



EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION Membership Meeting

Weds. Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m., 1146 Oregon Street

POETs to Sue to Save Bald Eagles

A new environmental group, POETs (Protect Our Eagles' Trees) plans to file suit in federal court next week to prevent developers of the Chelsea discount factory outlet shopping center from tearing out an established stand of cottonwood trees along the river. The trees are used as fishing perches by Bald Eagles wintering in Lawrence. POETs contends that the Corps of Engineers violated federal laws in issuing a permit to allow destruction of the trees which are critical habitat for the Bald Eagles. To learn more about POETs' efforts to save the eagles, write Bob Eye, Rt. 1, Tonganoxie, Kansas 66086.

Eastern Parkway Planning Proceeds

The Eastern Parkway Task Force is studying construction of a two-lane highway linking K-10 (23rd Street) with Downtown Lawrence. If built properly, the roadway could remove some heavy truck traffic from Connecticut, Haskell and other east-side neighborhood streets. As currently planned, the road would cut across the neighborhood along 7th Street. No houses would be removed. A preliminary design for the 7th Street portion of the project has been approved by the Task Force. ELIA members will have a chance to review the design at Wednesday's ELIA meeting. The group will make a formal decision about conditions under which ELIA would support the roadway.

East Lawrence Gets Socked with Reappraisal Notices

East Lawrence property owners were among the first in town to get hit with new reappraisal notices. The reappraisal is the first step in determining how much property tax you will be required to pay. Although the mill levy (tax rate) has not been set, a rule of thumb is that residential property owners will be expected to pay taxes of about 1.2% of their appraised value. In other words, if your house was appraised at \$30,000 your property taxes would be roughly \$360. County officials admit that many of the new appraisals are way off base. If you believe the appraisal on your property was too high, you have 18 days from the date of notice to schedule an appeal to the County. For most East Lawrence property owners, that means the deadline for appealing is Tuesday, February 21st. To schedule an appeal, call the county appraiser at 841-8396. Friday's Journal-World has a listing of appraisal notices sent thus far, so you can compare yours with similar houses in the neighborhood.

SORT Saturday Scheduled

SORT (Separate Out Recyclables from Trash) is planning a recycling fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 25th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, 22nd & Harper St. The event is being co-sponsored by Environs, a K.U. ecology organization. Information tables and exhibits from local organizations will be set up. Bring your paper, aluminum, sorted glass and plastic beverage containers to be recycled. For more information about the event, or to volunteer to help, contact Patricia Marvin at 842-7385.



East Lawrence Improvement Association

May, 1989

ELIA Meeting

EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Weds. evening, May 3, 1989 7:00 p.m. ELIA HQ. 12th & Oregon

NEIGHBORS ORGANIZE AGAINST CONVENIENCE STORE

Paul Horvath, the owner of several East Lawrence properties, has filed for rezoning of a vacant tract at the northeast corner of 11th & Connecticut Streets. Horvath is seeking the rezoning from RS-2 (single-family residential) to C-5 (commercial) to develop a convenience store at the site. Last week, the city/county Planning Commission unanimously recommended against the rezoning. Neighbors are reportedly organizing an official protest petition against the upzoning. If enough signatures are gathered, it would take a 4-1 vote of the City Commission to approve the zoning change. Earlier this year, Horvath was involved in a controversy over renovating a house as a triplex in a single family zone at 11th & Pennsylvania.

EAGLE RIGHTS & JUSTICE

POETs (Protect Our Eagles' Trees) has filed a notice of appeal in its lawsuit against the Corps of Engineers, the City and the so-called Chelsea Group, the New Jersey-based developer of the riverfront factory outlet shopping facility. A federal judge in Kansas City threw out POETs' lawsuit, saying the ad hoc citizens' group did not have "standing" to bring the action. Although the cottonwood trees used by bald eagles as winter fishing perches have already been removed by the developer, POETs is appealing to establish the right of ad hoc citizens' groups to have "standing" in environmental cases.

In a related matter, the four persons arrested for climbing the trees to prevent their destruction, pleaded no contest to criminal trespass charges. Judge Jean Shepherd declined to levy fines or jail sentences, but sentenced the defendants to 25 hours of community service work. Two of the four defendants, Michael Riehm and Keith Abrams, are East Lawrence residents.

An "EAGLES' RIGHTS BENEFIT" will be held on Mother's Day evening, May 14th at the Bottleneck, 737 New Hampshire. Proceeds of the benefit will go to pay expenses for legal efforts to protect the eagles. Tickets are \$5. Doors open at 7. Danceable live music.

NEW YORK SCHOOL SPONSORS SPRING FLING

The New York School Parent-Teacher Organization is sponsoring a "Spring Fling" carnival at the school on Friday evening, May 5th at the school, 9th & New York. Festivities last from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. A moonwalk, cakewalk, food and games will be available to students and the community alike. There will be live music and a special appearance by the Lawrence Barndancers. Proceeds of the event will aid the PTO to improve the playground at the school.

CITY CONSIDERS 1990 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

On May 9th, the Lawrence City Commission will hold a public hearing on the expenditure of three-quarters of a million dollars of federal Community Development Block Grant money. The East Lawrence Improvement Association put in proposals for sidewalk repairs, tree planting, trash can racks, a neighborhood clean-up and administrative expenses. Commissioner Dave Penny has opposed using any of the money for housing rehabilitation. East Lawrence has received the bulk of housing rehab money in the past.

CODE POLICE CRACK DOWN

City code inspectors turned up the heat in East Lawrence just before the April city election, and show no signs of letting up. Several yards have been cited for environmental "blight" throughout the neighborhood, with New Jersey Street being especially hard hit.

Robert Brown initially won a round in his latest attempt to save his boyhood home at 725 New Jersey. Brown has spent thousands of dollars on wiring, sheetrocking and a new roof, and got a reprieve from the City Commission. Now the inspectors are saying the house needs a new foundation. After several years and thousands of dollars fighting it, Brown has given up and the house will be demolished. But Brown vows he will never sell out the land to the speculators who have been pushing to have his house torn down for all these years. An old brick house near 9th & Connecticut is also soon to become only a memory.

Meanwhile, some prominent out-of-neighborhood landowners with extensive property holdings in East Lawrence, are allowed to let tall weeds grow rampantly on their property with nary a word from the city inspectors.

MARCHING TO A DIFFERENT DRUMMER

Following are election results from East Lawrence's two 5th Ward precincts which vote at New York School and the Law & Order Building. East Lawrence's turnout was among the highest in the city.

