

East Lawrence News

January 1998

Happy New Year! from your neighbors in ELIA

ELIA General Meeting New York School Library January 12th at 7:00pm*

Please come.

You don't need to join ELIA
to come to these meetings.

*A half hour earlier than announced at the
last General Meeting!

Thank you to everyone who came to our last meeting and made it a great success.

Throughout this newsletter, you can read about the
good things happening in our neighborhood thanks
to you.

Here's what we have planned for the ELIA General Meeting:

A report from the new Treasurer

Choose a Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
representative

Announcements

Update on our Community Development Block
Grants for next year, our main source of funds.

James Hilliard and Austin Turney invited to speak on
enrollment vs. capacity problems at Lawrence
schools.

Invited speaker from the Lawrence Police Depart-
ment on the Safe House program

Lynn Goodell of Housing and Neighborhood Devel-
opment to speak on the changes in the city ordi-
nance on blight and neglect, seeking neighborhood
input.

Election Results

Here are the results of our neighborhood election at
the last ELIA General Meeting, on November 10th:

1997-1998 Officers

President

Jean Ann Pike 880-0072 (pager)

Vice President

Tony Backus 841-0973

Secretary

Christy Dahl 842-9945

Treasurer

Shannon Murphy 832-5220

1997-1998 Board of Directors

John Swift 843-0123

Bill Wachspress 865-1404

Lori Hinrichsen 865-1404

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Ardys Ramberg 841-8994

Janice Smith 841-6317

Nelson Schlater 832-9741

Reuben Wade 841-6317

Maryrose Larkin 865-1309

LAN Rep needed

If you would like to represent East Lawrence to the
Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, please let us
know. We'll be choosing a new representative at the
January General Meeting.

Meeting Minutes

November 10th General Meeting

Introductions and attendance record

Needs Assessment

- What should be included
- Formed a committee to evaluate and organize
- Committee meeting to be November 18, 1997, 7:00 p.m. at Lori Hinrichson's house.

New Members paid dues

Election of new Board of Directors and Officers

New Business in process and to be discussed at next general meeting, January 12, 1998, 7:30 p.m. at New York Elementary

- Rehabilitation of house at 832 Connecticut
- Specifics of tower that Sprint PCS has requested to build by police station
- Election of representative to Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods
- Election of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) representative(s)

General Information

- Community roto-tiller available from 1205 Pennsylvania for \$5/half day

December 16th Board Meeting

- General announcements
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requests submitted December 1, 1997
- The next general ELIA meeting will be moved from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM on January 12, 1998. Jean Ann Pike will advise the previous general meeting attendees
- Robert Baker is organizing an East Lawrence home tour
- Lawrence Preservation Alliance is researching the possibility of a tax freeze or other tools to encourage the rehabilitation of East Lawrence homes
- Jean Ann Pike will obtain a P.O. Box for the ELIA
- Bill Wachspress must receive any information to be included in the next ELIA newsletter by December 28.
- Jean Ann Pike will forward information on New York Elementary School's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Dinner.
- Bill Wachspress will research adding historical vignettes from Jim McCrary's book to the newsletter.
- Overview of meeting with Sprint PCS

- CDBG Neighborhood Representatives
Brenda Nunez will continue as CDBG rep.
Michelle Bird will send a letter of resignation
Bill Wachspress will apply as new rep.
Nelson Schlater will attend meetings when others have conflicts
Next CDBG meeting is Wednesday, December 10th at 4:00 PM at City Hall

• Coordinator Opening

KT Walsh to run advertisement for the opening of ELIA Coordinator position in Lawrence
Journal World December 14-20, 1997

Volunteer hiring committee

Jean Ann Pike

Julian Dahl

Bill Wachspress

KT Walsh

Interviews on Wednesday, January 7.

- Items to cover at next general ELIA meeting, January 12, 1998

• Will vote on a Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods representative

• Jean Ann Pike to invite Gloria Wilbert to discuss opening neighborhood safehouse(s)

• Get requirements for safehouses from the Lawrence Partnership for Children and Youth

• Tony Backus will invite James Hilliard and Austin Turney from the Lawrence School Board

to discuss plans under discussion for East Lawrence elementary schools – follow up on article "School district study session to examine space problems" in December 7th Journal World and the possibility of a "mega-school"

• Bill Wachspress to report on the water testing means available: a) kit from Walmart b) through Douglas County Health

• Discuss reducing the number of ELIA board members

• Announcement of the new Lawrence Journal World Coordinator

Attendees:

Pike, Jean Ann – President

Backus, Tony – Vice President

Dahl, Christy – Secretary

Dahl, Julian

Jurotich, Kevin

Wachspress, Bill

Walsh, KT

Sprint PCS to replace South Park tower

The current tower at 11th and New Hampshire, in South Park, is old and needs replacement. Douglas County will continue to have a tower at that location, and has requested that the new tower be 190 feet tall. Since Sprint PCS cannot piggy-back onto Southwestern Bell's tower near 7th and Vermont, they want to share this new tower at 11th and New Hampshire, and are offering to build it. The new tower will be free-standing, and not require cables for support. It will not be lighted. Equipment at the tower's base will require only a small enclosure, not the larger building originally proposed. It will be possible to see freely through the fence enclosing the tower and equipment. The new tower was approved by the Planning Commission on December 17th after Ardys Ramberg voiced ELIA's official acceptance of Sprint PCS building this tower at this location.

What's that smell?

Have you noticed an unpleasant smell near the railroad tracks on 13th Street? Some Brook Creek tenants have, and they are seeking help locating its source. Please let us know if you have noticed it, especially if you have any idea where it is coming from. Thanks.

