

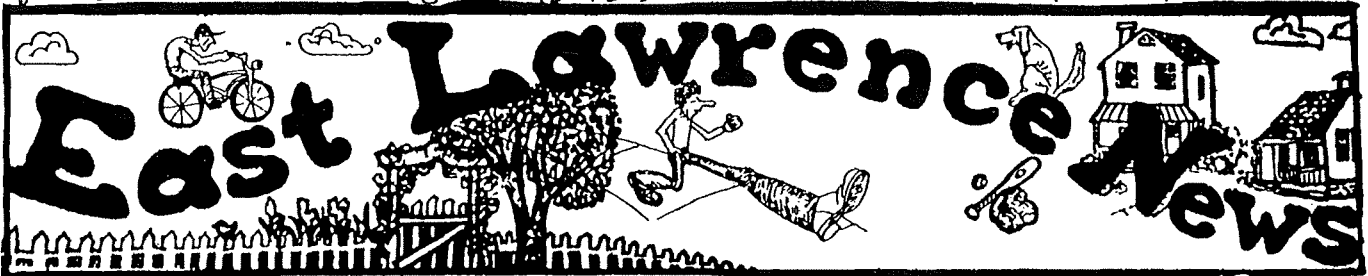
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# Elections Highlight October Meeting

The ELIA general membership meets soon to elect officers and executive board members who will guide the organization for the coming year. It takes new blood to keep the ELIA vibrant. Come to the meeting and throw your hat in the ring, or nominate a friend.

All ELIA memberships expired in September. If you did not pay your dollar at the picnic, you must do so to be eligible to vote at ELIA meetings or to run for an office. Even if you do not attend meetings, one dollar is a small price to pay to help us to provide a newsletter, services to senior citizens, social events and an effective voice at City Hall for our neighborhood's concerns. JOIN ELIA!

The ELIA meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. at New York School. Refreshments served. Rides and babysitting available if you call Hannah Leibengood 843-7385 or the ELIA Office 841-2204.



## X Penn House Proposal Stirs Controversy

Pennsylvania Street is the scene of yet another controversy over a land use issue. This time, the controversy is not about a tavern; it is about Penn House. The Penn House staff recently announced plans to tear down their present structure at 1035 Penn. and to erect a new building on that site.

Amid hot tempers, name calling, innuendo and threats of violence, the ELIA Executive Board met in August with representatives of Penn House and voted to oppose commercial rezoning of the property at 1035 Penn. The area is currently zoned for residential use, and the Penn House operation does not conform with that zoning. The ELIA Board also passed a resolution to seek to work out differences with Penn House peacefully to the benefit of the East Lawrence neighborhood which both organizations serve.

Opposition to the Penn House project was based on a number of factors. Opponents claim that the current building is a viable historic structure which Penn House could sell for rehabilitation as housing, and then build elsewhere more economically than they could demolish and rebuild at the same site. There was also opposition to any zoning change which could open the door to commercial encroachment in the event that Penn House ceases operation. Some critics find the proposed structure to be an ugly replacement for a beautiful old house, citing that the new building is a block structure, having no windows on three sides. Finally, they oppose the design which shows a parking lot and loading dock in the front of the new Penn House. They charge that a bigger, better Penn House will generate more traffic on the street and will be a nuisance. Continued → p.4

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## DOWNTOWN Lawrence



The City's comprehensive plan for Downtown is nearing completion, and Rhode Island Street residents are battling to make sure that their street remains a residential street in the process. The City's consultant on Downtown planning, Teska and Associates, designed one alternative plan which would close New Hampshire Street between 7th and 9th Streets, diverting Downtown traffic to Rhode Island Street. Other Teska proposals would encourage development of multi-family housing along the west side of the 900 and 1000 blocks of Rhode Island, and would call for parking lots on the west side of the 700 and 800 blocks.