Marci Francisco	269	
Dennis Constance	262	
Dave Penny *	122	* denotes
Shirley Martin-Smith *	113	city-wide
Bob Walters *	105	winners
Jeff Arensberg	82	

A SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A special Happy Birthday to Gertrude "Tudy" Shanafelt, who celebrated her birthday in late April. Mrs. Shanafelt still likes to write and occasionally produces a column called "Tudy's Corner" for the EAST LAWRENCE NEWS when space permits. We expect to publish Tudy's Corner well into her second century.

SORT PLANS RIVER CLEAN-UP

SORT (Separate Out Recycleables from Trash) is planning a two-day clean-up effort along the Kansas River. Clean-up days are Saturdays May 6th and May 13th. Contact Patricia Marvin, 842-7385 for info.

CASH FOR TRASH

A new East Lawrence business will buy your aluminum, newspapers and glass. River City Recycling is located at 9th & Delaware. 843-1988.



EAST LAWRENCE CLEAN-UP SET FOR MAY 20th

Spring time is clean-up time in East Lawrence. This year, the ELIA-sponsored neighborhood clean-up will happen on May 20th. In the event of heavy rains, the clean-up will be postponed and rescheduled, probably on June 3rd.

Before clean-up day-- clean your house, your yard, your garage. Place unwanted items along the alley near the normal sanitation pick-up spot. It would be helpful to bundle brush and small limbs. Help is available for those residents who need help in getting materials out to the alley.

Clean-up volunteers will not go into anyone's yard unless specifically invited there by the resident. Volunteers will only pick up items obviously intended for the clean-up. Mark your property with signs saying "for clean-up" or "not for clean-up".

On clean-up day-- volunteers are needed to go out with the trucks and to cook lunch for the work crews. Meet at the Oread Friends/ELIA Hq., 12th & Oregon Streets at 7:30 Saturday morning for coffee and doughnuts. Clean-up begins at 7:45 a.m. Bring work gloves. Beer and lunch will be served to all workers after the clean-up.

Help clean-up volunteers to load your debris and clean your alley when they arrive to work there.

Keep dogs at home and out of the way.

The clean-up is a neighborhood effort and volunteers are needed to make it a success. Call John at 843-0123 or Barry at 842-1953 if you need assistance or if you can volunteer.



Two Dates to Remember This Week:

Martin Luther King Day at New York School

Once again, it's time for New York School's annual Martin Luther King Day celebration and chili supper. This is a major neighborhood event. The dinner and program will be this Friday, Jan. 12, from 6 to 8 pm, at New York School. ELIA is supporting the event by providing desserts. If you can bring a dessert, please call Shelley at 841-7518 or bring your dessert to New York School by 5:45 Friday evening. The menu is as follows:

Chili (regular or vegetarian) \$1.25
Dessert .50
Soda Pop .50
Milk .25

In the past, New York School has been the only school in Lawrence to put on an event to celebrate this important holiday. Please show your support for your neighborhood school and plan to attend. Also, commemorative T-shirts may be ordered. To have yours ready by Jan. 12, please call Sarah Jane Russell by Jan. 10, at 842-7304 between 8 and 5. The New York School PTO asks parents to attend with their children. No unsupervised children, please.

ELIA Meeting and Officer Elections

The East Lawrence Improvement Association will have a membership meeting on Monday evening, January 15, at 7:30 in the library of New York School. ELIA will be electing individuals to the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Be sure to attend and vote for your choice of officers. A new Board of Directors will also be selected.

ELIA will also discuss amending its by-laws to allow for meetings to be held quarterly.

House Destroyed by Fire

Longtime East Lawrence resident Bill Hatke, 1113 New York Street, lost his home to a fire on Monday, December 11. Bill's house was not insured. Bill Hatke is known among East Lawrence residents as an avid gardener, and a kind, generous neighbor. Several of Bill's friends have set up an account in his name at the First National Bank, 900 Massachusetts St. Donations of money to help Bill recover from this terrible misfortune are strongly encouraged. All contributions, large and small, are deeply appreciated.



Construction Continues

Backhoes and bulldozers have been working extensively on a number of projects in the north end of East Lawrence.

The city is nearing completion of its \$3.5 million concrete parking garage (complete with pagodas) for David Longhurst's riverfront concrete block discount factory shopping outlet, which is also nearing completion. Soon, work will begin on "improving" two brick streets with stone curbs (600 blocks of New York and Rhode Island) which lead to the discount retail center.

Meanwhile, work on East Seventh Street is also nearing completion in anticipation of the street becoming part of a possible "Eastern Parkway" between Downtown and 23rd Street. The Seventh Street project has involved some widening, some narrowing, new curbs and sidewalks to replace existing stone ones. Several details of the project were not done in accordance with the recommendations of the Eastern Parkway Task Force.

In conjunction with the riverfront and Seventh Street projects, new gas lines and new water lines have been installed in several blocks. The gas company reports that it will be installing new gas lines in many areas of the neighborhood south of Eleventh Street next year.

Acting City Manager Mike Wildgen reports that the city staff has reviewed criteria for construction of the Eastern Parkway and will be making recommendations to the City Commission in the next few weeks. ELIA has obtained a copy of the staff recommendation for discussion at Monday's ELIA meeting.

Stone House

The ongoing saga of the historic sandstone house at 1016 New York took center stage again in early November. The city staff has tried for years to have the house condemned and demolished. This time, three neighbors added their voices, expressing concern about the condition of the house and yard and complaining that it attracts kids looking for adventure and a place to use drugs.

The owner of the 120 year old building, Lance Burr, agreed to secure the building from vandalism and continue repairs. Burr has already stabilized the exterior walls, with expert advice from Park Hetzel.

The City Commission delayed demolition of the building until July of 1990. Burr agreed to have stone work finished and a new roof on the building by that time. Burr has restored several homes in East Lawrence over the last dozen years. Preservationists give Lance Burr high marks for the quality of his renovation work, but good work takes time.

Nice Dog Needs a Home

John Swift, 818 New York, has a very nice Cocker Spaniel who needs a loving home and someone to play with. Buffy (of course) is about 10 years old but she is still frisky and playful. She is a faithful watchdog, and is wonderful with children. One dog is enough, says John, who adopted Buffy from some friends who moved out of state. If you or someone you know are interested, please call John at 843-0123.

Independence, Inc.

Independence, Inc. has received a \$10,000 grant to implement an Accessible Housing Program. The grant money will be used to help pay for accessibility modifications needed in rental apartments or houses used by people with disabilities.

Under the federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, landlords may not refuse to let tenants with disabilities make reasonable modifications to living units which will allow the tenant "full use and enjoyment of the premises." The modifications are made at the tenant's own expense and the landlord may require the tenant to pay for restoring the living unit to its original condition after termination of tenancy.

Independence, Inc.'s Accessible Housing Program was developed to assist low and moderate income persons with disabilities to exercise their legal rights to accomplish needed accessibility modifications.

