: Even reasonable lenders, with reasonable terms, expect you to pay back their money. IF you do not have enough monthly income to be able to pay back the loan on a monthly basis (e.g., monthly) or if you have a history of being irresponsible--- you will not qualify for a bank or savings and loan association loan. However, if you are a responsible person; but just do not have enough monthly income to qualify for a bank or S&L loan, you may well qualify for home

improvement money from city loan and grant programs. With these programs, the fact that you do not meet the income requirements of a lender may be seen as a plus--- low income qualifies you for money to improve your home! Unfortunately, as stated earlier, these city loan and grant programs only provide home improvement money; they do not provide money for the purchase of homes. If Lawrence competes, successfully, for the federal Neighborhood Hosing Services program (mentioned earlier), then this particular program could help low income individuals purchase and/or rehabilitate homes.

Major impression: If you need loan money for the purchase or improvement of a home, you need to educate yourself about what questions to ask a lender; what loan and/or grant programs are available; what criteria does a lender use to qualify or disqualify you; what loans and loan terms should be avoided. If it would be helpful, perhaps ELIA should hold an educational forum on these and other related subjects that would help improve the neighborhood, or if you would just like to get to know some of your neighbors, please come to the next ELIA meeting.

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, Wakidate Social & Forum

LAN has planned several activities which are of interest to the East Lawrence Residents. Here's a list:

Wednesday, February 20, 1991, 7:30 p.m.- Commission Candidates; Primary Election Social: Baptist Student Center, 1629 Nineteenth. LAN members will meet with city commission primary candidates. Interested neighbors might want to drop by and share with the candidates your neighborhood concerns.

Monday, March 18, 1991, 6:30 p.m to 9:00 p.m. (Alternate date: Wednesday, March 20) LAN Candidate Forum: City Commission Room, City Hall. LAN will present a formal city commission candidate forum. We encourage everyone to raise neighborhood concerns during the coming campaign.

Saturday, April 13, 1991, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.- LAN Conference and Workshop: Tentatively at Plymouth Congregational Church. LAN is sponsoring the first annual neighborhood conference and workshop. The conference is free to members of LAN neighborhood associations but costs \$5.00 to others. Each participant is asked to bring a covered dish of salad, breads, desserts or vegetables. LAN will provide drinks and plates, etc.

Steve Lopes at 842-7137 can be contacted about these activities.

Board of Directors For ELIA

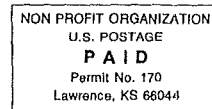
President: F. Jolleen Anderson 842-2533
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Other members: Patricia Marvin; Marsha Klinknett; Jim Schneider; Curt Enos; Dietre Weismiller; Craig A. Stancliff; Mary Gray; Travis Crandall; Joe Rose.

ELIA News

ELIA News welcomes your comments, concerns and/or criticisms. This is your forum. Please send material to the News to: ELIA, 1402 New York or 1609 Barker. The next NEWS will be published shortly before the April 8, 1991 General Meeting. As we are trying a new way to distribute the NEWS, please let us know if you or your neighbor have been missed so we may get a good and accurate mailing list. See you on February 18, 1991 at New York School at 7:00 p.m.

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June, 1991 Newsletter

SPEAKERS AT JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Last December, as a result of concerns expressed by neighbors about problems getting loans to buy or remodel E. Lawrence homes, Jim Schneider sent a questionnaire to local lending institutions. Seven of them responded, indicating that they want to work responsibly with us in order to better fill out credit needs.

We have invited representatives of 4 of these to meet with us at this meeting to share their ideas and to hear our concerns. Please plan to attend. We desperately need to figure out ways to make it easier for potential homeowner-occupants and landlords with one or two units to secure financing before a dozen or fewer developers own most of East Lawrence.

Jo Andersen

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, JUNE 22 7:30 A.M. - HOBBS PARK

At the June General Meeting we will be planning the Neighborhood Clean-Up Day. If you don't like attending meetings, now is your chance to contribute to the neighborhood.

We will be having our annual neighborhood clean-up on Saturday June, 22 starting at 7:30 a.m. for o.j. and donuts. The gathering of volunteers, city crew and trucks will be at Hobbs Park. A Pot-luck Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Join us in the heat and humidity for a neighborhood gathering. Those that aren't physically inclined can help with the pot-luck lunch.

Call Kathy Businger at 841-2816 if you would like to help with the clean-up, have areas which you think need some extra pick-up or volunteer to help but can't attend the general meeting.

Call Judith Proffit at 842-7629 to contribute to the Pot Luck Lunch.

RAIN DATE: JUNE 29, SAME PLACE, SAME TIME.

Please remember to know that the city has free bulk hauling at any time during the week from 8:00 to 5:00. You may get this service by calling City Hall and asking for the Sanitation Department.

NEW PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY ELIA IN AUGUST

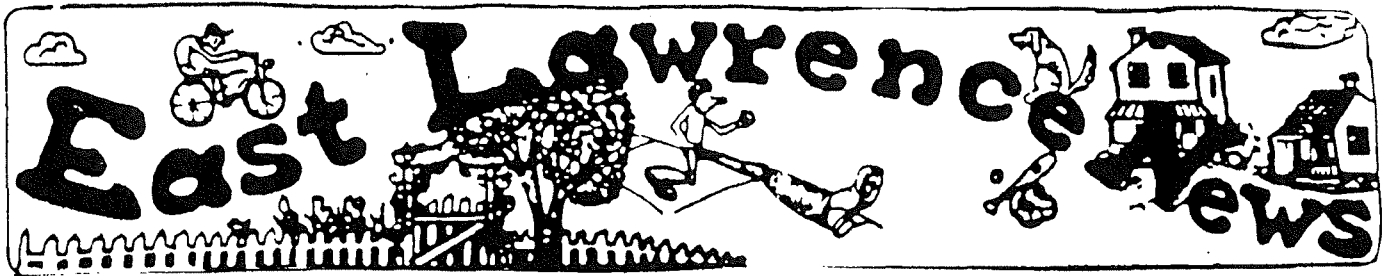
Through CDBG Funds, ELIA will offer new services and programs starting in August when the new grant year begins. Some of the services and programs are as follows: more sidewalk restoration; monies for ground cover and soil holding plants for lawns which are steep and eroded; home services for the acutely ill; lawn care and tiller services. Watch the August newsletter for details on the programs and services and how to apply.

NEW TREES AND WATER

East Lawrence Residents which have new trees which were planted by the city are encouraged by Jo Andersen to provide water for them in the coming hot, but rainless months.

DATES TO REMEMBER

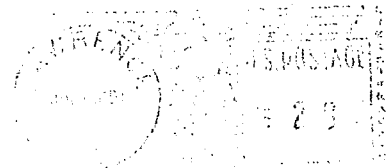
June 10 - General Meeting
June 22 - Neighborhood Clean-Up Day
June 29 - Rain Day for Clean-Up
July 8 - Board of Directors Meeting



**GENERAL MEETING
June 10, 1991 at 7:00 p.m.**

The June General Meeting of the ELIA will meet at the **Second Christian Church, 1245 Conn.** We will be planning the **SATURDAY, JUNE 22, NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP** and listening to **REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS.** We look forward to seeing you for this important meeting.

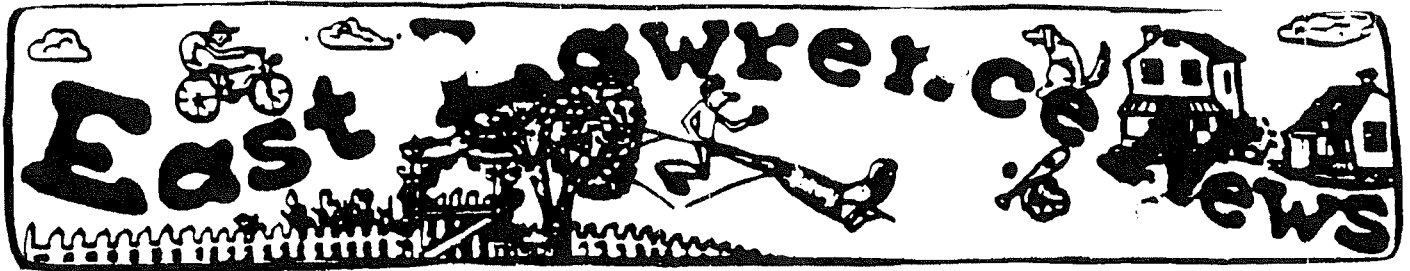
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1245 CONN.
SEPTEMBER 9, 1991 7:30 P.M.

The September General Meeting will be held at the Second Christian Church 1245 Conn., on Monday September 9, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. There will be three speakers - one from the city, one from the county and one from the ELIA to discuss the JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER and its location in the old Allen Press Building. Also, we will discuss the RIVERFRONT CLEAN-UP and HORIZON 2020 and give an update on the new services available to East Lawrence Residents.

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**RIVERFRONT CLEAN-UP, OCT. 5,
1991 - 8:00 A.M. TO NOON**

by Jo Andersen

On July 25, I met with Kent Beisner of the local Coors Beer distribution center, Shirley Martin-Smith, and several members of the city staff. Coors is sponsoring a national campaign to clean up river and waterways, and as part of the local effort, would like to underwrite a clean-up of the Kaw Riverbank in Lawrence. The areas to be cleaned are Constance and Burcham Parks where they meet the river, the sandy (rocky) beach northeast of the bridge, the rocky area between the Riverfront Mall and the river, and the green space east of the mall in East Lawrence.

