

East Lawrence Improvement Association

Eastern Parkway Returns To Center Stage

by Barry Shalinsky

After a couple of years out of the limelight, the proposed Eastern Parkway is returning to the public agenda.

Public discussions about an east-side truck route have taken place for nearly 20 years. In the mid-1970's, the so-called Haskell Loop was proposed. The Loop would have snaked its way from 11th & Haskell to 7th & New York. The Loop ran into significant opposition in East Lawrence, primarily because dozens of homes in the northeast portion of the neighborhood would have been destroyed or isolated by the road.

At the time, the fledgling East Lawrence Improvement Association was controlled by business interests supportive of the Loop. The threatened loss of homes to the road galvanized East Lawrence residents to take over their neighborhood association. ELIA has remained a strong advocate for maintaining and enhancing the residential character of East Lawrence since that time.

Over ten years after the Loop was abandoned, City Commis-

sioner Bob Schumm hatched an idea for a different east-side truck route — the Eastern Parkway. This road would run from K-10 & Noria Road (East Hills Business Park) to 7th & New Hampshire. Unlike the Haskell Loop, most of the roadway would be located outside of the city limits and no neighborhood homes would be destroyed.

A Task Force of neighborhood, downtown business, trucking and rural representatives was put together to discuss routing and design criteria for such a road. The so-called 18 criteria were recommended by the Task Force, and were adopted by the City and County Commissions with minor modifications. The voters of Lawrence and Douglas County approved the expenditure of public money in November, 1990 to do a corridor study for the project. The Planning Commission will receive those documents and public comments at its January 27th meeting.

As currently envisioned, the road would cross the Santa Fe tracks via viaducts at Noria Road and at East 8th Street. Two farmhouses on rural 11th Street would be lost, along with the building housing Murphy's Furniture at 7th & New York, an

ELIA General Membership Meeting

Monday, February 8

New York School library
at 7 (SEVEN) p.m.

*Main agenda topic:
Eastern Parkway*

outbuilding belonging to Kennedy Glass, and some facilities of the KPS Gas Company located along the tracks. Also lost would be 70-110 acres of prime farmland.

ELIA is on record in support of conducting the recently-completed corridor study. ELIA has taken the position that it could support construction of the Eastern Parkway if the 18 criteria are met, if the corridor study provides for proper interfacing between the neighborhood and the roadway, and if traffic studies indicate that the road really would take truck traffic off of neighborhood residential streets.

Several of the criteria are met by the corridor study, and some were met before it was ever undertaken. 7th Street was

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reconfigured and wildlife habitat was acquired for preservation by the City east of the factory outlet mall in response to neighborhood concerns.

Several major concerns have still not been addressed. It is unclear whether the project will include pedestrian and bicycle trails. It is unclear just how much truck traffic will actually be removed from neighborhood streets, or how trucks serving industries in the northeast part of the neighborhood will gain access to the road. The criterion mandating that pedestrian safety between the Kaw bridges and the Santa Fe station be addressed is critical, even without the Parkway, now that the mall has been built. These pedestrian concerns have not been addressed. Finally, concerns about preserving and enhancing residential land uses in the northern part of the neighborhood through planning and zoning controls to prevent commercial and industrial encroachment have not been addressed.

The Eastern Parkway will be a major agenda item at the upcoming ELIA Membership meeting. Please contact a Board member or City Hall if you wish to familiarize yourself with the corridor study or other documents before the ELIA meeting.

The Eastern Parkway is on the Planning Commission agenda for Wednesday, January 27, at City Hall. Public comment is scheduled and invited and needed.

New York School, ELIA Celebrate King Birthday

New York School hosted the 6th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday/Holiday Celebration on Friday evening, January 15. A capacity crowd braved snowy streets and cold temperatures to enjoy good fellowship, a choice of meat or vegetarian chili, and an inspirational program and sing-a-long.

As always, the food donated and prepared by New York School PTO and ELIA volunteers was excellent, but the real highlight of the evening was the community itself, especially the children. The fifth and sixth graders presented a program with a patriotic vision of a United States that has a place for all of its people. Jesse Milan, former USD 497 educator, reminded us that each of us is 'the Master of our fate and the Captain of our soul!' The crowd ranged from babes-in-arms to octogenarians, representing the rich racial, ethnic and cultural diversity of our East Lawrence Neighborhood community. East Lawrence is truly the embodiment of Dr. King's dream, as a place where people of various backgrounds can live, work and celebrate together.

Packer Plastics, Sonic and the Grant PTO made contributions to this year's dinner, and there were many guests from outside of the New York School/East Lawrence community. We were pleased to have City Manager Mike Wildgen enjoy the evening with us.

Seniors, Lend us Your Years!

Do you remember early New York School, the Lawrence trolley system, East Lawrence grocery stores, swimming in the Kaw? Friday, February 5, New York School will celebrate Kansas Day and East Lawrence history in particular, and they would like to have people in each class from about 10:00-2:00 to tell East Lawrence stories or demonstrate a craft. (Lunch will be provided and transportation can be arranged.) Please call Sharen Steele at New York School (832-5780) if you will share a bit of the past with school children.

Kansans of Color Conference, Feb. 5-7 at the Holidome. Call Sharen Steele at New York School, 832-5780, for details.

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New & Recycled Trash News

If you're still wondering, all of East Lawrence now has once-a-week household trash pick-up on Tuesdays. (In the Spring we'll also have Monday "yard waste" pick-up: bagged grass clippings and leaves will be composted by the City and not taken to the landfill.)

Beginning in 1993 there is no charge for tire pick-up if you call the Sanitation Division, 841-1911 (same number for bulk trash pick-up. For a taped message about recycling information call 832-3030; for "household waste" information call 832-3036.

Would you like a roll-out trash can? The Sanitation Division has two sizes available, for which they add \$1.50 or \$2 per month to your sanitation (water) bill. They will empty, maintain and/or replace the trash can for that charge. Call Sanitation for information. Consider encouraging your landlord to sign up for this option if current cans are not adequate. (Landlords in Kansas are required to provide trash receptacles.)

Did you see...

Neighborhood activity you wish the police would act on? Local police say not to assume they're ignoring a problem, call them if you have a concern to report: 842-7120 or 911. Rule of thumb is, if you don't know if it's an emergency or not, call 911.

Construction Forum Wednesday, February 17. The city is sponsoring an afternoon forum about local ordinances, policies, and procedures concerning building and construction. Please register at City Hall by February 10. Call 832-3124

Charlton & Praeger Begin Legislative Session

Rep. Betty Jo Charlton and Sen. Sandy Praeger were sworn in in early January and have begun the legislative session in earnest. Charlton has a plum committee assignment as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. This committee reviews and passes on agency budgets and other expenditures of state funds. After years of serving on the House Taxation Committee, which decides where the money comes from, Charlton will now be a key player in deciding where the money goes. This is a very important committee for Lawrence and KU. Charlton will serve on 15 subcommittees.

Praeger was named to Chair the Senate Public Health & welfare Committee, a special feat for a freshman Senator. In conjunction with this post, Praeger will chair a joint House-Senate committee on Health Care Decisions for the 1990's and serve on the joint committee on Children & Families. These are issues of concern to many in our community.

Charlton publishes a small newsletter during the session to keep constituents informed about happenings in the Legislature. Persons wishing to receive Charlton's newsletter should write her at Room 272-W, Statehouse, Topeka, KS 66612 or call 1-296-7500.

Horizon 2020

Ten task groups will contribute to the overall Horizon 2020, a city planning document for the next 2 1/2 decades ahead. Some East Lawrence people serving on these task forces are **Barry Shalinsky** (Environmental Quality and Natural Resources), **Jack Hope** (Transportation), **Shelley Miller** (Retail-Commercial), **Jolene Andersen** (Economic Development), **Brenda Nunez** and **John Swift** (Neighborhoods), **Mary Prewitt**, **Marci Francisco** and **Richard Kershenbaum** (Historic Resources-Preservation), and **W.W. Wempe** (Land Use and Development). Other task groups include Governmental-Institutional Cooperation, Education, and The Future. Thanks to these people (and others overlooked) for serving, and to neighbors for expressing concerns, in our attempt for a reasonable planning document. Call Sheila Stogsdill of the Planning staff at City Hall if you'd like to work on one of the task groups, 832-3150. Membership is still open, and weekly meetings of each group are about to be scheduled.

Spring Elections

Don't forget the primary election Tuesday, March 2 and the general election Tuesday, April 6, for School Board and City Commission.

Watch the newspaper, look for posted flyers, and listen to the radio for times and places of candidate forums. Vote with your neighborhood in mind.

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Neighbor Benefit

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Patty Doria** and her family and friends at this time. Patty has been a good East Lawrence neighbor and an active participant in ELIA for many years. She is now critically ill with breast cancer.

There will be a benefit to help defray medical and legal costs and to begin an educational fund for Patty's 7-year-old son Tony. The benefit will be held on Patty's birthday, Sunday, Feb. 21, at Liberty Hall starting at 4:30 p.m. Performing are Kasey Wold, Mavis Davis and the Cooks, Kelley Hunt, and Beth Scalet.

If you want to help in other ways or if you have questions about Patty's condition, call Catherine Boulton at 843-2096. Please respect the needs of the family for privacy by not calling Patti's home phone.

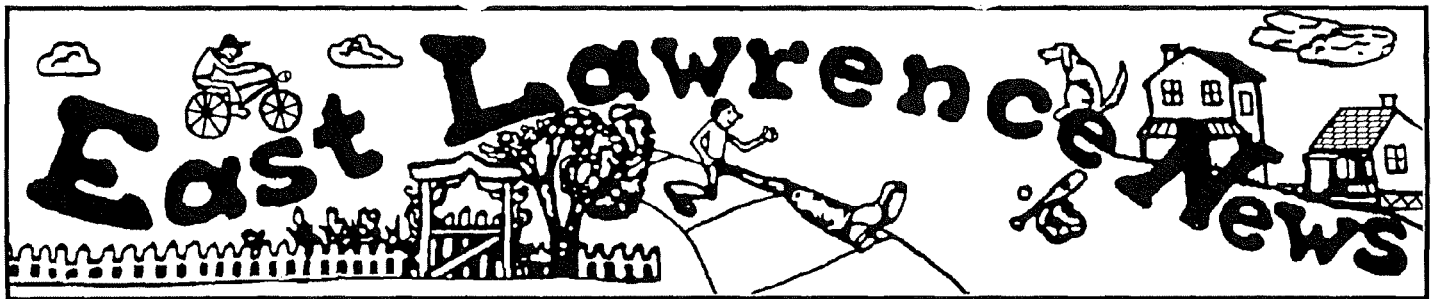
Seeking Volunteers, young and old!

For what? You name it! If you're willing to be on an informal list of people ELIA might call upon for one-time easy-task volunteer help, please call ELIA coordinator Nanette Roubi-deaux, 842-9336.

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New Hampshire is a business member
of ELIA. Stop by and visit.*

Neighborhood Theatrics, or, More Art in East Lawrence!

The Renegade Theater, a not-for-profit group, has rented space at Industrial Bearing, 518 E. 8th Street for "The East Side Comedy Shop" (842-8808). Renegade is dedicated to the production of new works for the stage by area artists, and has productions scheduled already! Doug Delaney says they're thrilled to be located in East Lawrence and they will be very responsive to feedback about their impact on the neighborhood. Check 'em out!



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**Power at the ballot box,
Use it or Lose it!**

In a pathetic primary election turnout in early March, 179 voters cast ballots in East Lawrence's two Fifth Ward polling places, New York School and the Law & Order Building. This turnout was under 15% of East Lawrence's 1250 eligible voters. These numbers are pretty sorry in light of the muscle we know that East Lawrence is capable of flexing on Election Day. Just last November, over 1000 people, more than 80% of East Lawrence voters cast ballots in the general election.

East Lawrence resident and former ELIA President Jo Andersen was the top choice among the few who voted in the city commission primary, more than doubling the votes of her nearest competitors. Commissioner Bob Schumm and North Lawrence activist Bob Moody tied for second place in both precincts. Other candidates finished further behind. East Lawrence vote totals for the six finalists were: Andersen 111, Schumm and Moody 54, Milton Scott 39, Sam Shepley 32, Doug Compton 27.

Citywide, less than 7000 voters cast ballots in the recent primary. In a close election, 1000 East Lawrence voters could make a big difference. And this shapes up to be a close election, with only 174 votes separating the first place and fourth place finishers in the primary.