For more information, contact Bob Mikesic at Independence, Inc., 1910 Haskell, 841-0333.

Habitat

The Lawrence chapter of Habitat for Humanity is hard at work to provide the opportunity for low income families and individuals to own decent housing. The religious-based group is constructing its first home at 27th and Harper for a family that currently rents a house on Delaware Street.

While Habitat for Humanity's efforts are generally focussed on constructing new housing, the organization is also interested in rehabilitating existing houses when feasible. Habitat has the opportunity to save two older houses if vacant lots can be found to move them onto.

Anyone knowing of a lot which could be sold or donated to Habitat for Humanity should get in touch with the group by contacting Rev. John Gingerich at 841-2531. Habitat for Humanity and ELIA share a common goal-- promoting home ownership for people of modest means. Several East Lawrence residents who are active in Habitat hope that the two old houses and two families can find a new home in East Lawrence.

CD

Sidewalk repairs and tree planting highlight the East Lawrence Improvement Association's requests for Community Development funding for 1990-91.

ELIA requested \$50,000 for making repairs to brick sidewalks, \$10,000 for a new sidewalk along East Fourteenth Street between Delaware and Haskell and \$10,000 for tree planting in city easements between the street and sidewalk. Over the past few years, several blocks of sidewalks and scores of trees have been planted with CD funds. The city has recognized these needs and considerable progress has been made toward meeting them. With continued full funding, the need for new trees should be eliminated within 2-3 years; sidewalk repairs will take a more long-term commitment.

ELIA also requested \$1,000 for administrative expenses such as providing this newsletter and \$1500 for the annual Spring clean-up.

New York School

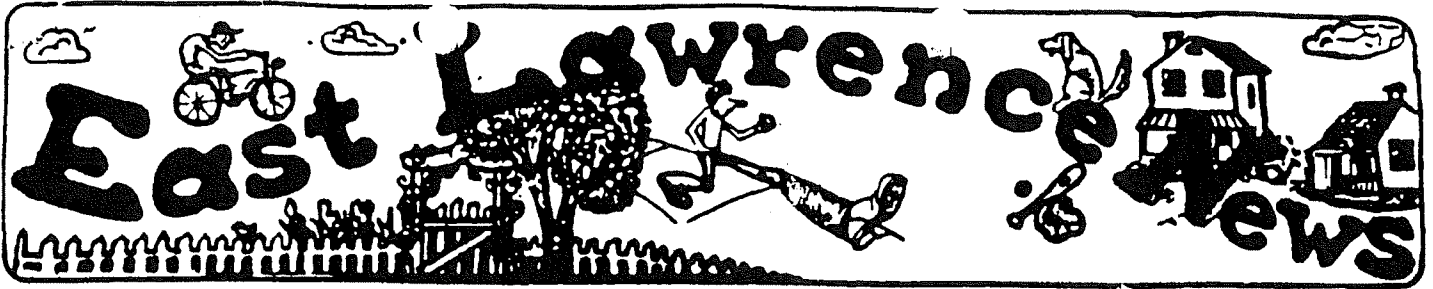
Exciting changes are happening this year at New York School. The new principal, Sharen Steele, has been an excellent advocate for the school. Ms. Steele has convinced USD 497 administrators to provide new equipment and instructional materials to New York School and to make needed repairs to the building.

New playground equipment has been installed on the New York School playground. The playground equipment was partially funded by a Community Development grant.

While the capital improvements at New York School are long overdue, the best news concerns changes in the school's programs that have a direct impact upon students.

A new school breakfast program serves many of New York School's students. Hungry kids do not learn. Good nutrition promotes good behaviour, good health and better learning. A new all-day kindergarten is proving to be very successful in teaching kindergartners pre-academic and social skills.

Ms. Steele is working well with teachers and parents to make New York School a first-rate school.



East Lawrence Improvement Association

July, 1990

***** OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL *****
6:30 pm at dusk on Sunday, July 29th

The next general meeting for ELIA will be an ice cream social on the East side of South Park under the gazebo. We have invited many of our employees to come, get acquainted with us and visit. These include the fire and police chiefs, members of the city manager's office, and our city commissioners. At least some of these people want to talk to us about the proposed one-half cent sales tax increase they feel is necessary to finance expansions in the police and fire departments, but discussions need not be limited to this subject alone.

ELIA will provide the ice cream, but here are some suggestions of things to bring: a cake, a pie or a plate of cookies; a blanket or lawn chair, enough plates and spoons for your family or group, chigger repellent, a smile on your face; questions, comments, praise or suggestions for the city people, and the expectation of a good time.

People are needed to help organize, set up, serve and clean up afterwards. If you would like to volunteer, PLEASE CALL JO (SOON) at 842-2533 or 841-6250.

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Many thanks to Sue Ashline, Tamera Crandell, Carmen Crouse, Ari Finke, Charles Gruber, Gaby Holcomb, Shelley Miller, Sara Russell, Hal Sears, Barry Shalinsky, Sylvia Shelley, and Nancy Sonnenschein for their time and good food to make our clean-up lunch a taste treat success. Also, many thanks to Kathly Businger and Jo Potestivo for being there bright and early that morning with the coffee, juice and donuts to help get everyone started.

Judith Proffit

p.s. -- We also give many thanks to Judith for organizing and over-seeing the clean-up lunch!

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/CITIZENS' CRIME COMMISSION

As many of you know, at our last general meeting, Reverend Cunningham from our local AME Church came to talk to us about the Citizens' Anti-Crime Commission of Kansas City, Kansas that he helped to form and now chairs. A great deal of interest has been expressed in the neighborhood about forming a similar organization or starting "Neighborhood Watches" in our area. We have been visiting with the Ecumenical Fellowship about the possibility of working with some of them on a project of this nature.

Please give your thoughts and ideas on this subject to a board member of ELIA so that we will know how or if to proceed.

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Let's hear it for these neighbors who have paid their \$1.00 annual dues to be current ELIA members!!! If you would like your name to be on this elite list too, please mail or take \$1.00 per personal member to the acting ELIA treasurer, Curt Enos at 1208 New York, or contact any ELIA board member.

Dana Adkins-Heljeson	Jennifer Lattimore	Jim Schneider
Jolene Anderson	Hannah Leibengood	Lois Schneider
Don Binns	Bob Marvin	Barry Shalinsky
Kathly Businger	Patricia Marvin	Tudy Shanafelt
Carmen Crouse	Shelley Miller	Bob Silipigni
Patty Doria	Laura Morgan	Diane Silver
Curt Enos	Bernie Norwood	Nancy Sonnenschein
Amy Bush Enos	LeVerne Norwood	Craig Stanclifee
Ari Finke	Chris Pettie	John Swift
John Hamilton	Jo Potestivo	Ron Turner
Gabrielle Holcomb	Brian Prophit	Deitre Weismiller
Jce Jacoby	Judith Prophit	
Mark Kaplan	Cherie Ralston	
Richard Kerschenbaum	John Ralston	

All of these people have paid their dues since January, 1990. If you cannot remember when you last paid dues, it's probably time to renew your membership.

