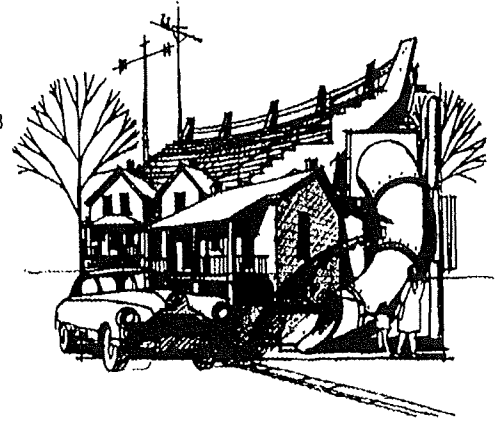


# East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

January 2003



**ELNA GENERAL MEETING**  
**New York Elementary School**  
**936 New York**  
**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

The January Agenda includes:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Chili Feed
- March Sale
- Bo Harris will answer questions about proposed development
- Calendar for upcoming events
- Establish committees to assist with the planning of upcoming events
- Identify contributors and columns for newsletter

## **Headquarters Counseling Moves to East Lawrence**

Headquarters (HQ) Counseling has been in Lawrence since 1969 and moved to East Lawrence last fall. HQ is a counseling and information center with carefully trained, caring staff and volunteer counselors providing services for individuals and the community.

Since Headquarters opened, they've strived to help anyone, experiencing any problem, at any time. Headquarters values diversity and provides services to people of any gender, race, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or other personal attribute.

If you need their assistance, call 841-2345. If you think you might be interested in volunteering for them, there will be an informational meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30 and January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-7:00 at the Lawrence Public Library, at 7<sup>th</sup> & Vermont. For more info. call 841-2345.

## **Join the ELNA Email List**

If you would like to receive periodic updates about city and neighborhood issues as well as the newsletter online, email [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com) or call Aimee at 832-0232. You do not need to be an East Lawrence resident or member to be on the list, just an interested person.

## **ELNA Adopts Families for Holidays**

Prompted by an article written in the Journal World in late November about the number of families in need of support during the holiday season, ELNA decided to chip in and do what we could to help. To gauge neighborhood support, an email went out to those enrolled in the ELNA email list. After receiving a large pool of positive responses, we went to the Penn House to request a family for adoption. We selected two very small families to ensure that we would not overextend our resources. Quickly we were able to adopt another small family. Once we got everything for these families organized, we realized that we had enough money left to adopt a rather large family of 6. In the end, we were able to adopt two single mothers with one child each, one couple and their child, and one single mother with 5 children.

It was remarkable that after barely more than 2 weeks, more than 40 people came forward offering to help. Thanks to residents, business owners, friends, and Ed Tato, ELNA managed to raise about \$2000.00 for families in need.

Contributors include Architect Dan Sabatini, Capitol Federal Savings & Loan, Thomas Van Holt / Starving Artist Movers, Jane and Bo Harris, Sarah Ruhlen, marci francisco, Linda Lips, Liz Brosius, Janet Good, Nancy Oderkirk, Beth Rowlands, Denise Modin, Anne Tangeman, Kate Klaus, Julie Osborn, Liberty Hall employees, Tim Griffith, Karen Butler, Jeff Barnett, Brett Scott, Tom Eversole, Mike Myers, Jason Fizell, Doug Byers, Mike Riehm, Bret Dillingham, Dawn Tato, Molly Krause, Mickey Ceasar, Adrienne Banks, Christine Boller, Kent Smalter, Bobbi Rahder, the Medusa Poetry Group, Sunflower Cablevision employees, Jean Browne, Jason Ryberg, Jason Fizell, Madeline O'Brien, Ardys Ramberg, Doug Byers, and Liatrix Studer.

Due to it's success, ELNA hopes to make this an annual event. Thank you so much to everyone who helped to put this together on such short notice. It was an extremely positive experience with an incredibly broad base of support.

