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Brook Creek Breeze

CANDIDATE FORUM



MARCH-12

EAST LAWRENCE CENTER

7:30 P.M.

ADULT EXERCISE TIME

10 A M to 11:30 AM

Monday-- Tuesday

Thursday- Friday

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Please come!
Brook Creek Improvement Association
Board Members:

MEETINGS
BROOK CREEK
IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION

7:30 P.M.

Third Thursday in each month
(except August)

Next meeting- April 16

All Welcome

BROOK CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES

Pres. - Mr. Don Binns
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C A N D I D A T E F O R U M

Thursday, March 12, East Lawrence Center
One who does not vote has no right to complain
about what public officials do or do not do !

Each person has only one vote and each vote
counts equally. Be sure to bring your vote to the
polls.

If you are undecided as to which candidate
will meet your preference, come to the forum with
your concerns and questions.

Bring a friend as well. You do not need to live
in the neighborhood. All are welcome!

Some things to be discussed: How will the
project be financed ? What has been the cost of
studies so far ? What additional studies will be
required ? Who will replace the businesses which
will be destroyed by the project? Has this been
determined as well as the big stores which are
anticipated? Bring your questions !

SPRING CLEAN-UP

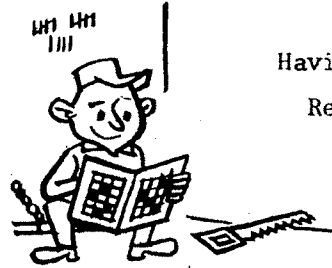
Spring clean-up time
is almost upon us and
the nice weather is
encouraging. Let's do it !

COMMODITIES

Those people who are eligible for commodities
and are unable to come after them, please call a
neighbor to help you or call 843-0471 or the Center
at 841-7758.

Button, button, who has buttons?

West Junior High is trying to accumulate 1,000,000
of any size, type, or condition. If you have some to
discard, please leave them at the Center or at the
school.



Having difficulty with
Reading or Math ?

Classes for
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

are now located in the
Adult Learning Center in the

19th & Haskell Center, in the north building. Hours are
9 to 4 Monday through Thursday and 7 to 9 Tuesday and
Thursday evenings.

One can complete work for the GED (General Educator
Degree) or simply get help with problems in reading or
arithmetic. There is open enrollment any time to anyone
16 years or older. No cost involved.

Call 843-0160 for additional information. Please,
pass this information to a friend who might be interested.

It can help in obtaining a job or doing better in
the job you are presently holding.

EXERCISE , EXERCISE !!

The Center is open to adults for self-directed
exercise activities from 10 AM to 11:30 AM on Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Come and join the
group which is presently enjoying this opportunity and
the fellowship with your neighbors.

In this precinct we have 528 registered voters ?
March 3 a few less than 200 voted. Where were the rest
of you ? Or don't you care?

If you are not registered or have moved within 30
days or have changed your name, hurry down to the court
house and register at the County Clerk's office, just to
the left of the front door.



Statement of Community Development Objectives

The conservation and expansion of the City's housing stock in order to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for all persons, but principally those of low and moderate income.

The expansion and improvement of the quantity and quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development and for the development of viable urban communities.

A more rational utilization of land and other natural resources and the better arrangement of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational and other needed activity centers.

The reduction of the isolation of income groups within the City and the promotion of an increase in the diversity and vitality of neighborhoods through the spatial deconcentration of housing opportunities for persons of lower income and the revitalization of deteriorating or deteriorated neighborhoods to attract persons of higher income.

The restoration and preservation of properties of special value for historic, architectural or aesthetic reasons.

The alleviation of physical and economic distress through the stimulation of private investment and community revitalization in areas with population outmigration or stagnating or declining tax base.

FREE

ENERGY SAVING IMPROVEMENTS

CITY OF LAWRENCE CAN HELP HOMEOWNERS SAVE \$\$\$ ON ENERGY BILLS

The City of Lawrence has money available to pay for weatherizing homes in the city. Improvements can include:

- Attic Insulation
- Storm Windows
- Weatherstripping of Doors
- Caulking of Openings Where Air Can Enter the House

Grants for these improvements will be made to eligible homeowners. No repayment for this assistance is required. Grants will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis with priority given to applicants who live in the five CDBG target neighborhoods.

Eligibility requirements for this assistance are:

1. The home must be owner/occupied with no more than two dwelling units.
2. Mobile homes are not eligible for assistance
3. Annual gross family income cannot exceed the following guidelines:

Family Size	Maximum Income
1	\$13,900
2	\$15,850
3	\$17,850
4	\$19,850
5	\$21,100
6	\$22,300
7	\$23,550
8 plus	\$24,000

Incomes will be verified.

Applications received on or before July 10, 1987, will be given first consideration. Application forms are available at the office of Community Development in Room 08 of City Hall.

For more information, call 841-7722, Ext. 107

THINGS YOU WOULD NOT HAVE WERE IT NOT FOR FOR THIS PROGRAM

1. Paving of Fifteenth Street
2. Sidewalks on Fifteenth Street
3. New water lines north of 15th Street
4. Brook Creek Park
5. East Lawrence Center
6. Shelter house in Brook Creek Park
7. Paved walk from the end of 16th to Center so children avoid mud
8. Soccer field in Edgewood Park
9. Playground equipment in Edgewood Park
10. Shrubbery north of the Center
11. Voting in the Center instead of a school hallway
12. New culverts at the corner of 13th and Oakhill

For the year 1987 -88 we will receive \$800 for trees in Brook Creek Park and \$10,000 for drainage improvements from Brook Creek to the River.

FREE SUMMER FUN

EDGEWOOD PARK

9 AM to 12 AM

Until middle of July

Free swimming every Friday morning- bus to the pool.

Parents need to sign up child on first day and provide information.

Two instructors on duty.

Where else in town can you find so much for so little effort on the part of parents?

AND IT'S FREE ! ! ! !

Hurry and sign up ! Don't miss another day ! Do it now !

NEW DIRECTOR AT EAST LAWRENCE CENTER

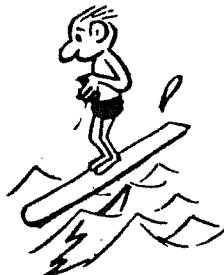
Rich, the former director, transferred to Manhattan, Kansas.

The new director, Mr. Calvin Jackson, is on the job and

we welcome him and wish him every success in this new venture.

The Advisory Council will continue to meet as in the past.

Adult exercise program in the mornings will continue . If no one is there ,contact Goldie Harmon at 843 6786 or Rachel Grantham at 843 0471.