Your vote counts the most in local elections. Decisions made at City Hall have the greatest impact on the street where you live. A high voter turnout from East Lawrence is important, no matter who wins, because it sends a message that we care about our schools, our neighborhood and our community.

ELIA asked the city commission candidates to fill out a questionnaire, which we are reprinting in this newsletter. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the issues and the candidates to cast an informed vote.

ELIA does not endorse candidates for office. We simply encourage you to vote for the one, two or three candidates for city commission and school board who you believe will be most responsive to your concerns. **VOTE TUESDAY APRIL 6th!**

**ELIA General
Membership
Meeting**

Monday, April 12, 1993
New York School library
at 7 (Seven) PM

*Main agenda topic:
Lawrence Alliance*

*Lisa Blair will come talk
about this organization
designed to help create a
discrimination-free envi-
ronment in the city and
county.*

*(This 15 member group was
appointed by the City Commis-
sion in November, 1991.)*

Second Monday of the month:

- April- ELIA general meeting, 7pm
 - May- ELIA board meeting, 7:30pm
 - June- ELIA general meeting, 7pm
- (Also in June East Lawrence Annual Cleanup)

Did you see?

⇒ progress on the owner-built houses at 808 Conn. and 1113 NY? Congratulations on a tasteful designs that fit the neighborhood! 917 Del. is getting a great face-lift too!

⇒ renewed waterline work in the neighborhood? It must be spring (in nearly 100 year cycles)! Crews will finish working on circa 1906 lines on 10th St., and begin circa 1898 4-inch waterline replacement next on the east side of Penn. St., as well as the landscaping left from last Fall on NY St.

⇒ that your streets are still like a sandbox leftover from winter ice and snow? Call Public Works at 841-7722 and encourage the street sweeper on all our streets.

⇒ your neighbor with the East Lawrence tiller? You can reserve it too for half days by calling Shelley. (Also pay \$5 to the repair fund, fill out a form, and learn how to operate and transport the tiller.)

⇒ the sagging dangerous south fence at New York School? A gate will soon be reinstalled so children don't climb over to play.

⇒ neighborhood activity you wish the police would act on? Local police say don't assume they're ignoring a problem, call them if you have a concern to report: 842-7120 or 911. If you don't know if it's an emergency or not, call 911.

Special projects, Join in or call for information!

Several board members have taken on special longer-term projects to prepare for future neighborhood activities or community development grants. If any of these interest you, please call for information or to help:

Activities for neighborhood youth, Brenda Nunez

Possibility of lighting New York School yard at night, Jack Hope

Sidewalks on 14th St. from RI to Conn. and Penn. St. to the railroad tracks, Nellie Habegger

1990 census data for East Lawrence, Nanette Roubideaux

East Lawrence history at the Douglas Co. (Watkins) Museum, Nanette Eastern Parkway and neighborhood safeguards, Shelley Miller

Summer activities (call any board member): annual cleanup, June-teenth party?, ELIA picnic

June Newsletter Watch for School News



Future ELIA meetings:
June—Renters' concerns?
August—neighborhood schools?



Suggestions?
Call any board member.

TUESDAY, April 6, 1993
SCHOOL BOARD AND
CITY COMMISSION
ELECTIONS
GET OUT AND VOTE!

City Commission Candidates respond to East Lawrence questions

Jolene Andersen	(JA)	<p>Note: "+" means candidate favors or supports. "x" means candidate does not support.</p> <p>"+" and "x" relate to the candidate's opinions about each question and are used here only to save space. These symbols do not reflect any opinion about the answers provided by the candidate, either "positively" or "negatively".</p> <p>ELIA does not endorse any candidates. We provide this questionnaire for voters' information. Answers were condensed for space. VOTE Tuesday, April 6.</p>
Doug Compton	(DC)	
Bob Moody	(RM)	
Bob Schumm	(RS)	
Milton Scott	(MS)	
Sam Shepley	(SS)	

1. Are you in favor of or opposed to the Eastern Parkway as currently proposed? Why?

(JA) + as long as the 18 Criteria passed by the City Commission are followed, with only 7th and 15th St. access points, to alleviate truck traffic and provide other benefits through the implementation of the 18 criteria.

(DC) +.

(RM) and (MS) +, with some concerns about present configuration. City should include plan for another Kaw River bridge.

(RS) +, for safe secure neighborhood and to support Downtown in current footprint.

(SS) +. Lawrence needs a complete bypass all around the city.

2. What is your position on preservation of older or historic structures? What specific programs would you propose to further your position?

(JA) + preservation, and would like to see more in East Lawrence. Support enforcement of rules regarding demolitions and surrounding areas.

Would seek advice of Lawrence Preservation Alliance (LPA).

(DC) +. Historic Resource Commission (HRC) and Historic Preservation Ordinance.

(RM) +. (Experience with Union Pacific depot.) Recognizes roles of HRC and LPA.

(RS) +. Use current ordinance and promote education on topic.

(MS) + revitalization of neighborhoods as well as preservation. + use of CDBG funds in this effort.

(SS) +. Make tax abatements and CDB Grants available for this purpose.

3. Many people consider Downtown Lawrence to be a vital asset to the city. What is your position regarding downtown expansion into surrounding neighborhoods in order to preserve its viability as our community's retail center?

(JA) Downtown cannot expand into residential East Lawrence. Instead, + expansion of Downtown north into commercial areas across the bridge. Bridge as connecting link between two halves of Downtown.

(DC) x expansion into neighborhoods. Extend Downtown by encouraging additional commercial, office and recreational activities north of the river.

(RM) x expansion of Downtown east, west or south. Expand Downtown along North 2nd Street corridor, with river as focal point, center of Downtown.

(RS) Expand Downtown in its current footprint, with creativity and redevelopment of "soft spots" like Scotch/Cintas.

(MS) Downtown must remain the vital business district, but take similar approach to sur-

rounding neighborhoods. Invest wisely in each.

(SS) x Downtown expansion into surrounding neighborhoods. Expand north where development is needed.

4. What specific programs would you propose to decrease the poverty level in Lawrence?

(JA) Jobs to raise the income level of the "working poor", jobs matched to under- and unemployed peoples' skills and education, worker training for technical and administrative jobs, and tax incentives for businesses that will pay a decent living wage.

(DC) Job creation, good education from which all will graduate, aggressive economic development to attract business and industry. Help existing companies grow and create more jobs.

(RM) Continue funding of Lawrence/Douglas County Economic Development Program, and provide abatement opportunities for new and existing businesses. Seek employment opportunities which will provide adequate income.

(RS) Require higher wages for tax abatements, continue to push for affordable housing, get grants/loans for down payments.

(MS) Attract businesses which provide meaningful wages. Look at local governments, private agencies, state and federal resources to aid in improving the quality of life for all.

(SS) When providing tax abatements to firms have them repay the community by increasing the wages they pay. Actively search for such firms.

5. What is your stance on public transportation?

(JA) +, propose a 3-phase plan: coordinate and consolidate existing services, create citizen task force to determine needs (while targeting workers' and children-to-recreation needs, and expand to regular routes: use small vans), gradually expand system as demand grows.

(DC) Coordinate school district, KU, senior services, and other not fully-utilized organizations' and agencies' vehicles.

(RM) + more geographically-spread public transportation program. Will only OK spending more than \$200,000-\$300,000 annually only if approved by voters.

(RS) +, on record approving taxi voucher. Would look for partnership between KU bus and Lawrence Bus Co.

(MS) Look at how to expand KU on Wheels, develop a bus system we can grow into.

(SS) + bus system, not just a taxi voucher which is an insult. Lawrence needs a strategically planned well-organized bus system, not just studies forever.

6. Are you in favor of tax abatements as currently administered by the City? What changes, if any, would you make? Do you favor impact fees?

(JA) x just to subsidize business. + limiting the number of tax abatements to 1-3 years. + annual reviews, and granting abatement only if they are truly cost-effective. If new development does not pay for itself, + impact fees.

(DC) + the tax abatement system as it exists. New development should pay its own way.

(RM) Present policy has been in place a short time. + adjustment of that policy if necessary. New development already pays streets, storm water, water and sidewalk.

(RS) x. Don't give a company successive tax freebies. Reduce after 1 year and no more than 3 years. + impact fees.

(MS) + to recruit and retain business, but review how currently administered. Question multiple tax abatements. + rethink how to expand services to newly developed areas.

(SS) + to attract better-paying jobs. Expand to small businesses and to encourage historic preservation. + impact fees.

7. Are you in favor of or opposed to the sculpture proposed for Watson (the train) Park?

(JA) x then +, because of the process followed;

(DC) and (MS) not specific;

(RM) + but would have liked other funding sources;

(RS) +;

(SS) x.

8. What is your position on the North Lawrence mall?

(JA) + Planned Commercial Development zoning (not C4), and now must monitor first phase to see it meets needs of North Lawrence in terms of beautification and encouragement of commercial development along North 2nd Street, and not harm Downtown.

(DC) + to provide improved entrance to Lawrence., and opportunity for economic and infrastructure improvements.

(RM) + as impetus for redevelopment of North 2nd Street corridor including street and stormwater. Tanger is not a mall, but a strip development with access to all stores from the outside. It can be an additional attraction for tourists to come to Lawrence.

(RS) +

(MS) + and North 2nd Street corridor.

(SS) + for North Lawrence corridor into Downtown.

9. Should the city-owned "green-space" east of the Riverfront Mall be developed as a city park? Should the area remain a natural undeveloped area?

(JA) Neither. A walking trail can be maintained, but human use should be strictly limited.

(DC) Either, with neighborhood input.

(RM) Benefits as an undeveloped area.

(RS) Natural park unless neighborhood request otherwise.

(MS) Keep the green space.

(SS) Would make a beautiful city park.

10. What do you consider 3 major challenges to East Lawrence? Please rank in order of importance and explain why you feel this way.

(JA) 1. Increase homeowner/tenants ratio to 60/40% to strengthen and stabilize neighborhood. 2. Decrease drug use and criminal activity, especially among youth. 3. Find solutions to traffic problems.

(DC) 1. Increase home ownership to maintain property values. 2. and 3. Maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure and neighborhood schools.

(RM) 1. Maintain and upgrade existing housing stock. 2. x "commercial creep" and redirect along North 2nd St. corridor. 3. Equitable enforcement of zoning ordinances.

(RS) 1., 2., and 3. Crime, traffic, and encroachment from

apartment developers.

(MS) 1. Effects of Eastern Parkway. 2. Historic preservation a must. 3. [Taking good advantage of] Community Development Block Grants.

(SS) 1. Maintain neighborhood integrity through observance of building and zoning regulations and CDBG funds, like home improvement loans. 2. + Horizon 2020, and each neighborhood should have an integral role in shaping its future [without] projects forced on the neighborhoods.

11. Are you in favor of a citizens' review board of our police department?

(JA) x overall citizens' review, but + Citizens' Academy and Ride Along program. Consider a Citizens' Complaint Review Board if necessary.

(DC) + program for citizen input instead. City manager rather than separate board should make staff decisions.

(RM) + citizens' advisory board to provide public sentiment and concern instead.

(RS) and (SS) + City Commission review of police department instead.

(MS) + citizens' review board could provide feedback.

12. Do you feel gang activity is a problem in Lawrence? What actions would you propose to combat gang activity?

(JA) Yes, in all neighborhoods. Provide equitable recreational opportunities for all children within walking distance. (Example, make Community Bldg. facilities equal to Holcom Center.) + City and USD 497 work together, and coordinate other peoples' efforts.

+ Summer programs.

(DC) Yes, or "wannabes".

+ Provide activities for kids, provide police support, involve parents in education about gangs, alternatives.

(RM) Not widespread, but any is a problem. + Positive options: recreation, education and jobs. + Ecumenical Council's proposed jobs program, City Commission and School District coordination.

(RS) Not yet. + Education, youth monitoring at school, then counseling by school. More youth activities by schools.

(MS) In infancy stage.

+ police efforts with community and business to provide positive opportunities for youth and young adults.

(SS) Not yet. + Control drug houses, get tough with illegal activity.

13. Should new construction in established neighborhoods be subject to City review for architectural compatibility?

(JA) Not sure how, but will consider any good idea.

+ architectural compatibility in older neighborhoods.

(DC) Many newer neighborhoods have restrictions and covenants which cover new construction. Could be explored for older neighborhoods.