## Development at 8<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania

Following a September meeting at Hobbs Park addressing concerns about a development proposal in the 800 block of Pennsylvania, a series of questions were presented to developer Bo Harris. An abridged list of the questions and answers are below. If you have not already received, but would like to have a complete list of the questions, call Aimee at 832-0232.

### *What will be bulldozed?*

At the current time, we would envision bulldozing the existing properties on the west side of Pennsylvania and the current properties on the north side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street (east of 846 Pennsylvania). It would include the detailing and tire center (the old salvage yard and building).

### *With added retail, will there be added truck traffic?*

We don't believe retail will create additional truck traffic. Simply putting the existing buildings to use will probably create traffic. We believe much of this and existing truck traffic would be mitigated with the extension of Haskell along the existing rail spur right-of-way.

### *Where are the \$ coming from? Does Bo have silent partners (like Compton's Chicago friends?)*

This is one of the hardest parts -- to convince lenders that they should invest in East Lawrence. We have no silent partners at this time and will depend on local resources to spur this project forward.

*Gentrification – When the property values and taxes go up, will we be able to afford to stay in East Lawrence? How about the elderly? Could he have mixed residential, low-income, mid and upscale? They just cut the ribbon on a big development in Kansas City that guarantees mixed income tenants.*

We would like to have mixed residential as the project moves forward. We are in hopes that our project will create an air of prosperity in East Lawrence. Hopefully, this prosperity would be shared at all levels in the East Lawrence community. We would hope the neighborhood's gain in property values would outweigh the tax burden that may be created by the prosperity. We are doing our best to plan for improvements that will create residential accommodations at various levels.

### *Will it be innovative? There has been a lot of ho-hum architecture in Lawrence lately.*

For sure. The first thing we hope to do is redevelop and enhance the architecture of the existing facilities. We will be doing our best to enhance the architectural style in the new building that are innovative while keeping in mind the period architecture of the neighborhood

*Zoning Changes? What is he hoping for? What are the allowed uses and what if Bo's tenants move out and we are left with the worst allowed? Is Bo willing to keep meeting with us?*

Undetermined at this time. We are hoping these changes would be facilitated in cooperation with the East Lawrence Neighborhood through our meeting agendas. We are willing and anxious to continue meeting as we are able to move this project along.

### *Tightening up the streets? Why? (someone suggested looking at 7<sup>th</sup> St., where it's been done)*

The thoughts regarding "tightening up the streets" was suggested as a facilitation to provide easy pedestrian crossing at currently busy intersections.

### *Water drainage issues? We already have problems (i.e., 7<sup>th</sup> & N.Y.) We are in the yellow zone now, will this move us into the floodplain?*

One of the most pressing issues in East Lawrence is the drainage issue. As part of getting the city to participate in East Lawrence improvements, we would hope that we would improve the situation rather than make it worse.

### *Lighting? What do we want?*

We are wanting attractive, non-obtrusive, and safe lighting levels along all pedestrian routes within the neighborhood and particularly those routes connecting East Lawrence with downtown Lawrence.

### *Polk's Oil tanks underground and the oil soaked dirt – Isn't that a really expensive clean-up site?*

So far, the sites that we have had under contract and completed Phase I Environmental Studies show that we have existing conditions that need clean-up work. We are currently seeking sources of funds to help with this expensive endeavor.

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Lawrence lately.**

### *Trucks moving alongside the tracks to 7<sup>th</sup> St. Is this just another way to revive the East Lawrence Trafficway? (Haskell Loop) Would this just be running trucks near somebody else's home?*

The idea of moving trucks along the existing tracks to 7<sup>th</sup> is an issue that will take a great deal more neighborhood involvement and City and community participation. We have discussed this in our meetings but it is not part of our project at this time.

### *As the Journal World pushes east, the Downtown too, and now development on our eastside...are the residents slowly being squeezed out?*

This is an issue that has been discussed in our East Lawrence meetings and this may be a good time for the neighborhood to consider a rezoning of all existing ground currently being used for residential. We think that our plan to utilize the West side of Pennsylvania Street for a mixed use residential will enhance the probability that the current residential will remain residential in East Lawrence.