No fees unless a special event is planned.

EAST LAWRENCE CENTER

1 PM to 4 PM

Ages 5 thru 12

Special surprise every Thursday

Special art teacher once each week .

Bookmobile and story lady once each week.

SEPTEMBER PICNIC

Members and guests of Brook Creek Neighborhood Association will have our first fall meeting September 3, 6:15 PM at the shelter house in Brook Creek Park. (or at the Center in case of storm).

Bring your table service and a covered dish or dessert.

Meat and drinks will be furnished.

Be prepared to say "yes" when the calling committee contacts you. Put it on your calendar NOW !

CONGRATULATIONS MR. FAWCETT

We are pleased to hear that Steve has reached the status of Professor at K.U.

It couldn't have happened to a nicer or more deserving person.

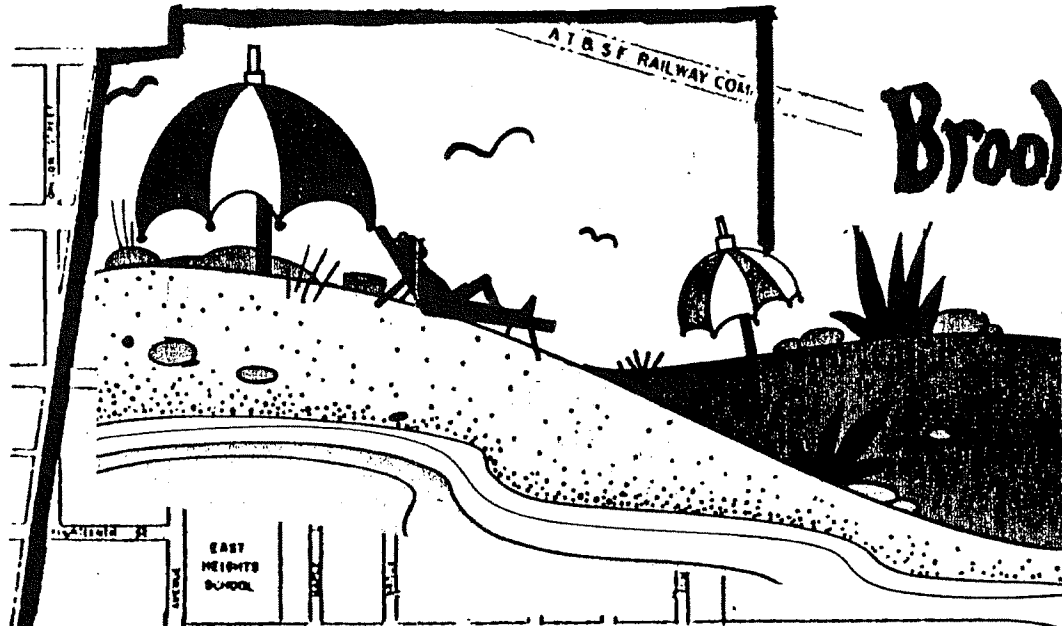


"The house isn't sinking; the grass needs mowing."

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EAST LAWRENCE CENTER

Summer Hours
Week days 1 to 5 PM
Sundays 3 to 6 PM

Adult Exercise hours
10 to 11:30
See inside for further information

MEETINGS BROOK CREEK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION * * *

No meetings in July or August

September 3
Picnic in Brook Creek Park
(see inside for details)

Other meetings 7:30 P M
Second Thursday of month
East Lawrence Center
All welcome !

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BROOK CREEK DRAINAGE, CRACKER BOX BUILDING LOTS
ISSUES SETTLED BY NEW CITY COMMISSION

After voicing concern over several issues at the May 14 Brook Creek Neighborhood Meeting, the members chose President Don Binns to go to the City Commission Meeting on May 19, to try and get some decisions favorable for Brook Creek. The results show we can be proud of Mr. Binns, and also proud of our newly elected City Commissioners Mike Rundle, Bob Schumm and Dennis Constance.

The Commission was approving the final 1988 C.D. budget, and after hearing from Mr. Binns about how year after year, no allocated C.D. money has been spent to correct the flooding of Brook Creek, they decided to restore \$10,000 to the budget for this problem. They also approved \$1000 for newsletter and administrative costs (\$400 less than requested), and the requested amount of \$800 for tree planting in the neighborhood.

Another item of major concern to almost everyone in the neighborhood was the City staff plan to give blanket approval to developers to build houses on any of the undersize vacant lots in Brook Creek Neighborhood (and North Lawrence too), that they could get their hands on. Our lots north of 15th Street are only 40ft wide instead of the standard 60ft, and average only 5280ft² instead of the standard 7000ft² for RS-2 zoning. Staff wanted to allow building on lots as small as 4550ft², and with no public hearing! Well, we've seen what happens when developers cram cracker boxes into these little bitty lots. If they approved this, we would end up with much more storm water run-off from roofs and driveways, more traffic, more noise. . . simply more density than what RS-2 zoning allows for.

Well Juanita Crumet and Michael Almon circulated a petition against the proposal, some 65 people signed it, and Mr. Binns carried it to the City Commission. Even before Mr. Binns spoke, Commissioners Rundle and Constance said the proposal violated the intent of RS-2 zoning, and after Mr. Binns made his arguments, the Commission voted 5-0 to reject the proposed changes.

Instead, the City will continue to take variance requests for any undersize lot, and the Board of Zoning Appeals will judge them on their merits, case by case, at public hearing where neighbors can protest. In addition, the City staff will now notify the neighborhood Association of any such variance applications.

These are important victories, and they remind us what we can do when we work together to elect good Commissioners and press for good policies and good funding.

Report presented by Michael Almon

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

If you would like to be a part of the planning for use of Community Development funds, now is your opportunity. Jim Tucker, who has served ably for a number of years is no longer eligible. Could you suggest some one. Everett Hoover has completed his first term and is eligible for another term. Elizabeth Vogt, who is presently serving a two year term will serve until Sept. 1988.

1 WHAT IS A HOUSING REHABILITATION DEFERRED LOAN?

A housing rehabilitation deferred loan is a no-interest loan to homeowners from the City of Lawrence Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. No payments are required by the homeowner as long as he or she continues to own and occupy the property repaired with CDBG funds. Up to 50% of the total amount loaned may be forgiven over a seven-year period. When the homeowner ceases to be owner/occupant through sale or other circumstance, the remaining balance of the deferred loan must be repaid in full.