(RM) x ordinances which relate only to established neighborhoods. Should be appropriate city-wide. A law must be objective with standards which are enforceable.

(RS) +, would like to see compatible architecture in neighborhoods.

(MS) I support the Horizon 2020 guiding principle to "tap neighborhood units as an important resource on matters of planning."

(SS) New construction in established neighborhoods should be compatible with the neighborhood to maintain the integrity of the neighborhoods.

14. What are your 3 major goals as a city commissioner?

(JA) 1. Facilitate citizen participation in decision-making. 2. Increase communication between city government, city staff and all groups who want to be heard. 3. Create a long-range plan that will meet the needs of all citizens through the year 2020.

(DC) 1. Basic city services (police, fire, streets, trash, storm sewers). 2. + more good jobs encouraging growth of private businesses and supporting KU and Haskell. 3. Challenge/justify city budget. 4. Better recreational programs and facilities. 5. + Planning for future growth that makes our community a better place to live and does not detract from the quality of life we enjoy today.

(RM) 1. Study, listen, and represent the majority of people, not special interests. 2. Assure uniform code enforcement in all neighborhoods. 3. Assure infrastructure needs of older neighborhoods are not suffering due to expansion of our community.

(RS) 1. Good, creditable, fair to all 25 yr. planning document that protects neighborhoods and Downtown from developers. 2. Development of Eastern Parkway compatible with ELIA, after planning is done for neighborhood. 3. Improving Downtown so it becomes even nicer place without expanding into East Lawrence. Need to rezone NH St. from C4 to higher density but must include parking for this new zone.

(MS) 1. Look at expanding KU bus system. 2. Address availability of affordable fair housing. 3. Set term limits for local government.

(SS) 1. Better paying jobs in Lawrence. 2. Adequate schools and recreational facilities for our children. 3. Establish a public transportation system.

Letter from a Neighbor

To the editor:

A few years ago the East Lawrence News noted that about 40% of folks in East Lawrence do not have access to a car. I suppose percentages are still about the same. In the last issue of this tabloid the editor spent about 40% of the space talking about the Eastern Parkway proposals while missing a most important issue to most of us who do not own cars in East Lawrence: that being the struggle for equal access to the already existing roads in Lawrence through a fixed route bus system.

I do not attend the ELIA meetings because things are discussed which relate to landowners and landlords and not to my nor the majority interests of East Lawrence citizens. Why not have folks from the task force advocating a bus system address our meetings especially with the elections coming up? If our neighborhood is going to be truly a neighborhood for all then we firstly need to make it available to others besides those who drive polluting cars all the time. Why not address those who wish to recycle and have no means to afford to recycle not to mention no car to take their stuff to collection sites? Why not raise a fuss over the 5.9% sales tax poor folks pay on their food to raise the money to provide fire and police protection to the property of landlords and for the roads for polluting automobiles?

We need to advocate for all and not just landlords and for those addicted to polluting cars.

Pat Slick, 1147 Oregon

Shelley responds

The last issue of the Newsletter was dedicated to the Eastern Parkway because for the first time in two years the Planning Commission is holding open hearings on that roadway which will affect us whether we have cars or not. One stated purpose of the roadway is to remove truck traffic from East Lawrence, but studies to prove that and actions to ensure that it happens have not taken place. As much as we have done to stabilize the residential character of the north end of the neighborhood, consciously zone the area and upgrade housing throughout East Lawrence, commitments by the City Commission to safeguard this in the process of planning the Parkway are not yet being observed. As now projected in the draft land use plan, the Eastern Parkway will not only empty at 8th and Pennsylvania on its way to 7th St. and downtown, but it will have exits on 11th and 15th Streets, slicing our neighborhood every 3-4 blocks east to west. I certainly want ELIA's voices to be heard throughout the public hearings which continue every third Wednesday at Planning Commission meetings in City Hall.

The other issues you raise about public transportation and local sales taxes and city services are very important to all residents of Lawrence. (Let's add

schools too!) That's why this issue of the Newsletter is dedicated to City Commission candidates' ideas in response to East Lawrence questions, and to getting out the vote. Voting is one way neighborhood people can have an influence on issues larger than just our neighborhood in arenas where some of these things will be decided.

Whether you own or rent in East Lawrence, city services are important, and those services will be paid for by the taxes you pay the landlord in your rent or the city and county directly, as well as at the grocery store.

At our last ELIA meeting we scheduled future meetings dedicated to renters' concerns and neighborhood school issues.

Reconsider attending ELIA meetings. We need all the input and participation we can get!

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Annual River Area Cleanup

Saturday, April 24
8:00 am to Noon

3 locations!

Contact Patricia at 832-3330 to help
out. Details at the April ELIA
meeting.

Trash Racks Possible

Call Nanette if you would like
a volunteer built, CD funded
trash rack. We may have funds
for materials in August, 1993.

Call Shelley if you are in-
terested in nominating your
home to the local historic
register.

GET OUT AND VOTE!

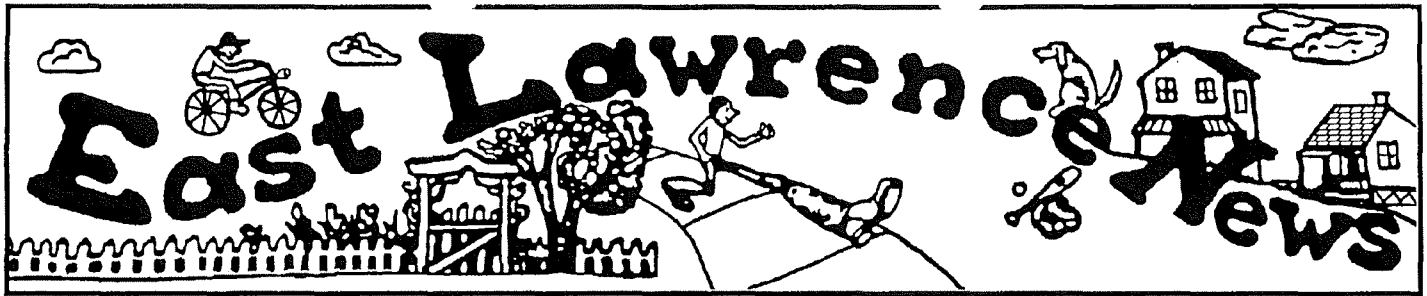
Happy Birthday to
Tudy Shanafelt!!
98 this month!

Your Newsletter

Do you wonder about how
and when you receive an East
Lawrence Newsletter? Newslet-
ters are published at least every
other month to announce ELIA
general membership meetings.
We hand-deliver or bulk mail,
and usually print at Kansas Key
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A big thank you to all the
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East Lawrence Improvement Association

Task Force on East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan

"The purpose of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan is to provide an official guide to the future development of the neighborhood for the use of the City Commission, the Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission, residents, property owners, and other concerned organizations and individuals. For the City Commission and the Planning Commission, the Plan provides a reference to be used in connection with their actions on various city development matters as required by law. The Plan is intended to promote

an arrangement of land use, circulation, and public facilities which contribute to the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the neighborhood within the larger framework of the City of Lawrence. It is intended to provide a guide for the development and change within the neighborhood, meeting the needs of existing unique conditions and anticipated changes..."

This is from the last East Lawrence Plan written 15 years ago, and it's high time for another as the City's master Plan 95 expires and its "Horizon 2020", the City plan to take us to the year 2020, is finalized. What developments will East Lawrence see in the next two

decades, and how will we address the possibilities of an Eastern Parkway, expanded commercial pressures along 7th, 11th, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Connecticut Streets, possible expansion of county services and parking at 11th Street, more downtown and mall parking? What goals do we have in East Lawrence and what plans and priorities and recommendations do we have to protect what we value here? We need to hear from people who want to be involved in hashing out our neighborhood view of the future. Please call any board member to become involved, or Shelley's machine at 841-7518. The time is now for us to define us...or someone else will.

ELIA General Membership Meeting
 Monday, June 14
 New York School library at 7 (SEVEN) p.m.
 Main agenda topic:
Tenants to Homeowners

Meeting Agenda:

1. Tenants to Homeowners exists to empower tenants to become homeowners through programs for education, home improvement and creative financing. Their purpose is to help low to moderate income residents who otherwise do not qualify for traditional home loans afford renovated, rehabilitated or new housing. Jack Hope (East Lawrence resident, ELIA board member, and founding

officer of Tenants to Homeowners) will present the program.

2. Annual Clean-up and Hobbs Park Picnic update

3. East Lawrence History Project. ELIA endorsement?

4. Continued discussion about the Eastern Parkway: Updates on Planning Commission open hearings conducted every fourth Wednesday at City Hall, notebook of documents available for review.

Thank You!

A very generous Lawrence resident has stepped forward to protect New York School children on their way to and from home and school. Eleventh Street beacons at New York Street were approved in January, and we believed the city/PTO match was waived. When it was announced the parent-teacher organization and ELIA would indeed have to raise a \$1600 match to install the beacons after all, a wonderful parent of now-grown New York School students came forward anonymously to make the project happen. Many thanks to this modest person for a very generous donation.

In Memory

On this recent Memorial Day, many of us surely thought about these former neighbors: Katie Armstrong, Bob Bailey, Patty Doria, Omar Hicks, "Jonesy", Bertha Johnson Burgess, Georgia Martin, Eva Mentier, Fred Novogradik, Ida Price, Harry Puckett, John Romero, Rev. and Rosa Sims, Henry "Pop" Wilson, Darlene Winborn. People like these have contributed so much to East Lawrence for many years, we'll remember them for many many more.

CDBG Projects

It's not too early to start thinking of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposals for next Fall. Let's use the Summer months to brainstorm, begin to gather information, poll neighbors and do any necessary mapping. Call any board member with your suggestions!

The CDBG calendar is this:

October - ELIA elections. Let's not hit new officers with incomplete proposals.

December 1 - CDBG proposals due at City Hall

Jan.-March - CDBG Advisory Board review

April - Final approval by City Commission

August - Funds for approved projects released to recipients

Approved for East Lawrence, August 1993 are:

Administrative funds (Newsletter copying and distribution, photocopies, coordinator, etc.), annual clean-up, curbside tree planting, trash rack materials, brick sidewalk repair. Denied were funds for a Hobbs bleacher mural, and additional funds for approved projects.

Summer Band Concerts, each Weds.,
8-9 p.m. at South Park Gazebo!

Penn House

Penn House, 1035 Pennsylvania, is soliciting (tax deductible) contributions to help people in need buy prescription medicine. Requests are surpassing budgeted reserves. Can you help?

Vacancies?!?

We have vacancies on the **ELIA Board**, and our treasurer is moving away. Are you interested in neighborhood communications and activities? Can you meet on the second Monday of each month? Call any current board member to express interest, and attend general membership meetings to nominate yourself. We need you!

We need LAN representatives too! Are you interested in representing ELIA at the **Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN)** meetings? Hear what concerns other neighborhoods and learn how Lawrence neighborhoods complement each other and work toward mutual goals.

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New Trash Racks

Several years ago volunteers built and distributed East Lawrence trash racks, and over 50 of them are still cradling pairs of trash cans all over the neighborhood. ELIA requests for trash rack materials have been funded again by the Community Development Block Grant program this year.

If you would like to help build racks or need one, call any board member to be put on the list to be activated in August when funds for building materials are released. Preference for racks will be given to residents who meet "CDBG program eligibility" and requesters who volunteer to make racks or send a volunteer in their name. All East Lawrence residents are eligible.

Beginning in August we will order materials and organize weekend rack-building crews until funds are used up. Call now to volunteer for building crews or to request a rack. Help keep your trash cans upright and our neighborhood free of blowing trash.

Tar Pit

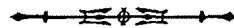
The Kansas Public Service (gas company) area at 8th and Pennsylvania will be the site of an environmental cleanup this summer. A 45 ft. diameter coal tar pit there dating from 1905 is in the Eastern Parkway path and it must be excavated for "risk assessment". Dean Berger at 832-3933 can answer questions.

Water Lines

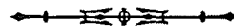
Rain has delayed final grass planting and landscaping and final curb placement along New York Street where waterlines were replaced last Fall. More waterline replacement will happen next on East 12th Street between Connecticut and New York Streets. The Water Dept., 832-3000, may be able to answer questions about finishing the area between your sidewalk and street.

Want to help on neighborhood projects?

