

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association
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East Lawrence News

May 2000

"Meet your neighbors at Charlie's Bar, Saturday, May 13th!!"

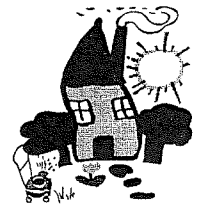
ELNA GENERAL MEETING
New York Elementary School
836 New York
Monday, May 8th at 7:00 pm

The May agenda includes:

- Putting final touches on the plans for the neighborhood party.
- Discussion for implementing the ELNA Neighborhood Plan.
- Review of the Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up.
- Discussion of ways to use the laundro-mat at 12th and New York.

Are you planting a garden this spring?

If so, make your job easier while getting the satisfaction of using equipment with a "depth regulator lever" and "forward clutch bail."



ELNA has a tiller available to neighborhood residents for \$10 per half day with a \$10 refundable deposit. For information on renting the tiller, call Charlie Moore at 842-1306.

The Great Light Debate

As we discuss what kind, how many, and what type of lights should or shouldn't go up in the East Lawrence Neighborhood, streets and alleys remain dark. Please do your part to brighten up your neighborhood by keeping porch lights on at night.

There are many light bulbs and fixtures available to minimize the cost of extended use. Call a local hardware store, or ELNA at 832-6497, for suggestions on economical ways to keep streets lit and safe.

To remove those pesky grass stains, try rubbing the spot between your fingers with a warm soapy solution. If the material is not washable, sponge the spot in irregular strokes with a solution of denatured alcohol and water mixed in equal portions.

Another method is to rub the stain with molasses, then wash the spot.

Cornell Extension Bulletin, May 1941

SMART GROWTH CONFERENCE

What is it? How can Douglas County accomplish it? A conference is scheduled for 9:00 - 4:00, May 13 at the Holidome. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

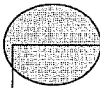
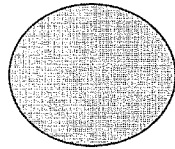
Confirmed speakers include: Robert H. Freilich of Freilich, Leitner & Carlisle law firm; Paul Liechti, Assistant Director, Kansas Biological Survey; and Michael Wallwork, Traffic Consultant, Orange Park, FL.

If you have questions, contact:
 Larry Kipp lkipp@compuserve.com 843-3284
 David Burress d-burress@ukans.edu 864-9116



Attention East Lawrence Residents:

How many of you have seen the draft of the new East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan? How many of you know that there is a draft? If you are out of the loop and need to get caught up on what is going on in your neighborhood, call Aimee Polson at 832-6497. Learn the priorities within the plan, and find out how you can help make them happen. This is where you live!



Party

AT CHARLIE'S EASTSIDE BAR & GRILL

Are you curious about the owners, residents, and Board Members. people you live among? Then come to Charlie's Eastside Bar & Grill, located at 900 Pennsylvania, to find out who they are.

The party will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, and everyone will be there. Meet East Lawrence business owners, residents, and Board Members. Bring empty stomachs and share your stories about the neighborhood. Musical entertainment may be provided, weather permitting. We look forward to seeing you there!



Memberships 1.00/year

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Dogs, Cats & New City Ordinances

The City of Lawrence reminds you to take good care of your pets and respect your neighbors.

Use common courtesy when out and about with your animals. Keep a close eye on your cats when they are outside, and be aware of the new animal ordinances.

- Pet owners must keep animals on leashes and under control at all times when outside their own fences. Dogs on electronic collars, under control of the owner, are exempt.
- Cats do not have to be restrained if they stay on their owners' property. Cats not on their owners' property will be considered "at-large" unless restrained by leashes.
- Pet owners must clean up their animal's excrement.
- Pet owners must comply with strict cruelty to animals regulations.

The City has increased fines for violating the "at-large" prohibitions. Owners who allow their cats off their property or dogs to run at-large (not on an attended leash) face a first-time fine of \$30 plus court costs.

The City Commission also recently approved ordinances that place additional restraints on dangerous dogs.

Persons with questions about general pet care may contact Lawrence Humane Society 1805 E. 19th Lawrence, KS 66046 (785)843-6835

Questions about the ordinance may be directed to the animal control division of the Police Dept. at (785) 832-7560.

To file a complaint and request officer assistance, call (785)841-7210.

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF YARD WORK

By Leslie Bowyer

There's no denying the signs: Near-naked coeds are carousing downtown, tulips are at full tilt, and everyone is feeling just a little bit prettier than usual. It's spring! Time to spend an afternoon walking the broken sidewalks of East Lawrence to check out the local's unabashed art.

