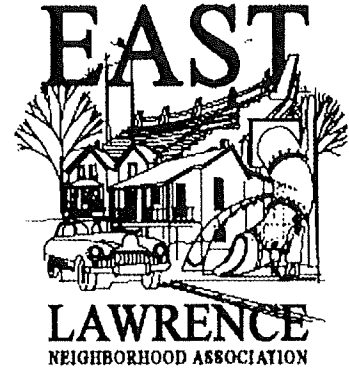


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Tiller and Lawnmower Available for Rental

If you haven't yet mowed your leaves from last fall, like myself, or need to get your garden plot ready, give ELNA a call. We have a mower and tiller available for half day rentals. The tiller costs \$10 and the lawn mower is \$5 per half day. Call

ELNA General Meeting

- New York Elementary School Library
- 936 New York Street, west doors
- Monday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.

This Month's Agenda Includes:

- Guest speaker from Lawrence Workforce Center
- Guest for Compostable Yard Waste Program
- Yart Sale
- Community Garden
- Sesquicentennial Mural

Compostable Yard Waste: Pilot Program for Compostable Yard Waste Bags to Begin in East Lawrence

The East Lawrence Neighborhood has been chosen to participate in a Pilot Program for Compostable Yard Waste Bags. This program, administered by the City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Division, offers free compostable bags to interested residents for one growing season (March through December). The purpose of the Pilot Program is to introduce residents to compostable (paper) yard waste bags.

Plastic bags must be torn open by the collection crew, have their contents emptied, and the plastic must be collected for separate disposal. Using paper (or a can or cart!) for Monday grass and leaf collection avoids this time-consuming, unsafe procedure, and decreases contamination of the finished compost.

Space in the Pilot is limited, so please sign up soon by contacting the City of Lawrence Waste Reduction and Recycling Office by calling 832-3030 or e-mailing recycling@ci.lawrence.ks.us with your name, address, e-mail, phone number, and current methods of yard waste management. ("Methods" include using a can, cart, compostable bag, plastic bag, grasscycling (mulch mowing), or home composting.)



Aimee at 832-0232 or Clayton at 842-7616.

Diana Sjogren, Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist, will speak at this month's general meeting on March 8th. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the following link provides more information. [Compost Pilot Program](#) (pdf).

News from the City

City Mapping System Now On-Line -

The City of Lawrence now features an on-line map with seven layers of data. The interactive feature allows users to view and zoom to see aerials of the city, locations of schools, neighborhood boundaries, city limits, water features and streets. The feature can be viewed at lawrenceks.org/infosystems/maps.shtml.

On-Line Complaint Form - There is a complaint form now on the internet, that people can either print or just fill out for neighborhood problems. This will be a way for the neighborhood resources to get problems on file to act on, and perhaps be easier for some people to do. Click [here](#) to access the complaint form.

Road Work - Next week, work will begin on the stormwater project in the area of 13th St. and Oregon. E. 13th St. will be closed between Haskell and Oregon until approximately August. Crews will be working to relocate water and sanitary sewer lines and to construct a reinforced concrete box. Additional street closures will be necessary in the area as the project progresses.

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, or come to this month's general meeting on Monday, March 8. Thank you.

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EAST LAWRENCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 4th ANNUAL YART SALE

Saturday, March 27, 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. at New York School

Gravity boots? remember those? What about gold highlighted porcelain peacocks, those popular fashion staples of 1970s home decor? ELNA promises that you can find similar yard sale treasures at the 4th annual YART SALE, Saturday, March 27, 9-3 p.m., in the gym at New York School. Local artists will also display wonderful wares, ranging from photography and handmade birdhouses to knits, ceramics, and everything in between.

ELNA will accept donations for yard sale goods or baked goods from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on the evening of March 26, also in the New York School Gym. For artists who want to sell their work, tables will be available at the same time on a first come, first served basis. ELNA asks that artists donate 10% of their profits from the YART SALE to the neighborhood association. All proceeds from the sale will go to benefit New York School as well as ELNA's Neighborhood Workday, the Neighborhood Block Party, and the Hobbs Park Mural Project.

Volunteers, said YART SALE organizer Ardys Ramberg. Please, we need volunteers, especially to help price the yard sale goods the night before. Also, we need people to help with the bake sale. She is especially looking forward to seeing what the artists come up with this year. All the wonderful handmade items people put in so much work and time. It means a lot that they care to donate some of their profits to our neighborhood organization.

East Lawrence could use the money, too, says neighborhood coordinator Aimee Polson. The available block grant monies for neighborhood improvement are down, while community interest in improving East Lawrence continues to grow.

We're proud that East Lawrence does this fundraiser, Polson said. It's a sign of how we are trying to help ourselves by raising money to fix up the neighborhood, create more community spirit, and just make it a more beautiful place. We're just lucky to have people who get so into this event.

Take yard sale goods and beautiful art, add in delicious baked goods, and you have the one and only YART SALE, a distinctive event perfectly suited for scenic East Lawrence. Please come!

For any questions, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Ardys Ramberg at 841-8994.

Lawrence Work Force Center to Offer Computer Training

The Lawrence Work Force Center is beginning a new program to offer low cost computer training to the Lawrence Community. They can help people find funding sources for those not able to pay for these services. The Center, that specializes in helping dislocated and disabled workers, provides services

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Got Questions?

About anything city, county, state, or neighborhood related...even biscuit recipes. Call 832-0232 or email eastlawrence@yahoo.com

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assisting people in finding and maintaining employment.

Tracy Adair, Case Coordinator for the Helping Hand of Goodwill Industries at the office based at the Lawrence Workforce Center, will elaborate on the program at this month's general meeting on March 8th in the New York Elementary School Library. If you have questions, call Tracy at 840-9675.