Call Brenda Nunez about activities for East Lawrence youth. Call Sarah Russell or Shelley Miller about 14th Street sidewalks for school children. Call Nanette Roubideaux or Shelley Miller about East Lawrence history projects (documentation for recognition and preservation).



Minutes of the past several board and general meetings will be available for review at the June 14 membership meeting.



Do you have Mac (computer) skills? Our beautiful Newsletter layout will cost \$15 per page in the future unless we find a talented person to donate time for Newsletter beautification. Help!

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of ELIA. Stop by and visit.*

Important public meetings this week

Parks and Recreation want to know what residents want in the development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Public forums for us to express park and recreation needs will be held (This Week) Thursday, June 17 at Central Junior High auditorium, Tuesday, June 22 at West Junior High, and Wednesday, July 7 at Schwegler Elementary School gym. All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. Be there or be square! What do you think? Are there facilities enough for East Lawrence kids? Tell somebody. More information about the master plan is available from Parks and Rec, 832-3450.

On Monday, June 21 (6:30 p.m.), City Hall, the Planning Commission encourages public input at a special open meeting to discuss commercial development policies contained in Plan 95, and other appropriate matters. In a nutshell this meeting is about commercial development in Lawrence's outskirts in relation to commitment to existing commercial areas.

ELIA Tiller

It's been a pretty wet spring for tilling, but use of the ELIA garden tiller has been steady during occasional dry spells. Check-out to East Lawrence residents can be arranged by calling Shelley at 841-7518, paying \$5 toward tiller maintenance and repair, and filling out a city form. You may check out the tiller for 1/2 day periods.

Neighborhood clean-up

Saturday, June 26, 8 - Noon

Neighborhood-wide Pot-luck picnic at Hobbs Park at Noon

How does the annual clean-up work? Neighborhood volunteers (you!) meet at 7:45 a.m. by the Delaware Street parking for Hobbs Park, or join us along the clean-up route (alleys). Wear sturdy shoes, bring gloves. We will ride trucks and work with the city crews.

Monday, June 21- Limbs for Chipper

One day between Monday and Friday the week before the Neighborhood Clean-up, a chipper service will go through the neighborhood to chip limbs and brush. (We don't know at press time which weekday this will be.) Chips will then be made available to east Lawrence residents on the parking at 935 Pennsylvania, and we won't have to pay for the weight of the wood hauled to the dump on clean-up day. Chips are "haul-your-own" until they're gone.

Limbs should be placed at trash collection site by Sunday June 20 (one week before the neighborhood clean-up), piled neatly, arranged crown to crown, butt to butt. All limbs should lay in the same direction. Limb piles should be free of trash, lumber, metal, vines, roots and thorns. Limbs left for the cleanup will be landfilled.

Before limb-week and clean-up day, get ready:

1. Use the City's bulk trash services, call 841-1911
2. Clean your house and yard. Take material where you set out your trash. Label material to go "Trash", material to stay "NOT Trash".
3. Need help moving material to alley or curb? Call Nanette 842-9336, or Shelley 841-7518.
4. Tires will now be collected on regular trash days by the City. ELIA will not pay for the weight to haul these on clean-up day.

Picnic at Noon

All are invited! Clean-up crews and everybody else in East Lawrence!

Share food, bring table service. Beverages provided.

To help provide food for clean-up volunteers, call Nanette at 842-9336.

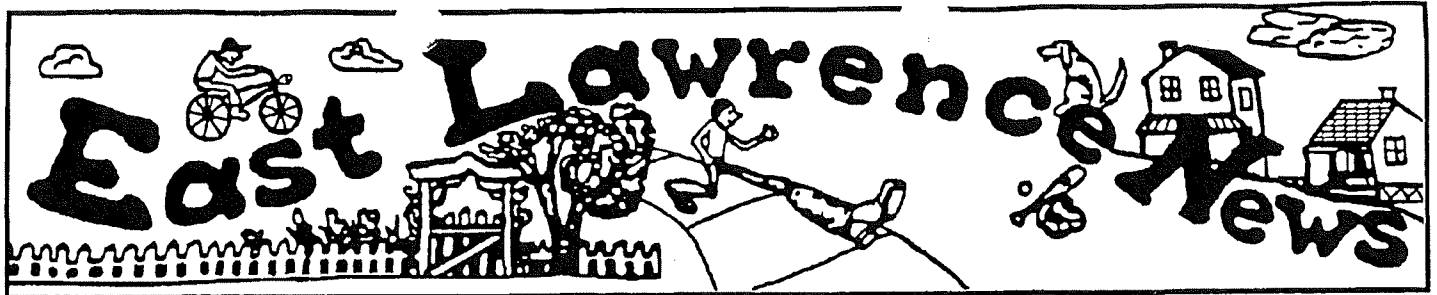
Helping ELIA \$\$\$

We are short on clean-up funds this year and will have to nearly deplete the ELIA treasury for this event. Any large items hauled away by the city's bulk trash before June 26, will save us needed cash. Call 841-1911.

Lawrence recycles! Call 832-3030 for a taped message about what to recycle and where.

* Tires and appliances will now be picked up at no charge. Call City Sanitation at 841-1911 for details.





East Lawrence Improvement Association

TWO important Meetings:

Monday, Aug. 2, 1993 7 (Seven) p.m.,
New York school gym
Come discuss ELIA's position on the
Eastern Parkway and recent
interaction with planners. Possible
vote(s) on ELIA stand by dues-paid
members.
(\$1 to join ELIA.)

Monday, Aug. 9, 1993 7 (Seven) p.m.,
New York school library
Regular meeting of the general
membership. Main agenda topics:
*Renters' concerns in ELIA
*August 1993-July 1994 ELIA projects
funded by Community Development Block
Grants

What's everybody talking about?

See the special addition to this
month's East Lawrence News for
several neighbors' views on the ELIA
position on planning progress on the
Eastern Parkway.

Fall Gardens?

The ELIA Tiller is still available if
the ground ever dries out, for a \$5
repair fund deposit. Call 841-7518
to schedule.

(This issue of East Lawrence News is
dedicated with love to the memory of
Hannah O. Leibengood, one wonderful
life-time East Lawrence neighbor!)

Thanks to everyone who helped with
the Annual Cleanup and picnic in
June!! Woodchips for landscaping are
still available at 935 Pennsylvania.

Help build TRASH RACKS!!

We will begin to organize weekend
rack-building crews this week or as
soon as volunteers are found! Call
any board member to put your name on
the list to help build or to request
a rack for your house. Preference
for finished racks goes to those who
send a volunteer to help build or
distribute the racks, as well as to
those who meet low-income guidelines.
Thanks to Jo Andersen, 1402 New York,
for providing space to store
materials and build racks this year!

Did you see?:

*Great rehab progress on 727 New York
Street!

*New life in the house on East 11th
just off Delaware across from the
Hobbs Park bleachers!

REHAB OPPORTUNITY

The City will consider selling an
East Lawrence house in serious need
of rehab (and in danger of being
demolished) for near the price of the
lot to an owner-occupant.
Arrangements for purchase must be
completed by September 1. Buyer must
be low-income and not currently a
homeowner, complete rehab up to Code
within one year. Interested? Call
Lynn Goodell at City Hall, 841-7722,
or Shelley Miller.

**Eastern Parkway to be Focus of Special Meeting,
Monday, Aug. 2, at New York School gym, 7 (SEVEN) p.m.**
by Shelley Miller

At the request of a number of concerned neighbors, the proposed Parkway project will be the focus of a Special Meeting of the ELIA, to be held Monday, August 2, 1993, at 7 p.m. in the New York School gym. In order that every neighborhood resident can be well-informed about various points of view regarding the parkway, we are distributing this special edition of the East Lawrence Newsletter. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the issues and come to the meeting to express your views. ELIA can represent the East Lawrence neighborhood well only if neighbors get involved.

Public discussions about an east-side truck route have taken place for nearly 20 years. In the mid-1970's, the so-called Haskell Loop was proposed. The Loop would have snaked its way from 11th & Haskell to 7th & N.Y. The Loop ran into significant opposition in East Lawrence, primarily because dozens of homes in the northeast portion of the neighborhood would have been destroyed or isolated by the road. At the time, the fledgling ELIA was controlled by business interests supportive of the Loop. The threatened loss of homes to the road galvanized East Lawrence residents to take over their neighborhood association. ELIA has remained a strong advocate for maintaining and enhancing the residential character of East Lawrence since that time. Over ten years after the Loop was abandoned, City Commissioner Bob Schumm hatched an idea for a different east-side truck route -- the Parkway. This road would run from K-10 & Noria Road (East Hills Business Park) to 7th & N.H. Unlike the Haskell Loop, most of the roadway would be located outside of the city limits and no homes would be destroyed in our neighborhood.

A Task Force of neighborhood, downtown businesses, trucking and rural representatives was put together to discuss routing and design criteria for such a road. The so-called 18 Criteria were recommended by the Task Force. The Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission adopted a modified version of the 18 Criteria and claim to be planning the road with the 18 Criteria in mind.

The voters of Lawrence and Douglas County approved the expenditure of public money in November, 1990 to do a corridor study for the project. A draft of the corridor study was presented early this year. As currently envisioned, the road would cross the Santa Fe tracks via viaducts at Noria Rd. and at E. 8th St. Two farmhouses on rural 11th St. would be lost, along with the building housing Murphy's Furniture at 7th & N.Y., an outbuilding belonging to Kennedy Glass, and some facilities of the KPS Gas Co. located along the tracts. Also lost would be 70-110 acres of prime farmland. There would be Parkway exits at 15th, 11th, and 8th Sts. The Parkway would enter East Lawrence along 7th St.

The Lawrence Douglas County Planning Commission received the corridor study at its Jan. 27, 1993 meeting. City-County planning staff has been working on a land use plan for the Parkway since that time. The Planning Commission has conducted a continuing public hearing on the matter at most of its monthly meetings. As ELIA President, I have attended all but one of these meetings, and reiterated ELIA's current position on the Parkway.

**** ELIA is on record in support of conducting the recently completed corridor study.

**** ELIA has taken the position that it could consider support of the construction of the Parkway only if the 18 Criteria are met, if the corridor study provides for proper interfacing between the neighborhood and the roadway, and if traffic studies indicate that the road really would take truck traffic off of neighborhood residential streets. **** *

Several of the 18 Criteria are addressed by the corridor study, and some were addressed before the study was ever undertaken. 7th St. was reconfigured and wildlife habitat along the River was acquired for preservation by the City east of the factory outlet mall in response to neighborhood concerns. There is a disagreement among neighbors as to whether these actions have been adequate, but we should recognize that efforts are being made by the City to comply with the 18 Criteria. Several major concerns have still not been addressed. It is unclear whether the project will include pedestrian and bicycle trails, although the possibility is addressed in the corridor study. It is unclear just how much truck traffic would actually be removed from neighborhood streets. The criterion mandating that pedestrian safety between the Kaw bridges and the Santa Fe stations be addressed is critical, even without the Parkway, especially since the Mall was built. These pedestrian concerns have not been addressed. Concerns about preserving and enhancing residential land uses in the northern part of the neighborhood through planning and zoning controls to prevent commercial and industrial encroachment have not been addressed. Finally, the number and location of Parkway exits could create more east-west traffic through the neighborhood, and proper safeguards have not been planned.

Some take the position that the Parkway could never be built in a way which would protect East Lawrence and they believe it is time for ELIA to oppose the project. And some believe the road should be built, with or without the neighborhood safeguards.

**** I have taken the position that ELIA should maintain positive pressure on City Hall to see that neighborhood concerns are addressed in a thorough manner. By staying involved, I see some real opportunities to achieve benefits for East Lawrence that would never be possible otherwise. And if our concerns are not adequately addressed after we have given the City every opportunity to do so, we would be justified in opposing the Parkway at some future time. ****

Whatever your point of view, please attend the ELIA Special Meeting to express it.

And even more important, express your views to the City, County and Planning Commissions.

We are close (this week, before the Aug. 2 meeting) to receiving assurances that no Parkway land will be acquired until an East Lawrence N Plan is updated, and that we will have Plan Dept assistance to complete the Neighborhood Plan by December 1994. It is important to see that all protections are in place before an inch of ground is purchased. In the last two weeks, city officials have taken special note of our concerns about 11th St., pedestrian issues, riverfront park, infill housing and rehab funds, in addition to the neighborhood plan.