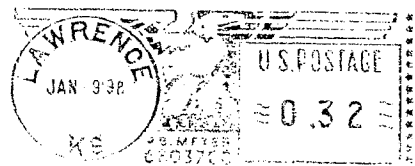
In the next East Lawrence News...

...Look for a feature on historic houses being saved from the bulldozers in East Lawrence.
Find out how our funding is shaping up for next year.

Look at all this wasted space!

East Lawrence News needs your articles and letters. This is your newsletter. Please submit any letters to the editor, or articles to Bill Wachspress at 1205 Pennsylvania Street, 865-1404. Thanks. The deadline for submissions will be three weeks before each General Meeting.

East Lawrence Improvement Association
PO Box 442174
Lawrence, KS 66044



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March 1998

ELIA General Meeting New York School Library March 9th at 7:00pm

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Seeking new ELIA Neighborhood Coordinator

The East Lawrence Improvement Association is seeking an experienced administrator, who is familiar with local issues, to coordinate neighborhood association activities. Must be motivated, organized, a good communicator, and able to work independently. The Coordinator works with neighborhood volunteers and with local government to ensure that ELIA's many projects go forward, monitors events to keep the neighborhood informed so we can take timely action on issues that affect us, and publishes the East Lawrence News. This is a part-time, paid position with flexible hours.

Send letter of interest and resume to:
ELIA, PO Box 442393, Lawrence, KS 66044

ELIA Calendar for March and April

March

- 9 7:00pm General Meeting, NY School Library
- 12 7:00pm CDBG Board hears appeals

April

- 1 East Lawrence Country Club opens (April Fool)
- 2 Draft of Consolidated Plan ready for public comment
- 13 7:00pm ELIA Board meets at NY School Library, open to public
- 18 Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff
- 20 Deadline for submissions for East Lawrence News
- 30 Consolidated Plan Public Hearing before CDBGAC and HAC

General Meeting Agenda:

- Introductions
- A report from the new Treasurer
- Historic Resource Meeting of February 19
- Discuss Blight Ordinance
- LAN Report
- Tiller Changes
- Invoices for brick streets restoration

NEW BUSINESS

- Allen Fieldhouse, stadium cleanup, \$\$\$
- Springtime Neighborhood Party "Help us Grow"
- Neighborhood Cleanup (mid April)
- Volunteer List
- Change of day for General Meeting

ELIA Tiller Available

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Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff

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Meeting Minutes

January 12 General Meeting

General announcements

- New York Elementary Chili Feed scheduled Wednesday, January 14, 1998. Open to the community, \$1.50 per person, ELIA to provide desserts which should be dropped off at the school in the afternoon.
- ELIA Coordinator opening has not yet been advertised in the Lawrence Journal World so the volunteer hiring committee meeting has been postponed; new date will be announced by KT Walsh
- The Lawrence Police Department, not the Lawrence Partnership for Children and Youth, is now administering the Safe House program
- Neither Gloria Wilbert, the community member who had inquired about this program, or Sargent Miller attended this meeting
- Girls and Boys Scout uniforms donations are appreciated at New York Elementary
- Brookcreek Neighborhood would like assistance in identifying the odor at the intersection of the railroad tracks and 13th Street. Sewage has been suggested as a possible culprit
- Nelson Schlater will research "combined" sewers (storm and sanitary sewers combined) of the area
- Contact Steve Lopes if you would like to learn about the Friends of the Carnegie Library and the prevention of the Lawrence Arts Center westward expansion

ELIA Board of Directors

- Rueben Wade and John Swift resigned from the board
- Brenda Nunez would like to join the board of directors

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) Representative

- Mary Gray volunteered to represent ELIA at LAN meetings
- ELIA members voted in favor of her representation

Representatives

- Michelle Bird has expressed her desire to resign as a CDBG representative but has not yet submitted her letter of resignation
- Bill Wachspress would like to apply for this position once Michelle Bird has resigned
- Brenda Nunez would like to remain a CDBG Representative
- Jean Ann Pike will submit a letter of resignation to Margene Swarts on Michelle Bird's behalf
- The next CDBG meeting is Thursday, January 15, 1998, 7:00 PM at City Hall, fourth floor; Brenda

Nunez and Bill Wachspress will attend CDBG meetings will be held every Thursday through June, 1998

ELIA Newsletter

- Articles and letters should be send to Bill Wachspress, 1205 Pennsylvania, with a deadline of three weeks before an ELIA general meeting
- ELIA newsletter to be mailed one to two weeks before a general meeting
- Bill Wachspress will include information regarding locations for recycling of household waste
- Beth Rollins will speak with Molly Mangerich to research gaining recycling support from a local company such as Farmland or PSI

Water Test Kit Update

- Bill Wachspress has tested a sample of local water using an economical kit and is waiting to receive results. Once results are received, Nelson Schlater will check the validity of results from this brand of water test kit

Housing & Neighborhood Development

- Lynn Goodell of Housing and Neighborhood Development was the guest speaker, to discuss the Lawrence Uniform Housing Code
- The outside of a home is inspected more than the inside; generally renters are the ones to inquire about an inside inspection for safety reasons
- The current rule states that a yard must be as maintained as other neighborhood yards, but as this does not promote improvement this rule may be removed
- The Lawrence City Commission is interested in neighborhood associations' views on code enforcement
- The city of Lawrence is considering applying for "Revitalization Areas" HUD grants where a geographical area with 51% in the low to middle income bracket would be eligible as opposed to 65% in this income range
- There are no set limits on the size of a "Revitalization Area"
- The area must be geographically continuous and deteriorating
- The area must fall within the other HUD guidelines
- The "Revitalization Area" must create its own plan for improvement
- The city of Lawrence will distribute the HUD money to the defined "Revitalization Area" and could possibly set aside a percentage of the neighborhoods CDBG available grants for the project
- The Lawrence city code permits fence heights of 6' along the back yard and along the side of the back yard, 4' along the side of the front yard and 3'- 4' along the front yard. The front fence must be not

be solid, but open like a chain link or picket fence. For information such as fence height, one can call 832-3100 and ask a city inspector

- Bill Wachspress will add a "Questions for Lynn Goodell" section to the ELIA newsletter to provide a forum to get advice on code enforcement without the fear of condemnation.

