



East Lawrence News

January 1996

Jail Site - How did we get here?

Apr. 1987 - County begins purchase of four homes (three lots) on Northeast corner of 1100 Rhode Island. Homes are to be razed for 35-40 space employee parking lot.

Oct. 1987 - County Commission unanimously adopts 15 year Space Management Plan (Resolution 87-40) to "provide reasonable and workable parking, office, law enforcement and court space expansion opportunities...without the need to acquire additional land." Projected needs are an additional 70,000 square feet of office/jail space and 237 additional parking spaces in lieu of restriping existing lot.

Oct. 1987 - In a letter to the East Lawrence Improvement Association, Commission Chairperson, David Hopper, "assures that the Commission is sensitive to your concerns"...(and that plan) "does not include the acquisition of any additional land in vicinity of the Courthouse Complex."

Aug. 1988 - Rhode Island Street Preservation Committee nominates a county-coveted house, 1108 R.I., for historic status. County Commission tables motion after home owner declines membership.

Nov. 1988 - County bulldozes three of its four newly acquired properties to make way for parking.

Mar. 1994 - Letter sent to County Commission reiterating original 1987 ELIA criteria for supporting downtown jail.

Apr. 1994 - Design criteria discussions between County and East Lawrence begin. Discussions will continue until Nov. 1994.

Jul. 1994 - East Lawrence design criteria summarized in letter to County. Includes returning three County owned Rhode Island St. lots to residential use.

Oct. 1994 - ELIA member Anne Patterson draws design standards for residential housing on 1100 Rhode Island, in preparation for possible return of three county owned lots.



Oct. 1994 - Commissioners Buhler and Chappell state at Commission meeting that they would vote to return three county owned lots to private residential ownership.

Nov. 1994 - County Commission rejects consideration of return of lots on 1100 R.I. Purported reason is statute requiring unanimous vote. Petition requesting return of R.I. lots submitted.

Nov. 1994 - The proposed one cent sales tax increase (designed, in part, to finance jail expansion) does not have a "sunset" clause (that is, there is no requirement to discontinue tax after all planned projects are financed).

Nov. 1994 - ELIA ties support for downtown jail to return (sale) of vacant, county owned lots for single family residential use.

Nov. 1994 - As envisioned by preliminary design, County estimates that new jail facility would have three level, 230 space parking garage, with 50,000 square feet facility on top. Estimated cost of 24-30 month project is \$11 million.

Feb. 1995 - County Commission hires Michael Treanor Co. as architect for new jail.

Mar. 1995 - According to Journal World "Sound Off" column, preliminary jail plans call for two and a half story, 199 space parking garage, with jail facility on top. Estimated cost is \$11 million.

Oct 19, 1995 - At Jail Design Committee meeting, County officials say that reconsideration of downtown jail site

adjacent to South Park is highly unlikely.

Oct. 30, 1995 - Result of Lawrence Journal World access poll question asking "Have county officials and designers been secretive in planning new jail?," is 261-Yes and 1- No.

Nov. 5, 1995 - Board of Downtown Lawrence Inc. formally opposes downtown jail site.

Also, result of Access Poll asking, "Should County consider another jail site?," is 656 - Yes and 67 - No.

Nov. 12, 1995 - Board of ELIA unanimously passes motion supporting downtown jail expansion if original negotiated criteria are met and, if there is no incursion into South Park.

Nov. 14, 1995 - County confirms cost of new jail will exceed original estimate by a minimum of \$3 million (regardless of chosen site).

Nov. 16, 1995 - Jail Design Committee passes recommendation to investigate other possible sites for jail. Architect Michael Williams says building jail on parking lot east of South Park "is like putting 10 pounds in an 8 pound sack."

Nov. 23, 1995 - Commission chooses six sites for further consideration. One of the sites is three county owned lots on 1100 E. Rhode Island originally intended as 35-40 space employee parking lot. Commission Chappell says "the only thing that's not appealing (about E. Rhode Island site) is that we're going into East Lawrence." Chappell proposes studying angled parking on Mass. St., in front of South Park, as method of relieving traffic and parking problems.

Nov. 26, 1995 - Under headline "Jail Site Doubtful All Along," Commission Chappell is quoted as saying that "everyone was concerned six months ago that the site (downtown) wasn't going to work."

Dec. 4, 1995 - County Commission narrows preliminary architectural site assessment to three sites located in Brook Creek and along K-10.

Dec. 7, 1995 - Jail Design Committee recommends rejecting any prospective site located in a residential area. This recommendation would eliminate possible downtown/East Lawrence (Brook Creek) sites.

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Dec. 13, 1995 - Results of Access Poll question asking, "Do you think taking the jail out of the downtown

Lawrence area would have a harmful effect?" is 9 - Yes, 270 - No.

Dec. 16, 1995 - Commissioners decide to reopen methodical search for jail site using weighed criteria with numerical values; Willing to pay architects to evaluate each potential site. Commissioner Chappell is quoted as saying "From this point on I'm going to turn my eyes towards locations other than downtown."

MINUTES ELIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Nov. 12, 1995

Attendees:

Melissa Arnett	Robert Baker
James Dewey	Dana Hurlburt
Jim Hurlburt	Bob Kennedy
Jim Mc Crary	Gwyn Mellinger
Jim Power	Mike Rhiem
Barry Shalinsky	K.T. Walsh

AGENDA ITEMS

1) Regular Business

a) Decisions regarding the 1996-1997 CDBG sidewalk request.

We need to submit a detailed estimate, complete with cost & location, for the \$15,000 request, due Dec. 1, 1995. Baker presented member suggestions, with measurements, for priority sidewalks to repair. Discussion of criteria for selection of sidewalks to repair included: Benefit the most users; repair sidewalks leading to neighborhood elementary and junior high school; repair walks in worst condition; plan next year's proposal to complement this year's work; repair missing links in pedestrian corridors; improve concrete sidewalks along with brick walks. A motion was put forth to approve member recommendations as presented by Baker, and to solicit further sidewalk repair suggestions in the January newsletter. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Other proposal requests for 1996-1997 CDBG grant year

Discussion of progress with this year's Block Grant projects was followed by opinion that we pursue similar grants for '96-'97. Motion proposed that we continue infrastructure projects at same level of funding, with exception of adding two additional blocks of alley lighting and

NY SCHOOL CALENDAR	
JANUARY 19	Chill Feed - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
MARCH 25-29	Spring Break
APRIL 3-4	Parent - Teacher confs. 3:30-8:30 p.m., Apr. 3 7:40 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Apr. 4
MAY 4	School Carnival
MAY 9	Field Day
MAY 30	Sixth Grade Recognition
MONTHLY MEETINGS	
PTO	1st Weds. of Month (Except Apr., 2nd Weds.)
PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	
	2nd Mon. of Month - 12:30 p.m.

one additional block of brick street restoration. Motion passed unanimously. c) Baked goods stand at Dec. 2 Central Jr. High Holiday Sale.