At the September 23 meeting of the City's Planning Commission, Janet Hoffman, who recently bought and is upgrading the house at 728 Rhode Island, outlined the ELIA's position. The ELIA and Rhode Island Street neighbors find the closing of New Hampshire Street unacceptable, oppose any RM-3 high density zoning along the street, and oppose any curb cuts along Rhode Island for parking. Ms. Hoffman pointed out that the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan calls for medium density housing in the area and stresses rehabilitation and preservation rather than redevelopment. Ms. Hoffman noted that a parking lot should not be built until an actual need is demonstrated, and that a green space would make a better "buffer" than parking. She pointed out that existing City lots in the 800 block of Rhode Island are usually empty. Ms. Hoffman said that meaningful public transportation would lessen the need for more asphalt.

Susie Ashline, Don Brownstein, Jim Powers and Richard Kershenbaum also spoke at the meeting, reiterating Ms. Hoffman's points, and raising questions about eminent domain, buffer zones and freestanding stores. All of these people own property along Rhode Island Street and are making considerable investments in rehab work. Lance Burr, whose law office, recently rehabbed home and rental properties are in East Lawrence, asked the Commissioners to "slow down" and preserve what is nice in the town. Barry Shalinsky, 633 Connecticut, said the plan should meet real needs, not create artificial demands. Accordingly, Shalinsky said, a Downtown grocery store should be given higher priority than a hotel complex.

Despite these comments from East Lawrence residents, the Planning Commission voted to send the Teska recommendations to the City Commission without alteration. That makes it important for East Lawrence people to attend the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 13th to show support for our Rhode Island Street neighbors, as well as to comment on other aspects of the Downtown Plan. The Teska Report and the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan are available to be read at the ELIA Office during regular office hours, for persons wishing to prepare for the meeting.

The ELIA thanks over twenty people from East Lawrence, mostly Rhode Island Street neighbors, who attended the Planning Commission meeting. If these people, and more, voice their opinions to the City Commission, Downtown redevelopment could enhance rather than destroy our neighborhood.

# briefs



It's been a long time coming, but residents of East 13th Street are finally getting their rusty water problem solved. City crews have started installing a new water main which will provide clean water (water that's as clean as anywhere else in town, anyway) to parts of East Lawrence and Far East Lawrence. After long months of battling with City Hall, East 13th Street residents, with the help of Stormy Samuel of the ELIA staff, secured a promise from the City to build the new water lines with money from the Community Development budget. The construction currently happening along 13th Street is proof that neighbors working together can make basic changes in their lives. And there's nothing more basic than water.

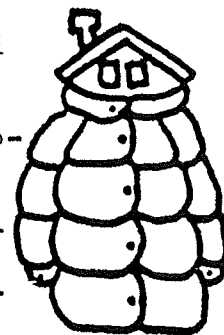


An East Lawrence artist is looking for studio space, preferably a garage. She is looking for a place with non-dirt floor and windows which is easily adaptable for wood heat in the winter. If you know of a suitable space, contact JoAnn, 843-4908.



Council on Aging is looking for volunteers to deliver noontime meals to temporary shut-ins over 60 years of age. Volunteers would be assigned to deliver meals in their own area of Lawrence, and would be reimbursed at the rate of 20¢ per mile. Council on Aging is asking for commitments of about thirty minutes a day from each volunteer. To help, contact Carol Klinknott at the Senior Center, 842-0543.

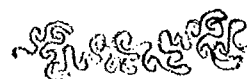
Project SEAL, designed to Save Energy Around Lawrence is off to a great start. At a September workshop, the staff from the Appropriate Technology Center told participants about energy conservation techniques such



as hot water heater insulation, faucet aerators, stopping infiltration of cold winter air through electrical switches and outlets, proper installation of caulking and weatherstripping, etc.