The plan is that the city will supply volunteers to do the cleaning, local businesses will be asked to contribute such things as trucks and gloves and Coors will donate up to \$2-3000 in promoting the event, providing free T-shirts to participants, and sponsoring a cook-out lunch for those who last until noon. Any money left over may be contributed to ELIA to augment the fund for landscaping, planting, and erosion control of the green space, which is critical habitat for bald eagles in the winter. Look for advertising in the Journal-World and at places where Coors beer is sold for more details.

CITY INSTALLS NEW WATER LINES

The city will be installing a water line along the area of 13th from Vermont to Rhode

Island and from 13th to 10th on Rhode Island. This is part of the neighborhood water line rehabilitation projects that the City conducts each year.

If there are any questions by residents, please feel free to contact Debbie Van Saun, Assistant Director of Utilities, 832-3050, who will be glad to work with the contractor and the residents to resolve any problems.

HEALTH CARE ACCESS EXPANDS SERVICE

Through the volunteer efforts of two Lawrence physicians, HCA is able to offer more hours of service to Douglas Co. residents. A pediatric clinic is open every Tuesday from 9:00 am-12:00. The physician is willing to perform school and sports physicals, as well as provide health care. Another doctor is volunteering services to enable the clinic to be open every other Wednesday afternoon from 1:00pm-3:00p.m. The clinics on Monday and Thursday from 3:00-5:00 p.m will continue. HCA is a private, non-profit agency offering affordable health care services to low-income people whose health needs are not met by public or private insurance plans. It operates primarily through volunteer efforts of the health care community, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, local pharmacies and social service agencies. It is a community effort to meet health needs. Anyone with questions about the program or whether they are eligible for the service can call Health Care Access at 841-5760.

January, 1992

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

At the November General Meeting the following persons were elected to the Board:

PRESIDENT: Deitre Weismiller, 940 Connecticut, 842-7160. V-PRESIDENT: Travis Cranell, 1043 Delaware, 842-7488. SECRETARY, Carman Crouse, 806 E. 12, 842-6039. TREASURER, Jon Nepsted, 916 Rhode Island, 749-3078.

MEMBERS: Jolene Andersen, 1402 New York. Mary Gray, P.O.Box 442305. Jack Hope, 1201 New York. Tracy Hutcheson, 813 Conn. Dennis Miller 828 E. 12. Shelly Miler, 936 Penn. Jim Schneider, 3708 Stetson. Craig Stancliff, 1244 Rhode Island.

Coordinator: Nanette Roubideaux
1609 Barker, 842-9336.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello! My name is Dee Weismiller, and I am your new ELIA President. My husband, four children, cat and dog have lived in East Lawrence since September, 1988. I am very interested in local issues and am eager to address issues of concern to you. I encourage everyone to join our Association; dues are only a buck a year, and I believe there is strength in numbers. If you don't think we care, if you don't think your ideas and opinions count, your're wrong. I am committed to representing YOUR concerns and interests. Dee.

NEW YORK SCHOOL NEWS

The Martin Luther King Jr. Chili Feed will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on January 17, 1992. In conjunction with the event, the 5th and 6th graders will present a music program on "The Wounded Inner Child." This program is part of the school's anti-drug campaign. For more details on these events

call the school at 843-2163. Volunteers are encouraged to phone and offer their help, or to volunteer at the January ELIA Meeting.

As part of the King Day Celebration, Daisy Belle Thomas-Quinney will portray Sojourner Truth on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Liberty Hall. Tickets are free for children through Grade 12, Adult tickets are a \$3.00 donation.

The school hopes to apply for CDBG funding to light the school yard next year. Requests for this would go in December, 1992. The school and ELIA are also working to secure funds to place a school crossing beacon at 10th and Conn.

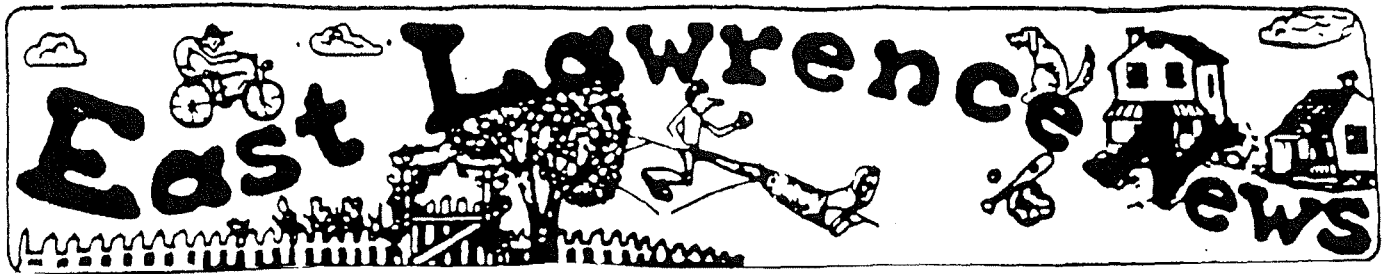
CDBG BOARD NOMINATION

We are looking for a volunteer to sit on the Community Block Grant Development Board. The Board reviews grants for the federal monies disbursed by the city. The city encourages representation from minorities groups. The Board member will be chosen at the General Membership Meeting on January 13, 1992, 7:00 p.m. at New York School, 936 New York.

JANUARY MEETING

Issues which will be discussed are: Eastern Parkway Route, Martin Luther King Day, ELIA-Landlord relations, CDBG Board nomination and other issues of concern to the neighborhood. See you at New York School on Monday, January 13, at 7:00pm.

Next newsletter: March, 1992.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 13, 1992 7:00 P.M.
AT NEW YORK SCHOOL, 936 NEW YORK

E.L.I.A. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Renewal time for 1992 East Lawrence Improvement Association memberships is here. We would like to urge residents and businesses in East Lawrence to join the Association. Individual memberships are \$1.00 and business memberships are \$20.00. Please fill out the attached form and mail. We appreciate your support.

Mail to: ELIA, Jon Nepsted, Treasurer, 916 Rhode Island, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Type of membership: _____ Individual _____ Business

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Thank you.

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EMERGENCY MEETING

Due to Spring Break and assorted other bits of chaos, the E. L. I. A. General Membership Meeting of March 9 was lost on the streets of East Lawrence, for which I humbly apologize.

Therefore, we will try again on Monday, March 16, at 7:00 at the Second Christian Church, 1245 Conn. Please come. This is a very important meeting as we will consider the Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Improvement Report.

The City Commission is scheduled to receive and consider the Downtown report, which advocates among other things, significant expansion of the boundaries of downtown, at their meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 1992. The City Commission meeting starts at 6:35 p.m. Rumor has it they'll receive the Chamber report at 8:30 p.m., but you might want to get there earlier, just in case. There is supposed to be an opportunity for public comment. They may be your only chance to speak up on this issue. If you live on New Hampshire, Rhode Island, 9th, or 7th Streets, you should plan to attend.

We will also consider a regular meeting place, spicing up the Newsletter, The Greenspace, "adopting" Hobbs Park, and miscellaneous business.

CBDG BOARD AND CITY BOARDS

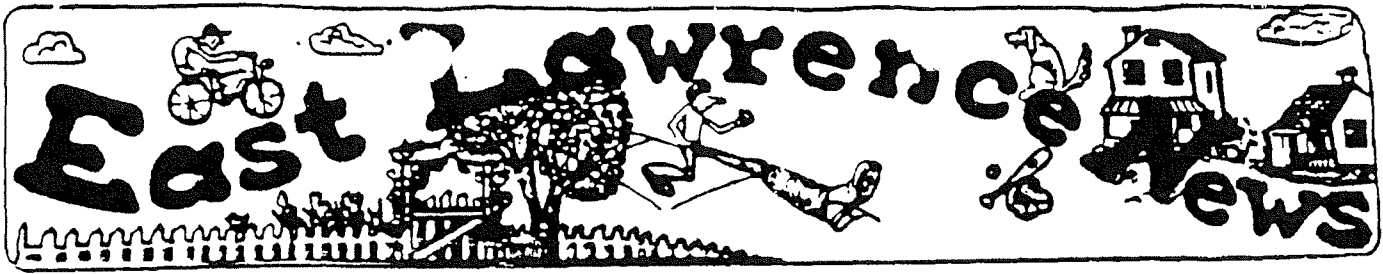
We are seeking to establish a pool of interested parties to serve on the City Advisory CBDG Board and other city boards and task forces. Minorities are encouraged to serve and to submit their names for consideration. Nominations are also encouraged.

There may be an opening in the near future on the CBDG Board, for example, and at present we have no list of folks who might be willing to serve.

Please come to the meeting next Monday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. We need at least 10 members in order to meet. If you can't come, plan to attend the City Commission meeting March 17 to voice your views on the Downtown Report. I have extra copies of the report, call me if you want one, 842-7160.

Again, sorry for the screw-up,

Dee



EMERGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1992
7:00 P.M.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1245 CONN.

AGENDA ITEMS: Chamber of Commerce Downtown Report and City Commission Meeting on March 17, 1992. CCDBG Board Pool of Qualified and Interested Persons. Green Space. Miscellaneous Business.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

Thanks to all who have joined the ELIA. We appreciate your contribution and your support.

Its not too late to join. If you would like to contribute to the neighborhood organization who cares about you and your concerns, send \$1. individual membership and \$20. for a business, or really just what you can afford, to Jon Nepstad, Treasurer, ELIA, 916 Rhode Island, Lawrence, KS. 66044. Please enclose your name and address.

DULL NEWSLETTER?

If you are tired to the same old dull newsletter, then send ideas for contributions. How about any birthdays? New babies? What is happening in your block? Did you child get recognition at New York School or Central Junior High? Did someone just move to East Lawrence? Let us know. Any contributions can be send to any Board member, which we will list in this newsletter, or call the Coordinator, at 842-9336. She would like to type something more interesting too.