Discussed possibility of raising funds for (and awareness of) ELIA at Holiday Sale. Baker volunteered to coordinate and several board members agreed to contribute baked goods.

d) New York School book donation. Board discussed our commitment of funds to NY School for purchase of books, and possibility of obtaining matching funds from local book store and Bank IV, a NY School business partner. Board members who have contacts with these businesses agreed to make requests.

e) Date for Jan. general meeting. It was proposed and approved that next general meeting will be Mon., Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. Election of vacant posts will occur at meeting.

2) Jail Expansion

Discussed current status of planned jail expansion on edge of South Park. Concerns were raised about parking and traffic problems in neighborhood and downtown, effect on quality of life and impact of eventual expansion farther in the future. Board reviewed position on the issue. Previous position is that we could accept a facility in this location only if previously identified criteria (concerning parking, traffic control, height of building, intrusion into neighborhood, etc.) are met. A motion was put forth that ELIA take the following position:

1) Reaffirm our position supporting jail in downtown location, if the facility meets previously stated criteria.

2) Keep representative Anne Patterson on the committee and continue to participate in the planning process.

3) Encourage individual and cooperative efforts with community groups taking positions which are not inconsistent with ours.

4) Change criteria to include "no tolerance of encroachment on South Park.

Motion passed unanimously.

3) Neighborhood Plan

Dewey and Power discussed upcoming Nov. 27 meeting with East Lawrence business leaders to discuss neighborhood plan. Several potential areas of concern, such as rezoning and truck access were discussed.

4) Update on possible commercial development along 900 New Hampshire

No property has changed hands and no site plans have been filed. Representatives of ELIA met with Downtown and asked for a corridor study. Downtown supports keeping houses intact.

5) Other Business

Pedestrian safety. A motion was proposed that ELIA write a letter requesting pedestrian crossing corridor along 10th St. from N.H. to Hobbs Park.

MINUTES ELIA GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 1995

AGENDA ITEMS

1) Regular Business

a) Treasurer's Report - General Fund has \$309.59; Special Fund has \$225 for New York School.

2) New York School Report (Julie Sergeant and Teresa Kopsa reporting)

a) Kopsa will contact people who signed up to evaluate parent outreach program.

b) Intergenerational Program at Vermont Towers - Students leave N.Y. School approx. 1:50 p.m. each Tuesday and return at 3 p.m.

c) School recommendations for \$225 ELIA donation - Apple printer or books for library and/or classroom.

d) Reading Is Fundamental Program - Lost \$350 through grant cuts, and needs supplemental funding.

e) Discussion - How to stretch ELIA donation. McCrary suggested finding

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matching funds. Dewey moved to supplement donation with a business partner match and a bookstore match.

Motion carried unanimously.

f) "Clean Sweep" Program - Retta Backus looking for volunteers to monitor playground after school.

3) **Neighborhood Plan** - Discussion of status; Directed by Planning Commission to meet with business owners.

4) **Brick Street Update** - Of three blocks recently milled, 1 1/2 blocks of R.I. were completed and 1/2 block of 1200 N.Y. was completed. Will finish removing asphalt patches next spring. Discussion ensued about handicapped accessibility on brick streets. Should we tie street and sidewalk repairs together? Does handicapped ramp at 12th and N.Y. meet ADA standards (It has an uneven drop-off)?

5) **Hiring Committee** - Walsh reported on process. An ad was run, 3 candidates were interviewed and their references are being checked.

6) **Jail Expansion** - Web Heckler, Trinity Lutheran representative on Jail Design Committee and ELIA members examined five current designs and shared opinions about them. All agreed there is a significant parking problem with each design Jim McCrary suggested we draft letter noting concern about obvious lack of public access to jail design material. Motion carried unanimously.

7) **CDBG Projects for next year** - Deadline is Dec. 1st. Contact Baker with ideas.

8) **900 N.H.** - Residents received eviction notice for Jan. House bought for Salvation Army.

9) **LAN Report** - Representative McCrary reported on upcoming Oct.25 LAN (neighborhood) study session with City Commissioners. LAN symposium on districting.

10) **Election of officers** - New Secretary and Treasurer. Five new Board members.

Community Development Block Grants

- Based on information solicited from East Lawrence residents through public meetings and newsletters, the East Lawrence Improvement Association has submitted six proposals for Community Development funds used to improve low to moderate income neighborhoods. The six proposals are:

Operating Expenses - \$3,900

- Most of this money will be used to publish and mail a newsletter to every household four times a year. The rest of the funds will be used for stamps, copying and office supplies.

Neighborhood Coordinator - \$6,000

- The Neighborhood Coordinator is the only paid ELIA position. As a paid employee the Coordinator is expected to accomplish tasks that most neighborhood volunteers don't have time to accomplish. Duties include compiling the newsletter, writing grants, attending public meetings, etc.



Brick Sidewalk Restoration - \$14,475

- For the past six years the East Lawrence neighborhood has received Community Development grants for the restoration of brick sidewalks. This request would continue brick sidewalk repair on 1100 Rhode Island but, could also begin repairing concrete patches on walks where brick has already been repaired. If approved, this request would fund concrete patch repair on E. 1100 & 1200 Rhode Island and on E. 1300 Connecticut.

Brick Street Restoration - \$2400

- Restoration of residential brick streets (beginning with the Rhode Island St. corridor) is a long term neighborhood plan goal. This year 1100 and 1200 R. I. were restored. Next year's request would fund restoration of 900 & 1000 R.I.