Neighborhood Plan

- Committee was formed to complete the Neighborhood Plan. Volunteers to date include Shannon Murphy, Bill Wachspress, KT Walsh, and Mary Gray. As more volunteers are needed, this will be included in the next newsletter and announced at the next ELIA general meeting.

Meetings

The next ELIA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 1998, 7:00 PM at New York Elementary School

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Attendees:

Pike, Jean Ann – President
 Backus, Tony – Vice President
 Murphy, Shannon - Treasurer
 Dahl, Christy – Secretary
 James Dunn
 Lynn Goodell
 Mary Gray
 Hinrichsen, Lori
 Larkin, Mary Rose
 Brenda Nunez
 Ramberg, Ardys
 Rollins, Beth
 Schlater, Nelson
 Wachspress, Bill

February 9 Board Meeting

- Review of January meetings with Jeff Schmalberg proposing development at corner of Ninth St. and New Hampshire
- Structure would house, lower level businesses, second level apartments, upper level long term parking
- East Lawrence residents suggestions include:
- Placing a fence between back of development and yards of Rhode Island homes
- Assessing the condition of Tenth St. and its handling of delivery truck traffic
- East Lawrence seems to support Schmalberg's proposed development ideas
- Doug Compton has expressed desire to construct a 90 unit apartment complex directly next to the Maupin

Mansion on Tennessee. Proposal is to be brought before the Historic Resource Commission at City Hall on February 19, 7:00 PM

Updates of ongoing issues

- Lori Hinrichsen will telephone Tony Backus to find out if school board members, James Hilliard in particular, have accepted the invitation to the March 9 ELIA general meeting. If school board does not plan on attending, Jeff Shmalberg will be invited.
 - Jean Ann Pike spoke with Sargent Miller and learned the neighborhood Safe House program has not yet been launched
 - Police department is still researching. Police department does not have the staff or funding to expedite this assessment
 - Lynn Goodell has requested neighborhood views on enforcement of blight codes
 - Committee to be formed at the March 9 ELIA general meeting
 - Announcement of committee formation to be included in ELIA newsletter in advance of this meeting
 - Shannon Murphy to get past research information on brick streets to Bill Wachspress and/or Julian Dahl
 - Julian Dahl will photocopy for reference and for file
 - Neighborhood rotary tiller is frequently not returned after a half-day's use
 - Fee process will change to \$5 usage plus \$5 deposit, refundable if tiller is returned in a timely fashion
 - Change to be announced in ELIA newsletter
- #### CDBG Representative Announcements
- Shannon Murphy will verify that all invoices have been submitted; any found outstanding will be submitted immediately

- ELIA should research independent fund-raising events
- Proposal to clean Allen Field House during 1998-1999 season will be addressed at March 9 ELIA general meeting
- Shannon Murphy will gather details for this proposal
- Proposal of hosting a neighborhood picnic in April to increase ELIA neighborhood awareness
- Neighborhood Plan Committee to meet February 24, 7:00; location to be announced. Committee members include Mary Gray, Shannon Murphy, Bill Wachspress, and KT Walsh.
- Facilitation of community awareness at March 9 ELIA general meeting
- Lori Hinrichsen to bring name tags
- Lori Hinrichsen and Julian Dahl to bring a map of East Lawrence

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Got questions about building code?

Afraid to ask? Ask us.

East Lawrence News will relay your questions about building code to the City and publish some answers. You can write to us anonymously.

Who's that by the hitchin' post?

If you see a stranger taking an unusually close look at your hitching posts, it's probably Jennifer Smith, a graduate student in Geography at KU who's doing a survey of Lawrence hitching posts. We look forward to seeing the results.

You're not a member?!

Join for just \$1 per year. Your name on our membership list helps ELIA get funds to improve our neighborhood and gives ELIA a stronger voice in local decision-making. Each paid member gets one vote in all ELIA elections.

To join, just mail \$1, along with your name and address, to:

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Share your thoughts

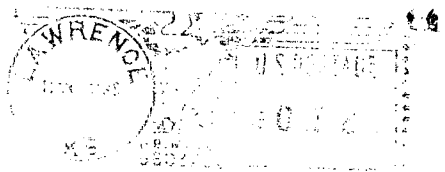
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May 1998

ELIA Calendar

- May
- 30 9:00am **Neighborhood Clean-up begins!**
Meet in picnic shelter at Hobbs Park
Gloves and bags will be provided.
- 30 1:00pm **Neighborhood Picnic, Hobbs Park**
- June
- 8 7:00pm ELIA Board meets at NY School
Library, open to public
- 20 Hazardous Waste Dropoff
Bring your mercury
- 22 Deadline for submissions for East
Lawrence News

ELIA Welcomes our new Neighborhood Coordinator, Carrie Lindsey

Carrie has a strong background in administration and community service, and is already off to a running start in her new job. The Board of Directors are breathing a collective sigh of relief.