Bo Harris, he will be at the January ELNA general meeting to answer any other questions you may have.

## Calendar of Events

**Jan. 13 - ELNA General Meeting. New York Elementary School, 936 New York Street, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., 832-0232.**

All Year - EXHIBIT: HONORING OUR CHILDREN THROUGH SEASONS OF SACRIFICE, SURVIVAL, CHANGE, AND CELEBRATION. An exhibit that seeks to honor the first students at Haskell as well as all the students that attended boarding schools across the country. The exhibit celebrates the strength and resilience of the students and their contributions to what has become Haskell today. 155 Indian Blvd, Haskell Indian Nations University, Tues-Fri 8am-5pm; Sun 1-5pm, 832-6686.

**Jan. 25 - SOUPER BOWL SATURDAY.** An annual fundraiser for the Lawrence Arts Center's ceramics program. Buy a handmade ceramic bowl and stay for a lunch of soup and bread. Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire, 11:00am until sold out, 843-2787.

**Jan. 25 - 25 Years of Art.** Join in a public celebration of 25 years of art and the kickoff of the next 25. Special exhibits will reveal how the collection has grown and changed in a quarter century. Spencer Museum of Art, 1301 Miss., 10am-5pm, 864-4710.

**Jan. 26 - Sixth Annual Eagles Day.** Celebrate the return of the eagles and learn about nature and the environment. Presentations throughout the day feature information on nesting and banding. Live bald eagle presentation and performance by the Thunderbird Theatre. Douglas County Fairgrounds, 21st & Harper, 11am - 5pm, 840-0700.

**Feb. 4 - Prairie Wind Dancers in Celebration of First Step House.** A regional touring dance company based out of the Lawrence Arts Center, presents three free concerts a year honoring the families and staff of First Step House, a home for women and children recovering from substance abuse. The Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire, 7:30pm, 843-2787.

**Feb. 18-March - Exhibit: Lawrence Art Guild.** Annual members show. The Art Guild is an organization of community artists who exhibit together and engage in professional development activities. Public reception Friday February 21st 7-9pm. Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire, 843-2787.

**Feb. 20-23 - Langston Hughes Festival: Celebrating Kansas Artists and Writers.** A variety of events & activities including the New Literacy's Conference; English Alternative Theatre; Writing Conference, Inc.; & lectures, discussions, films, exhibits, book signings, workshops, & performances. Sites throughout Lawrence, 865-4499.

**Mar. 3-8 - Douglas County Science Fair.** 52nd Annual Science Fair. Come view the project of tomorrow's scientists. Douglas County Fairgrounds, 21st & Harper, 832-7940.

## New Board Members

As happens every November, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association elected new Board Members. We lost Madeline O'Brien and Karen Butler, but gained Tim Morland, Nancy Oderkirk, and Jennifer Distlehorst. Many thanks to Madeline and Karen for all their work with the neighborhood, and we look forward to working with Tim, Nancy, and Jennifer.

## March Sale

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association will be hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual sale this March. There will be original artwork, food, used clothing, and other goods. The sale is tentatively scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have anything that you would like to sell or donate to the sale, call Ardys Ramberg at 841-8994 or Liz Brosius at 841-1689.

## Join ELNA

Become a voting member of your neighborhood association. Send \$1.00 for individual memberships or \$5.00 for businesses and organizations to ELNA P.O. Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044. Property owners, business, and residents are all eligible to be members. The boundaries for East Lawrence run north/south from the Kaw River to 15<sup>th</sup> Street and east/west from the railroad tracks just west of Haskell to downtown. Call 832-0232 with questions.

## Questions? Ask Us.

If you have questions about city code, scheduled meetings, how to find information, how to get something done, anything at all, we will do our best to help you find answers and solutions. Just call 832-0232 or email [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com)

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HAPPY 2003!!

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Howard Secture/MLK III

To do a Martin Luther King, Jr.  
scavenger hunt visit the web site:  
<http://users.rcn.com/tstrong.massed/Martin.htm>

**New York Elementary School's  
Annual MLK Day Chili Feed**

**Tuesday  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

There will be a program focusing on Martin  
Luther King, Jr. from 5:30 to 6:15.