Alley Lighting - \$447.60

- This request would continue funding for alley lights installed by KPL in alleys between 800 N.Y. & N.J. and 1300 N.Y. & N. J. In addition the request would pay for installation and rental of alley lights between 1300 R.I. & Conn. and 1000 Conn. & N.Y.

Alley Paving - \$8,000

- This request would pave alleys between 1200 Conn. & N. Y. and 1300 Pa. & N.J.

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NOTICE!!

ELIA General Meeting

January 29, 1996

7:00 p.m.

New York School Library

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If it were not so sad, I would be amused by all the talk and lamentations regarding the land use issues in Lawrence especially the concerns about the location of our new jail.

The issue of where to put the jail is perhaps meaningless to most folks east of Massachusetts Street because they are struggling to put food on their tables. Many of us gladly voted for a 17% food tax increase recently because we were afraid of more crime. (The Kansas Food Sales tax rebate is less than half of what one would spend in food tax and all that baby formula in February bought with the rebate check would have been better used spread out during the year). So we tax baby formula and used underwear and not jet airplanes so we can build a new jail to put poor folks in who cannot afford high priced lawyers to get them off after having been arrested for "crimes" against the rich.

Folks are breathing foul air caused by the various industries which place Douglas County in the top 7% of most polluted air by county in the country (forget E.P.A. guidelines being met: those guidelines are set by those with the most money to influence E.P.A.).

And I laugh as folks debate whether Kansas is not 50th but 48th or 49th as far as having the worst water in the country.

A local store sells turkeys for the holidays to the poor for 10 cents a pound but there is no way for most poor folks to get to that store which is about five miles away from most of us because those with influence (money) are more worried about property acquisition and use rather than the equality of opportunity which would be afforded by a decent public transport system.

It is my considered opinion that the real life issues for the people with food tax).

If the good people who are concerned about how our land is used and how our historical sites are being destroyed are feeling alone in their struggles perhaps they may consider taking up the basic issues of life such as food and water, air and transportation. They may then find that they have many more allies in their struggles to make Lawrence a better place for all.

Pat Slick
1147 Oregon Street

Become a member of the ELIA

You can help preserve one of Lawrence's most unique and historic neighborhoods. As a resident, you can become a voting member for only \$1. As neighbors, joining together, we can make a difference on traffic problems, inappropriate development or, at a minimum, helping neighbors to become a better community.

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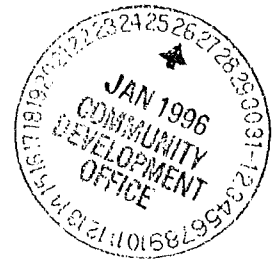
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East Lawrence News

April 1996

Watch for the International Vernacular Architecture Tour
in East Lawrence
May 12

Neighborhood Plan Stays On Track

The Neighborhood Plan

The ELIA Board met with the City/County Planning staff and East Lawrence business owners March 12. The meeting was arranged by the planning staff to resolve objections to the neighborhood plan raised by business owners.

The meeting was a very productive meeting in that most of the objections to the Neighborhood Plan were discussed rationally and significant agreement was reached on ways to resolve differences and perhaps avoid starting over on the Neighborhood Plan.

Efforts are underway to work together to improve wording of some parts of the Plan to clarify the intent of the plan and to accommodate different perspectives of those affected by the plan.

It was encouraging to see that residents and business owners could sit down face-to-face and work together on a project, where there had been disagreement and misunderstanding before.

The ELIA Board particularly would like to thank Chris Ogle, Lawrence Bus Company, and Greg Polk, Polk Oil, for taking the initiative on the part of business owners to discuss in good faith the elements of the Neighborhood Plan that caused the most concern to them. Because of that initiative, it was possible to have a meaningful discussion about the Neighborhood Plan.

The ELIA will be working with East Lawrence business people to do some additional surveying of business owners to help insure everybody's perspective is included in the final Neighborhood Plan.

NOTICE

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April 29

7:00 p.m.

New York School Library

Bad Trash Cans?

City Sanitation crews will inspect trash containers in the coming weeks and mark those not in compliance with city ordinances. If your trash receptacle is tagged with that notice and not removed, it will be picked by Sanitation workers, kept for a few weeks and ultimately destroyed.

If you do want your old trash container to be picked up and disposed of, just place a note on it asking that it be trashed.

SPRING CLEANING

East Lawrence Improvement Association has arranged for a special pickup of trash and yard waste following a special cleanup weekend in celebration of Earth Day, April 20.

The City will make a special trash pickup on April 26 [Friday]. Put your cleanup items in the same place you put your trash and they will pick it up.

Please do not put out large bulky items, except water heaters and other recyclable materials. The City will pick items not normally picked up in the regular cycle, but please bundle them for easy pickup [no more than 5' long and 18" around and easily picked up by refuse workers]. NO TREE STUMPS OR OTHER HARD TO HANDLE ITEMS.

Crime Prevention

The ELIA Board recently met with the Crime Prevention officer for the City of Lawrence, Scott Connell, to get some excellent advice on steps we can take to prevent crime in our neighborhood. The Board arranged the meeting in response to reports of vandalism, day-time burglaries and concerns about youth crime. The Board is exploring with some residents the possibility of setting up neighborhood watches, if enough interest exists.

If you have concerns about crime in your neighborhood, want to explore a neighborhood crime watch or have questions, call any board member or the neighborhood coordinator and we will help. For example, ELIA would be happy to arrange a meeting with the City Crime Prevention officer in your neighborhood.

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BLACK AND WHITE AND (HOPEFULLY) READ ALL OVER

►New Book to document East Lawrence's architectural history.

by Shelle Rosenfeld

Over the years, many of East Lawrence's stunning examples of 19th century architecture have fallen prey to not only William Quantrill and his raiders, but to bulldozers, redevelopment and rezoning. Long lost to the neighborhood are such historically important buildings as Langston Hughes' boyhood home and many buildings designed by the noted architect J. G. Haskell. It is only recently that efforts have begun to document the East Lawrence neighborhood's unique architectural and historical contributions to the city of Lawrence and to preserve existing structures. on their own initiative, two East Lawrence residents are strengthening the ongoing efforts of documentation and preservation by publishing a book about East Lawrence's rich architectural history.