Thank you, once again, to everyone who applied for the Coordinator's job. With such good applicants, it really is a shame that we could only hire one person.

A word from the new Coordinator

Hi, I'm Carrie Lindsey. I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Neighborhood Coordinator for the East Lawrence Improvement Association. I am anxious to meet with anyone who has neighborhood concerns. I know a little information on a lot of subjects, so please ask any questions you have and together we will find answers.

Most important to our neighborhood organization is the participation of the Neighbors. If it has been a long time since you've been to an ELIA meeting or if you have never been at all, please join us at our next meeting. It is only your participation that makes this a viable organization. Where neighborhood issues are of concern, a united front makes an impression.

ELIA Tiller

Just \$5 per Half Day

So far, this Spring has been great for tilling gardens, and the ELIA tiller has been making the rounds. East Lawrence residents can rent the tiller for just \$5 per half day. There is also a \$5 deposit which you get back unless you are late returning the tiller. To rent the tiller, phone Bill and Lori at 865-1404.

Free Mercury Disposal

On June 20th, take advantage of the statewide drive to get mercury out of our environment. Lawrence's Household Hazardous Waste Facility will be accepting **mercury and mercury-containing items** like mercury batteries, old thermostats and barometers, fungicides, old blood pressure cuffs, and those light switches that don't click.

Of course they will also be accepting the usual old **paint, solvents, household batteries, cleaners, and other poisons. Don't send these poisons to our landfill.** Instead, bring them to the Douglas County Public Works Yard at 711 East 23rd Street. (Turn south from 23rd on either side of the overpass.) If you need more information, phone Michelle Crank at 832-3030.

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Food Assistance Free Hot Meals for Anyone

Jubilee Cafe

Trinity Episcopal Church, 1011 Vermont
Serves breakfast 7:00 to 9:00am each Tuesday and Friday

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen

First Christian Church, 10th & Kentucky
enter on 10th Street
Serves lunch 1:30 to 2:30pm each Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Salvation Army

946 New Hampshire
Serves lunch 12:00 to 1:00pm each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Summary of minutes from March 16, 1998 General Meeting

The Lawrence City Commission will be rewriting the blight ordinance and would like to get input from the neighborhood associations. ELIA ideas proposed:

- Avoid demolishing homes due to neglect
- Use health and safety as objective standards
- Codes should be enforced in regard to neighborhood, not city overall
- Codes should help, not hurt, resident owners

Fundraiser

The proposal of cleaning Allen Fieldhouse during the 1998-1999 basketball season as a fundraiser was brought to the table and a general interest was expressed. Jean Ann Pike will look into this possibility.

School Board Proposal

- The proposal includes the closing of both New York and East Heights Elementary Schools
- A new elementary school would be built at 15th and Haskell to house the children of both New York and East Heights
- New York Elementary building would house administrative services and East Heights Elementary building would house facilities services

Kaw Valley Independent

Kaw Valley Independent is a new bi-weekly independent newspaper in Lawrence that was originated

by KU students. Helen Schuemaker is working with the editor and welcomes any ELIA news, articles, and stories. Call Helen at 865-2305.

Summary of minutes from April 13, 1998 Board Meeting

Announcement: Carrie Lindsey has been hired as ELIA Coordinator, 843-9216

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) Representative

- ELIA Lan Representative, Mary Gray, has returned from sabbatical in Mexico
- Carrie Lindsey has volunteered to attend LAN meetings with the ELIA LAN Representative

Lawrence Blight Ordinance

- Committee met April 1 at 1402 New York St. To document ELIA viewpoints forwarded to Lynn Goodell April 8; members included Christy Dahl, Julian Dahl, Shannon Murphy, Janice Smith, Bill Wachspress, Reuben Wade, and KT Walsh.
- Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) letter states:
 - Opposition to a change in the appeal process*
 - Would like landlords to be required to apply for a business license*
 - Would like to avoid demolition by neglect*
 - Would like residents to be made aware of financial assistance availability*
- ELIA is backing LAN's position

School Board

Due to the school board proposal to close New York School and East Heights School, a joint committee of PTO members and residents, *The Neighborhood Ambassadors*, was formed, holding two meetings. The Neighborhood Ambassadors platform includes:

- Do not close either school
- Remodel East Heights, keeping it a two-tiered school
- Do not move administration facilities to either of these schools
- Would like for school district administration to reduce spending before closing a school
- Would like to see equal improvements made to all schools
- Would like school board to meet regularly with all school staffs

ELIA Board voted in support of this position

Structure at 909 Pennsylvania

-City has approved the move to Hobbes Park
-As Hobbes Park is the site of the old John Spear farmstead, the Lawrence Preservation Alliance would like to make the 909 Pennsylvania house a landmark in its commemoration, as a structure of similar size and from the same time period. John Hobbes was a local abolitionist and Lawrence's first newspaper publisher.

-To move this structure, the city requires a formal action plan by June 1998
-Mr. Dan Rockhill from the University of Kansas will include his name to support the move
-The move of this structure to a city park would be a capital improvement project to city property
ELIA Board voted in favor of supporting the move of this structure and in reviewing funds available to aid in the financial support of the move

Volunteers get set to honor Liberty Memorial Building

Volunteers get set to honor Liberty Memorial Building plans are underway for the rededication of Liberty Memorial High School, September 27, 1998. Planned activities include a parade, a banner that will hang on the building, a party that will include junior high and high school students, and a lighting ceremony. Organizers are looking for any alumni who have memorabilia they want to share during the celebration. To submit names, memorabilia or to volunteer, call Kathy vonEnde at Central Junior High School, 832-5400

Advertisement

PERENNIALS - FREE TO ELIA MEMBERS
3/\$1 or 10/\$3 to non-members. Daylilies, bee balm, obedient plants (= false dragonhead), showy evening primroses, and others.
Call Nancy or Bob 749-7313 - Please leave a message.