FULL CITIZENSHIP BENEFIT

Full Citizenship, Inc., a non-profit organization working with the people with disabilities to help them have the same opportunities to lead full, rich lives as the rest of us would like to announce the following benefit event.

There will be a wine-tasting event on Friday, March 6, 1992 at the Adams Alumni Center, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. It will have an informal format: eight wine merchants will each have a table and offer samples of 2-3 wines. People sample the wines at their leisure. Fruits, cheeses, and breads help clear the taste between sampling. There's also lots of opportunity to talk to friends, or listen to the live piano music in the background. This year there will be free valet parking.

They are asking for a donation of \$20.00 per person. Reservations would be appreciated and please let them know by Wednesday, March 4, 1992 by mailing a check to Full Citizenship, 211 E. 8th, P. O. Box 447, Lawrence, KS. 66044 or call 749-0603.

BOARD ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Dee Weismiller, 940 Conn. 842-7160. Carmen Crouse, 806 E. 12th 842-6039. Jon Nepsted, 916 R.I. 749-3078. Jack Hope, 1201 New York, 842-2533. Tracy and Kevin Hutcheson, 813 Conn. 842-6659. Patricia Marvin, 810 E. 13, 842-7385. Shelly Miller, 936 Penn. 841-7518. Dennis Miller 828 E. 12, 841-6159. J. Andersen 1402 New York, Craig Stancliff, 1244 R.I., 842-6432. Coordinator: N.Roubideaux, 1609 Barker, 842-9336.

ROTOTILLER AND SERVICES

Garden time is approaching and you would be wise to reserve your time for our rototiller. There are forms to sign before you can use it, but it is free except for a small gas fee. It's a good one and worth the while to have great stuff to eat all summer. Call 841-7518 or 842-9336 to reserve time.

We also have help with cleaning services and help around the yard and house if you qualify because you are handicapped, elderly or ill. Call 842-9336.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON MARCH 9, 1992 AT 7:00 P.M. NEW YORK SCHOOL, 936 NEW YORK.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 9, 1992 7:00 P.M.
NEW YORK SCHOOL
936 NEW YORK

Agenda Items: Chamber of Commerce Report and presentation to ELIA Board of Directors; Greenspace Update; Priorities for organization; School Beacons; Meeting Place for future meetings; Low Income Credit Union; and Miscellaneous items of business. See you at the meeting.

What Are Your Concerns?

My concern is:

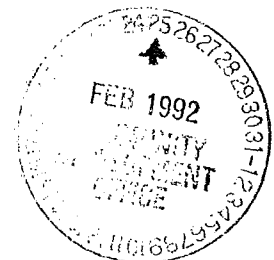
Send to: Dee Weismiller, Pres. 940 Conn. Lawrence, Ks. 66044 or call her to voice your concern at 842-7160, Or write or call any member of the Board. We want to know what you feel our priorities should be. We want to represent you as part of a unique neighborhood. If you need more space, use another sheet of paper. Say as much as you would like.

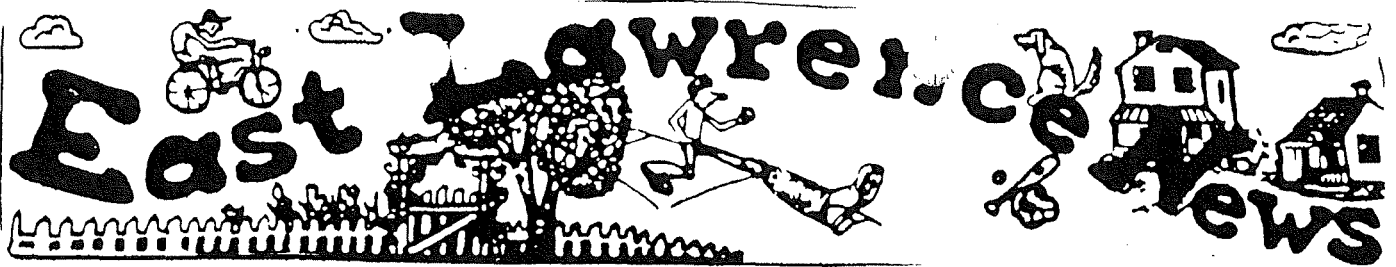
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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 1992 7:00 P.M.
1245 CONN, 2ND CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

There will be a door prize for each member who attends the May meeting. If you haven't paid your dollar and joined, please take advantage of this opportunity to get a goody. We will be accepting nominations for a representative on the CDBG Advisory Board. Minority persons are particularly encouraged to apply for this important position.

Due to our treasurer moving out of state, we also have an opening for ELIA Treasurer. There may also be openings on the Board of Directors. I encourage you to nominate interested people or even yourself. Elections will be held for these position at our May meeting.

We hope to have a speaker from the Chamber of Commerce about the ongoing status of the Downtown Improvement Plan. We also hope to have a speaker from the City Traffic Safety Commission in the near future to help us adress traffic and parking problems on our streets. The District Attorney is interested in addressing us on crime problems and concerns we have. Also, the Lawrence Preservation Alliance is interested in talking to us about Historical Preservation and/or the historicity of structures in our neighborhood. Please come to the meeting and help us decide on a date for these folks to come. Dec.

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<p align="center">FAMILY FUN FAIR</p>	
<p>The Family Fun Fair, an environmental preservation day of fun and recycling, reducing and re-using ideas will be held May 30 from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds. For more information, contact Patricia Marvin at 832-3000 or write to Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044.</p>	<p>_____ I suspect lead interior pipes have been installed in my home.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Daytime Telephone: _____</p>
<p align="center">ISIS</p>	<p>Please return this information to: City of Lawrence, Dept. of Utilities, P. O. Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044</p>
<p>ISIS (Integral Sisters in Society), a therapeutic support organization for all Black women, young and old is asking for recipes for a fund-raising cookbook they are creating. Recipes can be mailed to Stephanie Coleman Marks, P. O. Box 633, Lawrence, KS 66044.</p>	<p align="center">ANNUAL CLEAN-UP</p>
<p align="center">ROTOTILLER</p>	<p>The Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up will be Saturday, June 20, 1992 with June 27 to be the Rain Day. Plan to clean up your basement, yard, etc. We need volunteers to bring food to the Potluck after the Clean-Up is done. Call Dee at 842-7160 for more information.</p>
<p>The rototiller has been temporarily retired and is not currently available for use. It may be sold in the near future due to legal and repair considerations. Stay tuned.</p>	<p align="center">WATERLINE REPAIRS</p>
<p align="center">PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>The City Commission has approved bids for a water line improvement project in East Lawrence. The project is the installation of an 8" replacement water line on Rhode Island from 7th to 10th Streets. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Coffey (832-3050). He has a copy of the plans and can answer questions.</p>
<p>Hearings on Public Transportation concerns will be held Monday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m.; Monday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday August 3, at 6:30 p.m. at locations to be announced. There will be a joint study session on Public Transportation on Monday June 15, 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p align="center">BUSINESS MEMBERS OF ELIA</p>
<p align="center">EPA LEAD TESTING</p>	<p>Kennedy Glass, 730 New Jersey; The Etc. Shop, 928 Mass.; Don's Auto, 920 E. 11th; and Bahnmaier Liquors, 900 New Hampshire. Please remember these folks who have contributed to ELIA when you are considering your shopping needs and places. Many thanks to the businesses who have supported our organization.</p>
<p>The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets drinking water standards and has determined that lead is a health concern at certain exposure levels. Materials that contain lead have frequently been used in the construction of water supply distribution systems, and plumbing systems in private homes and other buildings. The City of Lawrence Utility Department is conducting a material survey and would like to request your help. Lead interior plumbing may have been installed in some older homes (prior to 1910). If you suspect such plumbing is in your home, please complete the following information.</p>	<p>Send all contributions to Newsletter to President Dee Weismiller, 940 Conn. 842-7160 or Coordinator N. Roubideaux, 1609 Barker, 842-9336.</p>

LETTER:

Copy of letter to City Commissioners, from Mary Lisa Pike, 945 R.I.

Dear City Commissioners:

I am writing to you to reaffirm my deep concern and strong opposition to the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Downtown Development Task Force's proposal to expand the existing boundaries of the Downtown Lawrence Business District.

I am a strong supporter of Downtown Lawrence. I have actively worked with several different city commissions, city staff members, organizations, committees and task forces to strengthen and improve Downtown Lawrence, the obvious and important heart of our vibrant and growing community. I believe that some of the strength and much of the charm of our downtown is dependent on our ability to preserve and enhance the residential character of the older neighborhoods surrounding it.

I have owned a business located in Downtown Lawrence for the past nine years. A large majority of my clientele live in other cities. I regularly listen with pride to their praise and envy of our downtown area. These people talk glowingly about the look and feel of downtown. They comment on the beauty and preservation and feel of downtown. The comment on the beauty and preservation of the older commercial buildings and homes, the trees, the diversity of retail business offerings, the friendliness, the vitality and sense of community. To our credit, we have preserved the special "Mainstreet" feeling that has been lost in so many other cities to dangerously short-sighted community redevelopment.

I live in and own what is known as the Col. Eldridge home, the oldest home in Lawrence and one of the first homes in Lawrence to be listed on the Kansas State Register of Historic Landmarks. This house is located on Rhode Island Street, adjacent to the downtown business district. There are many other architecturally and historically significant homes and buildings in East Lawrence with a particular concentration of them being located near downtown. The loss of one or

many of these fine structures is a great, irreplaceable loss for the entire community.

Proactive community movement toward the future should be built on a firm foundation that maximizes the best use of existing resources and gains strength and direction from past success. We live in a historically rich community that is easy to be proud of. Change does not necessarily require destruction and progress does not necessarily require the loss of the past.