2 WHAT IS A HOUSING REHABILITATION INSTALLMENT LOAN?

A housing rehabilitation installment loan is a no interest loan to homeowners from the City of Lawrence Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. A \$50.00 per month payment is required on these loans, although up to 50% of the total amount loaned may be forgiven over a seven-year period. When the homeowner ceases to be owner/occupant through sale or other circumstance, the remaining balance on the loan amount must be repaid in full.

3 WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A HOUSING REHABILITATION DEFERRED LOAN?

A deferred loan pays for the costs of repairs and improvements necessary to upgrade an owner-occupied property to minimum housing standards adopted by the the City for the CDBG Program.

4 WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A HOMEOWNER?

A homeowner is defined as all persons having legal or equitable interest in a property as well as purchasers under a written, legally binding "contract for deed."

5 WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF AN OWNER/OCCUPANT?

An Owner/Occupant is defined as a person or persons who have had legal or equitable interest in a property for at least one year prior to submission of an application and have resided in the property for at least one year prior to submission of an application.

6. WHAT ARE THE BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA WHICH AN OWNER/OCCUPANT MUST MEET TO QUALIFY FOR A DEFERRED OR INSTALLMENT LOAN?

Basic eligibility requirements are as follows:

- a. The property must be located in the City of Lawrence.
- b. The owner/occupant must have occupied the property for at least 12 months prior to the date of application for the loan.
- c. The property cannot contain more than two (2) dwelling units.
- d. The property cannot be a mobile home.
- e. The homeowner must not have previously received a loan or grant for housing rehabilitation from the City.
- f. The owner must have adequate hazard insurance on the property.
- g. Property taxes must be paid and kept up to date.
- h. The homeowners (including all persons having legal or equitable interest in the property as well as sellers and buyers under a written, legally binding "contract for deed") must accept in writing the Terms and Conditions Under Which Loans Are Made.

- i. Annual gross income (as defined below) of all adults who share the same dwelling unit with the owner/occupant may not exceed the following:

<u>FAMILY SIZE</u>	<u>DEFERRED LOANS</u>	<u>INSTALLMENT LOANS</u>
1	\$12,163	\$13,900
2	13,868	15,850
3	15,618	17,850
4	17,368	19,850
5	18,463	21,100
6	19,513	22,300
7	20,606	23,550
8+	21,700	24,800

Gross income shall include actual monies received prior to deductions for taxes, insurance, social security, etc., from salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, interest, dividends, trips, capital gains, rental income, Social Security Benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), private pensions, Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), and any other source. Copies of the most current income tax returns for all wage earners will be required and further verification will be requested as needed.

7. HOW MUCH MAY BE BORROWED?

- The owner may borrow the amount necessary to bring his or her property into compliance with the Property Rehabilitation Standards, as determined by the Community Development Department Rehabilitation Specialist and Director, OR \$17,000.00, WHICHEVER IS LESS. The owner should be aware that a rehabilitation loan will not generally be used to complete cosmetic or other similar general property improvements.

8. WHAT IF \$17,000.00 IS NOT ENOUGH TO PAY FOR ALL NECESSARY REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS?

The homeowner must place in a City escrow account any amount in excess of \$17,000.00 before construction can begin. In cases where the homeowner cannot provide the additional money needed to do all needed repairs, a deferred rehabilitation loan cannot be made.

9. WHO DECIDES WHAT REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY?

A qualified Community Development Department Rehabilitation Specialist will inspect the property in order to determine what work is necessary to upgrade the property to the Property Rehabilitation Standards adopted by the City for the CDBG Program. The Rehabilitation Specialist must include all work necessary to bring the property up to the Property Rehabilitation Standard.

WHO DOES THE CONSTRUCTION WORK?

Construction work is completed by rehabilitation contractors who have been screened and selected by the Community Development Department. The City invites all approved contractors to bid on the rehabilitation work, and the lowest, acceptable bidder is awarded the contract for rehabilitation work.

FREE REMOVAL OF DETERIORATED STRUCTURES

Why not get rid of that old, broken down shed or garage behind your home or rental property? Or, do you own an old abandoned house that should be removed?

The Community Development Department of the City of Lawrence has allocated a limited amount of funds to be used for the voluntary demolition and clearance of dilapidated buildings and outbuildings (garages, sheds, etc.).

The basic eligibility requirements are:

1. The structure to be demolished must be in one of the following CDBG target neighborhood areas: Pinckney, Oread, East Lawrence, Brook Creek, and North Lawrence.
2. The applicant need not be an owner/occupier of the property where the structure to be demolished is located.
3. There will be no income restrictions unless requests for demolition exceed available funds. In that case, first priority will be applicants who meet the CDBG income guidelines.

Clearance and demolition contracts will be administered by the Community Development Department.

RENTAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Investments in Lawrence, Kansas, neighborhoods can pay high dividends for owners of rental property. A significant percentage of the City's population resides in rented housing and the City's vacancy rate is low, making ownership of rental housing an attractive investment in Lawrence.

If you are interested in repairing and upgrading rental property in Lawrence with private funds, your private funds can be matched dollar for dollar (to a maximum of \$5,000 per unit or \$5,000 per unit average in multiple unit projects) with federal Rental Rehabilitation funds administered by the Lawrence Community Development Department. The federal match is offered as a deferred loan (no monthly installment payments), which may be forgiven over a 10 year period. Properties must be located in the East Lawrence, Brook Creek, or Pinckney areas, or in certain portions of North Lawrence and South Lawrence near 25th and Iowa. Federal subsidy assistance for lower income renters may also be available in conjunction with the Rental Rehabilitation Program (through the Lawrence Housing Authority).

If you own or have thought about owning rental housing in Lawrence, Kansas, you can benefit from the Rental Rehabilitation Program.

For more information, simply contact the Lawrence Community Development Department, P.O. Box 708, Lawrence, Kansas 66044, or come by City Hall, 6 East 6th Street, ground floor, or just call (913) 841-7722, extension 100.

MINOR HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Improvements that improve health, safety, energy costs, or conditions that cause blight and deterioration are eligible.

Heat pumps will not be allowed.

Amount limit- \$500 or less.

Property must be located within the city limits, must be owner-occupied and contain no more than 2 dwelling units.

Applicant cannot have received rehab assistance from Community Development since December 31, 1978.

EMERGENCY REPAIR LOANS AND GRANTS

Improvements that eliminate immediate hazards to health and safety or conditions that are likely to cause health and safety hazards in the near future.

Amount of assistance limit \$2,300 or less.

Applicant must have owned and occupied property for 12 months prior to date of application if amount exceeds \$500. Applicant cannot have received rehab assistance from the city since December 31, 1978. Property must be within the city limits and contain no more than two dwelling units.