Neighborhood residents Jim McCrary and Mark Kaplan are working together on the self-published book, "In Plain View," which will incorporate nearly 100 black and white photos and text for a history of the neighborhood's houses and buildings, many of which are outstanding examples of vernacular architecture from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. the book, not coincidentally, is slated for release around the time of the 1996 annual conference of the Vernacular Architecture Forum, an international group of architects, to be held here in Lawrence May 22-25. This year's conference topic is "Making Urban and Rural

landscapes on the Prairie Plains." Conference participants plan two days of tours, to include buildings and structures in Old West Lawrence, Downtown and East Lawrence.

The upcoming conference was really the impetus for producing such a book, according to Jim McCrary, a local writer and editor. "The conference is a wonderful opportunity, a great thing to take advantage of," he says. "With our book we hope to heighten public awareness about what's here, architecturally and historically. There's never been a publication of this type about East Lawrence before."

Mark Kaplan, a videographer, filmmaker and photographer, spent the past year photographing existing East Lawrence houses and other neighborhood structures. Accompanying his photos will be text, culled from sources such as old letters, newspaper articles, old books, and memoirs and oral histories from residents.

"It's not a big political manifesto or anything," says McCrary, "or screaming at City Hall about saving the neighborhood. It's the first step toward putting into people's hands a document that shows the architecture of the neighborhood, how important it is

historically, and to let people know there's been a working-class community here for over a hundred years with unique contributions to the city of Lawrence."

"The photos will show the architecture, the text will show the humanity."

McCrary and Kaplan hope to have the book released shortly before the Vernacular Architecture conference. It will be available at local bookstores, the Watkins Museum of Community History and other area locations.

Border's Bookstore

How do you feel about a bookstore chain opening a store in Lawrence? Where should it locate?

These are questions being asked as a result of news the Borders' Bookstore chain plans a new store in Lawrence.

The latest word is the store is likely to be built in one of two locations: on the northwest edge of town or just off downtown in the 7th/8th/R.I./N.H. block.

Some of the concerns: one of the features of this chain is use of large surface parking lots and this type of store does not fit the small retail/office/residential mix encouraged by East Lawrence residents. The "pluses" are the store will bring a lot of shoppers to the downtown area and add jobs.

What do you think?

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15th Street Development

The East Lawrence Improvement Association recently sponsored a neighborhood briefing for residents and business owners in the southeast corner of the East Lawrence neighborhood, to inform them about the development of the vacant lots between the Indian Center on the northwest corner of Haskell and 15th and Morton Brick to the west.

The project will initially consist of a building fronting 15th Street, with parking and loading areas to the rear. The developer, a contractor, will have his own office in the structure and hopes to lease the remaining offices/shops to electricians, carpenters and other small businesses in the construction business. If the development succeeds, there are plans to put in similar offices along the back of the lots, which run along 14th Street.

ELIA sponsored a meeting in the Indian Center on the evening of April 3 for the benefit of the neighbors of this project. The developer and another occupant of the facility were present and people were able to see the site plans and ask questions of the developer and his attorney. Concerns about drainage for this whole area, access to the lots from 14th Street, potential increases in property taxes and several other issues were discussed.

The developer will need to have the zoning changed from multi-family to a commercial zoning category that would permit these shops.

NY School Calendar

May 4	School Carnival
May 9	Field Day
May 30	6th Grade Recognition

Monthly Meetings

PTO 1st Wednesday of month
[2nd Weds. in April]

Pro. School Development Council
2nd Monday of month - 12:30 p.m.

ELIA Board meetings

[Feb. 22, 1996] - The ELIA Board discussed on-going projects, such as inspecting brick sidewalks restored last year, alley paving, streets to be converted to brick in the future, working with the county to return to residential use lots acquired for the jail project and efforts to encourage businesses to donate books to the New York School library.

The Board voted to invite neighborhood churches to a picnic or potluck; to sponsor a Spring Cleanup; to support Second Christian Church's grant application for a shower facility for the homeless and to follow up on efforts to encourage neighborhood crime watches in neighborhoods wanting them.

The board agreed to sponsor a meeting to inform neighbors about a proposed commercial development on 15th St.

The Board discussed the idea of working on our mailing list to include owners of property in East Lawrence who are not residents and it was agreed we should update the mailing list to make sure we include everybody who lives and operates a business in East Lawrence.

[Apr. 10, 1996] - The ELIA Board met to discuss status of ongoing projects and to finalize the Spring Cleanup plans. The Board discussed action to take following our sponsorship of a meeting with neighbors and the developer of the project on 15th Street. The Board also discussed the proposal to include Downtown Lawrence as a member of the LAN, as an associate member.

Want to be involved?

Do you have an interest in participating in East Lawrence Improvement Assoc. work but have been too shy to ask or think your help is not needed? We do need your participation and there are plenty of things to do. We are involved in things as diverse as tearing out old asphalt to convert a street to brick to speaking up at city council meetings.

If you want to join in, call any one of the board members, officers or the neighborhood. You are welcome.

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Patchen Electric

Patchen Electric will be begin construction soon on the improvements they have planned for some time at their East 9th Street location. Its great to see another East Lawrence business display its commitment to this neighborhood by expanding or significantly improving its business. Best of luck in the construction.

New Day Care

The Indian Center is in the process of remodeling their basement to serve as a day care center for 15-20 children. The Center has completed a new fence around the play area, with the help of Haskell Indian Junior College football team players and also plans to asphalt the parking lot to the west of their building. Great news!

What a Relief!

Relief is here for East Lawrence residents plagued by sewer backups caused by heavy rains and overflow of inadequate sewer mains. The City of Lawrence has completed a sewer relief project to help with these problems. Although the improvements will not eliminate all sewer problems, they will solve many of them.

Sewer backups in East Lawrence flow from several causes. We have only one sewage treatment plant; all of the sewage from West and South Lawrence converged on one sewer main in East Lawrence; many of the sewer lines in East Lawrence are very old, causing many cross connections and leaks; and, capacity for the sewer main is not adequate during extraordinary, heavy rains, causing sewage and surface water to backup into basements or homes.

The sewer main in question runs from a lift station south of 23rd Street to the treatment plant on East 8th Street, generally parallel to the A. T. & SF railroad tracks east of Pennsylvania Street. Basically the relief sewer project added a new line along most of this stretch, with interconnections to the existing main and a larger capacity pipe into the treatment plant.