Historically, across the country, in both big cities and small town, the poorer neighborhoods have often borne the brunt of community redevelopment campaigns and projects. In many of these cases, the major proponents of change were kind, civic-minded people who were, unfortunately, too removed from the neighborhoods and people being directly affected by their ideas. In all too many other cases, the force for change was powered by financial self-interest, speculative real estate investment and commercial redevelopment aimed at generating more profit per square inch owned, regardless of the human costs.

East Lawrence has already lost a great deal of land to community redevelopment. There are very few historic homes and buildings remaining on New Hampshire Street. Instead, we now have a high concentration of large surface parking lots. We have lost the entire west side of the 600 block of Rhode Island Street to commercial redevelopment and parking, the entire west side of the 700 block of Rhode Island to speculative real estate investment, the entire west side of the 800 block of Rhode Island to commercial redevelopment and parking, a portion of the east side of the 800 block of Rhode Island to restricted parking for a particular downtown business and a major portion of the 1100 block of Rhode Island to parking for the Judicial Center.

It appears as though we will soon lose more land and homes to the proposed Eastern Parkway, designed to primarily benefit the business community and visitors from other cities. Just last night, a powerful editor of our local newspaper advocated the existing route of the proposed Eastern Parkway be expanded to provide greater access to the southern end of the downtown central business district, in addition to the access already planned at 7th Street. My guess is that this gentleman is talking about 11th Street, which is now almost solidly residential in character from New Hampshire Street east to the originally proposed route of the Parkway.

With all of this in mind, I do not think that residents of East Lawrence are unduly paranoid when we say that we feel very threatened by the Chamber of Commerce Downtown Development Task Force's proposal to expand the existing boundaries of the downtown business district.

East Lawrence is an economically disadvantaged and racially diverse neighborhood. We have a lot of children and a lot of elderly people who have lived in this neighborhood their entire lives. We also have a strong sense of community, tolerance and caring for each other. There are many community development issues that we would embrace with gratitude. We need affordable housing, responsible and responsive landowners, increased access to public and private financing, a competitively strong school, expanded recreational opportunities for our children, a public transportation system and a grocery store.

We all grow up with varying degrees of privilege. Each of us are comfortable in some arenas, and not in others. Many people in my neighborhood are comfortable, and very articulate, expressing their opinions and sharing their ideas with each other and in small groups. Many of these same sound-minded, informed people would not dream of speaking at a City Commission meeting. In part, this is due to the fact that the experience itself is quite frightening to most people, regardless of their experience or background. It is very difficult to present your ideas with the strength, clarity and confidence you would like, when

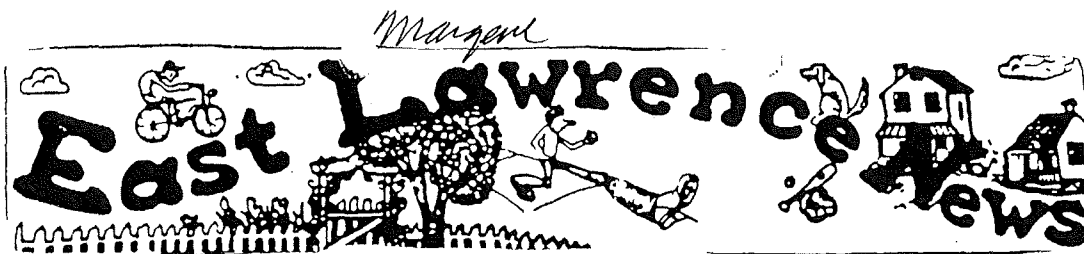
you stand alone, and face a raised platform of powerful city officials, surrounded by equally powerful city staff members, with the combined media and live television camera rolling.

More sadly, many people choose not to participate because they have very little faith, and even less trust, in government. I honestly believe, that most people in this country, Lawrence obviously included, do not think that their personal participation matters because they believe the process is primarily responsive to, and controlled by, financially powerful, organized private interests. It is important for public officials to realize that not everyone is capable of a formal presentation. We may falter in our presentations to you, however, please remember that we cared enough to come talk to you and trusted that you would listen.

I applaud the Chamber of Commerce Development Task Force's commitment to Downtown, an important resource shared by the entire city. We have something precious, and like many precious things, it is fragile and worthy of gentle care. I do regret the lack of understanding and communication between business and neighborhood organizations. If neighborhood representatives had been included in the on-going formulation of the Chamber proposal, I would like to think that many of the thoughts expressed in this letter would have been discussed, and in some fashion, addressed in the final summary report presented to you.

I realize that this is an unusually long letter, however, I do believe that it contains important information that you need to have to make your best, informed judgments regarding a variety of matters of public policy. I am confident that each of you will thoroughly read and seriously consider the content and concern expressed.

Sincerely, Mary Lisa Pike, 945 Rhode Island.



E.L.I.A. NEWSLETTER, JULY/AUGUST EDITION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Monday, July 13, 1992, 7:00 p.m. Second Christian Church, 12th and Conn. City Commissioner Shirley Martin-Smith is scheduled to appear. Please plan to attend, as we hope she will update us on the status of Downtown Improvement, Eastern Parkway, and Juvenile Detention Center. Bring your questions.

In addition, we hope to have a brief report on the neighborhood cleanup and one the status of the Greenspace. We will probably touch briefly on 11th & R.I., the Detention Center and other issues that come up between now and then.

Rototiller: Great news for gardens and lawns -the rototiller is back in operation. To reserve time call Shelly Miller at 841-7518. A \$5.00 donation is suggested for a maintenance and repair fund, but no one will be denied use of the rototiller due to inability to pay the suggested donation.

By-Laws Committee: ELIA is interested in forming a committee to amend and revise its bylaws. Suggested changes include: expanding the boundaries; lowering the quorum and size of the board; reworking the "we don't discriminate" clause and cleaning up some unclear language. If you have any ideas and suggestions, please call Dee at 842-7160. Ditto is you would like to serve on the committee. Copies of the bylaws are available from Dee, 940 Conn. or at the July meeting.

LHA Advisory Council: The Lawrence Housing Authority is in the planning stages to use a \$5 million grant to improve and rehabilitate public housing. If you have ideas, suggestions, or complaints about he scattered site housing in the neighborhood, call Dee, 842-7160 or Nanette at 842-9336. They are the ELIA representatives to the LHA Advisory Council Planing these projects. Thanks for your input.

Children/Dogs/Summer Days: With so many neighborhood children out and about these hot summer days, please keep your dogs under control. They should be on a leash, chain, or confined to your yard. Loose dogs could be dangerous to kids and mail carriers. With our very busy streets, they are dangerous to themselves. Besides it's the law, and if Fido gets caught it will cost you a chunk of change to bail

him or her out of doggy jail.

Horizon 20/20: We are in receipt of a survey from the Planning Commission which asks about things like neighborhood boundaries, recreation facilities, public services such as police and public works, social issues, street and sidewalk conditions and "threats" to the neighborhood. Comments suitable for submission to the City folks will be heartily appreciated. Call Dee, 842-7160 for more info.

Water-Line Repairs: Water-lines will be replaced from 10th Street to 14th Street along New York Street with construction to start July and August. Jim Fisher of BG Consultants will answer questions about the work, 749-4474.

ELIA Volunteers to Deliver Newsletter: We are trying to re-create our file of people interested in occasionally called upon to deliver flyers and/or newsletters door to door. If you would like to be in our pool of volunteers to do 2 block's worth of deliveries several times a year, call Shelly Miller 841-7518.

Clean-Up: Neighborhood clean-up was held Saturday, June 20. The volunteer workers met the city sanitation workers at 7:45 am in Hobbs Park and enjoyed donated muffins, fruit and coffee while the truck routes and work crews were organized. The crews worked steadily until 2:00 pm before taking a break for the picnic lunch that was generously provided by neighborhood businesses and individuals. After lunch, many of the workers went back to the alleys and worked until the city landfill closed at 5:00 p.m.

According to the City Sanitation Department, the success of the ELIA Clean-Up weighed in at 31.8 tons, which is equal to 63,600 pounds. Five large truck loads of limbs were chipped and recycled into neighborhood gardens. ELIA would like to

thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous contributions to the Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up/Picnic. Bahnmiers's Retail Liquors; Dons Hombres; First National Bank of Lawrence; Free State Brewery; Hockenbury Tavern; Paradise Cafe; Pizza Hut; and Pywacket's; Tamara & Travis Crandell; Carmen Crouse; Tracy Hutcheson; Leon Kimball; Patricia & Bob Marvin; Mary Lisa Pike; A.J.Scott; Barry Shalinsky; Gregory Walstrom; Mary Gray; Shelly Miller; John Swift; Dana Adkins-Heljesan; Mark Nace; Richard Kershenbaum; and all the other neighborhood people who participated in the clean-up.

EDITORIAL

By Dee Weismiller

Our neighborhood is facing slow strangulation and we need to band together to halt its destruction. Between the Eastern Parkway and its planned four entrances (7th, 8th, 11th and 15th) into East Lawrence, the encroachment of downtown on the west and the rumored location of all four juvenile detention center sites in east Lawrence, we are facing the loss of our neighborhood to special interests. The elitist classist attitude of local movers and shakers threatens our homes. These leaders hold that our poorer neighborhood is fair game for development interests.

According to Phil Bradley of the Lawrence-Douglas Co. Planning Commission, "I would say to any neighborhood.. ..your quality of life is dependent on downtown...and in order to maintain that, you've going to have to look at some changes." (Lawrence Journal World, 6/23/92 p. 11) I wonder how Alvarar's quality of life is dependent on zoning changes eliminating on-site parking along New Hampshire Street?