Shelley Miller

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LAWRENCE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC
News Release

Applications are now being taken by the Family Selection Committee of Lawrence Habitat for Humanity for the fourth local home. New applicants should request an application form by writing to: **Family Selection Committee, Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, Inc., 3133 Creekwood Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049.** Deadline for receiving applications for the fourth home is July 30, 1990. Previous applicants will be contacted by letter. If a previous applicant has not received a letter by July 20, they should write to the above address.

Applicants for Habitat housing should presently be in need of adequate housing and desire to own their own home. Applicants should not be able to obtain a loan through conventional means, but have good work habits and good credit ratings. A Habitat homeowner must make a one percent (1%) downpayment and put 300 hours of "sweat equity" into a Habitat project. A Habitat homeowner must be able to make regular monthly payments that are re-cycled back into future Habitat houses.

Lawrence Habitat for Humanity was started in early spring of 1989 and is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry whose

objective it is to make decent shelter a matter of conscience. Habitat for Humanity builds houses through fund raising and volunteer recruitment and sells them at no-profit and charges no interest to home buyers.

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The most recent ELIA board meeting was June 23. Curt Enos, acting treasurer, reported figures of (all in rounded numbers, folks): general treasury of \$900, park improvements of \$3800 (\$3600 of which was presented by Joe Rose following the OMEGA event), operating budget (CD) of \$850, cleanup account of \$1500 which will be depleted once expenses are paid from the East Lawrence cleanup day, a sidewalk fund of \$15,000 and a right of way of \$500.

The Eastern Parkway criteria were passed and now, once again, concerning points of contention, parties seem to be assuming a "wait and see" attitude about specifics; i.e., we shall wait until the land lines are drawn to see if we can acquire more than the minimum 50' conservation easement. Pertaining to the parking allowance near the proposed park site, after much discussion with views from "no parking; people can walk" to "what would be allowable maximum/minimum" we concluded that ELIA's stand would be stating that we prefer "no" parking and negotiate to + 12 spaces, rather than allowing for "a few" and ending wih +50. The ELIA Board wants input from our neighborhood! Please let someone on the Board know your opinions on these issues!

In case you have not heard . . . the problem with picking up all of the "limb" trash was that the chipper truck threw a piston; small amount of adversity in light of the large amounts of trash that were removed during the neighborhood cleanup, especially in a few of the alleyways. After receiving permission to dump the wood chips in the parking lot at Hobb's Park, \$\$\$

The Board voted to make a statement supporting the preservation of the church owned by Allen Realty at 11th and New Hampshire streets. As a group, the Board hoped to find some viable suggestions for a use of the church so that upkeep and maintenance would be mandatory.

There was some discussion about the brick sidewalks being damaged by the crews replacing the gas lines in East Lawrence. If you feel that sidewalks on your street need further attention, again, please contact an ELIA Board member.

We have been approved for the funding to hire a neighborhood coordinator. This is an allocation of \$2500 for one year; August 1, 1990 to August 1, 1991. The hiring procedure will be to place an ad in the newspaper, receive applications, then have a screening committee interview and choose a coordinator.

Bob Silipigni resigned as ELIA's treasurer and Curt Enos, one of our board members, offered to take the vacated office. This left a vacancy on the board, which was filled by Deitre Weismiller.

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Excerpt from the Lawrence Daily Journal-World, Wednesday, July 18, page 11A: "In an action related to the eastern parkway, the commission also approved an \$85,000 contract for purchase of five acres of land in East Lawrence. The Eastern Parkway Task Force recommended the purchase of the land, which sits along the Kansas River and north of the Santa Fe Railway depot, and converting it into a low-intensity, natural park. The city is buying the land from Penny's Concrete, owned by Bill Penny, brother of Commissioner David Penny.

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An item which may be of interest to many of you is a Living Will Seminar being presented Thursday, July 26, 1990 at 5:00 pm by the Lawrence National Bank and Trust Company. The seminar will be held at the bank building, 647 Massachusetts. Speakers will be Donald W. Hatton, M.D. (Reed Medical Group, Chartered) and Peter K. Curran, Attorney (Petefish, Curran, Immel and Heeb). If you'd like to attend, please RSVP Amy Timmerman at 2841-5555.



East Lawrence Improvement Association

August, 1990

GENERAL MEETING at 7:00 PM on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT NEW YORK SCHOOL LIBRARY. CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED.

The lazy, hazy summer is gone. The only "official" ELIA function was the ice cream social in South Park. About seventy people came out on that beautiful day to meet and visit with their neighbors while enjoying Dillon's ice cream and delicious homemade deserts. Several local "dignitaries" stopped by as well. These included representatives of the police and fire departments who wanted to discuss the local sales tax increase, our mayor Shirley Martin-Smith and state representative Betty Jo Charlton. I had a wonderful time and I assume everyone else did too.

But now we need to focus our attention on several important issues, and I hope we will have time and energy at the meeting to cover all of them. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM, at which time we will look at the agenda and establish the order of business. Our featured guest speaker is Don Gardner or a member of his staff from the police department, who is going to tell us about Neighborhood Watch and how we can join. I have asked him to plan to begin at 7:30.

Here are the other things that probably should be discussed at this meeting as well. They are not necessarily listed in order of importance, and the list may not be complete, but please read through it and be thinking about whatever input you may have. We'd like to hear from everyone who wants to express their opinion, so we ask that each person try to keep their comments as brief as possible to avoid running out of time before all issues are covered.

1. Part of our community development grant includes about \$2500 in salary from now until Aug. 1, 1991 for a neighborhood co-ordinator. We need to implement a plan for hiring this person.

2. There has been a request from Mit Winter for rezoning of the east side of New Hampshire Street from 7th to 8th from its present designation of C-4 to C-3. The planning commission recommended against this and it comes before the city commission on Sept. 11. I will be meeting with him, his lawyer, at least one neighbor who lives on the 700 block of Rhode Island, one or more representatives of DLA, and Linda Finger of the city planning department before our meeting, and presumably will have lots of opinions to share. I am also optimistic (perhaps terminally so) that all parties can come to an agreement on this matter by then. Any input before the ELIA meeting? Give me a call at 842-2533 or 841-6250 and leave a message if you can't reach me.

3. I have met with some people from the Ecumenical Fellowship to discuss the possibility of forming some sort of anti-crime commission as a citizens' response to neighborhood crime. I may have more to share on that by meeting time.