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Neighborhood Clean-up

9:00am-Noon
and Neighborhood Picnic
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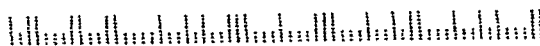
Starting at 9:00 am, Saturday, May 30. Meet at Hobbes Park in Picnic Shelter. ELIA will provide trash bags and latex gloves to those interested in cleaning-up our neighborhood. This is a fun event and a great opportunity to visit with your neighbors and clean-up the alleys. If you want to stay in your block area and inspire your neighbors to join in we will bring the materials to you!

Call Lori 865-1404 for more details. And there's more....for all your hard work ELIA will provide a Picnic Lunch at Hobbs Park at 1pm. If you would like to contribute a side dish or dessert for the picnic leave a voice mail message with our Neighborhood Coordinator Carrie Lindsey at 880-0629

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Guest Speakers for our General Meeting

Candidates for County Commissioner, Charles Jones and Brian Kubota, have been invited to speak at the General Meeting. Come and ask questions of your future East Lawrence County Commissioner.

Don't forget to register to Vote!

We will have voter registration forms at our General Meeting on September 14th and at the Membership Party at Charlie's Eastside Bar & Grill on September 23rd. You can also register at 1100 Mass (the Old County Courthouse). The deadline to register to vote is October 19th.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO COAST TO COAST
 HARDWARE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
 THE HOBBS PARK MEMORIAL**

**ELIA MEMBERSHIP PARTY IS SEPTEMBER 23, 1990. BRING A FRIEND AND
 DON'T MISS OUT. MUSIC AND MEMBERSHIP!!!**

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ELIA LOGO UPDATE

Thanks to all who sent in ideas for a logo that will represent our neighborhood. The different logos will be presented at September's meeting. Come to the meeting and vote for your favorite one.

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 to come to these meetings.

Bert Nash Transitional Housing Update

The date for opening the Bert Nash transitional housing unit in the 1300 block of New Jersey has been moved back. Due to renovations taking longer than anticipated, the residence, which will house up to 10 individuals, probably won't open until late October. Judy Osburn and Tom Petrizo of Bert Nash spoke at ELIA's July 13th meeting. They answered many questions from East Lawrence residents. Osburn stated that the house will be staffed 24 hours a day. Both Osburn and Petrizo answered questions related to the experience that Bert Nash has had with its other transitional housing units in Lawrence. Oread has had a good experience with the house in their neighborhood. If you missed the meeting and you still have questions, please call Carrie at 832-6497.

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ELIA Applies for Grant

On August 25, 1998 the Lawrence City Commissioners agreed to jointly apply with ELIA for the Metro Community Capacity Building Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce. ELIA hopes to use the grant to initiate a process to establish a conservation district in the neighborhood. The City is a co-applicant and will provide matching funds up to \$15,000. This will bring the grant total to \$30,000. Part of the money, which would be allocated in January, would provide funds to hire a consultant who will help bring all the key participants together in creating a vision of

what we would like our neighborhood to look like. The award notification will be sent in October. Watch future newsletters for more information on this grant and for opportunities to participate in the visioning process.

Kudos Corner

Kudos to Dennis Enslinger of the City Planning Department and to all the Board Members who put forth so much effort to complete the grant application. Dennis is a former East Lawrence resident and really came through, especially given the time crunch we were under. Thanks again.

ELIA Calendar

- September**
- 14 **General Meeting 7-9pm**
at New York Elementary School
 - 23 **Membership Party at Charlie's**
Eastside Bar & Grill, 9th & Pennsylvania
5:30-8:30pm – Bring a friend!
- October**
- 12 **Board Meeting 7-9**
at Charlie's Eastside Bar and Grill,
9th & Pennsylvania
 - 15 Announcement of Grant Recipients
 - 20 Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter

Minutes for July 13, 1998 ELIA General Meeting
 Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center (BNCMHC). Tom Petrizo and Judy Osborn from the BNCMHC gave details on the house they have purchased at 1334 New Jersey to use as a halfway housing facility: House was originally designed for students with four bedrooms and two shared bathrooms. House is by the same builder as their house at 911 Ohio. Funds have been received by CDBG (per Lynn Goodell's advise) and from the state. BNCMHC will close on the house on August 4, will then update the interior for their needs. Tenants not expected to move into house before October. Ten is the maximum that would be housed on site. Target tenants are:
 Homeless adults with a mental illness; People coming out of an in-patient setting; Will not be a drop-in center; Clients will have a vested interest in their own rehabilitation; Minimum occupancy for a tenant is 9 months, 6-12 months is the expected average. House rules with a curfew will be enforced by a 24-hour staff and a daytime director; Judy will supervise the staff.

Director is to be someone with experience in this field and will be on 24-hour call, the 24-hour staff will probably be students in social welfare; 24-hour staff tends to have a 1-2 year turnover rate; HUD SuperNova funds have provided \$300K for the first three years, BNCMHC hopes the house will be self-sufficient after that. BNCMHC will have an open house for the neighborhood to see the house and learn more. There have been very few problems with other homes run by BNCMHC. One problem incurred was a tenant that telephoned 911 frequently without a valid reason, the tenant's behavior was corrected. BNCMHC would like to see community members become involved with the house; would like volunteers to make weekly presentations or teach lessons.