It's true – what Lawrence lacks in art spaces to show decent contemporary art (there are a few, but they are a lonely lot) is made up for in the ripe, folksy expressions of the east-side residents. So pick a sunny afternoon, stop downtown for

a coffee to go, slather on some sunscreen (you don't want to ruin your artsy pallor, now), and head east of Rhode Island Street to check out the creative accumulation of detritus overflowing the eyes. And even if you have to drive from KC, shun the car when you get to Lawrence. Wheels are good and fine, but to catch the tiniest details and be surprised by the latest offerings in East Lawrence, travel by foot provides the richest experience. There may be 50 or more homes in this area that offer the folk/naive/grassroots art lover plenty to feast on, but the following are some high points on which to base an afternoon. It's out there for your pleasure, so have at it.

Head north on Massachusetts to that depressing beast, the Riverfront Mall, and walk down the length of the parking lot for the best view of the garage on the other side of the rail. Cute and narrative, the cement, tile, and mirror mosaic garage is a brightly colored palette overflowing in Lawrence iconography: A snake, a tornado, eyes, and funky birds festoon the garage that, from the street side (at Connecticut and the river), is as unassuming as

Grandpa's toolshed. Be careful when treading nearby: A sign warns that there is to be no hunting and no wolf-dogs on the property.

The block between 7th and 8th and Rhode Island yields the more typical Lawrencian yard art. One display stands as an homage to the lesser domestic appliances, presenting them in the dirt and flowers as beautiful specimens worthy of adoration. Rocks form a circle to hold a pond of tulips guarded by two old irons and a chrome KitchenAid mixer. Across the sidewalk, a one yellow telephone sits atop a mound of dirt, while behind, a tired, dirty doll is enthroned among scattered debris. A wreath of ties adorns the porch, echoed by other rings hanging from nearby branches. This is what some types – you know, the types who live in subdivisions with trees that are held up by wires – fear in their neighborhoods with their coddled property values and strict expectations. But a careful look reveals that this is not a yard of trash but a labor of love.

Similarly, the pink house on the corner of 11th and New York seems to feature an undesignated gathering of assorted junk and forgotten items, but a playful hand is revealed. Utility-line insulators stand watch over the yard; a raccoon, a dirty doll (this one a little more grungy and demented), and a naked mannequin bust share space with a mannequin leg that juts out of the dirt to balance a bird feeder upon its toes. Again, there is to be no hunting on this property.

The block at 7th and Rhode Island also hosts an apparently growing Lawrence phenomenon: papier-mâché figures housed in the trees. The assumed female form scrunched in a tree has seen better days (she was once wedged in an almost confrontational manner; today she slumps like a tired heap home from a payday bender), but she is striking, nonetheless. Her "skin" is pocked and crabbled and peeling, yet she is vibrant in her relatable figure. She does not look like a person, necessarily, but a feeling, and her presence can be quite

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alarming. Witness other papier-mâché in trees on 11th Street between New Hampshire and Rhode Island: Most witnesses guess it to be a nose.

More skilled artistic endeavors do exist in this part of town. The muscular mural on the garage on 9th Street between Connecticut and New York is carefully painted, and the artist's influences by the Mexican muralists is apparent but not distractingly obvious. The iconography is contemporary (a laptop computer floats among a bird, a gun, and a guitar), and the word "artwork" painted in reverse tips a hat to the Russian modernists. A pair of gorgeously rendered hands playing with string set this structure as a jewel in all of Lawrence.

Smaller odes to everyday art float among these larger works of expression. Mannequin legs falling from a garage window (12th and New York), a slithering cement and marble snake (the alley at 8th and Rhode Island), and a bowling-ball walkway (10th and Rhode Island) show us that art is in everyone who is not afraid of what the neighbors may think.

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Art Tougeau 2000

Art Tougeau (pronounced *to-go*), Lawrence's annual mobile-art parade is scheduled to take place at noon Saturday, May 6.

Last year's parade featured more than 40 entries including a Norsely Refrigerator Car, Van • Go Boat, Tropic of Kansas (a bicycle featuring a manual reel mower in place of the front wheel) and the Zen Tracker Motorcycle. Pictures of some of last year's entries are on-line at www.larryville.com/artcar3.htm. This year's parade promises to be bigger and weirder, so don't miss it!

Kudo's Corner

Great thanks, this month, go to the Water Garden Society for contributing a \$400 water garden to New York Elementary School. It took two week-ends to build, and looks fantastic as the focal point at the entrance of the school.

Calender of Events

May

- 6 Art Tougeau - 4th annual Art Car Parade at noon
- 7 Art in the Park noon to 5:00, South Park
- 8 General Meeting 7-9 at New York Elem. School
- 13 ELNA Neighborhood Party 6:00 pm at Charlie's East-side Bar & Grill, 900 Pennsylvania
- 13 Farmers Market begins Sat. am, Tues./Thurs. pm
- 20 Household Hazardous Waste drop-off 8:00 - 12:00. Call 832-3030
- 21 University of Kansas Commencement

June

- 7 Wednesday Night Band Concert begins in South Park at 8:00 pm

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If you pick it up, put it in paper

This spring, the Waste Reduction and Recycling (WR/R) Division has begun both a pilot program and a partnership with local businesses, with the hopes of increasing the usage of compostable paper yard waste bags in our community.

