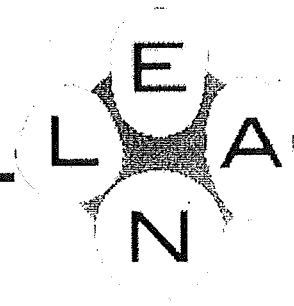


# East Lawrence News

East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

November 2001



## **ELNA GENERAL MEETING New York Elementary School 936 New York Monday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.**

The November agenda includes:

- Election of ELNA Board Members
- CDBG funding suggestions for 2002-2003 fiscal year
- The land at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and Rhode Island

### **City Boards & Commissions and Their Vacancies**

The City of Lawrence has approximately 36 advisory boards ranging from the Aviation Advisory Board and the Board of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters to Historic Resources Commission and Sister Cities Advisory Board. There are currently vacancies on two of these Boards: the Hospital Board and the Uniform Building Code Board of Appeals.

The Hospital Board has exclusive control of the management and operations of the hospital including any necessary rules and regulations, budgeting controls, building supervision and employment of an administrator. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 9 a.m. at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

The Uniform Building Code Board of Appeals makes recommendations concerning the adoption of the Uniform Building Code and hears appeals from administrative interpretations of the Code. This includes the use of an alternate material. Each board member is a licensed professional engineer or architect, building contractor, or a building superintendent of building construction. This Board has 3-year terms that expire November 30<sup>th</sup> of the corresponding year. Meetings are held as needed at 4 p.m. in the Ground Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

If you are interested in learning more about these vacancies or any other Board, contact Bobby Walthall in the City Manager's Office at 832-3400.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to those who wrote in with questions or suggestions on how to improve the neighborhood.

Gracious thank you's to all of the East Lawrence Board Members who have given their time and energy to making East Lawrence a strong and vibrant neighborhood, often without recognition. Extra jammin' kudos to those Board Members who are staying on.

Special kudos and thanks to Ardys Ramberg, our loyal President, Secretary, and all around frenzied Board Member who will be stepping down from her position as President this November.

Expectant thanks to all who come to the next General Meeting and volunteer to be on the Board!

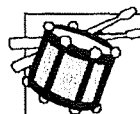
### **Newsletter Experiment**

Sometimes the newsletter doesn't get out as promptly as is intended or desired. The consequence is that people often don't have enough notice about certain events, especially neighborhood meetings, to make plans to attend.

After discussing this issue with an East Lawrence resident, the suggestion was made to try to e-mail the newsletter to those who would like it. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for newsletters, please call Aimee Polson at 832-0232 or e-mail [eastlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com).

### **Lawrence City Code Now On-line**

In an effort to ease access to the laws of the City, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawrence is now available on-line. From this site you can search for various topics in the code from animals to zoning. Every effort has been made to make the on-line version of the Code as complete as the hardbound copy. However, it should be noted that it is not the official version.