In addition to this improvement to the sewer system, the City has an ongoing program to address deteriorating sewer lines in East Lawrence. In addition to traditional techniques for searching out failing lines, for example, the City uses remote television cameras pulled through sewer lines to pinpoint breaks or failing portions of the sewer line. The City also uses a system for repairing lines that in many cases avoids digging down to problem lines,

thereby reducing the occasions when those repairs will damage your surface property, such as trees, shrubs, sidewalks or other structures and the need to replant grass. The repair consists of pushing a plastic material through problem lines, which hardens into a thin, but strong inner layer that seals breaks and prevents infiltration of roots. This kind of repair can extend the life of a sewer line for years without the additional cost or disruption of digging down from the surface. We are told the City is beefing up its efforts in these areas to reduce sewer problems that have bothered East Lawrence residents for years.

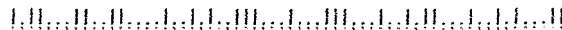
While these projects will not totally eliminate all sewer problems in East Lawrence, they will reduce a significant number of potential sewer backups and other overflow or leakage problems.

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15th Street

15th Street Development

The saga surrounding the proposed development on 15th Street, between Morton Brick and the Indian Center, continues its erratic course. As we reported in our last issue, the developer needed a change of zoning, from multi-family residential to general commercial zoning. At the Planning Commission hearing, a number of commissioners raised concerns about the timetable proposed by the developer's attorney for approving the project and the particular means the developer intended to use to proceed through the planning staff review. At that time, the developer's attorney suggested the developer was content to restrict uses of the property to a fairly short list of uses and would agree to city planning staff recommendations that no convenience store or drive up delivery businesses be allowed. In addition, the Brook Creek neighborhood association, in which this development is located, objected to any change in zoning. The Commission continued the application in the hopes the developer would submit the zoning change in a format more acceptable to them and in the hopes the developer

NOTICE

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East Lawrence Improvement Assn.

General Meeting

July 8, 1996
7:00 p.m.
Social Service League

would work with the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association to come up with acceptable uses of the property.

At the next Planning Commission meeting, the developer submitted a new plan for development and, to the dismay of the Planning Commission, a new list of "allowed" uses of the property that would allow the developer to use the land in some ways that were very unacceptable to local neighbors, such as a motorcycle shop, commercial uses involving heavy truck traffic, litter and other unacceptable impacts on the neighborhood. As a result of these

developments, the Planning Commission recommended against any change in zoning.

Current status

Despite these setbacks, the developer has sought approval from the City Council, in other words, asking the council to reverse the Planning Commission recommendation, but no action has been taken. The city council recently postponed hearing that request until some time in July.

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Haskell Street Development

A proposed development of a presently wooded tract south and west of the corner of 15th and Haskell is proceeding toward apparent approval by the city. The development will consist of a planned residential development which will increase the number of residents and resulting traffic for this area substantially. While this area is outside the East Lawrence neighborhood, the increased traffic will certainly affect the south and east boundaries of the neighborhood.

While the development allows for a significant number of residents, the Planning Commission did reduce the maximum number of residents originally sought by the developer.



Green Team

The East Lawrence Improvement Association Board was approached at its last General Meeting about the possibility of setting up a "Green Team" committee to explore ways East Lawrence residents could collectively work on environmental issues affecting East Lawrence.

Interested residents met on June 10 at the Social Services League in an organizational meeting of this committee.

A number of potential initiatives or projects were discussed and ranked in order of importance. This group will make a report to the General Meeting on July 8 and seek guidance and invite participation from any other residents interested in this subject.

If you have questions about this committee, please contact Pat Slick, 842-7548.



County Commission Candidate at General Meeting

County Commission candidate Jim Jesse has asked to speak at our General Meeting on July 8, to discuss a number of issues. Jesse has been specifically asked to address the issue of the use the county should make of the vacant lots it owns to the east of the current jail complex.

Jesse's county commissioner district includes East Lawrence. This seat is being vacated by retirement of the county commissioner now in this seat.

If you are interested in these vacant lots or other issues affecting East Lawrence that will be before the Douglas County Commission, now is your chance to find out where this candidate stands on those issues before the Primary Election, August 6.

Become a member of ELIA

You can help preserve one of Lawrence's most unique and historic neighborhoods. As a resident, you can become a voting member of only \$1. As neighbors, joining together, we can make a difference on traffic problems, inappropriate development and other issues that make us a better community.

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Other Neighborhoods

Downtown Lawrence, Inc. recently asked The Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods to accept it as a full member of the LAN. After much debate, the LAN concluded Downtown Lawrence, Inc. should not be given full membership, at least initially. They have been accepted as associate members. At some future date, if Downtown Lawrence, Inc. adopts in full the mission statement of LAN, they might be offered full membership. In addition, a number of members of LAN suggested that residents who live in the downtown core be encouraged to form an organization of non-business residents to represent their neighborhood interests.

Old West Lawrence [OWL] has recently completed a draft revision of their neighborhood plan, after two years of work. The OWL membership will vote on this draft and submit any final plan agreed to by membership to the City Planning Commission.

Development Impact Fees

The City Commission decided, on a 3-2 vote, to impose development impact fees on developers of new commercial or residential properties.

The Commission was divided on this issue because of a strong, vocal opposition to these fees by developers and "pro-development" elements in the business community. The majority vote revolved around the understanding that sewer, water and

trash fees were going to increase regularly and some thought ought to be given to whether those increases are shared equally by every resident or whether people developing new properties, for which all of us have to pay through the expense of providing new sewer, storm water and water connections, should pick up part of the expense of these new expenses.

The fees are to be imposed on all new developments and will be graduated, depending on the size and nature of the development. City staff will develop specific fees and enacting ordinances for final consideration by the City Commission at a later date.

Want to be involved?

Do you have an interest in participating in East Lawrence Improvement Assoc. work but have been too shy to ask or think your help is not needed? We do need your participation and there are plenty of things to do.

We are involved in things as diverse as tearing out old asphalt to convert a street to brick to speaking up at city council meetings.