Rhode Island Street 1 Step Closer to National Historic Registry

The Kansas Sites Board of Review met on February 21 to review nomination of 4 Lawrence neighborhoods plus downtown to the National Register of Historic Places. East Lawrence has two districts that are up for nomination: North Rhode Island includes properties between 7th and 12 Street with a few in the 1200 block, South Rhode Island includes most of the 1200 and 1300 block as well as the 1300 block of New Hampshire.

Both East Lawrence Districts were approved for submission to the National Registry, and once the applications are reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Officer they will be forwarded to the National Park Service. Once there, a final decision is expected within 3 to 6 months.

What does this mean for you? It could mean several things. One goal of historic registry within the East Lawrence neighborhood is to minimize the impact of the downtown's development. Another is to enhance and maintain the architectural significance of East Lawrence. This is accomplished by eligibility of tax credits for those properties that are deemed contributing to the flavor of East Lawrence. For information on whether your property is eligible and what types of credits are available, call Aimee at 832-0232.

The proposed National Register Districts are the result of a process that began in 2001 from interested individuals and neighborhoods. A grant was secured from the Kansas State Historical Society in 2002 to research and prepare nominations for five districts in Lawrence.

Sign-up for Community Garden Plot

Spring is only a few weeks away, and now is the time to begin thinking about your gardening plans for the year. Last year, ELNA began a community garden in the 900 block of Pennsylvania. Gardeners who participated last year get first dibs on plots, but there are about 5 currently available. The garden is organic and plot sizes are roughly 8 x 12 feet. One plot costs \$10/20 depending on your income. All money goes toward water costs.

If you are interested in participating, call Aimee at 832-0232.

Red School Rockin' Jamboree at Lawrence Community Nursery School

The annual Red School Rockin' Jamboree, a musical event for all ages, is scheduled for May 1st from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The spring fundraising event for the Lawrence Community Nursery School will feature a variety of local musical performers. It will be held on the school's grounds located on the corner of 7th

and Alabama. Families are invited to come and sing and dance with their children. Tickets are \$3.00 in advance for adults, \$4.00 at the door. Kids 3 to 12 are \$2/3, and kids 2 and under are free. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian food will be provided, and there will be a kids' zone with events for children like a cake walk, face painting, and games. Call 842-0064 with questions. If you want to buy tickets, simply swing by the school.

Workshops Being Offered on Basics of Growing Food

The Kansas/Missouri Growing Growers Program is offering its first two in-depth, single-subject workshops this spring, as part of a goal to expand market-garden production in the Kansas City "food shed" - the land within 100 miles of the greater metropolitan area.

"Soil Building for Vegetable and Fruit Crops" will be March 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Lansing, Kan., 4-H Building.

"Plant Production for the Vegetable Grower" will be April 12 from 4 pm. to 7 p.m. at the St. Clair County Library in Osceola, Mo.

"The training part of our program is designed to help people learn what they need to know to get into producing organic, sustainably grown fresh foods. We're targeting both existing and aspiring growers," said Ted Carey, program coordinator and an Olathe-based Kansas State University Research and Extension horticulturist. The workshops also are open to the public. "Advanced home gardeners and horticultural retailers might also be interested in learning more about this approach to growing food crops," Carey said.

The series that the two workshops introduce will be led by experienced growers, plus faculty from K-State and the University of Missouri-Columbia. Most of the sessions will include a related farm visit. Workshop registration information is on the Web (<http://www.growinggrowers.org/>). Additional information is available by calling 913-488-1270 or e-mailing <growers@ksu.edu>.

Good soils are the basis for growing any organic, sustainable crop. So, they were a natural as the workshop series' lead topic, Carey said.

The first workshop will cover:

- * The basics of soils and soil tests,
- * The microscopic creatures that help create healthy soil,
- * The management practices that affect the availability of soil nutrients, and
- * Making and using compost and "compost tea."

The day-long session will end with a tour of a soil-building program in operation at Paul Conway's Leavenworth, Kan., market-garden farm. The cost for attending, including lunch, is \$30 in advance and \$33 on March 6.

April's late-afternoon workshop on growing vegetable crops will cover the basics of getting horticultural plants started, as well as provide insights on how to select top-selling varieties and how to develop a season-long production calendar. It will conclude with a tour of Bear Creek Farm, an Osceola, Mo., certified-organic market garden that produces vegetables, fruits and herbs in a greenhouse, six "high tunnels" and five acres of land. Registration for the vegetable workshop is \$15 in advance and \$18 on April 12.

Growing Growers is planning other workshops for each month through 2004, according to program manager Katherine Kelly. Details will be posted on the Growing Growers Web site as they become available for each workshop.

The still-developing schedule now includes:

May - Integrating Meat and Dairy Into Your Vegetable Operation
June - Small Farm Health and Safety Practices.
July - Slow Down and Taste Your Food
August - Pests and Diseases and Weeds
September - Post-Harvest Handling Practices
November - Mechanization for Vegetable Production
December - Selling Your Locally Produced Food Products in Kansas City.

Funding for the Growing Growers Program comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (USDA-SARE). Cooperating in developing the program are K- State Research and Extension, University of Missouri Extension and Outreach, the Kansas Rural Center, and the growers' group that calls itself the Kansas City Food Circle. K-State Research and Extension is a short name for the Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, a program designed to generate and distribute useful knowledge for the well-being of Kansans. Supported by county, state, federal and private funds, the program has county Extension offices, experiment fields, area Extension offices and research centers statewide. Its headquarters is on the K-State campus in Manhattan.

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