Commissioner Nalbandian wants to "make people dependent on downtown for their needs by building swank new apartments" (LJW, 6/23) in and near downtown. Folks, what are we? slugs? There are already lots of human beings living near downtown and given that some of us have no cards, and obviously, no reality-based public transportation, many of us already show downtown.

Of course, current East Lawrence residents have the wrong demographics to please our public and private city leaders. The new housing units are planned to be "available for a broad strata of our socio-economic composition with an emphasis on quality and marketability to middle, and upper

income individuals and families", (Final Draft of the report from The Mix of Offerings Sub-Committee of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Downtown Development Task Force, april 9, 1991.) In other words, in order to save our neighborhood we low-income residents will have to get the heck out of it. No one's saying where we are supposed to go.

If, indeed, changes in our neighborhood are necessary in order to "Save Downtown", I have a few suggestions. First, increased enforcement of truck restrictions and speed limits would be helpful. Regular foot patrols by police officers might be nice. Location of the Juvie Jail on the edge of town rather than on the edge of downtown would be positive, as would a public transportation system which is inexpensive and reliable. New programs such as those being investigated by the city and private individuals to make homeowners out of renters would improve the neighborhood and so would a commitment by the city to spending some big general funds to replace the inadequate sewers, storm drains and water-lines in east Lawrence. Streetlights on all our neighborhood streets to help prevent crime would help keep downtown viable, as would the commitment of local banks to making mortgage loans to credit-risky renters who want to purchase their homes. A lender would have to make an enormous number of \$25-#35,000 loans to equal just one failed savings and loans.

However, the chances of any of these things above happening are slim. Therefore, if we care to continuing existing as a diverse, mixed-race, mixed-income community, we must work together.

Whether you think ELIA is a bunch of yuppie home-owners, pinko commie radicals, or mean-spirited childish complainers (or even if you happen to like us) I believe it is vital that we work together to preserve East Lawrence. I know the meetings are long and divisive; please come anyway. We need you; I don't know about you all, but I don't have anywhere else in Lawrence to which I care to or can afford to live.

Neighbors Lose Round I of Triplex Battle

The Board of Zoning Appeals rejected a neighborhood challenge to a triplex renovation at 11th & Pennsylvania St. The owner, Paul Horvath claimed that the property had three kitchens when he bought it last year and that he should be permitted to use it as a triplex. Neighbor Richard Kershenbaum claimed that the triplex use had been "voluntarily abandoned" several years ago and that the property should revert to the single-family use for which it has been zoned since 1983. The house had been unoccupied for some time when Horvath purchased it. Before that, it was used to store antique furniture and hold weekly yard sales. The house was last used as a dwelling in the early 1980's.

The Board meeting was reminiscent of city commission meetings during an uglier era in the 1970's. Board Chairman Allen Belot, a local developer, shouted at neighborhood residents who testified and cut their testimony short. Kershenbaum's lawyers believe he has a strong case in the less biased atmosphere of district court, but law suits can be costly. If you can help with fundraising, even in a small way, please contact Kershenbaum at 841-5371. City planning staff has allowed several duplex and triplex conversions (including some by Horvath) to take place in East Lawrence, despite single family zoning. City staff and developers need to be shown that we are serious about preventing the Oreadization of East Lawrence.

Vote Wisely

Tuesday, February 28th is primary election day for city commission. The commission makes decisions which impact on our daily lives more directly than any other body of government. The commission decides whether our tax dollars are used for sidewalks and water lines in East Lawrence or for turning Drag Strip Road into "Wakarusa Drive" to promote endless miles of tacky upscale housing, strip shopping centers and traffic. ELIA encourages you to study the issues and the candidates. Cast your vote for candidates who share your view of what Lawrence should be. You may vote for one, two or three city commission candidates in the primary.

A New Music Store

East Lawrence resident Alonzo Beardshear has opened a new music store near 8th & New Hampshire in Downtown Lawrence. Harmonic Winds will specialize in repairs and sales of used instruments.

And a New Newspaper

"The Lawrence Observer", a new weekly Lawrence newspaper will debut on March 2nd. Every Thursday, Lawrence readers can look forward to investigative reporting and in depth analysis of local news events, feature articles about local people and places, well-written and well-reasoned editorials, and news about arts and entertainment. The Observer joins The Plumber's Friend and The East Lawrence News as a source of local news without the Simonized shine. Subscriptions for home delivery of The Observer are \$16 per year. Classified ads run 25 words for \$1. Contact The Observer at 749-1676 for more information.

Police Watch

A neighborhood resident near 10th & Connecticut St. reports that Lawrence police have been ticketing cars in the area for remaining parked in the same place on the street for more than 48 hours. Cars with flat tires have been ticketed after being there for less than 48 hours. Cars have also been ticketed for being parked in a driveway and blocking a sidewalk. Save yourself some hassle and help make the sidewalks easier for pedestrians to use. Watch where you park your car.

School Nutrition

Parents in Partnership with Schools has proposed a morning nutritional program for Lawrence schools. The School Board has expressed interest in the program and will be discussing it at the March 27th School Board meeting. For more information, contact New York School parent Sarah Dillingham at 842-7304.



East Lawrence Improvement Association

Elections for Neighborhood Officers

The coming meeting on October 12th will be our annual election meeting. If you are in holding an office for the neighborhood and will have 20-25 hours per month available time please come to the meeting and volunteer your nomination.

We will also be accepting nominations for the Executive Council. To be on the Executive Council requires only that you are interested in leading the neighborhood into the future and have 5-10 hours per month of available time. This is also a good way to get your feet wet on learning how to work with the city and the city commission.

Tenants to Homeowners

Dreaming of Owning Your Own Home? Can you afford a home on \$7, \$8 or \$9 an hour income. Find out how you can afford to and learn much more at a FREE Prepurchase Workshop sponsored by Housing and Credit Counseling Inc.

WHERE:

Douglas County Fairgrounds
2120 Harper, Building #2

WHEN:

Thursday, October 15, 1992
5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

(Bring a sack dinner. Coffee, pop and cookies will be provided)

OR

Saturday October 17, 1992
8 a.m. to noon

(Donuts and coffee provided).

Free baby-sitting available for children ages ten and under (call 749-4224 to reserve space.)

WHAT:

- ✓ budgeting for the down payment and continuing for unexpected maintenance expenses,
- ✓ figuring how much house you can afford and what the payment would be,
- ✓ working our credit history problems,
- ✓ financing options available including special programs for low- and moderate-income first time homebuyers,
- ✓ working with a realtor and locating THE house, and
- ✓ the closing process - what you need to have on hand and what to expect.

Participants completing ei-

ther session will receive a certificate making them eligible for special finance programs. A free one-on-one budget counseling appointment with a credit counselor at Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Lawrence will also be offered to all workshop attendees. This workshop is underwritten by many local banks. They want you to succeed, so come on out.

Local or State Historic Register

If you would like to have your East Lawrence residence or business considered for the local or state historic register, contact any member of the East Lawrence History Project right away so volunteer students can be assigned to do necessary research this semester:

- Richard Kershenbaum
.....841-5371;
- Shelly Miller841-7518;
- Mary Lisa Pike842-4916.

The East Lawrence History Project is an exciting effort by neighborhood residents in conjunction with the Lawrence Preservation Alliance and Prof. Barry Newton and his students, to preserve historic and significant East Lawrence buildings.

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Historic Register continued...

ELHP also has great T-shirts available for \$10 at Sunflower downtown.

Grant Ideas?

Community Block Development Grant deadline is December 1, 1992. Now is the time to give your ideas. Submit your ideas at the October 12th Meeting or contact any ELIA Board member NOW.

Business Members

We have our first East Lawrence Business member, Pack & Ship Express, Inc. at 738A New Hampshire. Pack & Ship owner Ed Riddle says they are taking plastic packing peanuts for recycling/re-using and in return will give you a discount coupon. Pack & Ship handles all types of shipping: Next day, UPS, Postal Services, and all types of packing supplies.

When you stop by, say thank you for supporting the neighborhood association. Also, mention to other East Lawrence businesses you visit that if they would like to join, just call the treasurer. The dues for a business membership are \$20.00.

Message From the Future Past-President of ELIA:

As I enter my final month as president of ELIA, I'd like to thank Patricia Marvin for her efforts to clean up the neighborhood. She did a marvelous job both with the annual clean up and with the tire pick up. Mary Lisa Pike should also be thanked for coordinating the food for the cleanup. A big thank you, as well to those individuals and businesses who helped with this project.

I'd like to thank Shelly, Patricia, Travis and Kevin for their efforts to keep our meetings on task and off personalities. I really appreciated your efforts to address and clarify issues both within the organization and with City Hall. Thanks!

I'd also like to express sincere, heartfelt thanks to Nanette Roubideaux, our coordinator. Her dedication to our organization has been phenomenal and I thank her on behalf of ELIA. She has willingly donated time and office supplies to our organization to further our goals. Due to her leadership, our CDBG applications have gone in early and our newsletter has been published regularly. She has worked tirelessly for us, with little or no recognition, and no gratitude.

Finally, I'd just like to urge everyone to attend the October meeting. We will be considering new bylaws and we will elect new officers. I would dearly love our organization to be made eco-

nomically and racially representational of the neighborhood at large. The only way this can happen is if each of you chooses to become involved. So if you are feeling this political season's anti-incumbent fever, come to the October meeting the throw us bums out!

Debra Weismiller

Rototiller

The rototiller is still available for you organized gardeners in the neighborhood. Contact Shelly Miller, 841-7518 to schedule a time.

Volunteers

New York School is soliciting volunteers to participate in a project they are working on. Contact the School for more details.