- f) The applicant must sign a Mortgage Note and Mortgage for the amount of financial assistance in excess of \$500. If the cost of the work is more than \$500, but less than \$600, the applicant must deposit with the City the amount in excess of \$500.
- g) The C.D.D. staff must determine whether an emergency exists.
- h) The C.D.D. staff shall determine whether the property is of sufficient value to warrant the loan.
- i) The Grant Review Board must approve all loan applications.

2. Eligible Use of Funds

Improvements that eliminate immediate hazards to health and safety or conditions that are likely to cause health and safety hazards in the near future.

3. Grant and Loan Limit Per Property

- a) \$2,500, or
- b) The amount necessary to make the improvement, whichever is less.

4. Payback Requirements

- a) Financial assistance of \$500 or less shall be a grant to the recipient and need not be repaid.
- b) The amount of financial assistance in excess of \$500 shall be in the form of a loan which must be repaid in a lump sum when the recipient ceases to be an owner-occupant of the property improved. (Example: If the total financial assistance is \$1,000, the repayment would be \$500).
- c) No interest will be charged on loans.

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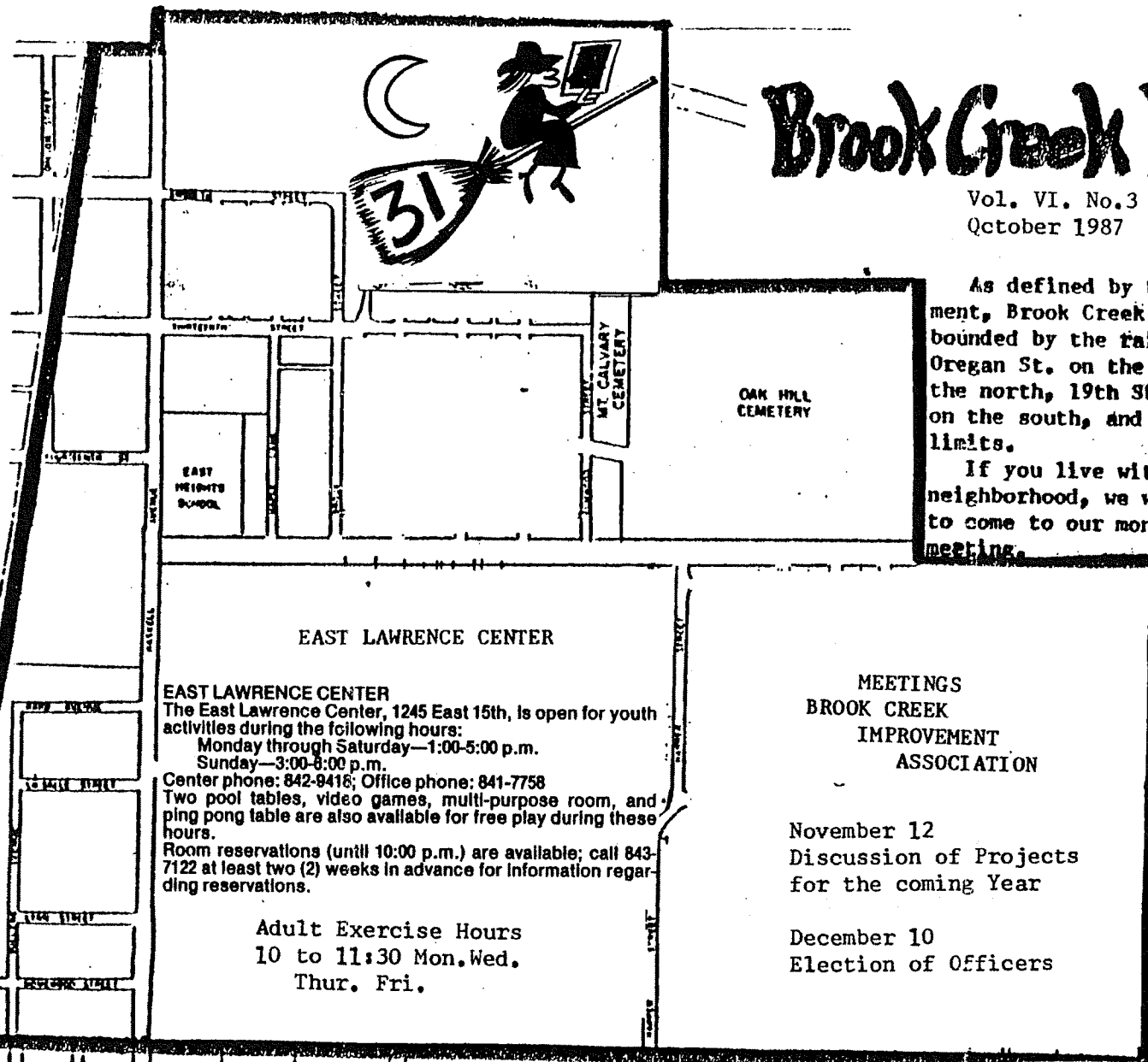
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EAST LAWRENCE CENTER
The East Lawrence Center, 1245 East 15th, is open for youth activities during the following hours:
Monday through Saturday—1:00-5:00 p.m.
Sunday—3:00-8:00 p.m.
Center phone: 842-8418; Office phone: 841-7758
Two pool tables, video games, multi-purpose room, and ping pong table are also available for free play during these hours.
Room reservations (until 10:00 p.m.) are available; call 843-7122 at least two (2) weeks in advance for information regarding reservations.

Adult Exercise Hours
10 to 11:30 Mon. Wed.
Thur. Fri.

MEETINGS
BROOK CREEK
IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION

November 12
Discussion of Projects
for the coming Year

December 10
Election of Officers

BROOK CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES

EASTERN PARKWAY TASK FORCE

Our president, Don Binns, has been appointed by the mayor to serve on the Eastern Parkway Task Force. It is good to know that someone from our neighborhood will be there to speak for us on a project which will affect our part of the city.

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D U E S

Some of you have forgotten about dues since Mr. Hargrove has not been around to remind you. Mr. Miller, our new treasurer, does not have time away from his job as patrolman to call on you individually. So, Please, make an effort to bring your dues to the next meeting, or give them to Doug Miller at 1235 Prairie Ave.

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NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS FUNDED BY COMMUNITY FUNDS

Attached to this newsletter you will find several several neighborhood programs described which are funded by Community Development funds. If you are interested and eligible for any of these programs, please, contact the office at City Hall or write P.O. Box 708 in care of City Hall.