Food will follow from 6:15 until 8:00.

Food costs a little, but attendance is free.

**All East Lawrence residents are  
encouraged to bring a dessert.** Money  
raised goes to support New York  
Elementary School Programs.

It is one of the greatest things that happens  
each year in East Lawrence.

Everyone will be there, don't miss out!!!

Call 832-0232 or 832-5780 with questions.

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**Monday, May 12, 2003, 7:00 p.m.**

The May Agenda includes:

- Neighborhood Workday
- Neighborhood Cleanup
- Conservation District
- CDBG Public Hearing

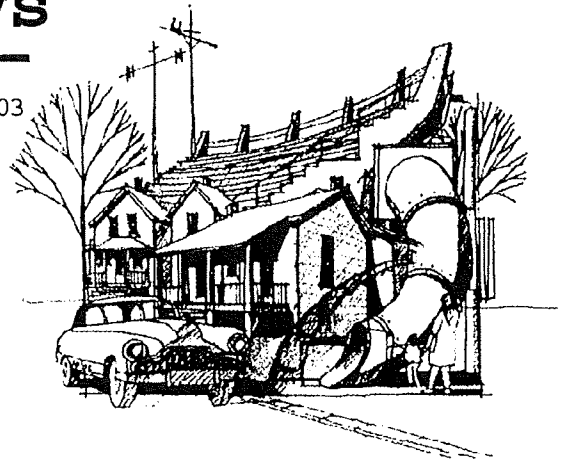
## Delaware Street Commons

Delaware Street Commons is in the final stages of closing on the sale of the two smaller lots it owns along Delaware Street between 12th and 13th. The group is currently discussing the project with two local developers. It is also working with the architect to finish the site plan. As part of this effort, with group will meet with the architect sometime in May to revisit the design requirements for the Common House. (A 'common house' is the community center for cohousing projects, normally including such features as a large kitchen and dining room, laundry facilities, a play room (for children), and a mail-room, along with possible additional rooms such as guest rooms, library, exercise room, or office.)

The project still has units available for people who are interested in living a development that is designed to enhance social interaction and community. Individuals interested in the project can contact DSC by phone (785-550-0163) or via e-mail at [info@delaware-street.com](mailto:info@delaware-street.com). Information about the project can be found at <http://www.delaware-street.com>.

## Conservation Districts and the City of Lawrence

In 2001 the City of Lawrence established a zoning category known as the Urban Conservation Overlay District (UCO). One aim of the UCO is to foster development and redevelopment that is compatible with the scale and use of development/design standards and guidelines. UCO's do not regulate the use of land or the use of buildings or structures. The uses are controlled by the regulations of the underlying base zoning district. An application to establish a UCO district may be initiated by the Historic Resources, Planning, or City Commission. Applications may also be initiated by petition when signed either by the owners of 51% of the area within the proposed district or 51% of the property owners. To find out more call Aimee at 832-0232.



## Lawrence Waste Reduction & Recycling

If I haven't said it before, I'll say it now, these people have a pretty cool website, especially for a government site. Visit <http://www.lawrencerecycles.org/>, it's good for both kids and adults.

If you are unable to go there yourself, this is what it says:

- Computers can be recycled at Kansas Computer Recycling (785) 234-4675 in Topeka, The Surplus Exchange (816) 472-0444 in Kansas City, MO, and The Computer Learning Center 841-0333 in Lawrence.
- There are three ways to handle your "yard waste": 1) grasscycle, mow it and leave it; 2) compost it; 3) leave it in paper bags for the city to pick up and compost.
- The Hazardous Waste Program has expanded its hours. Call them at 832-3030 to schedule a drop-off appointment, label your waste, and drive to the hazardous waste facility. They do not take smoke alarms, explosives, asbestos, infectious waste, unknown materials, or compressed gas cylinders.
- Scratch Remover - Dry Mustard and Vinegar. Mix 1 part dry mustard and 1 part white vinegar into a paste. Apply paste to the scratch. Polish with a soft cloth. Avoid eye contact; Dry mustard can be irritating to the eyes.
- Remove Water Stains - Make a paste of mayonnaise and wood ashes or cigarette ashes. Apply to water stain. Polish with a soft cloth.
- One of the significant sources of pollution in our waterways is stormwater runoff. There are 7,500 storm sewers in Lawrence that collect runoff from driveways, yards, roofs, roads, construction sites, and parking lots. As the water gains in speed and volume, it collects debris, soil, garbage, pet waste, and hazardous waste that eventually channeled into the stormdrain.
- Never mix bleach with other cleaners because it creates gasses that can make you sick.