Are you interested in being a block or area captain to represent the interests of your immediate neighbors at East Lawrence Improvement Association meetings or in city meetings?

If you want to join in, call any one of the board members,

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officers or the neighborhood coordinator.

We would be happy to have you join us.

Social Service League

The Social Service League welcomes any donations of clothing, bed sheets, blankets or other household items that would help those in need.

Take advantage of the drop off box in front of the League, 905 Rhode Island.

Drop In Center Needs Help

The Drop In Center is no longer able to continue its arrangement with Second Christian Church, where they had operated their day center for homeless citizens for some time. Their problem involves the lack of a steady source of funding to operate the center day to day and to rent an appropriate site.

A task force drawing from several groups has been meeting to plan a campaign to address these problems. The group is looking for opportunities to ally its program with other programs that address this target population, in the hopes that combining funding of two or three groups with limited funding will result in sufficient funds to rent a facility and operate the Drop In Center, with other programs.



Any suggestions you may have for potential sites close to the downtown area, potential allies for the Center, funding sources or other help are appreciated.

Contact Bob Kennedy, 832-2506, if you have any suggestions or want to help in this effort.

Business Developments

Expansion of Patchen Electric's building on 9th Street has begun, with walls already going up. The expansion will extend the building to the north.



The commercial development on the northeast corner of 9th and Connecticut is nearing completion. Mobile Locksmith is already advertising their move into one of the shops.

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Winter Block

Demolition Blocked

A large number of Lawrence residents appeared before the Historic Resources Commission on August 22, with strong compelling arguments against demolition of buildings on the Winter block, leading to the Commission denying the demolition permit sought as the first step in development of 7th and New Hampshire. The Commission vote was unanimous. The issue is not dead yet, of course.

See insert for details.

Borders Bookstore

The Winter family has signed a contract with the Borders Bookstore national chain to build a new book superstore at the corner of 7th and New Hampshire. Preliminary site plans for the development have been presented to the city.

On August 19, Winter Winter, Jr., met with the ELIA Board to present that site plan and listen to concerns of East Lawrence residents. A complete story appears in the insert

Phase II-Winter Development

The Winter family plans a mixed development for the south half of the Winter block and plan construction some time next year, if financing can be arranged.

Some of the neighborhood concerns about this phase of the development revolve around the very large Elm tree located in the south half of the lot and how unique features of the block, e.g. stone walls and the alley will be handled.

See insert for more detail

Brick Streets

Several East Lawrence residents living on streets which have been restored to brick surfaces raised to the city some concerns about the condition of these brick surfaces. The City asked ELIA to address those concerns.

These concerns will be discussed at length at the General Meeting October 15. If you are interested in these streets, please come to the meeting prepared to discuss potential solutions

Some of the issues are:

Several locations have deep depressions which drain slowly, causing severe problems this winter when that precipitation freezes, some curbs are quite high, because of the several layers of asphalt which are no longer there, and bricks have subsided severely in some of the areas where brick meets asphalt surfaces, which are "suspension destroying" hazards.

FLASH !

The state preservation officer sided with the Historic Resources Commission, in deciding a demolition permit should not be issued to destroy the building at 7th and New Hampshire. In a letter delivered to city officials September 25, he ruled the demolition of the structure would impact on the historically significant Hotel Eldridge.

In the same week, however, the City/County Planning Commission voted to approve vacation of the alley in the Winter Block.

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New York Elem. School



Be an officer

Are you interested in playing a more active role in the East Lawrence Improvement Association? Have you developed an interest in lending your experience on neighborhood issues to develop leadership for our association?

Why not throw your hat in the ring for election to one of the officer positions in ELIA? The election of officers occurs annually at the October General Meeting of the Association.

How about talking to your neighbors, pick an office you would like to serve in and show up October 15 to be nominated?

If you are nervous about assuming too much responsibility at the outset, consider an office other than President. We have President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer positions to fill.

If an officer position is too visible or too much to take on right now, we would encourage to volunteer your skills in other areas. If you have good organizing skills, the ELIA always needs to expand membership and encourage more neighbors to become involved. Perhaps you could take that on as a responsibility. We always need people to supply articles for this newsletter. Volunteer your writing skills. There are many other opportunities like these. Come to our meeting or contact any of the officers, board members or the neighborhood coordinator to volunteer.

City's Compost Operation

East Lawrence residents and businesses have complained about foul odors coming from the City compost piles near the waste water treatment plant on East Eighth Street. The odors often extend far beyond the immediate vicinity of East 8th Street, well into the heart of East Lawrence. The odors are cyclical; worsening immediately after the city "turns" the piles early in the week.

The ELIA Board has sent a letter to the City Manager conveying these concerns and volunteering to host a meeting to discuss potential solutions.

For example, it has been suggested the City could operate the composting operation at the land fill, rather than a location adjoining our neighborhoods.

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Hey!

This could have been your article!

Just a visual reminder of the need for contributions from you. We need your help in providing content for this newsletter.

If there is news of interest to you and your neighbors and you are not seeing in this newsletter, solve the problem. Send us copy.

Send your copy to any board member or the neighborhood coordinator.

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Historic Resources Commission

On August 22, the Historic Resources Commission conducted a hearing on the Winter family's demolition permit. The cannot issue a demolition permit, with HRC review, for structures located within 500 feet of sites on the national historical register. Much of the Winter block, bounded by 7th Street, Rhode Island, 8th Street and New Hampshire Street, fall within 500 feet of the Eldridge Hotel, which is on the Register. The HRC reminded everyone their duty was narrowly defined; that basically they were only to consider whether demolition of the structures at 7th Street and New Hampshire will adversely impact the historically registered building.

The Winter family, represented by Wint Winter, Jr., summarized the family's plan to demolish all the structures on the block and to development the vacant land in two phases. The first phase, which would begin immediately, consists of the construction of a large building on the northwest corner of 7th and New Hampshire, which would be leased to the Borders Group for the operation of one of their super bookstores. Because of the size of the building and Borders' demand for parking spaces, the alley running down the middle of the block would be closed. The parking lot entrance for this complex would be off New Hampshire, south of the building, with secondary exits or entrances on 7th Street and, eventually, 8th Street. Originally, Borders planned one entrance on the south side of the building, in the parking lot. Responding to initial concerns raised by the city, Borders now plans a "main" entrance on the west side of the structure, on New Hampshire. Because of city concerns, Borders has also agreed to place the building the streets [7th and New Hampshire], rather than setting it back some distance from the street, with a large parking lot between the street and the entrance. The city Planning staff has a number of other concerns about the structure and will have others once it has had time to fully study the site plan filed by the Winter family and Borders.