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ADULT EXERCISE HOURS

East Lawrence Center can be used for adult exercise beginning November 1 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 to 11:30 A.M. Since the janitor may not be on duty all the time and if no one is there call 843-6787 or 843-0471 for the key.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

December 1 is the date neighborhood projects are due. If you have any suggestions, please, contact Don Binns right away so that he may have time to formulate them for presentation to the city committee.

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E L E C T I O N

November 3, is the city-county election for the one cent sales tax which the county is requesting.

Be sure you are registered and V O T E !

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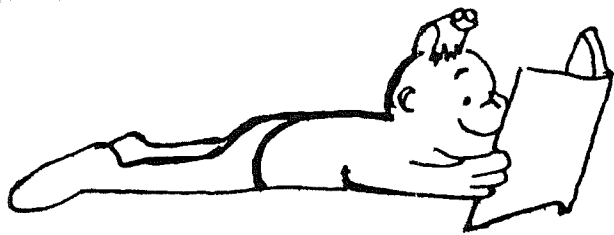
D O G S

Have you noticed the number of dogs roaming at large through our neighborhoods of late ? If you are the owner of one of these canine friends, please remember that this is not allowed. If you are being disturbed by them, please call the animal control officer.

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P I C N I C

If you missed the picnic in September- too bad ! Forty-four of us met in Brook Creek Park and enjoyed much food and fellowship.



If you have been unable to attend Brook Creek Neighborhood meetings because you need a baby sitter, funds may be made available for such services during the meeting time. If this would make it possible for you to attend and if you are interested, we need to know so arrangements can be made. If you can participate, please call 843-0471, 843-9390, Or 843-6787. Or you may use the form below and mail it to BrookCreek Association 1402 East Glen Drive.

YES- I would be interested in Baby Sitting service during the meetings of Brook Creek Neighborhood Association meetings at the East Lawrence Center.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

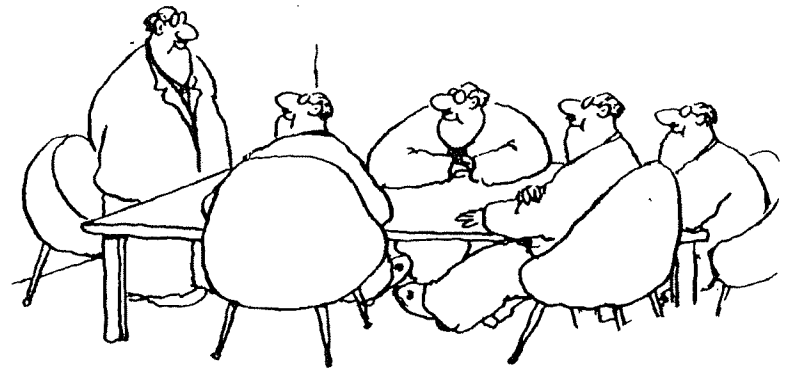
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

These are the items approved by the board for our neighborhood and the amounts allowed:

Sidewalk repair Elmwood and Prairie	\$1,000
Surface road on east side of Brook Creek Park	1,000
Baby-sitting service	100
Qperating expenses	1,400

	\$3,100

Other suggested projects were not approved.



Is there a program you would like to have presented, a speaker you would like to hear about a current issue, or a subject you would discussed about our neighborhood or city ?

If so, please let us know. We are sorry that we were not notified when the down town development was to be discussed at our meeting so we were unable to notify you.

If you have any suggestions, please call 843-0471, or 843=9390.

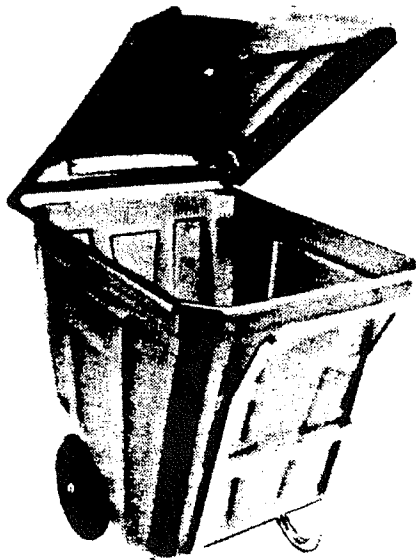
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The Community Development Advisory Committee has completed its review and deliberations on all proposals for 1988 funds. The committee will present its recommendations to the City Commission. The Commission will conduct a public hearing on or about May 15, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the proposed statement of objectives and proposed use of funds. The City Commission will make its final decision on the use of funds at the next commission meetins after the public hearing.

You are urged to attend this public meeting and discover how the funds are being distributed and voicing any suggestions or protests which you may have.



TRASH IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?



As we look around our neighborhood , we find that we are not as neat about caring for our properties as we have been in the past. We need to revive our pride in our appearance-- clear out the trash. The city will help, if you ask, to dispose of delapidated buildings, dead trees, large items which the regular pick-up does not handle (call before Wed.) Remember, trash piles invite rats and other pests which threaten health as well as being unpleasant to see.

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And while you are cleaning up you may find useful items which you no longer need. So !!!!!!!

DO YOUR SPRING CLEANING

AND GIVE US YOUR CAST OFFS!

BENEFIT AUCTION FOR THE SENIOR CRAFTS PROGRAM

FREE REMOVAL OF DILAPIDATED GARAGES, SHEDS AND DEAD OR DYING TREES

The community Development Department of the City of Lawrence has funds allocated for clearance and demolition in CDBG Target Neighborhoods: Oread, Pinckney, East Lawrence, Brook Creek, and North Lawrence.

There are no income restrictions. (If requests exceed available funds, priority will be given to applicants who meet CDBG income guidelines.) Application forms for this program are available at the office of Community Development in room 8, of City Hall.

QUESTIONS: call 841-7722, Ext. 100

Bring items to the Senior Center
at 745 Vermont
or
call 842-0543 for pick-up
of large items.