Minutes from the May 11 ELIA general meeting were read and corrected; the Murphy-Bromelsick house is currently located at 909 Pennsylvania, not 907 Pennsylvania. The plans are to move this structure to Hobbs Park, the site of the old Speer house, not Stear.

No Treasurer's Report was read as the treasurer was not in attendance.

Old Business

Brick Streets

July 18, ELIA volunteers will work with Joe Bickford to do repairs on the brick street at Tenth Street and Rhode Island.

Neighborhood Clean-Up

Clean-up was held on Saturday, May 30, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. working on the streets and alleys of East Lawrence. The clean-up and picnic following were a success.

Murphy-Bromelsick House

Mark Kaplan organized a clean-up and move preparation of the house on June 27:

KANU Radio and The Lawrence Journal World to pictures and reported on the day.

- Artifacts found: Lawrence druggist bottle, Woman's face cream jar lid (appearing to be at least 100 yr. old, pearl button Mike Wildgen, City Manager, had the city place a dumpster in front of the house and reviewed the progress made. Mayor Kennedy supports this project. At the end of the day, safety precautions were taken by boarding the windows closed and adjusting the supports. A sign was placed in front of the house to make passers-by aware of the project. Coast to Coast Hardware on Massachusetts sold needed items at a discount to support the project. Carrie Lindsey will add Coast to Coast Hardware to the next ELIA newsletter to thank them.

ELIA Telephone

Carrie received quotations from Southwestern Bell to install an ELIA phone line:
 \$29.49 monthly charge
 \$57.40 installation fee
 \$75.00 new jack fee

Putting this telephone at the Social Service League Store is not feasible. Pager fee is \$12.50 and can receive voicemail. Motion was made and seconded to maintain an ELIA pager number but not telephone number. Vote passed the motion, the pager number will be added to the next ELIA newsletter.

Central Junior High School (CJHS)

A knife and graffiti has been found in the junior high's vicinity. Ted Juneau, CJHS principal will meet with PTO in August to discuss possible solutions to neighborhood complaints. One

suggestion is a parent-patrol with cellular phones. Need to make the neighbors aware of actions they can take and need to make the juveniles aware of school policies. Oread and Barker neighborhoods are having the same problems with the CJHS juveniles as East Lawrence.

Happy Hour at Charlie's East Side Bar & Grill

Carrie Lindsey inquired with Charlie regarding an ELIA recruitment gathering on Wednesday, September 23, he agreed. Jean Ann Pike, ELIA President, would like to see each member bring two guests. Should hand out a flier with a mission statement and list some ELIA projects. Carrie Lindsey will put forth a call for recruit committee members.

August ELIA Board meeting will be held on August 10, 7:00 p.m. at Charile's East Side Bar and Grill

New Business

Sunday, September 13 is the Lawrence United Way Day of Caring; details will be given at the August ELIA Board meeting

Meet the Candidates

Thursday, July 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m. the Oread neighborhood is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" potluck dinner at the South Park Gazebo. ELIA LAN representatives to see if the LAN could sponsor something similar.

Intern

ELIA has an intern to start work on September 8. Dave Kate, sponsored by the Lawrence Indian Center of Lawrence, will start by cleaning and organizing files. Intern is not paid by ELIA.

Brook Creek Rezoning

On August 26, the Planning Commission will discuss rezoning areas of the Brook Creek Neighborhood from multi-family dwellings to single family dwellings. If a rezoned area is within 200 feet of private property, the property owner will be notified.

New York School Representative

Barry Shalinsky is retiring as the ELIA New York School representative. ELIA needs to find a replacement. Being a parent to a New York School student is NOT a requirement. Barry Shalinsky will write a job description. Representative will attend monthly meetings; the 1997-98 meetings were held on a Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 p.m..

As of August 1, Carrie Lindsey will only be working 10 hours/week as ELIA Coordinator.

ELIA now has a membership of forty-six.

St. Luke AME Church is applying to become a registered historic site.

Attendees:

Jean Ann Pike

Tony Backus - Vice President

Christy Dahl - Secretary

Carrie Lindsey - Coordinator

Adeta Allen

Rachael Grantham, guest from Brook Creek

Lori Hinrichson

Beth Rolands

Barry Shalinsky

Bill Wachspress

KT Walsh

Georgia, surname unknown

Minutes for August 10, 1998 ELIA Board Meeting

New Members

Mike Sheridan and Pam Altic, new to the neighborhood, submitted their dues to become ELIA members

Board member update

Janice Smith has resigned as a board member as she has accepted an out of state position and will be moving

Treasurer's Report

1997 Year-End

Operating Expenses \$ 496.47

Coordinator Salary \$2645.24

1998 Year-Open

Operating Expenses \$1739.00

Coordinator Salary \$4646.00

Neighborhood Clean-Up \$ 500.00

Checking Acct. #1 \$ 744.73

Checking Acct. #2 \$ 319.40

Coordinator's Job Description

Margene Swarts, Community Development Manager, has requested a written job description for the position of ELIA Coordinator, currently filled by Carrie Lindsey. Carrie Lindsey is to work ten hours per week at an hourly rate of \$8.93 with job duties including:

Attending ELIA board and general meetings

Attending CDBG, LAN, City Commission, and other

neighborhood meetings on an as-needed basis

Creating and distributing a bimonthly newsletter as well as other documentation as needed

Meeting with neighborhood school staffs, PTO members and neighborhood parents

Canvassing neighborhood landlords

Soliciting funds and contributions for neighborhood events

Grant Proposal

Carrie Lindsey has started work on a grant proposal which would give up to \$15K for staff or consultant time to plan a conservation district within East Lawrence. A conservation district would help East Lawrence preserve an area without being as strict as a historic district. The city would have to pass an ordinance which would define the restrictions placed on such district - could include stone curbs, hitching posts and front porches. Grant would cover 75% of funds required for staff or consultant, the remaining 25% must come from an outside source, such as the city. Carrie Lindsey has consulted Dennis Esslinger, the City Preservation Planner, and will meet with him and Thomas Dow, of the Topeka Department of Housing, on August 17. Proposal must be submitted by September 3. The board will hold a special meeting to vote on the application on Monday, August 24.