The second phase of the development consists of a combined retail/office and residential structure at the southwest

corner of the block, i.e. at the northeast corner of 8th Street and New Hampshire. This will be a two story structure, with office and retail space on the first floor and second floor residential spaces. The remainder of the south half of the block will be devoted to parking. The Winter family insists they will save the giant elm tree located in the middle of the south half of the block, but the surface will be paved well inside the drip line of this tree. It is unclear how they propose to keep this tree alive under those circumstances. The Winter's also insist they intend to keep and extend the natural stone wall which now exists on the southeast corner and the east side of this block.

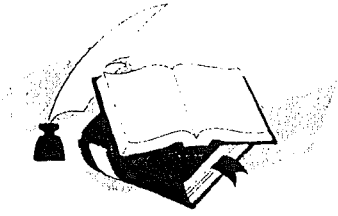
The Winter family addressed early concerns of adjoining neighbors by stressing they will do extensive planting along the eastern edge of the block to partially obstruct the light and noises generated by parking cars and visitors to the development and that they will make attempts to save as many features of the lot, such as the trees and stone walls, as they can.

A number of very eloquent and thoughtful pleas were made to the HRC by residents from all parts of the city and from virtually every age group. One older gentlemen recounted the many pleasant experiences he and others had with the automobile garage and other transportation related businesses on the block through the years and how pivotal those endeavors were to the successful operation of the Eldridge Hotel and its many guests. An architect from the University of Kansas quite respectfully chided the developer for not insisting that more consideration be given to reusing or adapting the current historically important structures by incorporating them into the design of the bookstore, thereby preserving the historical facade while giving deference to more modern use of the inside as a bookstore. Several speakers questioned the value of Borders as a new neighbor, when they are so insistent on building a suburban structure in an urban historical setting and seem so unwilling to adapt their building to blend in with our unique downtown rather than the city adapt to its commercial needs. Several specifically noted Borders had constructed a super bookstore in California by creatively adapting an existing movie theater building, so the resultant building merged more pleasantly into the surrounding cityscape and asked what was so unique about Lawrence that we were not entitled to the same consideration. A number of the speakers noted a number of unique features to our downtown, such as the large numbers of retail and other

commercial businesses with a main entrance and a secondary entrance on the alley, the varied and diverse character of the architecture in the downtown, the pedestrian nature of our downtown business community and the unique mix of small retail, entertainment and offices that so characterizes downtown Lawrence. Several speakers noted the mention of both business locations in the advertising for both the Eldridge Hotel and the stable/garage located at 7th Street and New Hampshire, touting the usefulness of both businesses to the mutual successes as businesses. In response to the Winter family's attempt to portray the structure as lacking in integrity or historical value because a succession of fires had allegedly destroyed or dramatically reduced the integrity of the original structure, several speakers noted the Eldridge Hotel, which has clearly earned designation as a historical structure, itself was destroyed several times by fire.

In discussing their votes, several members of the HRC commented they had no doubt the stable/garage structure at 7th Street and New Hampshire was of historical value and that it was inextricably linked to the Eldridge Hotel. The HRC voted unanimously voted to deny the demolition permit because destruction of the buildings, at least in the northwest corner of the block, would adversely impact the Eldridge Hotel.

Is this the end of the matter? Not hardly. The state Kansas Historic Preservation Office is currently reviewing this controversy. If they agree with the Lawrence Human Resource Commission that destruction of the stable/garage building will damage the historical environs of the Eldridge Hotel, lessening its historical value to Lawrence and the state, it will be very difficult for the Winter family to proceed with current plans, although the Lawrence City Commission can still approve issuance of a demolition permit, despite the findings of the HRC and state Historical Preservation Office. In addition, the permit sought by the Winter family included the entire block. If they abandon that permit and seek a permit for only the south half of the block, they will undoubtedly get it, since those buildings do not fall within the 500 feet surrounding the Eldridge and the buildings do not have the historical value that the stable/garage does. If the state Historical Preservation Office disagrees with the HRC, the chances are very good the buildings will be demolished - unless you and other citizens make your wishes known.



Borders Bookstore

The Winter Family has signed a development contract with Borders, Inc., to build a superstore book complex at the southeast corner of 7th Street and New Hampshire. In order to accommodate the size of the structure and the desires of the Borders bookstore management, the developers plan to raze all the buildings on the block bordered by New Hampshire, 7th and 8th Streets and Rhode Island. In addition, they will seek approval from the City to vacate the alley now located in the middle of that block.

The initial site plan for this development has been presented to the city and the developers met with board members of East Lawrence Improvement Association to hear concerns raised by nearby residents and members of the board.

The initial architectural plan for the bookstore appears to have been a blend of suburban construction and a Country Club Plaza look. While the drawings did not display a Spanish or Mediterranean style, they borrowed other architectural features of the Plaza, such as walled entrances to a parking lot, adjoining the retail structure.

Because of initial concerns raised by city planners, the developers have changed the plan to provide for zero setbacks, i.e. setting the building along the sidewalk on 7th and New Hampshire, rather than set back in the lot with a large parking lot between the entrance and the street. In addition, the developers have agreed to create a "street side" entrance, in addition to the side entrance into the parking lot originally planned.

The primary entrance for parking to the south and east of the store will be onto New Hampshire. The view into that lot will be blocked by a low wall on either side of the entrance and connected to the bookstore structure. The new "front" entrance will be along New Hampshire Street. The "cafe," a feature of Borders Bookstores, will be in the southwest corner of the building, looking out onto a patio and the parking lot entrance.

A secondary entrance for parking will be along 7th Street, on the eastern edge of the block. The developer also plans a multi-layered set of "noise and light" screening along the eastern edge of the block, with lower shrubs along the sidewalk, with a picket fence immediately behind the shrubs and in front of a line of trees.