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4. There have been concerns expressed to me about the matter of "absentee" (meaning they don't live in East Lawrence) landlords asking for certain houses in our neighborhood to be condemned by the building inspector and then trying to buy the properties for a low price. This leads to several potentially undesirable conditions such as cheap new construction, increased percentage of non-owner occupied homes, a higher percentage of "section 8" rental units than in other areas of town, and the increased potential for eventual upzoning of sections of our neighborhood. I have talked to Lynn Goodell at community development about this situation and he has given me several suggestions of ways to reverse this trend, but these would require neighborhood support, action, and diligence. Are we prepared to re-energize the old land use and home ownership committee?

5. One of the neighbors has asked me about designating a person or persons to serve as liaison between ELIA and New York School, which he sees as the most progressive and professionally staffed institution in East Lawrence.

6. The election is fast approaching, and there are several items on the ballot that directly affect our neighborhood. These include the Southern Trafficway, the Eastern Parkway (remember the 18 criteria?), and the new high school. We may want to plan another general meeting before the election to provide a forum for city and school board people to speak to us.

Just a brief note on the high school: I just spoke to John Tacha who said that the boundary line will almost surely be 15th street with a few "little bubbles," which means that most of our children in East Lawrence would go to the new school.

That's about all the important stuff I can remember in one sitting. I hope I haven't left out anything earth-shattering, but if I have, feel free to add it to the agenda at the meeting. Someone recently told me that she felt that most of the residents of East Lawrence are not particularly interested in much of what we tend to discuss at our meetings. I hope that this time is different, if that indeed is the case, and that this month's meeting will have something of interest for everyone. I'll see you all there!

Jo Andersen

FREE HEALTH CARE CLINIC IN LAWRENCE

Everyone knows that medical costs have skyrocketed. Insurance is also expensive, and even if one has insurance, the deductible is high and the policy does not cover everything.

Health Care Access has been formed to deal with this situation. Its philosophy is that health care is a right, and not a privilege of those who can afford it. Health Care Access provides services to individuals and families whose health needs are not being met by public or private health care plans.

Based on figures taken from the 1980 census, there are over 9000 Lawrence and Douglas county residents who are below the federal poverty level, but are not receiving assistance from the state. The Commission on Access to Services for the Medically Indigent and Homeless, created by the Kansas Legislature, stated in its 1989 report that those Kansans who don't have access to basic health care are a diverse group. It includes not only the unemployed, but also the employed; not only young people who risk going without insurance, but also the elderly who do not yet qualify for Medicare.

Health Care Access exists because of impressive community-wide support. All aspects of the health care profession donate their time and resources to provide health care to the medically indigent. Services include acute dental care, a twice weekly health clinic, prescription assistance, and referrals to specialists and dietitians when necessary. Lawrence Memorial Hospital donates needed laboratory and radiological services, and clinic space is donated by Lawrence Housing Authority. Social service agencies volunteer their time by screening for eligibility and arranging appointments for clients.

Since the clinic opened in June 1989, 761 patients were seen at the clinic and cooperating specialists, and 307 dental referrals were made. At present, Health Care Access spends almost \$1000 a month on pharmaceuticals. Appointments may be made at any of the following agencies: American Red Cross, 843-3550; Ballard Center, 842-0729; ECKAN, 841-3357; Independence, Inc. 841-0333; Lawrence Indian Center, 841-7202; and at the Salvation Army, 843-4188. If you have any other questions or would like to become more involved in addressing health care concerns in Lawrence, please call Health Care Access directly at 841-5760.

Following are editorials:

The Primary Election is over, and the sales tax increase has passed. In many sections of Lawrence, a clear majority of voters favored the increase. Unfortunately, several of the central city polling places narrowly approved (Judicial Building, Plymouth Congregational Church, South Park Recreation Center, Central United Methodist Church, East Lawrence Center) or defeated (Schwegler and New York Schools) the proposal (Lawrence Journal World, August 8, 1990, p. 7A).

I suspect there are two possible reasons for these results. The most obvious reason is that many residents in these areas are on low or fixed incomes. They well understand the fiscal impact the "tiny" sales tax increase will have on their purchase of such luxuries as food, clothing, and medicine.

The second reason, I believe, is roaring by my house as I write this. Although the traffic situation itself is not the reason, the lack of traffic law enforcement may well be. Connecticut Street is posted as a "No Through Trucks" street, yet through trucks of all stripes zoom down it daily. At least I assume they are through trucks. Or else there is an extraordinary building boom going on in our neighborhood judging from the number of dump trucks, cement trucks, trash trucks, city sanitation vehicles, bulldozers, moving vans, delivery trucks and 18-wheelers that travel our streets daily. Apparently there is both a new car dealership and a golf course hidden somewhere in East Lawrence, since I've seen vehicles appropriate to both being transported south on Connecticut (oops! There goes another dump truck! And another!).

The point of this is that not only are traffic regulations regarding trucks not enforced, neither are speeding laws. Although I'm not equipped with a radar gun, the traffic certainly appears to be travelling much faster than the posted 30 m.p.h.. Yet I have never seen a speed trap on Connecticut. On West 15th almost daily, sure, but never on Connecticut, a major north-south street. Oddly enough, the sales tax passed overwhelmingly at Brandon Woods and Quail Run School. Coincidence? I don't think so. When people live in neighborhoods where law personnel are visible and obviously involved, there is support for law personnel. Where police are seen largely as giving parking tickets, tearing down garage sale signs, speeding through on the way to somewhere else, and responding to the occasional domestic disturbance, there is less support.

I realize the police department has been spread very thin, but it would help if all the icing was not piled on one side of the cake. So come on, police, make a good faith effort. Spread a little of that new manpower on our side of town, and enforce the truck traffic and speeding laws!

Dee Weismiller

8/31/90

Here's a riddle for you: What institution is the biggest employer, occupies the most land area and has the largest direct day-to-day impact on the most families in East Lawrence? The answer, of course, is New York Elementary School, located at 936 New York Street. It has 32 full and part-time employees, occupies a full city block, and dramatically impacts the families of its 180 students.

As a realtor, I often hear folks discussing their concerns about various schools and these schools' reputations. New York School used to have a reputation as having low staff morale, poor student performance and attitude, an old, unsafe playground, an antiquated library and dilapidated physical plant. The word was that USD 497 discriminated against New York School when it came time to divide up funds for school improvement in Lawrence. Well, New York School inhabitants are called the Novas. Let me tell you what's new for the Novas.