Using compostable paper waste bags for weekly collections of grass and leaves means the city can produce a higher quality compost while also increasing the efficiency of our weekly yard waste collection. Currently, most Lawrence households set out their grass and leaf waste in plastic bags, which requires sanitation crews to manually "de-bag" each container at the curb - a time consuming and ineffective collection method - not to mention - plastic doesn't decompose!

With the assistance of a Kansas Department of Health and Environment grant, the Solid Waste Division was able to purchase a new tub-grinder in 1999. The Division is now able to process organic materials collected directly from the curb - with the exception of plastic (non-compostable) bags.

The WR/R Division has partnered with several Lawrence retailers to market and stock fiber compostable yard waste bags for the year 2000. The partners are:

- Cottin's Hardware and Rental 1832 Massachusetts
- Earl May Nursery 3200 Iowa
- Payless Cashways 3434 Iowa
- Target 3201 Iowa
- Westlake Ace Hardware 601 Kasold 711 W. 23rd Street
- WalMart 3300 Iowa Street

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**ELNA GENERAL MEETING
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Monday, September 11, 7:00 pm**

The September agenda includes:

- Discussion of the Journal World's Downtown Project, a J.W. representative will present plans
- Cohousing rep., Steve Polson, will share a proposal for a cohousing community in East Lawrence
- Consideration of nominees for the ELNA Officers and new Board Members
- Update on Hobbs Park Memorial and fund raising efforts

THE JOURNAL WORLD IS DOING WHAT?!?!?!?

Things just keep getting bigger and bigger...at least for the Journal World. They have plans to expand along the east and west sides of the street between 6th and 7th and New Hampshire. If you have concerns or curiosities about what is, has, or will be going on, come to the next ELNA General meeting (September 11, 7:00 p.m.) or go to the Journal World main lobby and look at the renderings of the great campus of mass communications. This ball is picking up speed, and the sooner you speak, the louder you'll be.

Hello?

RFP FOR ARTWORK

The Percent for Art committee announces a request for proposal (RFP) for artwork at the new Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center. The Percent for Arts Committee has made applications and background information available online.

Submission materials must be received no later than 4 p.m., October 15, 2000.

For more information, contact:

Tom Wilkerson, Assistant Director Parks & Recreation Department, PO Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044, Phone: 832-3450, Fax: 832-3459, twilkerson@ci.lawrence.ks.us

WE ARE FAMILY BY SISTER SLEDGE

If you have a hankering for an argument or a test of wills, try talking to people about the proposed ordinance to limit the number of unrelated people who may dwell together to two (2) people.

These rules will not apply to all houses in Lawrence, only those that are located within areas zoned for single-family residential use.

In the very small shell of a nut, the main points of contention will be presented here for you.

FOR: Established neighborhoods are being inundated by rental conversion units for college students who move in, make a mess, and then leave. Young families move west, established schools wither and die. Communities = Business.

AGAINST: An unmarried couple cannot have a roommate or houseguest. Rental costs are already back-breaking, this will make it more so. K.U. is central to Lawrence's economy, that includes the students, not just the staff and professors. What makes a family legitimate in the eyes of an ordinance?

This ordinance will go before the City Commission in early September. Stop by and watch the excitement.

Kid Corner

Sometime, when you're with a group of friends, get a stack of drawing paper and some pens and pencils. Ask each person to draw a picture, but not to show it to anybody. After everyone has finished their drawing, ask them to write a description of what they have drawn.

Making sure that no one sees anybody else's drawing, pass the descriptions around and have your friends draw pictures based on the descriptions. When everyone is finished, show the original drawings and see how they compare to those based on the written descriptions. Whose is the best? Whose is the funniest or most different? How could the descriptions be written differently to ensure that all the drawings look more similar?

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY:

The City of Lawrence recently passed a *house nuisance* ordinance which basically declares that if a house is cited twice within one year as the scene of a crime related to alcohol or disorderly conduct, City Officials will meet with the property owner. If problems persist, the owner will be taken to court and/or have utility services shut off.

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Kudo's

The East Lawrence Neighborhood is very lucky to have Ardys Ramberg as one of its residents and Board Members. To add to her enormous list of great acts of humanness, she has put in many hours of talking with area businesses and raising financial and moral support on behalf of the Hobbs Park Memorial. Although she could probably sweet talk the stripes off of a zebra, extracting money from someone's pocketbook is an entirely different ball game, but Ardys managed to bring in over \$1000 in contributions. Thank you Ardys. Also, thank you to the individuals and businesses who have contributed to the Memorial Fund.