There were more workshop participants from East Lawrence than from all of the other Community Development target neighborhoods combined. Over a dozen East Lawrence households received free kits of energy conservation materials valued at \$50. The kits are available for low and moderate income people. Workteams were formed and East Lawrence residents helped each other to install the energy conservation materials. All participants, regardless of income, received a coupon booklet, good for discounts on energy saving materials from local hardware stores.

The Project SEAL workshop on low-cost/no-cost energy saving techniques will be repeated at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 at the South Park Recreation Center, 12th and Mass. For more information about the upcoming workshop, contact the A.T. Center, 841-3086, weekdays from 2 to 4. If you missed the September workshop, be sure not to miss this one. You save yourself money when you Save Energy Around Lawrence.



Doug Lehto is looking for panes of glass to recycle in his greenhouse project. If you have some glass you are not using, give it or loan it to Doug. Call him at 749-3200.

# TUDY'S CORNER

"Autumn"

Today the peace of Autumn pervades the world.

In the radiant Moon, silent and motionless, the wide stillness rests like a tired bird spreading over the deserted fields to all horizons to wings of golden green.

Today the thin threads of the river flows without a song, leaving no marks on its sandy banks.

The many distant villages bask in the sun with eyes closed in idle and languid slumber.

In the stillness I hear in every blade of grass, in every speck of dust, in every part of my own body, in the visible and invisible worlds, in the planets, the sun, and the stars, the joyous dance of the atoms through endless time-- the myriad murmuring rhythm surrounding Thy throne.

Mrs. Buford Anderson of Ottawa had surgery on her hand at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She is now improving. Mrs. Anderson is the sister of Mrs. Arlene Goldman. Hurry and get well soon Bessie.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. Fern Cates as a neighbor. She is now a resident of Vermont Towers. We miss you.

Irene Elston had a fall, and injured her right arm. Hope the injury is not serious.

Mrs. Glenn Elliott of Welda is now retired from Haskell College as a teacher. Visited Mrs. Shanafelt this past week.

X Penn House operating in a No Business Area seeks to Re Zone--and to destroy a house that has always been a credit and the oldest in the neighborhood. Why do newcomers think they know best for a good neighborhood? X They do not see the flaws in the project that can be remedied with paint and termite control to a good house--and the renewed neighborhood blight.

Rev. Fred Holloman, pastor of the Faith Southern Baptist Church, 1000 New York reports success of the CROP walk last Sunday, meeting at First Presbyterian Church on W. 23 St. to walk to Clinton Park overlook over 9 miles, 25 members took part. Rev. Ron Goodman of the First Christian Church sponsored the walk, and reported 225 persons took part, a goal of \$3000 was hoped for, but instead \$5748 was raised. Congratulations to all who took part. Special Congratulations to East Lawrence's Faith Southern Baptist Church.

Be sure to remember Senior Citizens Bazaar Nov. 7 at First Christian Church, Mrs. Martha Donoho in charge.

Mrs. Homer Welsh and Mrs. Dick Shanafelt attended Kansas Authors Convention in Manhattan, Oct 2 and 3rd.

The Salvation Army announces meetings at 4 o'clock Wed. afternoons of Girl Guides ages 6 to 11, Girl Guards, ages 12 to 17, and Boys Club, ages 8 to 17. Anyone wishing a ride to these activities, call Salvation Army, phone 843-4188 to be picked up for these meetings. What a wonderful chance for these young people to have this training.

Mr. Barkley Clark,

Dear Sir -

I have tried to contact you by telephone, so I am writing you my protest for the plans Penn House purposes, that change would be changing the zone from a No Zone Business to Business Zone, and add to the distasteful renewal of Penn House permit - which is an eye sore to the neighborhood, besides unwanted, undesirable traffic day & night, and destroying a house the oldest in the neighborhood, that can be a family home again. Penn house people say its termite - etc & a wreck of a house, Penn House has made it so, I've know that house for over 65 years.

I hope you can help keep restore penn house as it was before they wrecked it & made it an eye sore

Sincerely  
Mrs Diak Shearwater,  
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