Sharen Steele became principal last Fall, and with her bright, vibrant energy and enthusiasm, the morale among staff, faculty and support personnel at New York School has reached new heights. Student attitudes and performance have improved dramatically. There is a new \$18,000 playground that the school Parent Teachers Organization procured through a 90% grant from Community Development Block Grant funds. The library has been completely renovated, and with 2,739 volumes (as of last May) it has one of the highest books-per-student ratios in Lawrence. The New York School building was erected in 1937 to replace the original 1897 structure. It recently has benefitted from new carpet, new blinds and air conditioning; it really shines. USD 497 has equipped the school with eight ~~new~~ computers, three VCR's, and 3 televisions.

New York boasts, in addition to the ten full time classroom teachers, instructors in Chapter 1 Math, Chapter 1 Readings, physical education, art, music, band, and orchestra. Add to this mix a school psychologist, social worker, nurse, teachers for gifted students, those with learning disabilities and speech impairments and two paraprofessionals, and you have a picture of dedicated, loving professionals who offer our neighborhood the highest and best hope for giving our kids a continuing opportunity for success.

Sharen and the staff, faculty and PTO invite you and your family to come by the school at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 4th for our annual Open House. Slide by and check out the Novas. If you have a pre-schoolers, bring 'em by the school for picture taking 8:30 to 10:30 A.M. September 10th. The whole neighborhood is invited to our first PTO meeting of the year at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 2. If you're not registered to vote, you'll have the opportunity to register at that meeting.

So do all of us a favor. When you hear folks talking about our neighborhood school, tell them surf's up at New York Elementary and the future looks mighty bright.

Charles Gruber 1425 New York Street

Recycle -- The "New" News!

**AUGUST , 1990
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1. SATURDAYS AT CENTENNIAL PARK (BY THE ROCKET) 10 to 3 NO LIMBS, BRUSH, OTHER MATERIAL.
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LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL-2017 LOUISIANA

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MONDAYS-OR-FRIDAYS 11:AM TO 1:PM AT 1141 HASKELL , CITY GARAGE,

SATURDAY - 10:AM TO 3:PM AT CENTENNIAL PARK, BY THE ROCKET.

SUNDAYS - 1:PM TO 5:PM AT "DAD" PERRY PARK, MONTEREY WAY ENTRANCE.

OIL ONLY, NO CONTAMINATED OIL, FIVE GALLON LIMIT, SIGNATURE REQUIRED, ATTENDANT.

USE RECYCLED PAPER

CONSERVATION RESOURCES

Recycling Service
3009 W. 28th Street
Lawrence, Kansas 66047
842-1167

Conservation Resources is a fee-based recycling service. For \$2.00 a month we will pick up at your curbside every Friday glass, tin, scrap metal, plastic, newspaper, bond and computer paper, appliances, automotive batteries, aluminum cans and foil, and old paint.

The \$2.00 fee will be collected at the end of each month of pick up service. Please leave your recyclables out by your curb by 9:00 a.m. each Friday packaged according to the following directions:

GLASS . . . food and beverage containers *ONLY*. Must be rinsed. Lids, plastic or metallic rings must be removed. Heavy metal foils or wires must be removed. Green, clear and brown glass will be accepted but must be sorted and packaged separately. Paper bags or cardboard boxes will be acceptable packaging.

TIN (Steel) CANS . . . must be rinsed, labels removed, flatten. Steel cans must be packed separately from other types of metal. Pack in cardboard box or paper bag.

SCRAP METAL . . . Metals of all types may be recycled. No piece may be longer than 4' in length or width. The metal must be of a weight and size and shape whereby it can be reasonably handled by one person. Dangerously sharp or abrasive surfaces must not be present. Small scraps of metal must be contained in cardboard boxes or paper bags.

APPLIANCES . . . Stoves, hot water heaters, washers & dryers will be handled. The item must be curbside.

AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES . . . must be free from excessive acid on the surface of the battery. If leakage has occurred the battery must be contained in a cardboard box or other suitable container. Batteries may not be packaged with other metals or other recyclable items. They must be packaged separately.

PLASTIC . . . milk cartons and 2 and 3 liter soda bottles may be packaged together. They must be rinsed, lids and plastic rings removed and cartons flattened. The plastic must be packaged in a plastic trash bag and securely closed so it won't blow away.

#2 PLASTIC . . . other than milk jugs, must be packaged separately from other plastic. Rinse and remove caps. Package in plastic trash bag securely tied. This plastic has the number 2 on the bottom, such as laundry detergent bottles.

ALUMINUM CANS . . . package separately from other aluminum, such as foil and pet food cans.

ALUMINUM FOIL . . . package separately, relatively free from waste.

COMPUTER PAPER . . . green bar must be bagged in paper bags or cardboard boxes. It must be separate from other paper, free of staples or any binding.

WHITE BOND PAPER . . . any white bond is acceptable. No tablet paper or notebook paper with lines. No staples or binding of any type. The paper may have been passed through a copier or press. The paper must be bagged in plastic or in cardboard boxes so it won't blow away.

COLORED BOND PAPER . . . all colors may be mixed. Must be free of staples and binding material. Do not mix with white. Must be bagged in plastic or cardboard boxes.

NEWSPAPER . . . do not mix with phone books, magazines or other types of paper. Newspaper inserts are acceptable. May be packaged in paper grocery sacks.

PAINT . . . indoor or outside leftover paint will be given to charities to be used in low income housing or recycled by a paint company.

You may pay \$2.00 at the end of each month of pick up service. You may send a check at the end of each month to . . .

CONSERVATION RESOURCES

3009 West 28th St.
Lawrence, KS 66047

If you wish, for your convenience, you may pay for 6 months at \$12.00 or 12 months at \$24.00. If at any time you are not happy with the service or you wish to discontinue service, we will be happy to refund your money.

The \$2.00 monthly fee is necessary to help cover handling and overhead so we can keep our service dependable and on a weekly basis. Many of the items that we pick up will have no payback value, but we are interested in helping the environment and want to pick up everything that is recyclable.

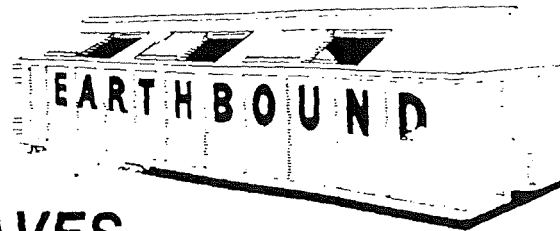
As more items can be recycled we will let our customers know and add them to our pick up list.



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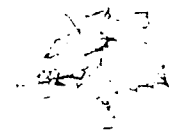
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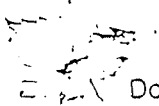
BRING YOUR LEAVES

to an Earth Bound Drop Off Site

**SATURDAYS—Centennial Park, by the Rocket
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**



**SUNDAYS—“Dad” Perry Park, 12th & Monterey Way
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**



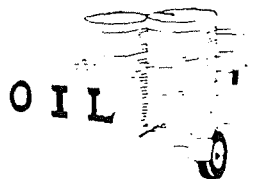
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The use of Reusable Containers is Encouraged.