**November is  
International Drum Month  
and  
Peanut Butter Lover's Month**

## Calendar of (mostly free) Events

- OCT 26-NOV 25 - LOS DIAS DE LOS MUERTOS. Focuses on family and community. Exhibit will illustrate and explain the important festival. Mus of Anthropology, Spooner Hall, KU Campus. 9am-5pm, Mon-Sat; 1-5pm, Sun, 785-864-4245
- NOV 1-16 - LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT'S ART EXHIBIT. Lawrence Public Library. 785.843.3833.
- NOV 4-16 - FACULTY ART EXHIBIT. Art & Design Building, 15<sup>th</sup> & Naismith. M-T 8:30-4:30; Th 8:30-9; Su 1-4:30. Call 864.9742.
- NOV 7 - READING AND REMEMBERING LANGSTON HUGHES book group. *The Big Sea* in two sessions. Lawrence Public Library. 7:30-9 p.m. call 785.843.1178.
- NOV 10-11 - YOUTH BALLET COMPANY. Lawrence Arts Center ballet students age 9-18 perform "Carnival of Animals" in their final performance. Lawrence Arts Center, 9th & Vermont. 7:30 pm Friday; 2:30 pm Saturday. (785) 843-2787.
- NOV 12 - East Lawrence Neighborhood Association General Meeting. 7-9 p.m. New York Elementary School. 936 New York Street. 832-0232.
- NOV 17 - *THE NEVER-ENDING STORY*. The Lawrence Arts Center Peanut, Pretzel, and Popcorn dance companies perform for all ages. Lawrence Arts Center, 9th & Vermont. 10:30 am and 1:30 pm, (785) 843-2787
- NOV 20-DEC 4 - JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT'S ART EXHIBIT. Library Gallery, 7th & Vermont
- NOV 23 - HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY & SANTA'S ARRIVAL. Includes Santa's "rescue" off the rooftop of Weaver's. 9th & Massachusetts. 6:00 pm, 785-842-3883
- NOV 28 - READING & REMEMBERING LANGSTON HUGHES book group. *The Best of Simple* in two sessions. Lawrence Public Library, 7:30 pm, 785-843-1178.
- DEC 1-9 - FESTIVAL OF NATIVITIES. Centenary United Methodist Church, 4th & Elm. Sat & Sun 1-5pm, 785-843-1756
- DEC 1 - OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PARADE. Downtown Lawrence along Massachusetts, 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. 11am.
- DEC 7-20 - FREE STATE & LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL ART Exhibit. Library Gallery, 7th & Vermont 785-843-3833.
- DEC 8-MAR 8 - AMERICAN INDIANS OF THE NORTHWEST COAST. Exhibit of the efficient usage of abundant natural resources Museum of Anthropology, Spooner Hall, KU Campus. 9am-5pm, Mon-Sat; 1-5pm, Sun. 785-864-4245.
- DEC 9-18 - 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EVENING OF PERFORMANCE ART. Students of Professor Roger Shimomura perform. Art & Design Bldg. 15th & Naismith. M-T, 8:30-4:30; Th, 8:30-9; Su, 1-4:30. 785-864-9742.
- DEC 20-22 - LIVING NATIVITY. Live performance in a country setting. Vinland Fairgrounds, 7 miles southeast of Lawrence. 6-9pm. 785-594-3568.

## ELNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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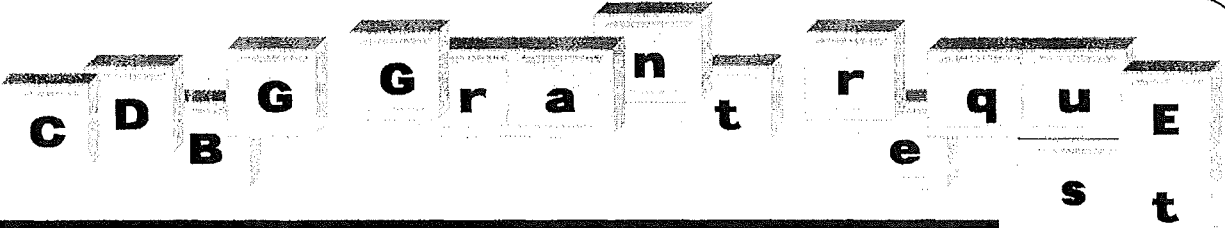
### Other Representatives

Aimee Polson, Coordinator	832-0232
e-mail	<a href="mailto:eastlawrence@yahoo.com">eastlawrence@yahoo.com</a>

## Holiday Arts & Crafts Sales by Local Artists

There are so many sales, bazaars, and markets offered during the holiday season that they end up hogging the Calendar of Events. Therefore, they are getting their own special place in this month's newsletter. Buying local, often one of a kind gifts, for yourself and your loved ones is a good way generate discussion about how clever you are while keeping your increasingly valuable dollar in the local economy.

- NOV 17 - 24 - ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR. Lawrence Community Building, 11th & Vermont. 8:30am - 4pm, 785-842-0029.
- NOV 17-18 - CHRISTMAS IN THE BARN. Holiday market specializing in products made from fresh goat milk, cheeses, fudge, yogurt, and soaps. Handmade items include unique gift baskets, hand-woven brooms, jams, jellies, honey, and treats for your pets. Red Ribbon Acres, 1004 E 1600 Rd. 10am-4pm, 785-841-7438.
- NOV 24 - BIZARRE BAZAAR FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPERS. Lawrence Arts Center, 9th & Vermont. 10am-5pm, 843-2787.
- DEC 1 - LAWRENCE ART GUILD HOLIDAY ART FAIR. Includes live music and baked goods. Lawrence Arts Center. 9am-5pm, 785-843-2787
- DEC 1-15 - ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR. Douglas County Fairgrounds, 21st & Harper. 9am-5pm, 785-842-6220.
- DEC 4-21 - LAWRENCE ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL SHOW. Lawrence Arts Center. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-3pm, 785-843-2787.
- DEC 8 - CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOPPE. A special event hosted by Hearts for the Arts where children can join in on the fun of holiday shopping and purchase great gifts for family members at kid-sized prices. Lawrence Arts Center, 9th & Vermont. 10am-3pm, 785-843-2787
- DEC 8 - CHRISTMAS FARMER'S MARKET. Knights of Columbus 2206 E 23<sup>rd</sup>. 8am-1pm. 842-3883.