THE AUCTION
IS PLANNED
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WATCH FOR
FUTURE
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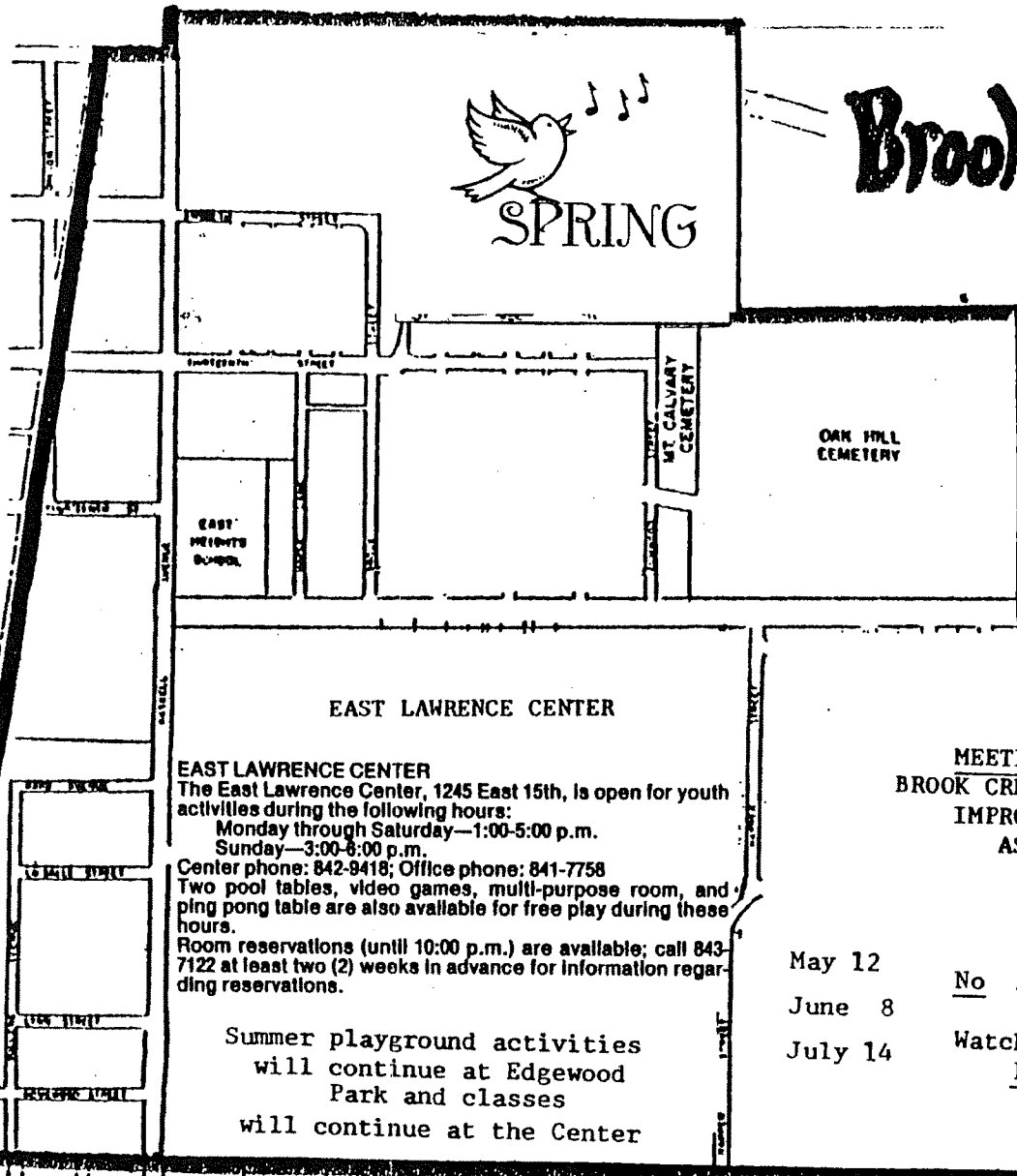
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Summer playground activities
will continue at Edgewood
Park and classes
will continue at the Center

MEETINGS BROOK CREEK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

May 12

June 8

July 14

No August meeting

Watch for September
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BROOK CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES



ADULT LEARNING CONNECTION

1910 HASKELL, SUITE 2
LAWRENCE, KANSAS 66046
913 843 0160

Do you know someone who:



- a) didn't finish high school?
- b) is unemployed and needs a GED to qualify for a job?
- c) needs to improve basic reading skills?
- d) needs to improve basic math skills?
- e) wants a GED?

Tell them their problems can be solved at the
ADULT LEARNING CONNECTION
1910 HASKELL
843-0160
FREE day and night classes



WHAT IS ADULT BASIC EDUCATION?

Adult Basic Education classes provide services to help Kansans increase knowledge and improve skills essential in today's world in three areas:

1. **Basic Skills:** Classes enable adults to improve their skills in reading, math, English, science or social studies. Special literacy classes are also available for non-readers.
ABE - Adult Basic Education.
2. **High School Equivalency Preparation (GED):** Classes prepare adults for the General Educational Development (GED) tests. GED testing is scheduled by appointment at the Lawrence Continuing Education office. Practice tests are available.
3. **English As A Second Language (ESL):** Classes enable adults from other countries, with little or no knowledge of English, to improve knowledge of basic English structure, pronunciation and conversation.

Classes are designed for students who want to review their basic skills before they take the GED exam as well as those students who need more individualized one-on-one study. Students work at their own level and in their own areas of interest.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

If you are at least 16, a resident of Kansas, and not enrolled in another educational institution, you are eligible to participate in the classes.

To be eligible to take the GED test, you should be 18 and your high school class should have graduated. Special permission to take the test can be obtained from the KSDE by persons 16 or 17 years of age. For further information, call the Continuing Education office.

HOW CAN I ENROLL?

You can enroll in class by going to the Adult Learning Connection during class time. Enrollment is continuous throughout the year.

WHERE DO CLASSES MEET? WHEN?

ABE, GED and ESL classes all meet at the Adult Learning Connection located in the 19th Street Shopping Center, 19th and Haskell Avenue, Lawrence.

Classes meet Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

HOW MUCH DO CLASSES COST?

Tuition is free for the ABE and GED classes. There may be a charge for the ESL classes. A book deposit is required for materials taken home.

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NEIGHBORHOOD



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER

BROOK CREEK PARK

6:30 P.M.



Bring a covered dish and your table service * * * * Drinks will be furnished!
Come and meet your neighbors. If you are new to the neighborhood, we extend to you a special welcome.

Brook Creek Neighborhood Improvement Association is exactly what the name states. It is concerned with the welfare of the entire area. It is a channel for getting information to you from the city and in turn making neighborhoods evident to the city.

It also prepares and presents projects suggested by the members to the commission in charge of Federal funding for neighborhood projects, such as drainage problems along Brook Creek; laying a water line along Oakhill and Thirteenth Street; playground equipment for Edgewood and Brook Creek Parks; a sidewalk from the end of sixteenth street to the East Lawrence Center so children will not have to face traffic along Cadet street where there are no sidewalks; paving and curbing Fifteenth Street; installing a fence and planting shrubbery at the Center and planting trees in Brook Creek Park; just to name a few things which the city would not provide for us.