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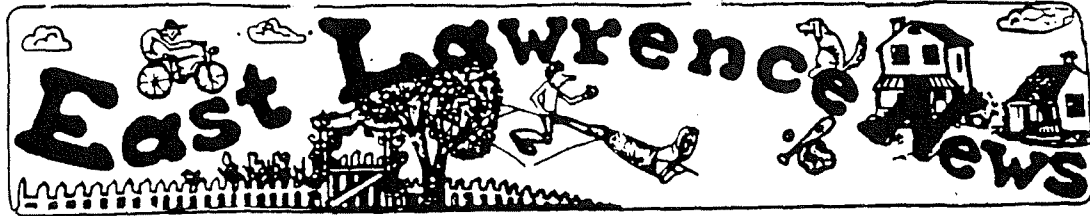
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841-0811

THE CITY OF LAWRENCE





EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

October, 1990

GENERAL MEETING!!! 7:00 pm, Monday, October 22, at New York School Library. Child care will be provided.

1. The major agenda item will be a discussion of the bond election for the circumferential roadway system. This will be on the November ballot, and is an issue that ELIA has been very concerned with for the last two years.
2. There is a federal neighborhood redevelopment program that Lawrence may want to participate in. LAN (Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods) and Mike Rundle are especially excited about this program, and we need to find out more about it. This information will be available at the meeting.
3. We need to nominate a representative to the CDBG board since Patty Doria has decided to step down from this position. Many thanks to her for a job well done!
4. As soon as possible, we need to hire a neighborhood coordinator. Our CDBG application for funding needs to be submitted by December 1, and the planning commission needs our help in gathering data for the new neighborhood/downtown Lawrence plan. Applications can be submitted at the meeting, and afterwards the board will meet to discuss hiring procedure. Details on this follow in the newsletter. Read on.
5. Last but not least, if you have items that you want discussed at the neighborhood meeting, please bring them up and I'll see that they are added to the agenda. You may try to reach me by telephone at 841-6250 during the day (best bet) or 842-2533 (only a rumor that I'm ever at home) or just bring them to the meeting and I'll add them then. In order to make sure everything gets discussed and that we get out by 9:30, I'm going to assign a time limit to each item at the start of the meeting, and we can exceed these limits only by affirmative vote of the majority of those in attendance.

See you all there!

Jo

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ELIA NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATOR

This position is funded at \$2487.00 from now until August 1, 1991. This means that we are looking for someone to work approximately 160 hours per quarter for the remaining three quarters of our funding period. The job description is as follows:

1. Assist in the coordination of neighborhood activities.
2. Maintain quality relationship with Community development department.
3. Attend neighborhood meetings.
4. Assist in publication of neighborhood newsletter.
5. Assist in clerical duties.
6. Keep accurate log of hours worked, noting activities/projects.
7. Maintain calendar of CD deadlines, annual neighborhood events.
8. Carry out other duties as assigned by officers and/or board of directors.

If you would like to apply for this position, please send a letter of application to Jo Andersen, 1402 New York, or bring it to the general meeting. This letter should include your work and educational history, related job skills, length of time you have lived in Lawrence (and specifically in East Lawrence), and personal and work-related references.

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ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

In the last newsi .er, this paragraph appeared:

"There have been concerns expressed to me about the matter of 'absentee' (meaning they don't live in East Lawrence) landlords asking for certain houses in our neighborhood to be condemned by the building inspector and then trying to buy the properties for a low price. This leads to several potentially undesirable conditions such as cheap new construction, increased percentage of non-owner occupied homes, a higher percentage of 'Section 8' rental units than in other areas of town, and the increased potential for eventual upzoning of sections of our neighborhood. I have talked to Lynn Goodell at community development about this situation and he has given me several suggestions of ways to reverse this trend, but these would require neighborhood support, action, and diligence. Are we prepared to re-energize the old land use and home ownership committee?"

This response followed (copied as received):

POLK RENTALS
P.O. BOX 34
LAWRENCE, KS. 66044

843-6855

September 10, 1990

Jo Anderson
1402 New York St.
Lawrence, Ks. 66044

Ms. Anderson:

This letter is in response to your slanderous attack in the East Lawrence News (August 1990) on absentee landlords, cheap new construction, and the Section VIII program in East Lawrence.

The largest absentee landlord in East Lawrence is proably the City of Lawrence. Many other homes in East Lawrence are owned by investors, real estate companies and private individuals. These investors are interested in the betterment of East Lawrence. They are improving the appearance as well as helping the economy.

The new construction you call "cheap" taking place in the East Lawrence area is a bonus to the area. The new construction is proably the only homes that will pass city electrical, plumbing or structural codes. Building new homes eliminates unsightly, structurally unsound and rat infested homes.

The Section VIII program is set up to help individuals who need help with housing. Many are physicall handicapped, poor, or single parents. I resent your attitude saying you do not want them living in East Lawrence, This biased attitude shows poor judgement on your part. This makes me sick.

I sincerely hope that C.D.B.G. funds are not helping to print this newsletter as I would not like my tax dollars discriminatin against the poor or handicapped on Section VIII.


Greg Polk

CC: Lynn Goodell

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NEW MEMBERS!!!

Welcome to the following new ELIA members who have joined since the last membership list was compiled:

Big Bang Recording Studios

Aaron Blasser
Betty Jo Charlton
Dick Danhaupt 1012 Pennsylvania Street 843-2501
Dain Dillingham
Dreux Dillingham
Charles Gruber
Patricia Hackney 1012 Pennsylvania Street 843-2501
Herb Harmon
Tommie J. Howell 1421 New Jersey 865-3701
Jeff Johnson
Phil Overbaugh 818 East 12th Street 843-5481
Lena Overbaugh 818 East 12th Street 843-5481
George Pisiani 809 Connecticut
Sarah Jane Russell
Pat Slick
Betty Todd 1146 Delaware 843-1647
Karen Trubitt
Jovan Weismiller

If we've missed you on this list, please let a board member know, so that our books can be brought up to date! We regret any mistakes we may have made. Thank you.

Who Should I Call?