(note: Portions of the history section of this article appeared in the February, 1993 EL News under the authorship of B. Shalinsky and have been edited and reprinted with his permission.)

What follow in the next eight pages of this special issue are the feelings of several neighbors who attended the June 1993 ELIA discussions about the Eastern Parkway, pro, con, or in-between.

Some often-used Abbreviations in this issue:

EL = East Lawrence

N = neighborhood

D = Downtown

Pkwy = Eastern Parkway

18 C = 18 criteria (adopted by the City Commission, to be met as Parkway is planned and built)

City Comm = City Commission, City Commissioner

Plan Comm = Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission

Plan Dept = Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Department

Jo Andersen, 1402 New York

A VOTE AGAINST THE PKWY IS A VOTE AGAINST EL!

This is what we will gain if the Pkwy is built with our support and with implementation of the 18 C.: 1. We will have credibility and power to negotiate access and egress points for least disruption of the neighborhood; 2. Through truck and other traffic will be routed off our N streets; 3. Our N will be surrounded and defined, protected from commercial and industrial encroachment; 4. We will be able to negotiate dead ends and cul de sacs to further discourage through traffic and speeders and make our streets safer for our children; 5. Infill housing development will be actively encouraged and pursued by the city working with EL; 6. Further industrial and commercial development will be actively discouraged in EL; 7. We will be empowered as a N to define our own future with the aid of the Plan. staff through a new N plan that will be followed and taken seriously; 8. We will have cooperation from the Plan Dept with our EL historical project; 9. We will continue to receive support from the city, especially

the Housing and N Dept., in our efforts to increase homeowner occupancy in EL. What will happen if we vote against the Pkwy?: 1. Most likely it will be built anyway, but without our input. This could be devastating to our neighborhood since there would be no incentive to follow the 18 (or any other) C. Our power to influence decisions would be gone; 2. If the S. Lawrence Trwy. were built without the Pkwy, our N and Downtown Lawrence would effectively be "bypassed" as all new economic development would go west. Blight and decay would set in. In time, we would be up-zoned for less desirable industrial uses and whatever remained of our residential character would be destroyed; 3. Without our input, the Pkwy could become more like the infamous Haskell Loop, which was specifically designed to destroy the residential character of the N and to "improve" it by making commercial and industrial development more attractive and desirable. LET'S NOT ABDICATE OUR RESPONSIBILITY! LET'S GO ON RECORD SUPPORTING THE PKWY AS LONG AS THE 18 C. ARE ADDRESSED! THE N WE SAVE MAY BE OUR OWN!

Barry Shalinsky, 645 Connecticut
Keepin' the Faith. Unlike others in EL, I have always believed the Pkwy could benefit EL, if it would be built with proper safeguards. We all know that truck traffic is a problem on residential streets in EL and surrounding areas. Although Conn., Haskell, 7th and 11th Sts. carry the worst loads, Del., Penn., N.J., 8th, 9th, 10th and other streets are hit with the noise, fumes and safety problems of truck traffic. Literally hundreds of homes are affected. If the bulk of that traffic could be routed past just five homes along 7th St. the greater good would be well served. As co-owner and resident of one of those five homes along 7th St., I have always taken the position that I would be willing to put up with more traffic if it would benefit the rest of the N, and if some reasonable protections could be put into place. This is what the 18 C. are about. Rarely in the history of road building has a city gov't agreed to protect a N from the effects of a road in so many ways. As a show of good faith, the City began to implement N protections several years ago by reconfiguring 7th St. and by purchasing land for wildlife habitat along the Kaw east of the mall. The 7th St. project engendered a lot of controversy in the local newspaper. It was not designed as I would have designed it, but it did create several benefits -- by creating some distance between the street and the sidewalk to enhance pedestrian safety, by reducing drag racing on the narrowed right of way, by providing an area for attractive landscaping as a slight noise buffer -- all without restricting the movement of traffic. The acquisition of the land along the River can help protect that area from further commercial or industrial development. Further legal steps must be taken by the City to guarantee that protection, but the first step was taken by purchasing the land. I remain concerned about providing access to the Pkwy for industries on the NE fringe of the neighborhood, while not promoting an increased flow of east-west traffic through the N along the streets with Pkwy access points. The question of spin-off traffic need not be problematic. I have several potential solutions to offer: Cut 8th St. between N.J. and Penn. to give Pkwy access to industries while keeping the traffic from flowing west into the neighborhood; Post a 20 mph limit on Del. between 9th and 11th, with a stop sign at 10th St. to slow truck traffic on Del.; Design the 11th St. access such that you can get on but you can't get off the Pkwy there. Many of these are good ideas under current conditions, whether or not a Pkwy is ever built.
The 18 C. list other protections which have not yet

been addressed, for example pedestrian safety between the Santa Fe stations and the Kaw bridges, enhancement to the residential character of areas adjacent to the Pkwy, protections against commercial and industrial development, etc. The future development of the 700 block of N.H./R.I. remains a concern. I am confident that these concerns can be addressed because the City has never refused to address them, it has simply not finished doing so yet. When ELIA Pres. Shelley Miller has appeared before the Plan. Comm. to address specific inadequacies of their land use plan for the Pkwy., the Plan. Comm. has treated Shelley courteously, has taken her concerns seriously and directed the staff to go back to the drawing board. With every redraft, improvements are made. As long as the process is working, albeit slowly, it makes good sense to stick with it. As long as ELIA remains involved, there is a good chance that we can negotiate protections for EL such as an updated N plan, a compatible development in the 700 block of R.I., housing rehab, historic preservation, pedestrian safety and street improvements to slow or block excessive traffic. Once we oppose the Pkwy, we lose all leverage to negotiate for protections and benefits, and the City could put the road through without regard to our opinions. When ELIA asked for and got the 7th St. improvement and the Riverfront wildlife habitat, many of our detractors in the local media and the business community predicted ELIA would oppose the road before the City had a change to fulfill the 18 C. For us to oppose the road now would prove our detractors right and damage ELIA's credibility for years to come. With city commissioners from EL and WL on the Cty Comm now, we are in a good position to achieve benefits and protections we could only dream about for years, but only if we don't blow it. Before we can give final support for the Pkwy, ELIA should insist on objective traffic studies which show the road will actually take trucks off of our residential streets, insist on protections against traffic from Pkwy access points and insist on full implementation of the 18 C. I favor ELIA taking a strong stand reiterating its position that it cannot support the road unless the protections of the 18 C. are fully implemented. Then, we should trust our ELIA Pres. Shelley Miller to use the right blend of carrot and stick to get the job done. Shelley is smart, tough, fair and reasonable. Shelley is deeply committed to EL and she won't sell us out. ELIA must remain ever-vigilant and keep a watchful eye on the process, but we should act out of a positive vision for the future and not react out of our fears about it. This is not a Haskell Loop destroying dozens of homes nor is it

a four lane expressway. The Pkwy was conceived with the objective of removing truck traffic from our residential streets. If ELIA can negotiate a good package, the road could be a good thing for EL, and a series of N protections could be put into place first, whether or not funding for the road is ultimately obtained. We will have many opportunities to say maybe, but only one chance to say no. ELIA's current policy is working well and I encourage the membership to continue it.

Sue Ashline & Jim McCrary, 927 Rhode Island

We feel that the time has come to send a strong message to the powers to be concerning the proposed Pkwy. We believe that as a body the ELIA should withdraw all support for the Pkwy at this time. We feel that a "united front" concept being put forth by both local and statewide persons is not a true reflection of the feelings in the community of EL. We feel that support should be withheld until such time that planners, commissioners, politicians and others can and do assure our N that this project will only move forward as was originally projected: i.e. with the concerns and recognition of the community that will be impacted at the forefront of all plans, discussions and development. It is our hope that such action by ELIA will empower the community, not divide it, and that ELIA and the citizens of EL can return to a position of import in future plans, development and negotiations concerning the parkways.

Mark Kaplan, 1029 Delaware

As an EL resident and homeowner since 1975, I am opposed to the whole concept of a Pkwy for two basic reasons: if built, the project will, in time, dramatically increase traffic levels on all our N streets; it will also create industrial and commercial development pressures in a broad arc as a redoubt for low and moderate-income individuals and families--our current residents. City government cannot and/or will not do anything which will mitigate this situation. Regardless of what city planners tell us now, the so-called pky is conceived to mainline Johnson Co. consumers into the D. area. Ultimately, traffic will enter and exit along 15th, 11th, 8th, and 7th Sts. Preliminary studies project only a 10% drop in traffic on Conn. St., the N's busiest roadway. This figure should serve as a 'red flag' for those who fear disingenuity in the traffic engineers' concern for N well-being. Though currently designed to channel those legions of shoppers only to 7th and N.Y., thousands will have destinations to the south. Include the factor of the potential for congestion at this intersection, and

you will see the access points grow all along the length of the route, leading to dramatic increases in traffic in Old EL. This is just the beginning. The project -- conceived and nourished by a handful of D business people, is intended to eventually promote industrial development all along the right-of-way, stretching east for four miles, on a diagonal, to a county road near K-10. As well, the road is intended to boost land values and intensify development along the D interface with the N, particularly in the vacant blocks on R.I. between 7th & 9th, fed by the new 'easy' access provided by the project. This one-two punch will, within 3-5 years, undo all the progress we've made in housing preservation efforts these last 20 years. Not to be lost sight of is the fact that this project can be stopped. The City's only hope for complete financing relies upon millions in federal highway funds which yet need to be appropriated by Congress and spent by a one-time recalcitrant Kansas Dept. of Transportation. The roadway as planned neither crosses nor connects to any state or federal highway. In my view, the project's prospects will collapse before the national budget crunch, because of its inherent design flaws and the fact that it will ultimately prove ineligible for federal monies -- if we actively voice our opposition. EL and the other central Ns worked hard in the late 1970's to save the Central Business District, while the City wrung its hands over the threat of the giant shopping malls. If this project represents repayment -- then GOD help us. This road will sever what's left of our geographical relationship with the river, and the homes north of 7th St. It will permanently destroy the rural N frontier to the northeast, while activating a ticking bomb in the form of commercial development pressure and traffic congestion. It's a darling of leading Lawrence business interests, whom we're not obligated to blindly accommodate in disregard to our own welfare. The City is simply asking us to fall upon our own swords in sacrifice for the good of the 'whole' community. I won't buy it!

Dee Weismiller, 940 Connecticut

Our N is facing slow strangulation; we need to bond together to halt our destruction. The Eastern PORKway is business-as-usual politics at its worst. Although the City plans to pay for this street with federal funds, let's not delude ourselves. Federal money is hard earned tax dollars out of our pockets. The PORKway and its planned four entrances (7th, 8th, 11th and 15th) through EL as well as the planned encroachment of D from the west will serve the interests of a few well-heeled merchants at the

expense of our mostly low-income and working class N. We are facing the extinction of our N to special interests. The inevitable growth and redevelopment pressures caused by the Pkwy will drive up rents and drive out those of us who provide the bodies for the service and manufacturing industries. This road will encourage D expansion pressures, and will further erode an historic N that for too long has been neglected by our city's so-called leaders, no matter what N these leaders happen to live in. The elitist, classist attitude of local movers and shakers threatens our homes. These folks hold that our poorer, older, mixed-race N is fair game for development interests.

According to Phil Bradley and the Plan Comm, "I would say to any N...your quality of life is dependent on D...and in order to maintain that, you're going to have to look at some changes." (LJM 6/23/92, p. 11) I wonder how Alvarado's quality of life is dependent on highway travelling through Eastern L? Commissioner Halbandian wants to "make people dependent on D. for their needs by building swank new apartments" (LJM 6/23/92) in and near D. Folks, what are we? Slugs? There are already lots of humans living near D, and since some of us have no cars and, obviously, no reality-based public transportation, many of us already shop D. Of course, current EL residents have the wrong demographics to please our public and private city leaders. These new housing units are planned to be "available for a broad strata of our socio-economic composition with an emphasis on quality and marketability to middle and upper income individuals and families (Final draft of the report from the Mix of Offerings Sub-committee of the Chamber of Commerce D Development Task Force, April 9, 1991). In other words in order to save our N we lower-income residents will have to get the heck out of it. Perhaps these new, exclusive developments are the new and redeveloped housing referred to in the infamous 18 C. If indeed changes in our N are necessary to "save D", increased enforcement of truck restrictions and driving laws would be a good starting point. We have very little enforcement of traffic laws now; what expectation can we realistically have that ordinances will be enforced in the future? Why should EL residents support a street that will only increase through traffic on our other streets? Common sense tells us that drivers will detour through Ns rather than sit in the daily traffic jams that will occur on 7th between N.J. and Mass. streets. The only citizens of Dg. Co. who will benefit from the Pkwy are some D Chambercrats who anticipate easier access for their KC customers. The only other group of people who will benefit are

KU football and basketball fans from metropolitan KC. Of course their children won't be the ones in danger from heavy traffic while walking or biking to school or to visit their friends. Their children won't be breathing higher carbon monoxide levels. Ours will. We're supposed to support this fiasco? Please, poverty and stupidity are not synonymous. We must pull together to preserve our quality of life. We must oppose the Ern Parkway. Please attend the special meeting and help us stop the road.