Central JH

Carrie Lindsey will meet with Ted Juneau in August to schedule a meeting with Central Junior High staff, PTO, parents and neighborhood to discuss issues with the students.

Happy Hour at Charlie's East Side Bar and Grill

Suggestion made that Ardys Ramberg and her local band perform at our recruiting happy hour. Board will vote on Monday, August 24 to decide.

Survey

Lynn Goodell has distributed an informal survey on city participation; the board members present completed it for submittal.

The next ELIA general meeting will be on Monday, September 14 at New York Elementary School

Attendees:

Tony Backus - Vice President

Shannon Murphy - Treasurer

Christy Dahl - Secretary

Carrie Lindsey - Coordinator

Ardys Ramberg

Mike Sheridan

KT Walsh

HOBBS PARK MEMORIAL

Work continues on preparing the Murphy-Bromelsick House for its move to Hobbs Park. Mark Kaplan has met with Lawrence Mayor and East Lawrence resident and business owner, Marty Kennedy. Mayor Kennedy has expressed support for the project. The house will act as a memorial to Lawrence's historical role in the fight against slavery and the Civil War. The site in Hobbs Park where the house will be located was the location of the home belonging to abolitionist John Speer and his family. Fundraising efforts continue and it is hoped that the house can be moved sometime this fall. For more information on how you can become involved or donate funds to the project contact Carrie Lindsey, 832-6497.

ELIA Tiller - Just \$5 per Half Day

The ELIA tiller has been making the rounds and is still available for East Lawrence residents to rent. There is a \$5 deposit which you get back unless you are late returning the tiller. To rent the tiller, phone Bill or Lori at 865-1404.

Got questions about building code? Afraid to ask? Ask us. East Lawrence News will relay your question about building code to the City and publish the answers.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thanks and Congratulations to those of you who have recently sent in your membership fee! Other residents and interested individuals can join for just \$1. To get more information and to find out the **benefits** of membership call any board member or the neighborhood coordinator, or just send your dollar (and name & address) to:

ELIA Membership
 P.O. Box 442393
 Lawrence, Kansas 66044

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East Lawrence News

November 1998

ELIA General Meeting New York Elementary 936 New York

November 16th at 7:00 pm

This will be the meeting where we elect officers and select committee members. There are four officer positions available - President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Also, representatives to the CDBG Advisory Board will be needed. Committee members will be needed for CDBG projects, the Neighborhood Clean up, brick street projects and, most importantly for the Metro Community Capacity Building Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce for planning a conservation district. You do not need to be a member of ELIA to attend this meeting but participation is vital. The more participation we have the stronger our neighborhood organization is.

ELIA Awarded \$30,000 Grant

In October ELIA and the City of Lawrence received notice that they had been awarded the \$15,000 Metro Community Capacity Building Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce. The \$15,000 will be matched by the City of Lawrence for a total grant award of \$30,000. The City of Lawrence Planning Department and ELIA will use the grant to initiate a process to establish a conservation

district in the neighborhood. The project will begin sometime in January when a Request for Proposal will be issued to hire a consultant whose job it will be to put together information about how other cities have established conservation districts and to facilitate participation in the process by neighborhood residents, the neighborhood businesses and other interested parties. Meetings will be held and there will be an opportunity for East Lawrence residents to actively join the process of planning the future of their neighborhood. If you are interested in being part of this process, please make sure to attend the ELIA General Meeting on November 16.

Bert Nash House Opening Soon

The Bert Nash transitional housing continues to experience delays in its opening. Due to renovations taking longer than anticipated, the residence, located in the 1300 block of New Jersey, won't open until the first part of February. Tom Petrizzo and Judy Osburn will update ELIA at the January General Meeting. Be sure to attend to have all your questions answered.

The new "official" phone number for ELIA is now 832-6497. Leave a message for your Neighborhood Coordinator, Carrie Lindsey, at this number. Or e-mail her at Carrie@mail.dbcity.com.

Kudos Corner

Kudos to Jim Chappell, Attorney-at-Law for loaning ELIA his laptop computer to use for the newsletter. It turns out that it didn't have a compatible word-processing program but thank you anyway.

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ELIA Calendar**November**

- 14 **Lawrence Brushy Waste Drop Off - Last Day**
at 11th & Haskell 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 16 **General Meeting 7-9pm**
at New York Elementary School
- 17 **City Commission – CDBG Advisory Board reorganization on Agenda**
City Hall – 6th & Mass. @ 6:35pm
- 18 **CDBG Proposals Meeting 7-9pm**
at New York Elementary School

December

- 2 **CDBG Proposals Due**
- 14 **Hanukkah**, Board meeting Tuesday.
- 15 **Board Meeting 7-9pm**
at New York Elementary School
- 20 **Deadline for submissions to the Newsletter**

January 1999

- 11 **General Meeting 7-9pm**
at New York Elementary School

Minutes for the ELIA General Meetings and Board Meetings will be available at the November 16th meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to receive copies of the minutes please contact Christy Dahl, ELIA Secretary at 842-9945.