East Lawrence Trivia

On August 19, a number of East Lawrence residents were treated to a presentation by Steve Jansen of the Douglas County Museum about historic East Lawrence. We learned many fun facts to know and tell. For instance:

↳ Connecticut Street was once a ravine (perhaps this explains our drainage problems?)

↳ In 1869, the first prominent residential district was East Lawrence.

↳ East Lawrence has always been an economically, ethnically, and racial diverse neighborhood.

↳ 80% of the population once lived within 2 blocks of public transportation.

It is exciting to know many of our homes and other buildings are important and worthy of historical notice. At least a dozen of the 20 odd homes researched this past summer may qualify for the State or Federal Historic Register.

Empty Space

With the newsletters new format, we now have room for much more material than before. We welcome letters from the neighborhood and/or personal view columns relating to neighborhood concerns. This space is for you to discuss the future and inform your neighbors about what is happening. Please send your submissions, neatly written or typed, to: Nanette Roubideaux, ELIA Coordinator, 1609 Barker, Lawrence, KS 66044.

This space is for you, use it! The deadline for the next newsletter is November 25, 1992.

EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

MAKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD WORK FOR YOU!

IT WON'T WORK UNLESS YOU PARTICIPATE.

COME TO THE GENERAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND EXPERIENCE TO IMPROVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FOR YOUR CHILDREN!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 12

7:30 p.m. AT SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Neighborhood Elections This Meeting!

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General Membership Meeting

October 12, 1992

7:00 p.m. at Second Christian Church
 13th & Connecticut

The meeting will be dedicated to two main agenda items:

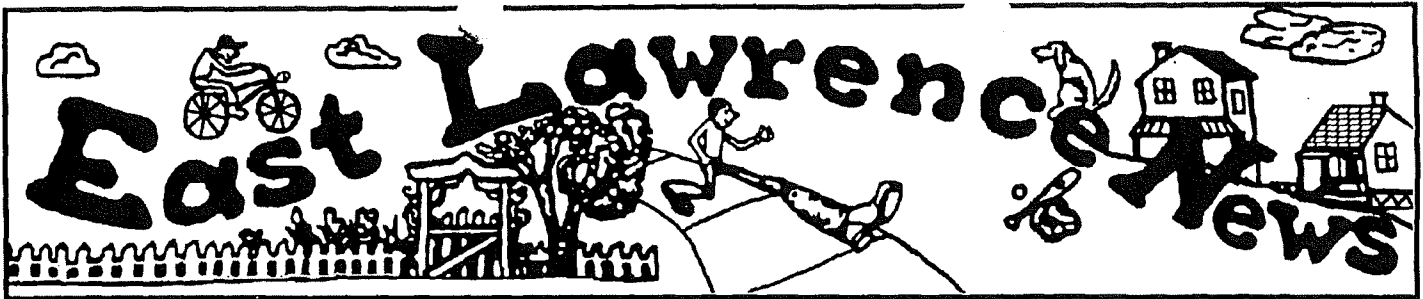
1. Election of new Officers and selection of Executive Council.
2. Discussion of By-Laws and the new additions that will be voted on in December.

Please remember to bring your \$1 membership fee so you can vote. Dues are payable at beginning of meeting if you intend to vote.

Elections!
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Elections!

Come cast your vote or volunteer to help your neighborhood shape itself for the future. Many items need our attention this year; the greenspace by the river, neighborhood clean-up, Eastern Parkway, Downtown expansion, and sidewalk & street repairs. Get involved and be a part of it all.

Officers	
President: Daire Weismiller	842-7160
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Miller, Shelly	841-7518
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Swift, John	843-0123
Turner, Ron	842-2533
Walstrom, Gregory	
Coordinator	
Roubideaux, Nanette	842-9336



East Lawrence Improvement Association

Where to Vote, Tuesday, November 3!!

If you live north of 11th St., vote at New York School, 936 New York.

If you live between 11th and 14th Streets, vote at the Judicial Center, 11th and Rhode Island.

If you live south of 14th St., vote at Central Junior High, on Massachusetts St. between 14th & 15th.

For transportation to the polls, call either of two party headquarters on election day. You need not declare a party affiliation to request a ride. Democratic Party HQ: 832-8683. Republican Party HQ: 841-8787.

If you need a half-hour babysitter while you vote, call Eva or Myka at 841-0973 to schedule a morning or afternoon break to get to the polls. But don't forget to take you kids with you if they are participating in "Kids Voting."

To vote absentee due to illness or physical inability to get to the polls: call the County Clerk at 841-7700.

An East Lawrence Voters Guide

There's a crisp chill in the autumn air. Must be the cold winds of electoral politics. In a few days, the votes will be counted, the campaign signs will disappear and the voters will have three months of peace, until the city commission and school board campaigns begin in earnest next spring.

The Douglas County Clerk's Office reports nearly 1250 voters are registered in East Lawrence's two Fifth Ward precincts, an increase over previous years. Of this total, approximately 45% are registered as Democrats, 40% as unaffiliated and 15% as Republicans, with a handful of Libertarians. East Lawrence accounts for 2.5% of the registered voters in Douglas County.

All signs point to a high turnout this year, spurred by strong interest in the presidential race. The Clinton-Gore forces are hoping that a strong showing in Douglas County will help them defeat Bush-Quayle for Kansas' six electoral votes. Bush-Quayle supporters hope Kansans will follow their traditional Republican leanings. Perot (I) and Marou (L) are also on the ballot and

could siphon support from the front runners.

There are spirited contests for the two seats in the State Legislature. 46th District Democrat Betty Jo Charlton is being targeted for defeat by the Republican state party. Democrats have charged that direct mailings from GOP headquarters in Topeka are misleading. Charlton is campaigning on her legislative record as an advocate for tax reform and a clean environment. Neva Entrikin (R) is call-

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ing for term limits on legislators. She is campaigning on her experience as a member of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) Board, charged with managing the state employee pension fund and her involvement in her neighborhood association. Dick Small (I) joins Charlton and Entrikin as an active candidate in the race. Small has waged a vigorous grass roots campaign touting his "green libertarian" philosophy. Matt Conrad (L) is also on the ballot.

The state Senate seat, left open by the retirement of Sen. Wint Winter is being contested by Sandy Praeger (R) and Joyce Wolf (D). Praeger is a former city commissioner and first term legislator from the western Lawrence district. Wolf lobbies the Legislature for Kansas Audubon, an environmental group. Both candidates are stressing health care in their campaigns. Roger Woods (L) is also on the ballot.

District Attorney candidates incumbent Jerry Wells (R) and challenger Jim Rumsey (D) have been engaged in a war of statistics in an attempt to demonstrate who would be the most effective prosecutor. Incumbent Nancy Hampen (R) and challenger Pat Wells (D) both have experience in the county treasurer's office. Both are campaigning on the service aspect of that office.

Lawrence was moved from the 2nd to the 3rd Congressional District in the recent reapportionment so Congressman Jim Slattery will not be on our ballots this year. Most polls show

Sen. Bob Dole and 3rd Dist. Rep. Jan Meyers with comfortable leads over their challengers. Both Republican incumbents have a field full of challengers. On the ballot for the Senate seat are Gloria O'Dell (D), Christina Campbell-Cline (I) and Mark Kirt (L). On the ballot for the House seat are Tom Love (D) and Frank Kaul (L). The Natural Law Party is running write-in candidates Jessie Nichols for U.S. Senate and Patricia Robinson for Congress.

There is a \$29.9 million school bond proposition on the ballot from Lawrence U.S.D. #497 for "classrooms". The school district proposes to build a new elementary school and a new junior high/middle school in western Lawrence, a new elementary school to replace India School in southeast Lawrence, an addition to Wakarusa Elementary, and significant renovations of Central Junior High and Lawrence High. The New York School PTO is endorsing the bond issue because neighborhood kids could benefit from improvement to CJHS. There is no organized opposition. Passage of the bond issue would raise the mill levy an average of 6.23 mills over the 15 year life of the bonds, an annual property tax increase of about \$30 on a \$40,000 home.

There is a Douglas County question on the ballot regarding the sale of alcohol. Passage of the proposition would allow the issuance of permits for the public sale of liquor by the drink by business establishment in Douglas County without the need for providing food service or

having a private club license.

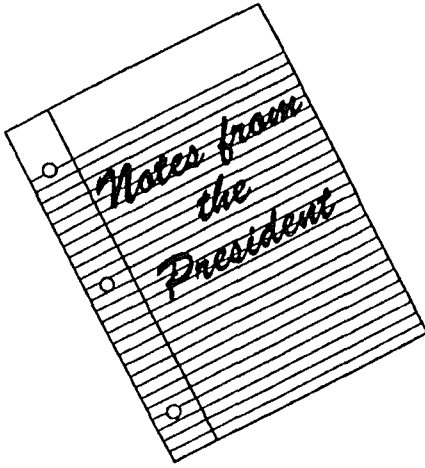
A proposed state constitutional amendment would change the way that real estate is appraised for property tax purposes. It is believed the amendment would have the effect of raising property taxes on railroads, utilities and residential property owners and lowering property taxes on businesses and fraternal organizations. Like the last time the voters passed a constitutional amendment on property taxes, nobody really knows what the true impact will be until it hits.

The other proposed state constitutional amendment concerns the rights of crime victims. The amendment would give victims of alleged crimes notice of all hearings and the right to testify at sentencing. Attorney General Bob Stephan is a chief proponent of this measure. Stephan contends that victims should have as many rights as criminals. Opponents believe the issue should be addressed by statute, not in the constitution.

Voters will also decide ballot questions whether or not to retain District Judges Ralph King, James Paddock and Mike Malone, as well as Court of Appeals Judges Abbott, Brazil, Pierron and Davis.