Myles Schachter, EL property owner

Focus on Improvement, Not Battle Lines. The ELIA needs to focus on improving our N, not making war with the City. The Pkwy will help get traffic off our streets as well as help strengthen the north end of EL. EL gave its support to the construction of an Pkwy subject to several actions by the City. These actions are called the "18 C." and they would help stabilize our N. The 18 C. were developed to protect and improve EL. These criteria are very much in the N's interest. They require the development of a land use plan in the northern part of our N to stabilize its residential character. They limit access points to the Pkwy to keep traffic from using EL streets as a shortcut into D. The 18 C. call for a housing rehab plan which includes assistance in rehab as well as filling in empty lots with additional houses. They require a pedestrian activated traffic light across 7th St. to let us access the river and the Riverfront Plaza. They provide for a new bike/jogging trail along the Pkwy for our use. So what should our N do now? Should we fight the Pkwy and the good things that come along with it? Of course not! We should be organized and meet with the City to get the 18 C. done. We should be involved in developing a land use plan which protects and enhances EL. We should make sure that the Pkwy limits access to D to 7th St. (and not 8th or 11th Sts.) We should insist on the 7th St. traffic light, the bike trail and a detailed program for stabilizing the housing in our N. EL should not be wasting its time drawing battle lines with the City. Rather we should be using our energy to get our share of tax dollars for improvements like western Ns. We should fight for the 18 C. Come to the next ELIA meeting to support positive change that helps get traffic off our streets and some long needed improvements to EL.

Alan Johnson, 801 Connecticut

THE EASTERN PARKWAY. Seems like a clear enough concept. I knew which direction was east. I looked up "parkway" in our daughter's new Webster's New World Dictionary recently given her at 6th grade

graduation from New York Grade School. Park'way' n. a broad roadway landscaped with trees, bushes, etc. Now, the use of "etc." sort of put me off. I had been hoping for something a little less general and far more specific. Sounds familiar doesn't it. Please be more specific. I have been paying attention to the process over the past few years, but apparently not enough attention. It seemed all along that someone had designed a new entrance/exit to Lawrence by designating a Point A, somewhere on K-10, another Point B, near the new mall, drawn a best fit line around hills and natural obstacles between them, marked off a necessary distance in both directions from that line and said..."Here's the Pkwy." In the intervening time, a lot of questions have been raised concerning the impact of this road on our N. In answer to questions about the congestion created by continually narrowing this road as it focuses on getting people and vehicles to the north end of D., which is most apparently the goal, other lines have been drawn into the N as what seem to be escape routes for those aware of the funnel created on 7th St. ending at N.H. One of those escape routes happens to be 8th St. I have lived on a corner of 8th and Conn. for 13 years. During that time I have watched the traffic patterns change from fairly quiet residential streets to major thoroughfares for city vehicles, gas company vehicles, 48-53 ft. tractor trailers, and anyone who doesn't want to go slowly from one end of D. to the other. I lost about a dozen cats, one dog and feared a kid when I hear screeching tires at our intersection repeatedly. The vagueness of what is to occur throughout the N became an intense focus on what was to happen to me as well. Will 8th St. be widened to accommodate and ease the off-flow? Having no off street parking, I already get tickets for being 30 feet of a stop sign, for leaving my van parked for more than 24 hrs. on a city street. Will I now be required to park blocks away to insure that out-of-town or cross city traffic can use the new road? Will the newly planted trees we lobbied for a few years back go with the easement on 8th to accomplish the same purpose? We already are awakened by 500+ horsepower engines and constant backfiring anywhere from 5 am to 6 am. Will this now continue all through the night as delivery trucks go through to drop downtown loads before stores open? Will a traffic light go in to control the flow giving honking horns and vehicular backup in four directions? It's scary. Maybe I should just build a big fence at the sidewalk and mount a turret on the front porch. Maybe I can get clearance to build an overhead walkway to make sure I don't get squished trying to cross the street. Is this paranoia? Not

given the decision and planning process so far. I know that a good many people have put a lot of time into this at the city and county levels, I'm just not sure they have tried on the shoes of the N. I know that concerns about business and city growth, influx of dollars, jobs and people are important; but so are my sleep, my ears, my lungs, my easement, my kid and my pets, my own rear-end and my neighbors. We learned long ago, through endless meetings on N rezoning and D development that all views must be analyzed and included or we would now have an enclosed D shopping mall village with a one way race track around it, and towering parking structures blocking our view and access, not to mention four and eight plexes dropped in every vacant lot. Yep, if we can't get more specifics about current and future plans, concessions on those plans to protect our own future, and enforceable guarantees on our involvement, we are simply allowing that little line from Point A to Point B to develop on its own. That development will then occur simply on the basis of what was not foreseen, what happens when traffic starts to flow and what bandages are, at that time, available to solve the problems. I think I might just check the lumber yards on prices for extensive fencing and some catalogues for that turret.

Richard Kershenbaum, 704 New York

It's no secret that neighborhoods with substantial minority and lower-income populations are generally the first targets for expansion of commercial and industrial areas, and for construction of new highways to boost business development. EL has faced these threats almost continuously, and has managed to survive. Now, however, we face the most serious threat to our N in the last 15 years. The Pkwy, as presently proposed, will dump traffic into EL, at 7th, 8th, 11th and 15th Sts. With a ninety-degree turn at 7th and N.H. into an already congested area in front of the Riverfront Mall, a major bottleneck is inevitable. Traffic will find other routes through EL. The result will be more, not less traffic on Conn. and other N streets. Even the City's own traffic estimates show only a 10% reduction on Conn. More likely, we will see a large increase in traffic on all EL streets. The Pkwy project is not being done for EL. It is being done to EL. Beginning 7 years ago, I participated in the preliminary informal planning for the Pkwy project. Later, in 1989, I was a member of the Pkwy. Task Force, appointed by the City Comm to propose criteria for the proposed project. The Task Force adopted and recommended to the Comm a set of criteria aimed at protecting EL while satisfying D businesses and

trucking interests. I supported, and still support, these 1989 Pkwy Criteria. Later, however, the Lawrence Cty Comm gutted these Criteria. Nearly all the language designed to protect our N was removed or severely weakened. All the following requirements were eliminated from the project criteria.

* "...active solicitation of a developer to undertake infill residential development in this area." Eliminated.

* "The Pkwy should be incorporated with a riverfront park east of the intersection of 7th St. and the railroad tracks." Eliminated. (The Cty's intention is clearly to reserve this land for additional Mall parking.)

* "Rezoning to prevent the expansion or intensification of existing non-residential uses shall be part of the Pkwy design process and developers will be sought and assisted to undertake these residential development projects." Eliminated.

* Requirements that the EL N Plan "be revised to show the stabilization of the north part of the N via increased residential development." Eliminated. EL was the victim of a "bait-and-switch". The D business and trucking special interests won our support by promising protection, even benefits for the N, then turned their backs on us. When all was said and done, a lot was said and nothing was done. Even the 7th St. "narrowing" project was not carried out as the Task Force recommended. While some green space was added, almost an equal amount was removed when the street was widened near the east mall parking lot entrance. And, other street narrowing the Task Force specified didn't happen. Without these protections, traffic will become unbearable for N residents, and homes will deteriorate. High-traffic areas of EL will become attractive targets for business development. In recent weeks, the Plan Comm confronted the issue of allowing a new Target store to replace the Neider Acres N in southwest Lawrence. Nieder Acres residents, faced with major roads and commercial development all around them, have agreed to sell their entire N to a shopping center developer. In the June 22nd LJW, Neider Acres resident Marsha Goff said, "...we're talking about people who are desperate to get out". If we let a major highway project pass through our N without adequate protection from unbridled commercial and industrial development, will we also be "desperate to get out" in a few years? Nieder Acres presents a chilling example of what could happen to us in EL. At the February 8 ELIA general membership meeting, I proposed the following resolution. Because of the lack of a quorum, no action was taken. Now it's time for EL to send this sort of clear message to our

local, state, and federal officials that we will not let our N be run over for the benefit of a few greedy D businesses and trucking companies.

[Feb. 8, 1993 resolution heavily excerpted here]

"...Whereas the Cty Comm adopted a vastly different set of Criteria than those adopted by the Eastern Pkwy Task Force removing nearly all of the language designed to protect EL N from commercial expansion and other potential negative impacts of increased traffic, including elimination of the following elements:

* Revision of the N Plan and its adoption as part of the Cty's Comprehensive Plan

* Removal of industries along 7th east of R.I.

* Rezoning to prevent the expansion or intensification of existing non-residential uses

* Active solicitation of a developer and Cty assistance with infill residential development projects in the north end of the N

* Designation of a riverfront park

* Provision of only one access point to D from this route

* Prevention of the use of the Pkwy as a through truck route by slowing trucks with sharper turns, stop signs and/or signals.

* Prevention of encroachment into residential property

...be it resolved...

* that ELIA requests that the Cty Comm immediately reinstate all elements of the Pkwy C. as adopted by the Eastern Pkwy Task Force of March 9, 1989, and

* that should the Cty Comm not reinstate [them], the ELIA strongly opposes the Pkwy."

[Full text of this and other documents about the Pkwy available from ELIA board members and Shelley Miller's "Pkwy Notebook"]

Mary Lisa Pike, 945 Rhode Island

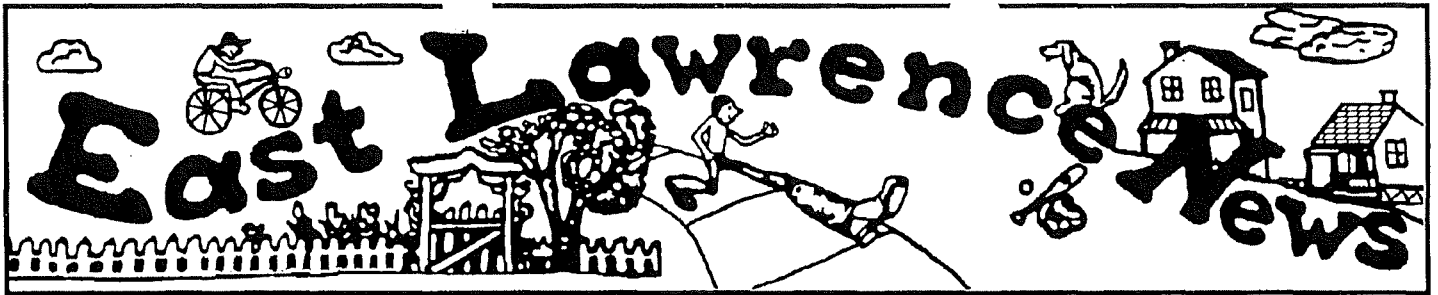
I have actively followed, for many years, both the public and private discussion of the proposed Eastern Pkwy. Throughout this time, I have heard many articulate, powerful people try to explain just why this controversial, intrusive and costly roadway is so important to the future retail, industrial and municipal growth of Lawrence. I have listened to Og Co farmers speak clearly in opposition to this roadway, because it requires the loss of their prime farmland. I have watched a number of EL N leaders negotiate a variety of compromises designed to ensure that, at least, minimum safeguards would be included in any proposed plan to guarantee the stability and unity of our residential N. The primary supporters of this roadway appear to be representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the D Lawrence Association,

industrial business people, our elected officials and city administrators. While it is difficult to fault anyone for advocating for what he or she sincerely believes in, I do question the Eastern Pkwy supporters' good-faith understanding of the potential and probable harm that this roadway poses to our already fragile N. After months of internal debate, I proposed the following resolution at a well-attended general membership meeting of the ELIA on June 14, 1993: "Be it resolved, that in light of the failure of negotiations between residents of EL and proponents of the Eastern Pkwy to ensure the stability and well-being of the EL N, the ELIA hereby strongly opposes any further funding of the project for the following reasons: 1. The proposed roadway will channel a large volume of truck and automobile traffic from the east and south into the EL N through exits at 7th, 8th, 11th and 15th Streets, to be dispersed on local streets, while creating unacceptable congestion at the road's terminus at 7th and N.H.; 2. The presence of this traffic will markedly increase the pressure for commercial and industrial development in and adjacent to the EL N, leading to the deterioration of quality of life, residential N integrity, safety for children and pedestrians, and residential property values." Surprisingly, at the start of this meeting, it was announced that no formal votes regarding this issue would be accepted that evening. Instead, it was decided that a special meeting would be called to address this important issue affecting the future on-going viability of our N. I sincerely urge everyone to be informed, attend this meeting, listen, speak and, most importantly, participate in the decision-making process that touches your life and the life of your neighbors.