In order to accommodate the size of this building, the developers will be asking the city to "vacate" the existing alley. This means the alley will be permanently closed and replaced by surface parking and, along 7th Street, the back part of the Borders Bookstore complex. The developer has promised to place plantings on that side of the Borders building to soften and screen the appearance of the blank wall.

Finally, according to the developer, the Border Bookstore management do not want to adapt the current building at the 7th Street/New Hampshire corner and incorporate it into a new book superstore. They prefer to start with a vacant lot and build their store entirely new.

Latest developments

On September 25, the City received notice from the state preservation officer that he had concluded the demolition permit sought by the Winter family should not be granted because demolition of the "stable/garage" building would adversely impact the Eldridge Hotel.

The City Commission may still override both the HRC and the state

preservation officer. However, they cannot do so arbitrarily. They can only do so if they conclude no other prudent means of accomplishing the development is available. That may be a difficult test, since many of the people opposing this demolition believe the Borders Bookstore has accomplished other "prudent" developments while preserving local history, i.e. the old theater adaptation used in one of its stores in California



Phase Two

The second phase of development for the Winter Block focuses on the southwest corner of the block. The family plans construction of a multi-purpose building complex several months after construction starts on the north end of the block.

The building will feature retail and office spaces on the ground floor, with entrances on New Hampshire and Eighth Streets. There will be some residential leases on the second floor, with some offices spaces.

Parking will be provided to the east of the building. Some provision has been made for the large Elm tree located in that portion of the lot, although concerns have been raised about the hard surfacing planned for under the tree, since the tree will have a hard time surviving if the drip line is covered with materials that will not allow water penetration. The developer has taken those concerns into consideration and will consider ways to increase the chance the tree will survive.

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Jim Jesse, a candidate for County Commission for the area including East Lawrence, discussed issues with attendees and listened to our views on development, housing and parking issues and the lots on Rhode Island owned by the county.

Shannon Murphy, who coordinates the city Graffiti Removal project, described the city's new initiative to eliminate graffiti. The city of Lawrence has a new city ordinance which requires property owners to remove graffiti from their property. Residents expressed some concerns the ordinance may be overly broad.

Mary Giese and John Swift, members of the board for Tenants to Homeowners, described their program. Tenants to Homeowners works with the city and lenders to help first time home buyers buy homes. They provide free counseling and home buying classes. They can work with some buyers to deal with lenders or qualify for city funds that may be available, such as funds for rehabilitating homes. The organization is working to find funds to purchase lots so that older homes removed from other sites can be relocated. Although their process takes time and many people cannot meet income guidelines to find affordable homes, Tenants to Homeowners have placed about 40 people and have had some success in replacing structures on city lots with owner-occupied homes. Residents discussed the problems of affordable housing in East Lawrence and the need to preserve historic houses, converting them to owner-occupied homes.

K.T. Walsh reported a motion was made at the last Lawrence School Board meeting to nominate New York Elementary School for inclusion on the local historical register. The motion was tabled because of the board's perception that inclusion on the list would limit their right to

make improvements at the school. After discussion, the membership agreed ELIA should write to the School Board and recommend the Board approve that motion. K.T. is to prepare the letter.

Under old business:

- A letter has been sent to the city Planning office encouraging them to return the tract of land added to the southeast corner of our neighborhood to the newly revived Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
- the Green Team committee headed by Pat Slick reported on their plans to document environmental or pollution problems in East Lawrence
- a status report was given on commercial developments on the north and south side of 15th Street, just west of Haskell
- status of several CDBG projects for the last year was reviewed
- extensive discussion about development of the Winter block and construction of a Borders super bookstore ensued and plans for upcoming Historical Resources Commission hearing on a demolition permit for this project
- Jim McCrary reported the city and developers still plan to build an eastern parkway through our neighborhood and it was agreed we should publish more information about that issue in coming newsletters to remind people the issue was still alive
- the members discussed state of repair of the Santa Fe Depot on East Sixth, which will be eligible for historical registry in ten years, the Santa Fe rep for this area has indicated the building may be spruced up at some point the future and used for public meetings
- the possibility of a conservation easement for the area east of the Outlet Mall was discussed.

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After school Immunizations

Get your immunizations at New York School, 3:30-5:00 p.m. on the first Wednesdays of each month.

The Lawrence/Douglas County Health Department operates a mobile immunization clinic at several school sites. The clinic charges \$6 per shot. No one is rejected for inability to pay.

In addition to immunizations for your children, adult tetanus shots are also available.

Call 843-0721 for other school locations/dates and other information.

The Three “R’s”

The Waste Reduction and Recycling division of the City of Lawrence is now operating with three full time people. The division plans a number of new programs. WRR division offers several services: the Household Hazardous Waste, Newspaper Recycling drop box, Yard Waste Reduction, Composting clinic, Toxics Reduction and Recycling Information Hotline programs.

WRR has launched several new initiatives. They are developing “partnering” arrangements with the private sector. One program is a corrugated cardboard collection program targeted at downtown Lawrence. WRR and the Solid Waste Division of the City will coordinate a planning, education and collection effort for commercially generated cardboard. A private sector service provider will join in the processing, transporting and other help in preparing collected materials for marketing.

Another program involves efforts to deal with household waste. Starting from the fact over five percent of our waste stream comes from our kitchens, the WRR has initiated an educational outreach program designed to reduce residential food wastes by means of vermicomposting.

The WRR has placed several wooden “worm bins” with selected families and schools, to experiment with the use of redworms to produce rich compost from waste kitchen organics.

The WRR recommends the three “R”s:

Reduce: Buy only needed quantities of household goods. Donate unneeded items to churches, thrift stores. Use a reusable shopping or grocery bag and reuse

Recycle: Use our local recycling sites: Walmart Community Recycling Center for aluminum, tin, glass, corrugated cardboard and other paper, plastics and used oil; Dillons for aluminum, plastic, grocery sacks; Kaw Motors and Salvage for metals and newsprints; City Garage

for used motor oil and Alvins IGA, Fairgrounds, Hobby Lobby and Lawrence HS for newspaper

Resource Conservation: Protect our ground and surface water by properly disposing of garden, shop and cleaning supplies; Use the Household Hazardous Waste Collection program regularly [3rd Saturday, April through October at County Public works, 8-Noon] the last collection date is October 19.

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