## The University of Kansas Strategic Learning Center

The Strategic Learning Center is a non-profit tutoring center dedicated to assisting learners in their academic needs. Services are offered to students of all ages and educational backgrounds. The goal is to nurture self-sufficient learners and give them the skills, tools and confidence needed to experience immediate success in the classroom through a personal, research-based approach to tutoring and learning.

The importance of teamwork is recognized in assisting youth to become successful learners. Tutors may work with teachers and caregivers to establish the most comprehensive and effective program for learning success. Tutors are trained in learning strategies developed through more than 25 years of validated research conducted by the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning. These strategies give students the skills needed to plan and complete tasks and evaluate progress, and help them raise test scores and read and write at higher levels. They cover all subject areas and can be applied to any grade.

The Strategic Learning Center's services help learners from preschool through college improve skills in reading, writing, math, and test-taking; build organization and time management skills; and nurture a positive attitude about school and learning.

It is believed that quality tutoring and learning enrichment should be affordable, and they make every effort to help students regardless of a family's income level. Hourly tutoring rates are reasonable, and scholarships are available for those who qualify.

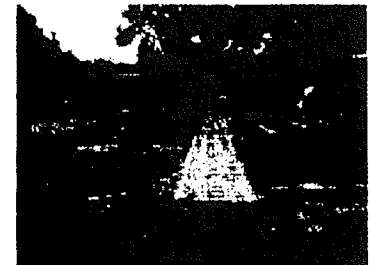
The summer class schedule includes Money Mania, Fun with Shapes, Science in Motion and Pictures, Spanish, First Grade Readiness, Creative Writing, Fraction Fundamentals, Adventures in Space, Divide and Conquer, Unknown Destinations, Hands-On Algebra I, Language in Motion, Junior High Prep Course, Looney Logic, Algebra Essentials, Geometry Readiness, ACT/SAT/PSAT vocabulary and math prep., and Advocating your Learning Differences. One-on-one tutoring is available as well.

Classes begin in June and July and cost anywhere from \$35 to \$65. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

The KU Strategic Learning Center is located at 1245 New Hampshire Street, Room #2 in the educational wing of Trinity Lutheran Church. Hours are 10am-9pm Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm Friday, 8am-noon Saturday.

For more information about the Strategic Learning Center please call 785-331-3236. You can also view their website at <http://smarttogether.org>. The Strategic Learning Center is a non-profit organization.

## Eastside Community Garden Photo-Progression



Open the door a crack and people lunge through to help. It took less than a month to turn a vacant lot into a recognizable community garden. Thanks to Dave Learned, Jean Burgess, Clayton McHenry, Stephanie Smith, Tennyson LeMaster, Shanna Nguyen, Michelle Crank, David Gundy, and a ton of other people, especially Eric Farnsworth, the Eastside Community Garden is really taking off. However, we still need a sign for the garden. If there are any artistic people out there looking for a canvas, give Aimee a call at 832-0232.