Ron Turner, 1402 New York

IT'S OUR TURN. DON'T BLOW IT! Time and again, the Cty has **IGNORED EL!** While public improvements are planned and completed for Alvarado, Deerfield, and other western areas of town, our own N receives very little or nothing from the Cty to justify our continued tax burden. Our water pipes are rusty and old, and our streets remain broken, crumbling and in much greater disrepair than those in western L. Look around you. Can you name more? **IT'S TIME FOR THE CITY TO PAY ATTENTION TO EL!** **IT'S TIME FOR IMPROVEMENT OF OUR OUTDATED TIME-WORN INFRASTRUCTURE!** **IT'S TIME FOR US TO HAVE OUR STREETS FIXED!** **IT'S TIME FOR BIKE AND JOGGING TRAILS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL CROSSWALKS AND PARKS!** **IT'S TIME FOR GENERAL HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS!** **IT'S TIME FOR US TO GET THE ~~TRUCKS~~ TRUCKS OFF OUR STREETS!** In spite of intentional misrepresentation by

certain "negative nay-sayers," establishment of the Pkwy with application of the 18 C will result in the **actual expenditure of tax dollars for EL.** It establishes a new road to get the trucks and heavy traffic off our residential streets. The Cty actually would spend funds in EL for crosswalks, recreation trails and housing improvements. But now a few negative individuals are fighting these long awaited improvements and attempting to "stack the vote" by any means. They want to tell the Cty to leave us alone. They either think that more trucks and more traffic on our residential streets are OK or that they simply will be able to keep the ever increasing traffic out of EL themselves. How? These negative folks are intent on minutely dissecting the meaning of each word in the 18 C. The **INTENT** of the 18 C is clear, regardless if they use the words "should" or "shall". Who really cares if it calls for "open green spaces" rather than "low intensity" parks? By emphasizing semantics, rather than content, these individuals have created a diversion, intended to trivialize the subject matter and wear down the opposition. **IT'S TIME TO STOP THE NEGATIVE NIT-PICKING AND LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE. IN ADDITION TO ACTUAL RECOGNITION, EL FINALLY WOULD BE GETTING SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL FROM THE CITY!** Unfortunately, these "DESPOTS OF NEGATIVITY" are falling into the hands of the JW, opponents of single family housing and many (but not all) developers. If EL votes against these improvements, we are dead in the water, and sinking rapidly! "Wow! EL really doesn't want us to help improve their N. Let's just forget about them, and not bother with a Pkwy that protects their N. That just makes more funds available for the west part of town, where they already appreciate us. Hey, let's reestablish the Haskell Loop that would cut their N to shreds. They are so busy nit-picking the 18 C, that we could have it built before they even noticed." ELIA should dedicate itself to working hard to get these tax dollars, and more, for our benefit: more small parks at the end of our streets to control traffic, and our old sewer, water and drainage lines fixed or replaced. As long as the Pkwy continues to evolve into a reality with **POSITIVE SUPPORT FROM EL,** WE CAN EXERT PRESSURE THAT WILL INFLUENCE THE STRICT APPLICATION OF THE 18 C. and other improvements that will safeguard our N! **THINK HARD FOLKS.** When have you witnessed a positive thought, word or deed from our N "Center of Negativity?" I have not witnessed such in my 17 year tenure in EL. Some people fight against EVERYTHING, even the "GOOD STUFF." We as a N should be (sorry, "shall be" doesn't fit here) fighting for more GOOD STUFF such as the Pkwy and the 18 C!!



East Lawrence Improvement Association

Monday, OCTOBER 11
(Columbus Day observed)
is the next General ELIA Meeting
-the annual election of officers-
7:30 (seven-thirty) p.m., New York School Library

AGENDA items: Annual elections of
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
and full Board (4-10 from the membership at large)

Wrap up of responses to correspondence received from
other organizations (before the "new year")

-including a request for endorsement from Simply Equal, a group which proposes that the two words, sexual orientation, be added to section 10-101 of Chapter X, Article 1, the Human Relations Ordinance, of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas. This amendment would extend anti-discrimination protection in employment, housing, and public accommodations and empower the Human Relations Commission to act upon complaints of discrimination based upon sexual orientation. (ELIA's own Constitution and By-Laws exclude no person from membership on account of race, color, creed, political view, parental status, age, ancestry, national origin, sex, religion, veteran status, disability or sexual orientation.)

BRING \$\$, but not much!

ELIA does charge \$1 dues for annual memberships which run from annual meeting to annual meeting, and this is it. **BRING \$1** to join the East Lawrence Improvement Association this year, and enjoy voting privileges in ELIA. To be an individual ELIA member you must live in East Lawrence or own property in the neighborhood. (Businesses may be non-voting associate members for \$20 yr.)

One last bow...

The ELIA Officers and Board this year have been
President Shelley Miller
Vice President Sarah Jane Russell
Secretary Mary Gray
Board Travis Crandell, Nellie Habegger, Jack Hope,
Brenda Nunez, John Swift, Ron Turner,
Deitre Weismiller and Barbara Willits

Thanks to those several people who have helped us work as a group
and who have served to keep lines of communication open this year.

We are grateful!!

To the men from **VISIONS CONSTRUCTION** for spending an entire Sunday afternoon in September building 35 trash can racks for ELIA. **Doug Myers**, 941 Pennsylvania, arranged to get weatherized lumber and other supplies from Consolidated Lumber. Doug was joined by **Gary Blake**, **Stan Greenwell** and **Phil Harsh** measuring, sawing and nailing trash racks for us. YAY! Neighbors **Nellie Habegger**, **Edward Acton**, **Shelley Miller** and **Bill Wachspress** sorted pieces and stacked and hauled finished trash racks. **Mary Gray** has helped deliver racks, complete paperwork and identify good spots for racks.

Let ELIA help you Rack that Trash

Help stop blowing trash and foil those neighborhood dogs with your own trash rack built with Community Development funds and weatherized lumber. Call 841-7518 to complete paperwork and arrange to carry your rack home or to a neighbor in need. (Racks are heavy, and hold two trash cans -which you supply.) Preference for distribution of 25 racks will go to low-income residents, the elderly, and volunteers who help haul racks for other people. We'll prioritize responses to this notice, and we have funding to build about 20 more racks when we have enough volunteer workers.

'Till Then...

It quit raining for a while and we thought you'd like to know the East Lawrence tiller is available for use on Fall gardens and lawn projects. If it dries out again, call 841-7518 to reserve the tiller. You'll need \$5 for the repair fund and a way to transport the machine.

In Memory

We note the passing of **Ruth Dixon**, 83, longtime resident of Lawrence and friend of many in East Lawrence.

Keep on Chippin'

You may still haul wood chips from 935 Pennsylvania for yard and garden mulching projects. After storms in July knocked down limbs, the City freed up enough reserve CDBG funds to add to money left from our June cleanup budget for another full day of limb recovery and chipping. Plenty for all!

CDBG Proposals

Community Development Block Grant proposals are due to the City on December 1. Do you have ideas to make our neighborhood safer, more walkable, more liveable? Communicate your ideas to the new board -or the old board-right away so we can draw up the best plans for improvements. Some ideas for the 1994 cycle include lighting for New York School's yard, and summer youth employment.

Do you know someone in the neighborhood who doesn't receive East Lawrence News? Call any board member for prompt delivery.

Did you see?

** 407 E. 10th is now owner-occupied again. Years of appreciation to Mr. Evans, who so carefully tended the home of his good friend Omar Hicks so that Pete can now remodel the house and make it home.

** 1008 Rhode Island is now owner-occupied again too. Welcome to the new neighbor in Harry Cook, Sr.'s house.

** 1041 New York is still standing, but we do not know its future fate. If interested in owner-occupancy and rehab, call Lynn Goodell at City Hall (841-7722, switchboard). Eight people called ELIA since our last newsletter, but to our knowledge none have yet qualified to save the house.

(Many catch-22s.)

** The high tide mark of washed up debris around the entire south east corner of 8th and Pennsylvania after heavy rains? It's impressive. (Many of our streets' storm drains seem inadequate.)

ZONING FUTURES

** The Sale Barn's for sale. Watch for developments.

** Winter, Inc. has applied for rezoning from C-4 of the entire 700 block between New Hampshire and Rhode Island Streets (9/10/93) to C-3.

** The Downtown Lawrence Development Study produced by a task force of the Planning Commission has recommended parking be removed on residential streets bordering the Central Business District, and that business be encouraged to expand within the current "footprint of Downtown" with C-3 or new (mystery) zoning categories. These recommendations now go to the City Commission.

** The County has budgeted in 1994 to expand its parking across Rhode Island Street in the 1100 block.

These issues are not new to the neighborhood, and collectively could have as much influence as any other threat to neighborhood integrity and viability. If you're interested, start informing yourself NOW about them. An informed response is more powerful than a reactionary noise, and we'll need informed, organized responses in these areas.

Watch agendas published in the local newspaper or call City/County offices to find out when and how you may comment on these important issues.

(Planning Commission meetings move from the 4th Weds. of the month to the 3rd Weds. each Nov. and Dec.)

Did you hear?

(Loud and clear)

When a neighbor 6 blocks from Massachusetts Street called police at 1:30 a.m. about the loud music coming from Hockenberry's, she was told the police were "very busy", but she could go to the Law and Order building to fill out a complaint. Let us encourage Downtown businesses to be more self-regulatory if police aren't going to be more independently mindful of noise ordinances.

Not to be forgotten: Bahnmaier's Retail Liquor (900 N.H.) and Sunflower (804 Mass.) helped with the post-clean up picnic in June.

Neighborhood reps. needed,
wanted by area and city groups
Many thanks to those who
represent our neighborhood to
other groups with regular
attendance at meetings outside
the neighborhood! (As well as
to those are general members of
the organizations without being
neighborhood representatives.)
Brenda Nunez, Shelley Miller:
Community Development Block
Grant Advisory Board; John
Swift: Tenants to Homeowners.
Other groups and organizations
would like East Lawrence
representatives, like those
from a Haskell Avenue corridor,
the New York School Planning
and Management Team (SPMT), the
schools' Parent Teacher
Organizations, the Lawrence
Association of Neighborhoods
(LAN), among others. If you
are interested in any of these
groups and want to represent an
East Lawrence voice, please
tell anyone on the new ELIA
board so your participation can
be endorsed.

If your want to be kept up on
other projects or concerns of
ELIA, call a board member! We
need a pool of people to work
on historic nominations, a
revised neighborhood plan, to
occasionally attend meetings of
the City and County
Commissions, etc. Whatever
your level of interest, we've
got a space for you!

Just walkin'

If you walk the 1300 block of
Rhode Island Street, like many
Central Junior High students
and other East Lawrence
residents, you will have
noticed a dramatic change in
navigation in the last 2
months. ELIA spent it's 1993-
1994 CDBG-funded brick sidewalk

repair funds in this
concentrated area to give
students a dry safe path to
school, and residents of the
block seem to like the results
too! Chosen both for school
foot traffic and concentration
of needed repair, the sidewalks
in the 1300 block of Rhode
Island are now level and
cleared of a deep layer of
dirt. Eugene Jarrett's and his
crews also repaired walks to
the alleys west on 14th Street
and east on 13th Street. This
year's sidewalk funds will be
exhausted matching up sidewalks
to the property lines of some
begun last year.

You thought the ELHP^{*} was
history?

Dormant but not dead!