Now, if we do not have enough members to carry on our representation, we do not know what the neighborhood needs or desires and we will lose the benefits available to us, and you are one of those important to carrying on our organization. It is necessary to have a consensus of the neighborhood before requesting improvements. Those neighborhoods with strong memberships are the ones receiving the most benefits.

If you have come and had your particular problem solved, don't stop coming-be there to help your neighbor as he was there to help you. Are you worried about industrial encroachment upon your property? Are you worried because Fifteenth Street has been designated as a truck route from the East Hills Industrial Park although it was not paved with City funds and was not paved for heavy traffic? Have you other concerns? In numbers there is strength. Come-teogther we may be able to help. over, please

M E E T I N G S are every second Thursday of the month except July and August at the E A S T L A W R E N C E C E N T E R, 15th and Brook.

D U E S are \$1.00 per year per member. Where else can you get representation so cheaply?

So, bring your covered dishes, your table service, your family and come to our picnic !!!!!!! Oh yes, and bring your dollars. We are waiting to greet you and hear your ideas for a year of neighborhood improvement.

Oh yes ! we have speakers parties and programs in addition to discussions.

Its a great way to get acquainted and find out what fine neighbors you have. If you received this letter you are in the neighborhood.

If you have small children we might even help find or provide sitters for the evening meetings. Let us know.

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CONTEST

Whos has lived in Brook Creek Neighborhood the longest ? If you were here before 1930, 1920 , 1910 , or earlier, please call 843-0471 and give your name, address and length of residence.

We might have a surprise for you !!!!!!!

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S E N I O R C O N F E R E N C E N E W S

Health Screening Clinics

Effective 7/1/88 the charges for services at the Health Screening Clinics will be \$1.00 for each test and \$5.00 for Tetanus-diphtheria immunization. Pneumovax vaccine will continue to be \$7.50.

No one will be denied services because of inability to pay.

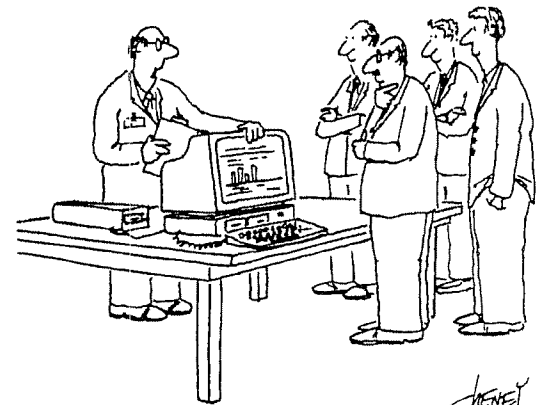
Services provided: Blood pressure check, hemoglobin, hearing test, blood sugar test, health and nutrition counseling, pneumonia vaccine and Td immunization.

Clinic sites:

Babcock Place, 1700 Mass., Lawrence

Every Tues., 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Every Wed., 9:00-2:00 p.m.



"But its most outstanding feature is that it can create the illusion that work is being done."

Don't let anyone stand there and tell you you're getting old-----squash their toes with your

ROCKER !!!

The Issues Discussion
Group meets on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., in the Lower Level Activities Room at the Senior Center, 7th and Vermont. All seniors are welcome to come either to express their views or just listen to the conversation.

The group is led by Jack Baur. He can tell you more about the group and also the topics of future meetings. His phone number is 843-0042.

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will be a Christmas dessert party- bring any sort you desire. There will be a short business meeting for election of officers followed by a program by East Heights School.

The meeting will start at 7 P M which is 1/2 hour earlier than we usually meet. Be sure to put this on your calendar!

Dues for 1989 may be paid at that time also. Some were paid at the September picnic. Those are good for 1989 also.

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EAST HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Mrs. Scott brought her first grade to the polls on election day to see how we voted. We understand they spent the rest of the day at the American Royal. We are sure they found that more exciting.

It was suggested that our association contact the school to see how we can be of assistance to them.

We have voted to urge the city to install the flashing lights there which they have placed at other city schools

NEWCOMERS

It was suggested that whenever any one moves into the neighborhood, the Brook Creek Association be notified so they may be contacted and also make sure that if they are new to the city that the Welcome Wagon be notified.

The number to call for the Welcome Wagon is 3-8617. Lets be friendly in our neighborhood.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR 1989

Requests for projects to be funded by Community Development funds need to be presented by December 10. The following suggestions have been discussed.(If you have any others ,please, contact Don Binns and express your opinion.)

1. Sealing and surfacing the road on the east side of Brook Creek Park.
- m2. Repairing the alley or road which connects Wedgewood and Lindenwood Lane on the south ends.
3. Widening and resurfacing 12th Street between Prairie and Summit Streets.
4. More trees in the area. It has been suggested that individuals make application for them to be placed in the parking in front of their houses and agree to water them in the summer months.
5. Restrooms be placed in Brook Creek and Edgewood parks. Since the East Lawrence Center is open only a limited number of hours and is far from the ball diamod and playground it is not feasible to depend on it for Edgewood Park. Furthermore these are the only parks in the city where Building and Grounds has not provided such facilities.Surely they would not be abused in this area more than in others.
6. Flashing lights during school hours for East Heights school as have been provided by the city for other schools. Since Fifteenth Street has been designated as a truck route, the dangerous speeding which occurs there makes the corner of Fifteenth and Haskell one of the most dangerous in town. Are our children less precious than those in other neighborhoods ?

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PROJECT S O R T

The Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods is encourag-a plan whereby the city trash would be sorted into those materials such as glass, paper etc. which can be recycled andbe kept separate from the disposable trash.

This has a two fold purpose.We are running out of places to dispose of our trash without harm to people and anything recyclable is a saving of natural resources.

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Mr. & Mrs. Herman Meyer spent a three week holiday in Germany during October and found it as beautiful as October in KANSAS.

They were visiting relatives and discovering the history of their two families. Interestingly they found that both of their families (Meyer and Schaake) came from approximately the same area of the country.

The area where they visited centered around Vohl in West Germany. It is located near a large lake and Edersee Dam. The dam was bombed during World War II and the ensuing flood resulted in the death of 1500 people.

They were near Bad Sooden which is on the border of East Germany so they observed the heavily guarded fence (extension of the Berlin Wall) between East and West Germany.

They visited Hamlin Town which was made famous in America by the poem "The Pied Piper of Hamlin Town."