Board Members, (officers listed first, followed by members at large)
Jolene Andersen, President, 841-6520 or 842-2533
Kathly Businger, Board member, 841-2826
Carmen Crouse, Corresponding Secretary, 842-6039
Curt Enos, Treasurer, 842-2730
Ari Finke, Board member, 841-0443
Patricia Marvin, Board member, 842-7385
Shelley Miller, Recording Secretary, 841-7518
Barry Shallnski, Board member, 842-1953
Craig Stancliffe, Board member, 84206432
John Swift, Immediate Past-President, 843-0123
Deitre Weismuller, Board member, 842-7160

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Treasurer' Report: General Account, \$729.10
 Park Fund, \$3,722.30

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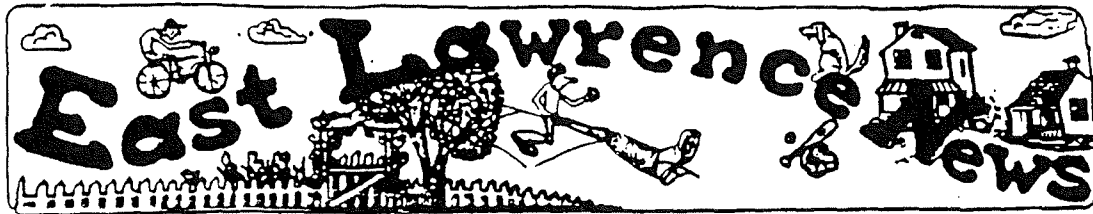
NEWS FROM NEW YORK SCHOOL

Charles Gruber is quickly becoming our East Lawrence herald for New York School. He is reporting the following activities of which you should be aware, and hopefully will be able to attend:

-- New York School Parent-Teacher Organization: Meeting on October 24th (that's a Wednesday), at 7:30 pm; program being a forum on the high school bond issue. Both pro and con will be presented. The meeting will be held in the Library of New York School.

-- On the lighter side!, New York School PTO's following meeting will be a 1950's sock hop on November 6th, following a brief business meeting at 6:30 pm. This event is not only for parents and children; New York School PTO is inviting all of the neighborhood families to bring their socks and a dancing mood.

-- Another event of which Charles wants us to all be made aware is the Sufi dancing at the Ecumenical Christian Ministries Building, located at 1204 Oread. This is to be held on October 15, beginning at 7:30 pm, sharp.



ELIA GENERAL MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, NEW YORK SCHOOL LIBRARY, 7:00 PM
Child Care Provided.

Rod Brambee, the newly hired assistant city manager for Lawrence will be our guest speaker at this meeting. He will explain the city's current interest in the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation. Congressionally chartered in 1978 and started with federal money, this is now a private non-profit corporation which helps cities rehabilitate neighborhoods, making them healthier and more self-reliant. To date, \$159 million has been invested, yielding \$4.8 billion in improvements in 245 neighborhoods nationwide. This is a program we may definitely be interested in helping the city to pursue.

Our annual Community Development Block Grant request is due the first of December. We hope to have the application substantially completed by meeting time to share with everyone, but we will still have four more days to add to it. If you have any ideas of current needs that CDBG funds may be used to address, contact Jo Andersen (842-2533 evenings; 841-6250 days) or bring them to the meeting.

We are in the middle of the hiring process for the ELIA coordinator as this newsletter goes to press, but we will have made our selection from a field of several outstanding applicants by November 26. So, come to the meeting and meet our new coordinator!

Lastly, but not leastly, we will be electing new officers and board members at this meeting, so come prepared with names to nominate, including your own!

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LAWRENCE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Several EL neighbors have asked about Habitat for Humanity, what it's done so far, and how to volunteer. Presently, the organization is starting on its fourth house and finishing up its third.

A family moved into the second home built from the ground up in August. The group's third project, a house at 1609 Powers, was purchased after being badly fire-damaged, and is now almost completely renovated. Ground-breaking for the fourth house (the third built from the ground up) will begin any day.

If you would like to volunteer, call Ruth Weir at 843-2371.

Jo Andersen

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CONCERNING NEIGHBORHOOD TRASH DISPOSAL

Our city sanitation workers collect trash/garbage on Monday and Thursday mornings of each week. In order to minimize exposure of trash/garbage to rummaging creatures (4/2 legs) and mischeivous winds, your Neighborhood Improvement Association urges East Lawrence residents to place trash and garbage out for collection only on the night before or the morning of collection days. Thank you,

Brian Prophit

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LETTERS

This is a copy of the Letter to the Editor that appeared in the Journal-World, November 8th:

To the Editor:

The members of the East Lawrence Improvement Association voted unanimously at their October 22 meeting to condemn acts of harassment that have occurred in and around East Lawrence in the past month. Racist graffiti and cross burnings have no place in our neighborhood whether they are the acts of youths or adults.

In its meeting, the association also unanimously approved the formation of a committee to offer support to anyone in our neighborhood who is victimized by a hate crime. We will clean up graffiti and the leftovers of any harassment and provide other services as they are requested.

We believe that fostering a community where people of diverse cultures, religions, lifestyles and physical abilities can live in peace and safety is as much the duty of a neighborhood association as guaranteeing that our roads are safe. We intend to carry out that duty with energy and dedication.

Sincerely,
Diane Silver
Kathly Businger

Editor, E.L.I.A. News,

I should like to respond to the verbage which appeared on the second page of the October issue of E.L.I.A. news.

So what if we have an excess, or even all, of the city's Section VIII housing in East Lawrence. E.L.I.A. is becoming a bit elitist. I live in Section VIII housing; would you tell me that I cannot live in this neighborhood because my landlord lives on Tennessee Street and not here? Why not admit it folks: the only difference between folks who are buying up property in East Lawrence who live here and those who don't is that fact alone. Most are trying to make money, only Polk admits it. And don't give me this crap about keeping land in trust for the future generations in East Lawrence; if that is the true case then let folks live in a house for what your price is for the mortgatge and a small fund saved for repairs -- do you do repairs when they are needed like my land lord does? Are your houses as good to live in as Section VIII houses are? I used to enjoy working with E.L.I.A. until it became a land owner's protection association.

Until you loose a bit of that self-righteousness, you shall not have a real sense of neighborhood here in East Lawrence.

Pat Slick

Dear Jolene:

As you assist the community in your humanitarian endeavors, we felt it would be useful for you to know about the services offered by the University of Kansas Dependent Care Referral Service (KUDCRS). KUDCRS began to provide referral services this summer. As a non-profit referral agency, we assist persons seeking child and elder care services. Our services are provided free of charge but are not intended to represent an endorsement of or recommendation for any service provider. KUDCRS clients are responsible for making their own assessments about which services will best meet their personal needs.

We maintain a computerized listing of state licensed or registered child care providers which can be matched with clients' child care needs. Our list is updated frequently to maintain accurate information about openings. We also have other resource information related to child care (e.g., printed materials with guidelines for selecting good child care, a babysitter contact list, a contact list of child care regulatroy agencies, etc.).

Our elder care services include referral information for both local and national services. We hope to provide broader elder care referral services by Spring of 1991.

Sincerely,
Betty Peterson
KUDCRS Coordinator

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