HOBBS PARK MEMORIAL

ELIA continued its participation with the Hobbs Park Memorial group and its project for moving the Murphy-Bromelsick House to Hobbs Park. This month Mark Kaplan met with Representative Troy Findley who expressed his support for the project. Representative Findley is anxious to see the project move forward and has expressed his desire to assist ELIA and the Memorial Board in obtaining funds from the State. ELIA will be applying for CDBG funds to assist with such items as the foundation, the landscaping needs and windows for the memorial once it has been moved to Hobbs Park. Other fundraising efforts continue and more individuals have come forward with their support for this project.

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ELECTION RESULTS

Charles Jones was elected by a narrow margin to the County Commission. His district is the only one contained entirely within the City of Lawrence and he will provide East Lawrence's representation to the Commission. During his campaign Charles spoke frequently of the deteriorating infrastructure in East Lawrence. While the County Commission has less control over these issues than the City Commission, Jones stated in a short conversation with the *East Lawrence News* that he hopes to use his position on the County Commission as a "bully pulpit" to speak for neighborhoods and to champion their concerns. Jones reiterated that Horizon 2020, the planning document used by the City of Lawrence, considers infill development and infrastructure issues for East Lawrence and that Horizon 2020 policy should be used in addressing these issues.

Other candidates elected who will represent East Lawrence include Democrat Troy Findley, Kansas State House Representative for District 46. Also, Democrat Dennis Moore defeated Republican Vince Snowbarger in the race for

Third District Representative to the United States Congress. Dennis Moore will open an office in Douglas County sometime in January to be available to address constituent's concerns.

Douglas County Community Health Improvement Project

The Douglas County Community Health Improvement Project (CHIP), a coalition of representatives from community and health organizations in Douglas County will be a holding a public forum on their first initiative – reducing alcohol use during pregnancy. The public is invited to comment on three proposed steps of intervention in reducing the use of alcohol during pregnancy. The interventions are as follows:

1. Provide information on alcohol use during pregnancy to women who are seeking prenatal or family planning.
2. Educate youth on the physical dangers of drinking alcohol including age-appropriate information on drinking during pregnancy.
3. Increase public awareness of the dangers associated with drinking during pregnancy.

The public forums will be held on November 11 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Forums will also be held in Baldwin City and Eudora. For more information contact Susan Baker Anderson, CHIP Director at 749-6497.

Bicycle Advisory Committee to Hold Public Hearing

The Lawrence Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) will sponsor the first public meeting on the Bicycle/Automobile Compatibility Study on November 17, 1998 at the South Park Recreation Center at 1141 Massachusetts Street. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. It will offer an explanation of the study, which involves eleven streets, many of which are major thoroughfares. BAC and a representative of its consulting firm, TranSystems Corporation of Kansas City, MO, will take comments until 8:00 p.m. This is the first meeting in a series of four monthly public meetings that will focus on existing "on-street bicycle/automobile conditions" in the eleven

street segments under study. For more information contact Aaron Bartlett, City of Lawrence Transportation Planner at 832-3406.

Rezoning Issues

In September, Architect Bo March, owner of the architectural design and development company, Elements, presented a development plan to ELIA. The plan involves moving four older homes (previously divided into multi-family units) to a site on Delaware & 12th. The area would need to be rezoned as a Planned Residential Development (PRD). The development would include multi-family structures, off-street parking, tennis court and planned garden space. March also plans on keeping the large house on that corner for a personal residence for his family. Residents of the area met with March on October 29, 1998. At this time ELIA has neither endorsed nor opposed this project. If you would like more information on the project please contact Carrie at 832-6497 or attend the November 16th meeting to receive more information.

ELIA LOGO UPDATE

There has not been enough attendance at previous meetings to vote on a new logo. The logos will be presented again at the November meeting. Come to the meeting and vote for your favorite one.

The December Board meeting will be moved to Tuesday, December 15 due to Hanukkah.

CDBG Advisory Board Reorganization

The Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) staff has recommended that the Citizen Participation Plan for the City be overhauled. The Citizen Participation Plan includes the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board. This is the board, which makes funding allocation recommendations to the City Commission on the \$1.5 million in CDBG funds that the City receives from the federal government. These funds are used to operate ELIA, pay for its

newsletter and pay the coordinator. Under the recommended changes the CDBG Advisory Board and three other advisory boards would be reorganized into the HAND Activity and Policy Recommendations Board (APRB). The CDBG Board would be eliminated and the allocations task would be given to a committee of APRB. The downside of this for East Lawrence and the other CDBG funded neighborhoods (Oread, Pickney, Brook Creek & North Lawrence) is that the neighborhood representation on the allocations committee would be reduced from two representatives to one.

The City Commission sent the initial plan back to the HAND staff saying that changes needed to be made to further balance the concerns of neighborhoods with the focus on housing and issues. HAND will present the plan again at

the November 17th City Commission meeting. For further information on changes to the Citizen Participation Plan contact Carrie at 832-6497.

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Lori Hinrichsen	865-1404
Mary Rose Larkin	865-1309
Ardys Ramberg	841-8994
Barry Shalinsky	842-1953
KT Walsh	749-2260

Other Representatives

Carrie Lindsey, Coordinator	843-9216
Brenda Nunez, CDBG Rep.	
Mary Gray, LAN Rep.	

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