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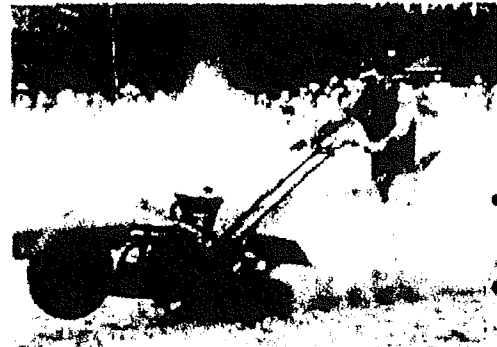
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## Let Us Help You

Are you perplexed by some City or County issue? Do you need something, but don't know where to look for it? Look to the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association, we will help you in any way that we can. Call Aimee or any of the above Board Members with your questions, or email eastlawrence@yahoo.com.

## Tiller Time & Mower Too

Dig into spring by tilling your yard! ELNA has a tiller for rent for \$10/half day. We also have a brand spankin' new lawn mower that is available for rent for \$5/half day. If you have any questions or would like to rent one of these fine pieces of machinery, call Clayton McHenry at 842-7616 or Aimee Polson at 832-0232.



World record holder Donny Cole, racing for the Waller Tiller Racing Team, set a new world record in an early heat of the 2002 race by tilling the 200 foot track in 6.34 seconds - an average speed of 21.5 mph.

## Proposed CDBG Budget for Fiscal Year 2003

The public hearing regarding the proposed expenditures was held on April 24th. The Neighborhood Resources Department will be taking public comment until May 26th, 2003. The public comment is not only for CDBG spending, but for HOME Grant allocation and the City's Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan provides a unified vision for community development, examining housing needs of special populations, the availability of affordable housing, the condition of housing in the City, and the housing market. Additionally, the Plan examines the needs for infrastructure, capital improvements, and neighborhood development. It is a five-year strategy.

I haven't looked at the consolidated plan in a while, but I have looked at the CDBG spending proposal. It is quite interesting. There is a total of \$1,600,000 available this year. The money is divided between public services and capital (structural) improvements. 9% (\$148,500) of the money has been directed towards public services, with the rest reserved for capital improvements and \$198,000 allotted for administration of the grant for one year.

If you would like a copy of the CDBG and HOME spending proposals you can email Aimee at eastlawrence@yahoo.com or stop by the City Neighborhood Resources Department. You can also get a copy of the Consolidated Plan there as well as online at [www.lawrenceneighres.org](http://www.lawrenceneighres.org).

## Join ELNA For Only \$1!!!

Become a dues paying member of your East Lawrence Neighborhood Association for \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 per business. Enjoy all the rights and privileges of a non-dues paying member plus wield your voting power and take pride in knowing that you are supporting your neighborhood. Send any money to ELNA, P.O. Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044. Thank you.



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## LIBERTY HALL

Need to get away from Hollywood? Come to Liberty Hall where we always have a great selection of Independent and Foreign films playing!

Tuesday is 2 for the price of 1! On Wednesdays and Thursdays the Freestate beer flows for only \$1!

Looking for a movie to rent? Check out the Liberty Hall Video Store or call 749-1972. 644 Massachusetts in historic downtown · 749-1912

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A happy worker.



### Neighborhood Work Day

Sometime in the late summer/early fall, ELNA is going to have a neighborhood workday in which people get together to work on various projects in the neighborhood. Ideally, these projects will consist of minor home repair for those who either can't afford to do it or who are otherwise unable.

If you know of a project that could be completed within a day by a few people, please call Aimee at 832-0232, email [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com), or write to ELNA, PO Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044. Include your name and contact information as well as the address and a brief description of the project you have in mind.

Likewise, if you would like to help put this work day together or to volunteer for it, call or write to the above address. The number of volunteers will greatly impact the number or quality of projects we can complete, so please think about helping out.

### ELNA Neighborhood Clean Up & Picnic

It is spring, earth day, art car parade, farmer's market, art in the park, and the annual ELNA Neighborhood Clean Up and Picnic. This year it is scheduled for **May 17th from 9:00 until 1:00**. Everyone will meet at the picnic table in Hobbs park to identify their routes, eat an apple, perhaps a muffin and some coffee, and then jaunt off to collect refuse. Everyone will meet back at Hobbs Park around noontime to enjoy a picnic lunch of food donated from local restaurants, perhaps there will be special door prizes for those who come to clean, it is in the works right now.