COHOUSING CHOOSES EAST LAWRENCE

Ending an extensive search for their project site, the growing Lawrence cohousing community selected property in historic East Lawrence. With help from Seattle consultant Chris ScottHanson, the group chose 3 1/4 acres at 12th and Delaware, including the McMillen House at 1208 Delaware.

East Lawrence provides comfortable proportions and a sense of community, both highly valued by the group, reported spokesperson Steve Polson at the August Board Meeting.

Cohousing communities are founded by families and households seeking to live in greater connection with their neighbors. Although developed as townhouses, cohousing presents neighbors with the advantages of single-family housing: the units are resident-owned and clustered together to leave park-like open space. The group plans to restore the landmark 1870 McMillen House.

To learn more about this project, come to the open house Sunday, September 17th, 2-4 p.m., at the Lawrence Cohousing site, at 1208 Delaware.

Want to be a member of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association. Send \$1 to: ELNA, P.O. Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044 and you're in. You can also join if you come to the meeting on September 11th and pay a buck. Don't forget to tell us who you are.



Preparing for its relocation to Hobbs Park, Dan Rockhill and Assoc., encase the house in a wood "box" to minimize damage during the move.

By a rare spark of luck, I got to watch some of moving day for the Murphy-Bromelsick house a couple of weeks ago. It was great to be among the starers, as the house s l o w l y (and I mean that) turned the corner of 11th and Pennsylvania.

I learned a thing or two that day about what is involved in moving a house. (If you don't know what to do, apply soap.) I also learned a thing or two about what Lawrence residents think about this town and how it is changing.

Sadly, I had to return to work, so I left after 45 minutes of socializing and wincing at every creak and wiggle coming from the *monumental* union of truck and house.

I would like to thank Mark Kaplan and everyone else who has put so much work into founding this memorial. I am sure the effort will come back 100 fold in appreciation and awareness of the roles that Lawrence and its earliest settlers played in the Civil War and the abolitionist movement.

Tons of progress, but boat loads more work.

The Hobbs Park Memorial is being established as a tribute to John Speer in particular and to Lawrence's earliest settlers in general. These are people who understood the potential impact that Kansas would have on the abolitionist movement, and who worked to ensure that Kansas would under no circumstances promote the enslavement of any person.

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who have donated time and money towards completing this project. We would also like to stress that more money is needed to really make this thing work as well as it could – about \$50,000 more.

Collect all of the loose change hanging around the house and send it in. Give any support that you can, and then you can tell your grandchildren that you too are an important part of Lawrence's history.

CITY DESK

If you would like to become more involved in your community, consider joining an Advisory Board. The City of Lawrence has 30+ advisory boards, many of which have current vacancies.

- Lawrence Arts Commission has 2 openings.
- Traffic Safety Commission has 2 openings.

- Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging has one position.
- Lawrence Alliance has several vacancies.

As terms expire, vacancies will be opening up on many other Boards as well. If interested in serving on a Board, send a cover letter (and resume if possible) to Mayor's Office, City Hall, P.O. Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044. For more info.. call 832-3400.

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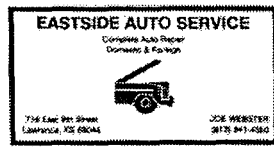
Scotch Fabric Care Services

Shephard
 Construction

Berkeley Plaza, Inc.



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AVAILABLE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2000 AT LIBERTY HALL AND AT THE FREE STATE CREDIT UNION, LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY MERCANTILE, FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES MAY BE EXCHANGED FOR REAL CURRENCY.

As a way to circulate and celebrate the new currency, the Lawrence Trade Organization (LTO) is throwing a festival in the Watson (Train) Park on September 23, 2000. The event will be open to everyone and will include performances by local musicians, bands, storytellers, and other entertainers.

Local currencies are circulating in around 60 communities in North America, and Lawrence will soon have its *own* local currency called the REAL dollar. This REAL dollar (Real Economic Alternatives in Lawrence) is issued by the LTO, a local, incorporated, non-profit group whose goals include supporting the local businesses that make our community unique; providing economic opportunities to those left out of the current economic boom; and creating wealth for this community.

Money can act as either a store of value or a medium of exchange – REAL dollars make it

possible for the same money to perform both functions at once. As the REAL dollars circulate, the US dollars backing them are invested with a local institution, which puts them to work for the community.

Once you have REAL dollars, you can use them in transactions with other member businesses; give them to customers as change, use them as employee incentives, or donate them to local charities.

While at the festival, you can take the opportunity to help support a local currency and the community-at-large by becoming a member of the LTO.

To find out more about these awesome looking REAL dollars check out LTO's web site at <http://lot.lawrence.ks.us>, write to LTO, P.O. Box 1542, Lawrence, KS 66044, or call 832-0232