## Annual Community Funding

This year, the City of Lawrence expects to receive about \$1,100,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. CDBG money is provided from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through cities to groups and individuals who work to meet the goals of the program. These goals are to:

- 1) Principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons as defined by HUD; and
- 2) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

In addition to meeting these federal criteria, the City Commission has requested that all approved projects meet the strategy addressed in "Step Up to Better Housing," which is essentially a targeted list of ways to achieve the previous two goals. The list is divided into 4 categories: emergency housing, permanent housing, transitional housing, and revitalized neighborhoods. Neighborhoods who apply for funding are asked to:

- Provide continued revitalization in target neighborhoods.
- Provide continued environmental code enforcement.

### Furnace Loans Available through City

This program assists homeowners with replacement of existing heating sources with an approved energy-efficient furnace. A second mortgage or personal property lien must be signed to secure the loan. There is no interest or payments. Loan is repaid when recipient ceases to be the owner-occupant of the property.

Applications are accepted year-round. For more information contact Larry Hamm, Rehabilitation Specialist, at 832-3114.

### Join ELNA

Become a voting member of your neighborhood association. Send \$1 to: ELNA, P.O. Box 442393, Lawrence, KS. You can also join if you come to the meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> and pay one-dollar.

- Provide education for homeowners and renters.
- Promote neighborhood improvement.
- Improve existing housing stock.
- Encourage neighborhood associations
- Define sidewalk fund procedures.
- Continue crime prevention.
- Ensure that housing complies with the Uniform Housing Code.
- Favor mixed-income development.
- Meet Americans with Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Act requirements.
- Support public/private partnerships.

The grant application has now arrived and it is time to speak now or forever hold your peace. If you have any suggestions for funding, come to the General Meeting on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at New York Elementary School and share your ideas.

Current suggestions include funding for grass seed, a library of how-to guides for home repair, funding for the removal of spotty paving over predominantly brick streets, sidewalk repair, and trash pick-up.

### Homeowner Rehabilitation

This program assists homeowners with rehabilitation of their homes. The intent is to rehabilitate the home to bring it up to code, not to remodel it to make it more presentable. A maximum of \$25,000 may be loaned to homeowner to repair such things as furnace, chipped/peelings paints, rotting wood, termite damage, etc. A second mortgage is placed on the home to secure the loan. The City forgives up to 50% of the loan after a seven-year period as long as the homeowner remains in the home. Monthly payments of \$50 are made. If one is over 62 years of age, a deferred loan is granted and will be repaid when the home is sold. The 50% forgiveness also applies to the deferred loans.

Applications are accepted year-round. For more information contact Tim Pinnick, Rehabilitation Specialist, at 832-3113.

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Lawrence, KS 66044

### **Pay Homage to the Man Who Gave Us Peanut Butter**

"It is not the style of clothes one wears, neither the kind of automobile one drives, nor the amount of money one has in the bank, that counts. These mean nothing. It is simply service that measures success." -  
- George Washington Carver

It is rare to find a man of the caliber of George Washington Carver. A man who would decline an invitation to work for a salary of more than \$100,000 a year (almost a million today) to continue his research on behalf of his countrymen.

Agricultural chemist, George Washington Carver invented peanut butter along with over three hundred uses for peanuts and hundreds more uses for soybeans, pecans and sweet potatoes. Countless products we enjoy today come to us by the way of Carver. Only three patents were every issued to him, but among his listed discoveries are: adhesives, axle grease, bleach, buttermilk, chili sauce, fuel briquettes, ink, instant coffee, linoleum, mayonnaise, meat tenderizer, metal polish, paper, plastic, pavement, shaving cream, shoe polish, synthetic rubber, talcum powder and wood stain.

Excerpted from [www.inventors.miningco.com](http://www.inventors.miningco.com)

### **East Lawrence Needs You**

This is it folks. The ELNA Board elections are this Monday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the New York Elementary School library. Many people call or write wanting things done, or asking why something hasn't been done yet, and it's great because it means they want something better and are not interested in the status quo. But now it's time to act.

According to its by-laws, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association needs to have 10 Board Members. At least 5 of them are leaving...maybe 7. If you don't want the organization to fold, now would be a great time to come forward and serve your community, your neighbors, and yourself. It only takes a couple of hours a month and you get to meet all sorts of interesting people that you probably didn't even know lived near you.

You will be amazed at what you will learn about your city and your neighborhood.