By Barry Shalinsky

VOTE!



Hello East Lawrence! At our October 12th General Meeting I became this year's ELIA President. I'm Shelley Miller. I've lived in Lawrence since I was four, and in my home at 936 Pennsylvania since 1979. The strongest attractions for me when I moved to East Lawrence were the active neighborhood association and the opportunity to afford a home here. I'm still in love with our neck of the woods and our community.

I am a librarian at the KU Libraries, and I work with Latin American books. Some of you will want to know that I am a homeowner, and a landlady for one other property across the alley from where I live. I also own a vacant lot that I am turning into a garden and orchard until it's paid for! Some day I'd like to consider saving a house by moving it onto the lot.

I'm excited about this job of East Lawrence President/team member/organizer/target/spokesperson, and happy to have an active, willing board, and all-around vocal feisty neighborhood to work with! Thanks to everybody in advance

for working together on whatever faces the neighborhood in the next year.

In particular, I am interested in monitoring several ongoing neighborhood issues like:

1) The Eastern Parkway (ELIA voted to support the corridor study and not to consider support of the Parkway without observation of the "18 points" recommended by a city-wide task force. What is the status of the "18 points"? How would a parkway intersect neighborhood streets on its way to 6th and Massachusetts? Would 15th, 11th, and 9th Streets be safeguarded from parkway traffic?)

2) Continued recognition of neighborhood residential character and traditional boundaries. (Can future downtown development happen in its current commercial footprint without geographic threat to the north end of East Lawrence? Will the east side of the 1100 block of Rhode Island St. remain residentially zoned?)

3) Possible changes in the dynamics of our older neighborhood character as the percentages of homeowners and tenants continue shifting (and I hope to bring color maps of demographic information from the latest census to a future ELIA meeting. Changes in our make-up over time may surprise us all!)

4) Our input to Horizon 2020, the city planning document we will live with for the next 25 years.

Please call me at home and let me know what YOU WOULD

LIKE to see the neighborhood association address this year! My telephone number is 841-7518, and a machine will record your message if I'm not there. Community and neighborhood activities are among my favorite pass-times, so feel free to call and bend my ear about what's going on and what should be going on!

My thanks to Dee Weismiller, immediate past president, and countless others who work and have worked for this neighborhood, from one who is about to have a long year, I'm sure!

Shelley

Newsletter Delivery

We are reconstructing the list of people willing to deliver ELIA Newsletters occasionally. Please call Shelley at 841-7518 if you'd be willing to deliver several blocks of the Newsletter within a short distance of your home. Many mile of thanks to Bob Marvin who's been a faithful deliverer of ELIA news for years. The neighborhood's southeast corner near 13th, Garfield and 14th Streets is in need of a replacement hooper.

New York School News

The school had a very successful (FUN!) carnival on Friday, Oct. 16. Everybody looked like they were having a great time.

Community Development Block Grant Funding Requests

Every Fall when the leaves of the CDBG-funded trees around our neighborhood turn so beautiful, it's time again to think of CDBG proposals for the coming year. Proposals are due in December for projects that might be funded next August after review by the CDBG Advisory Board (Brenda Nunez and Shelley Miller are our representatives) and recommendation by the City Commission. Some successful ELIA projects have been the annual neighborhood cleanup in June, the building of trash racks, planting of trees, purchase of a neighborhood garden tiller, rebuilding of brick sidewalks, funding of a neighborhood coordinator and administrative costs for our newsletter.

Because our December General Membership meeting may occur right after CDBG proposals are due at City Hall, please send your ideas for CD projects and your reactions to some proposals listed below to any board member as soon as possible. Some ideas for this year in addition to the continuation of successful previous projects are:

⇒ More trash racks, or a pilot program of dumpsters and dumpster pads as city trash pickup changes from twice weekly to once a week;

⇒ In coordination with the schools: night lighting for the back of the New York School yard, flashing light on Conn. St.,

crosswalk at 11th and New York Streets, sidewalk from railroad tracks to New York St. on 14th for junior high students and others;

⇒ Neighborhood mural project at the municipal stadium at 11th and Delaware Streets.

Nanette, our neighborhood coordinator will be polling people who live near where these projects would take place to find out what they think. Please tell Nanette or any board member if any of these proposals will affect you and you have an opinion about them.

Want Good Paid Help for a Fall Project?

The Kansas Crew (KU Rowing team, 841-2927) has an annual fund raiser this weekend, Nov. 7 (rain date Nov. 8). Members rent themselves out for \$60 per rower for eight hours of work to do those Fall tasks around the yard and house with which you need help. Multiple rowers and half-day workers are also available. Call them right away to schedule a worker for those tasks you need to finish before the cold comes!

Upcoming Meetings

Our next ELIA board meeting will be Monday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 p.m. (Not the second Monday this time.) The next General Membership meeting will be Monday, Dec. 14. I will try to schedule the New York School Library for our meetings, but watch your newsletter for locations!

Membership Dues

Membership dues for 1992-93 are now due. If you wish to be a voting member of the East Lawrence Improvement Association, bring your dollar to the next ELIA meeting. Or you can send it to the treasurer:

Kevin Hutcheson

POB 664

Lawrence, KS 66044-0664

Also, mention to other East Lawrence businesses you visit that if they would like to join, just call the treasurer. The dues for a business membership are \$20.00.

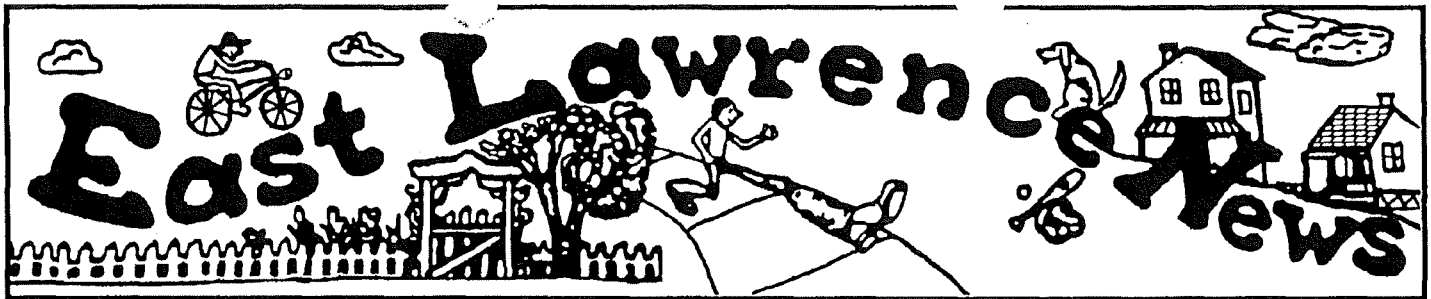
Tidbits

Mr. Snedeger sure put a lot of work into his rental house on East 10th St. this summer. It looks great!

Sure is nice to drive over the smooth spot at 12th and Penn. that was such a pothole before!

As you drive on Connecticut St., remember the crosswalk at 10th St. There isn't a Connecticut St. stop sign there, but school children in the crosswalk have the right-of-way.

Who ever remembers that the speed limit on New Hampshire St. from 6th to 11th is 20 MPH.?



East Lawrence Improvement Association

Clinton-Gore Top 70% in East Lawrence; Charlton Wins Big

Cool temperatures and gray skies did not keep East Lawrence voters from showing up at the polls in massive numbers. Over 1000 of 1250 eligible voters, over 80%, turned out at East Lawrence's two 5th Ward polling places, New York School and the Law & Order Building.

When the votes were counted, it was a banner day for the Democrats. Bill Clinton and Al Gore led the way with 713 votes. It was a bad day for the GOP. The Independent ticket of Perot-Stockdale edged out Bush-Quayle 151 to 131 for a distant second place finish.

There was a similar outcome in the race for 46th District State Representative. Incumbent Democrat Betty Jo Charlton outpolled Independent Dick Small 553 to 197. Republican Neva Entrikin finished in third place with 160 votes.

In the races for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, State Senate, and District Attorney, Democrats outdistanced their Republican opponents in East Lawrence by a 5 to 3 ratio, in races which the Republicans won overall. In the contest for County Treasurer, Democrat Pat Wells carried the neighborhood by nearly 400 votes over GOP incumbent Nancy Hempen. Hempen carried the county by the same margin, in a cliff hanger.

Elsewhere in Lawrence, Democrats Forrest Swall and Barbara Ballard won close races for seats in the Legislature; State Sen. Sandy Praeger will be the lone Republican in Lawrence's legislative delegation. Clinton swept Lawrence, even winning pluralities in the traditionally Republican Alvamar and Deerfield precincts. Bush won only two precincts in the city bordering along Drag Strip Road.

East Lawrence joined the rest of Douglas County in giving approval to Liquor by the Drink and the USD # 497 School Bond issue by very wide margins.

ELIA General Membership Meeting

Monday, December 14
New York School library
at 7 (SEVEN) p.m.

Be there or be square!

Neighbors Win Key Party Posts

After the November 3rd General Election, precinct committee people met to elect leaders for both the Republican and Democratic Parties. **Bernie Norwood** was elected as an alternate to represent Douglas County on the Third Congressional District Republican Committee. **Barry Shalinsky** was elected as a Douglas County delegate to the Third Congressional District Democratic Committee. Congressional district party committees meet later to choose the members of the State Democratic and Republican Committees.