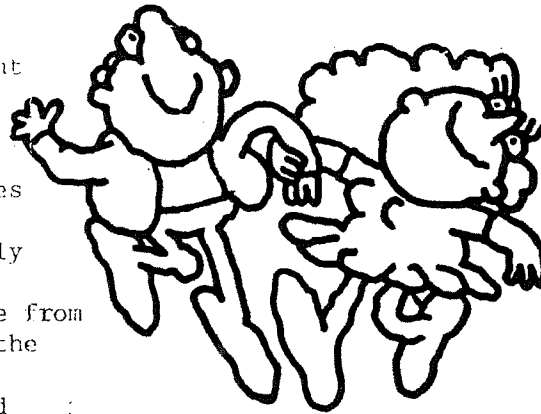
They traveled down the Rhine River and saw the many castles among which was the Nouse Tower. This too was made famous in America by Longfellow in his poem "The Children's Hour". Interestingly enough, just across the Rhine is located the "Katz Tower".

The Rhine is bordered on both sides by grape vineyards from which is made some of the world's finest wines.

They observed some of their ancestral homes which had not been destroyed during the war. Some of them were four to six centuries old. Some of those which had been damaged were still in the process of restoration. Most of them had been built of sandstone.

They reported that the drought had been equally as bad there as here and crops had suffered accordingly. Trees in the many forests were beautiful colors as they are here. Roads were excellent and speed limits almost non-existent. Streets were in good repair and and no trash on streets or roads. Food was excellent and sleeping under feather beds delightful.

They will cherish their trip for a long time in the many pictures they took.



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Some new equipment has been placed in Edgewood Park- three picnic tables, climbing ladders, and two obstacles for climbing along the walking path.

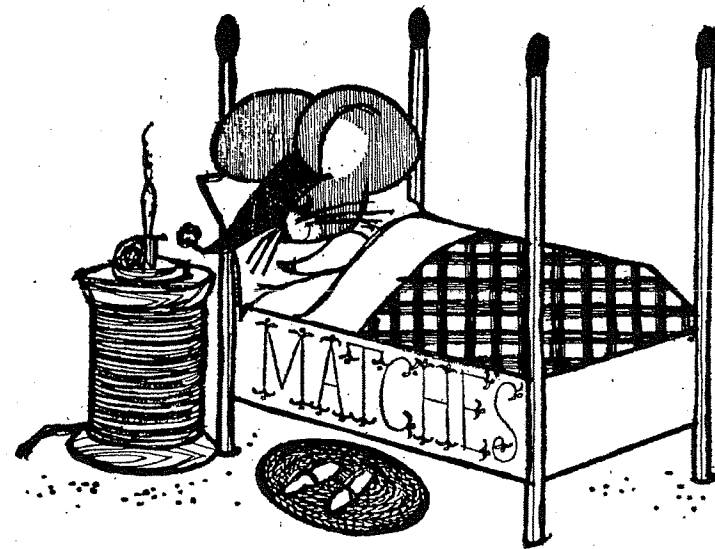
Unfortunately, someone set fire to the wooden climbing equipment. It was partially burned but not destroyed for use. Such vandalism is inexcusable and should be reported immediately if any one observes it.

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EARLY RESIDENTS

In answer to our question in the last issue about long time residents -- Of those reporting - The two who have lived the longest continually are Goldie Harmon who was born here and Arthur Patterson who moved here in 1923.

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*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house ...
And just as in that famous verse from the past, we wish you
"Happy Christmas to all ... and to all a good night!"*

Eleventh Street

Brook Creek Breeze

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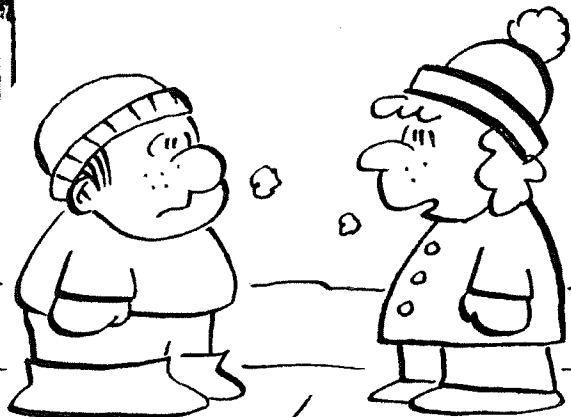
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"You mean you didn't get your letter to Santa notarized?"

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December 8, 1988
January 12, 1989
February 9, 1989

Dues Time for 1989
only \$1.00

What a bargain!
Surprise--

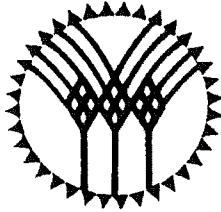
No "cost of living" raise!

Nineteenth Street (north side)

BROOK CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES

Santa Fe Track

Maryann Bohn file



DOUGLAS COUNTY
**SENIOR
SERVICES**
INCORPORATED

745 VERMONT
LAWRENCE, KANSAS 66044
(913) 842-0543

Dear Friend,

As the holiday season quickly approaches, Douglas County Senior Services (formerly Douglas County Council on Aging) has begun its annual fund drive for the Holiday Bureau program. As a participant in this community-wide program, we distribute food, warm clothing and household supplies to elderly recipients.

As a result of generous donations of goods and money from individuals and groups last year, we were able to provide holiday baskets for 93 households. The people who receive these baskets cope all year with such problems as severe illness, low income, and social isolation.

The number of participating households we serve has grown steadily during the last four years. Our goal for this year is to distribute holiday baskets to 100 households, which would be an increase of 75 households since our first year of participation in 1984.

At this time we are also seeking donations to replenish our Emergency Fund. Through this fund we are able to provide assistance to low income aged who have exhausted all other resources. The Emergency Fund provides grants and loans to those needing help with utility cut-offs, housing emergencies, durable medical equipment, and other vital needs. A holiday donation to the Emergency Fund will provide year-round help to those who need it most.

Please include the Douglas County Senior Services Holiday Bureau or the DCSS Emergency Fund in your holiday giving this year.

We are asking individuals and groups to contribute money and goods such as food, clothing and household supplies for holiday baskets. Some donors prefer to become more involved by obtaining a "wish list" and doing the shopping and wrapping for their adoptee.

You may send your contribution to the address listed above. Please specify if your gift is for the Holiday Bureau or for the Emergency Fund.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Strand
Information and Referral Director

Charles H. Oldfather
Information and Referral Committee Chairperson

You may bring your contributions, or your request to be adopted to our Christmas party and we will forward the to the proper place.

Brook Creek Association