CDBG Applications In

December 1 was the City deadline for Community Development Block Grant applications for federal funds returned to cities for capital improvements and social services. ELIA has applied for seven projects this year. They will be reviewed before Spring by the CDBG Advisory Board (made up of representatives from each organized Lawrence neighborhood and two at-large members. ELIA reps. are Brenda Nunez and Shelley Miller.), and the City Commission will decide on final allocations. Approved funds will become available in August 1993. Our requests for CDBG funding are for the following projects: 1. administrative funds for Newsletter, 2. neighborhood coordinator, 3. materials for volunteer-built trash can racks, 4. two dozen trees, 5. 3 blocks of brick sidewalk repair along New

York St., 6. artist design and painting of a mural on back panels of the Hobbs Park bleachers, 7. annual East Lawrence clean-up. We'll find out in the Spring what gets the OK.

Neighbors had thought of several other possible CDBG projects like a pilot recycling project in East Lawrence, lighting for the New York School yard at night, and sidewalks along 14th St., but we didn't get our figures in order in time to include these projects this year. Projects like these would be strengthened with PTO and school board coordination which we'll try for earlier next year.

Please send your ideas for CDBG-funded projects to any board member at any time during the year so we can consider them for timely grant writing. Now is not too soon to think of grant ideas for next year!

Andersen Mulls Commission Race

Former ELIA President Jolene Andersen has been gathering petition signatures in anticipation of a probable run for a seat on the City Commission next Spring. In addition to being active in ELIA, Andersen has been active in the Lawrence Alliance and Tenants to Homeowners in recent years.

Carl Mibeck was the last East Lawrence resident to serve on the Lawrence City Commission, back in the mid-1970's. ELIA does not endorse candidates for elective office.

Want to feel like a part of ELIA?

We know that not everybody is up to attending neighborhood meetings, but there are plenty of other ways to belong! Dues of \$1 can be paid to Kevin Hutcheson, ELIA treasurer (care of any board member) for one year's ELIA membership. If you can volunteer for any activity, like weekend repairs or leaf raking for the elderly, errand running or transportation to the grocery store, call a board member. We're all in this together.

Grand Slam

If you're not at the December 14 ELIA general membership meeting, we'll assume you've gone to the poetry reading Grand Slam at the Flamingo Club in north Lawrence (7:30-). Jim McCrary has coordinated Poetry Slams (contest rounds and open microphone) every other week, and Monday will be this season's final Grand Slam poetry reading. Last year's Grand Slam winner was Philip Kimball.

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For your calendars:

ELIA General Membership meetings begin at 7 p.m. on alternate months. Next meeting: Monday, Dec. 14.

ELIA Board meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. on months when there isn't a General meeting.

All meetings are on the second Monday of the month unless it's a national holiday or we've sent out a notice of some kind. When in doubt, call a board member or Nanette.

Friday evening, January 15, 1993 is the date of the shared New York School/ELIA Martin Luther King, Jr. observance at the school, 936 New York St. (We won't have another ELIA Newsletter before then.) If you haven't attended this event in recent years, **DON'T MISS IT!** It's a great time to share with East Lawrence neighbors, school kids, and teachers. We don't know the program yet, but it usually includes a wonderful skit by the kids and a chili feed. Please contact the Parent Teacher Organization through the school or ELIA to help with food preparation, music, clean-up. Watch school notices and the Journal World for specifics about time and program after the new year.

New York School News

Book Fair, Dec. 14-19 at the school. Open to the public, Saturday the 19th. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of computers for the school and books for the school library.

John Bakely from KC will speak at a January 5 staff meeting which is open to all. His topic: "Understanding poverty".

School children will have a Kansas Day celebration in January, including recognition of the ethnic groups represented in the New York School population.

Staff and parents are encouraged to attend the Kansans of Color Conference, Feb. 7-9, at the Holidome here in Lawrence. Call **Sarah Russell** (PTO head and ELIA vice president) or **Sharen Steele** at the school for details.

The New York School PTO sponsors a monthly skate party on the second Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$3 covers admission and skate rental at Fantasyland on Iowa St. Talk to anyone in the PTO for other details.

Water line update: New York St. repairs

The November weather did a number on the crews working on New York St. water lines. A water department representative has heard from several of us wondering about the schedule for finishing, and the word is this: Final grading and planting will be done in the Spring. Preliminary grading (smoothing and hauling away of extra piles of dirt) is happening now, as is heavy laying of straw so people don't sink in the mud. Curbs

have been set back in place temporarily, but they will be fixed well when final grading happens. Limestone curbs will not be taken from East Lawrence this time, and those that have been set in upside-down for now will be right-side up'd in the Spring. It looks like sidewalks at the corners will be made of gravel or asphalt until Spring too. Please give the crews some time to work on this mess, but call a board member if you think more straw is needed for the mud situation in front of your house.

December 1992

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Ardys Harvests Award

The Lawrence City Commission recently presented the Lawrence Arts Commission City Enhancement and Cultural Exchange Award to East Lawrence resident **Ardys Ramberg**. Ardys organized the first annual Harvest of the Arts held last autumn. Harvest of the Arts featured drawing, painting, sculpture, poetry, music, theater, dance and every other imaginable type of visual and performance art in a week long citywide celebration of Lawrence's diverse culture. Numerous East Lawrence artists and musicians contributed their talents and energy to the celebration. Thanks to all who made it happen.

Neighbors Pass Bar Exams

East Lawrence residents **Ben Casad** and **Mary Giese** were recently admitted to the practice of law by the Kansas Supreme Court. Congratulations. It is nice to have two new lawyers on our side!

Have you watered your Christmas tree today? Keep it fresh and less likely to burn by giving it plenty to drink.

Arts Center to Feature Performance Nights

The Lawrence Arts Center at 9th & Vermont will feature three performance nights on Saturday evenings this winter. The dates are January 23, February 20 and March 27, 1993. The series is intended to give local performance artists an opportunity to showcase their works, which may range from traditional to experimental. The Arts Center is soliciting applications from interested performers by December 18, 1992. Admission to the shows will be \$2 and open to the public. The series is being organized by two East Lawrence residents, **Jim McCrary** and **Marty Olson**. Contact McCrary at 841-2787 or 841-8370 for more information.

Free Christmas Tree Pick-up

You may have your Christmas tree picked up by the city crews for free if you put it out where you get your regular trash picked up. The dates for the pick up are:

Monday, January 4th;
Monday, January 11th; &
Friday, January 15th.

A preliminary draft of the Eastern Parkway Land Use Plan is available from board members or the Planning Department at City Hall.

Bulk trash pick-up: 841-1911

The City sanitation crews are just waiting for your permission to get that sad, wet, abandoned couch and broken easy chair out of your yard. If bulk articles (any trash larger than is taken in regular weekly pick-up: old furniture, appliances, bundled sticks and limbs in tied bundles) are within 6 feet of the alley, the bulk trash crew will haul it away if you just call. Do your neighbors have bulk trash? You can't call for them, but encourage your neighbors to call. Our next ELIA clean-up isn't til next June. Do us all a favor and have accumulated junk hauled away now before it has another 6 months to rot. Our annual clean-up volunteers are a good-spirited lot, but we do occasionally get grossed out by what we find.

Horizon 2020

This is the planning document now being written by the City which will guide Lawrence for the next twenty-five years (when Plan 95 expires in, you guessed it, 1995). Want to be involved in the process? Our neighborhood NEEDS you more than you can imagine. Call Shelley Miller at 841-7518 to sign up for meetings and input.

Did you see?

-905 New York St. is no more. Too bad a little more of the last 20 years' rent couldn't have gone into timely maintenance and repairs.

-Snedeger's Laundry made the Journal World's poll of The Best of Lawrence. We knew it all the time!

-Shelle Rosenfeld's article in The New Times Nov. 19-Dec. 2 issue about "East Lawrence's Preservation Fight".

-who loaded the dumpster at 8th and New York St. with over 30 tires Thanksgiving weekend? What a mess! The City will not regularly pick up tires with household trash, but bulk trash (841-1911) will dispose of tires for \$1 each. This is 50 cents cheaper than most tire places, so please take advantage of the service and don't litter the neighborhood with your old tires.

-ELIA coordinator Nanette Roubideaux in the last couple weeks? Probably not, because she's been busy typing CDBG proposals. (Thanks, Nanette!)

-the beautiful format of the last several ELIA Newsletters? Many thanks to ELIA treasurer and word processor whiz, Kevin Hutcheson for the new look.

-how dark it gets, so early? Consider leaving your front porch light on for the benefit of East Lawrence's many pedestrians at night. A well-lit street makes for a safer friendly atmosphere.

Pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects: 11th St. Crosswalks?

Applications for 1993 pedestrian/bicycle improvement in Lawrence are due January 15. If you have any suggestions, call any board member or Nanette soon. We will need to write up your suggestions and sign petitions of support before the 15th of January.

One proposal which needs your show of support is for crosswalks on 11th St. for New York School kids. Have you seen how long children have to wait and how dangerous it is for them to cross 11th St? There are currently no crosswalks on 11th between New York St. and Oregon St., so 11th St. traffic (including City garage traffic) has no encouragement even to slow down for our littlest neighbors.

After the ELIA general membership meeting on Monday, Dec. 14, all board members and the New York School office will have petitions of support for this crosswalk project and another proposal for a flashing beacon to alert Connecticut St. traffic of the need to watch for children. Please sign a petition in favor of one or both of these proposals. Thanks!

ELIA General Membership Meeting

Monday, December 14
New York School library at 7 (SEVEN) p.m.

Agenda includes:

1. A presentation sponsored by the East Lawrence History Project.
2. Voting on bylaw changes.
3. Other business (AND refreshments for the first 50 people!)



 *Happy Holidays, Neighbors!!* 

Are there any volunteers out there for child care during ELIA meetings? If so, call any board member or Nanette. Child care is not always needed, but it would be nice to assure parents who want to attend the meetings that child care is available. Thanks!