After hard work by local
historic preservation
consultant David Benjamin (to
add depth to our most promising
nominations to the local
register of historic places),
four homes will soon be
officially submitted to the
Historic Resources Commission.
The HRC meets on the third
Thursday of the month at City
Hall. Watch their agenda for
East Lawrence activity. Linda
Finger, Senior Planner and
Historic Resources
Administrator at City Hall, has
also reviewed preliminary forms
for another 30 houses ELHP and
property owners would like to
consider for the local
register. ELHP members K.T.
Walsh, Barry Shalinsky, Shelley
Miller and Richard Kershenbaum
would be glad to talk to you
about these nominations, and
encourage you to get involved
in this preservation activity.

^{*} East Lawrence History Project!

So what's going on with that roadway project, anyway?

Still plenty at the local level, but not much federally right now. Senate pork was unbarrelled and money turned back to the states last week, so federal funding of the \$14 million project is still unsure. City Planning staff are talking about helping us draft an updated neighborhood plan, one of the City Commission adopted criteria for the Parkway.

For several years the ELIA stand on the possible roadway was that we could not consider support until or unless 18 criteria for construction and neighborhood protections were met. At a special meeting called to discuss its stand on the Eastern Parkway, the association voted:

Resolution of the East Lawrence Improvement Association, August 2, 1993:

WHEREAS representatives of the East Lawrence Improvement Association met informally in 1987 with representatives of Downtown Lawrence, Inc., the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, and other interested parties to discuss a possible route to connect Downtown Lawrence with Highway K-10, and

WHEREAS these East Lawrence representatives negotiated in good faith with the aim of arriving at a plan that would serve neighborhood as well as business interests, and

WHEREAS an Eastern Parkway Task Force was convened by the City of Lawrence to review and recommend criteria for construction of the Parkway, and to recommend detailed plans for the reconfiguration of 7th Street between New York and New Hampshire Streets, and

WHEREAS the Eastern Parkway Task Force adopted the Parkway Criteria and plans for 7th Street construction, with the concurrence of East Lawrence representatives, March 9, 1989, and

WHEREAS the City of Lawrence is actively pursuing full funding for completion of the Parkway project, and

WHEREAS the consulting engineer for the Parkway project predicts the construction could begin in 1994, and

WHEREAS, should specific protections not be implemented prior to construction, the East Lawrence Neighborhood will suffer grave damage from noise, increased traffic, and increased pressure for commercial and industrial development,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the East Lawrence Improvement Association will support solicitation of funding for and construction of the proposed Eastern Parkway if and only if the City of Lawrence completes the following actions within nine months of enactment of this resolution:

- Revision of the Neighborhood Plan to show the stabilization of the north part of the neighborhood via increased residential development.
- Adoption of the revised Neighborhood Plan by the Lawrence City Commission
- Acquisition by the City, and residential zoning of the half city block bounded by 7th Street, 8th Street, and Rhode Island Street, and the alley between New Hampshire Street and Rhode Island Street to prevent the expansion or intensification of existing non-residential uses.
- Acquisition by the City, and residential zoning of the land bounded by 7th Street, the Riverfront Plaza parking garage, Connecticut Street and New York Street to prevent the expansion or intensification of existing non-residential uses.
- Active solicitation of a developer and City assistance with infill residential development projects in both land parcels described above.
- Designation of city-owned land east of the intersection of 7th Street and the Santa Fe tracks as a City Park, and establishment of appropriate conservation easements to protect Bald Eagle habitat.
- Amendment of all Parkway plan documents to show provision of only one access point to the downtown, at 7th and New Hampshire Streets, from the Parkway route.

and

THAT, should the City Commission not implement such necessary protections for the East Lawrence neighborhood within the time period prescribed by this resolution, the East Lawrence Improvement Association strongly opposes construction of the Eastern Parkway and will utilize all available means to prevent its construction.

The ELIA board endorsed a working group (Sept. 13 board meeting) to represent the resolution to the City and other bodies. James Dewey will lead that group, with the aid of Mary Lisa Pike, Richard Kershenbaum and other interested people.

NEWS from NEW YORK SCHOOL

This Newsletter is coming out just a little too late to announce the New York School carnival of Friday, October 1, and by now you might know "a good time was had by all" !!

A flyer of the school's PTO (parent teacher organization) invites all interested people to become active at the school, and you don't even have to be a parent. Call Charles Gruber (841-5763) to participate.

The school-wide Chapter Program is in place at New York School this year, with of students of different age levels in each class. Need something to talk about with the neighbor kids? Ask them about their school!

(From the open-window Fall sounds of new music coming from some houses, we know you can ask many about learning a band or orchestra instrument too.)

New York School has also been chosen to be a Professional Development School this year, and will serve as a learning site for several KU student teachers to a greater degree than before. This should provide new opportunities for students and teachers alike.

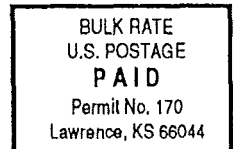
THANKS TO TEACHERS AND STAFF OF NEW YORK SCHOOL and CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH for what you do for the neighborhood.

(A special thank you to Jeff Cassity and the custodial staff of NY School for opening for monthly meetings of the ELIA board and general membership!)

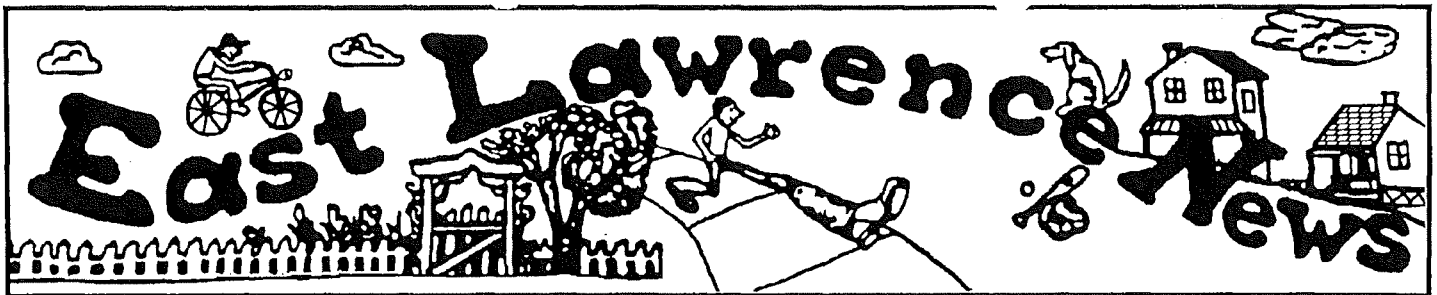
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December 16, THURSDAY, ELIA meeting and year-end party!
New York School gym, 7 p.m.

(Note change from regular meeting day)

Fun is the main agenda item for ELIA's December general membership meeting.

Bring the family and something to share for a potluck dinner. Musicians, bring instruments! At least one amplifier and microphone will be provided. Let's all close out the year with an old-fashioned neighborhood get-together.

A short meeting will follow the party:

Is this the new Barker Wetlands?

We all remember the flooding fiasco of last summer, and the sewage flooding the basements of our neighbors around 14th and Connecticut. The situation still exists, and ELIA will discuss the issue at the meeting next Thursday. Our neighbor Leroy Young will bring us up to date on residents' efforts to get the city to provide adequate sanitary sewer service to its water customers. ELIA will consider possible ways to assist in getting this odious problem taken care of. We are all affected by deteriorating infrastructure.

ELIA 1993-1994 Board, elected at the October meeting:

John Swift, president 818 New York
Shelley Miller, vice president 936 Pennsylvania
James Dewey, secretary 1111 New Jersey
Shelle Rosenfeld, treasurer 1008 Connecticut

Board members:

Nellie Habegger 1042 R.I., Richard Kershenbaum 704 N.Y.,
Jim McCrary 927 R.I., Barry Shalinsky 645 Conn.,
Bill Wachspress 1308 Conn., K.T. Walsh 732 R.I., and
Barbara Willits 1205 Delaware.

REMEMBER THE DREAM

New York School is hosting the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration and chili feed on Friday, January 14, 1994, from 6-8 p.m. This is an important event in our community, and it is an appropriate celebration for Lawrence's most diverse neighborhood. A group from KU will be performing an original musical composition, and New York School children will put on a program too. All are invited, and we hope to see you there! (The governor has even attended!) ELIA members often make desserts and help serve food. Call the school or a PTO member to volunteer! Good inexpensive supper of homemade chili (vegetarian provided too), other fixings, drinks and desserts, with multi-generational community sprinkled with history. What could be better? Mark your calendars now!

ELIA Job Opening soon

ELIA will soon be advertising for a person to serve as project coordinator, up to 1/4 time, through July 1994, with possible extension. Duties will include recruitment of volunteers, assisting in Community Development grant application process and followthrough, newsletter production and distribution, as well as helping with other ELIA priorities. Candidates must have good writing and communications skills, and enjoy working with a diverse group of people. Interested? Write John Swift, 818 New York St., 66044. ELIA is an equal opportunity employer. (A full ad will run in the local newspaper.)

Did you see?

** the great rehab of 820 New Jersey! Nicky Proudfoot has saved the 19th century brick house, and this unique historic home lives again. We can expect this one to last another 120 years!

** the City will be replacing main water lines on Pennsylvania, starting this month, in the 900 block, and hopes to keep inconvenience to a minimum.

** people from the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) are in town checking up on local lenders' compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act. Feel free to talk to them about your experiences.

Keep Your Eyes on the Road...

President John Swift is requesting mayor John Nalbandian schedule a meeting with ELIA officers to get dialogue back on track to take definite steps to safeguard our homes and quality of life in the advent of the Eastern Parkway. The Eastern Parkway, if built, would have a great impact on East Lawrence. Give 'em a call down at City Hall, and let them know your feelings. City Manager Mike Wildgen and the City Commissioners are happy to speak to neighborhood residents.

CDBG, 1994-1995

On December 1, ELIA submitted Community Development Block Grant - funded project ideas to the City, which will be reviewed over the next several months by the CDBG Advisory Board, and possibly approved by the City Commission in April 1994. If approved, ELIA projects proposed for August 1994-July 1995 will be these:

ELIA administration (newsletter, etc.), Project coordinator, Annual Cleanup, Brick sidewalk repair, Trash rack building and distribution, 14th Street sidewalk construction for CJHS students, Summer youth employment, and Hobbs Park plantings. Stay tuned. (And if you'd like to help with this year's trash rack building and distribution, or any ELIA projects, call John Swift, 843-0123.)

"Tudy"

by Barry Shalinsky

Once again, I say goodbye to a friend. Gertrude "Tudy" Shanafelt died recently at age 97. I share my reflections on her life and death and on her place in our community.

I first met Tudy over a dozen years ago when I was a VISTA volunteer and editor of the EAST LAWRENCE NEWS. I asked her to write a monthly neighborhood gossip column which we called "Tudy's Corner". Tudy's Corner was a mix of "news" (visits from out of town guests, weddings, birthdays, condolences, etc.), original poetry, Bible quotations, humor and folk wisdom. I used to relish -- and dread -- my visits to Mrs. Shanafelt's house to pick up her handwritten drafts of Tudy's Corner. Relish because she was a truly gracious and interesting person with wonderful stories to tell, and dread because I knew I could forget about doing any more work that afternoon. Tudy could talk your ears off.

Tudy was a devout Christian, an avid Republican and flag-waving patriot. A portrait of Nixon was hung prominently on her wall. Her home was full of old books, magazines and newspaper clippings which she read with her magnifying glass. She collected dolls and she grew flowers.

Tudy's life was difficult, as a dust bowl farm wife in Oklahoma, as a widow who never quite got over the death of her husband of fifty years, and as a brave woman with an artificial leg who was able to live at home and take care of herself until almost the very end. Tudy rarely complained and was able to view her situation with humor and optimism.

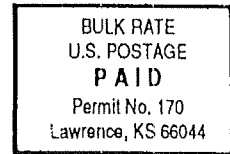
Tudy was in so many ways representative of her generation and its place in history. When I first moved to East Lawrence fifteen years ago, I made many friends in their seventies and eighties who had lived here for decades. They were an integral part of the fabric of this neighborhood. Most of our friends and neighbors of that generation are no longer with us, and a new generation in their 20's and 30's have moved into their homes. Though some of us do not share all of each other's social views, we can still carry on the legacy of the older generation by making East Lawrence a stable and caring community.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

When the snow starts, help someone clear their walks!

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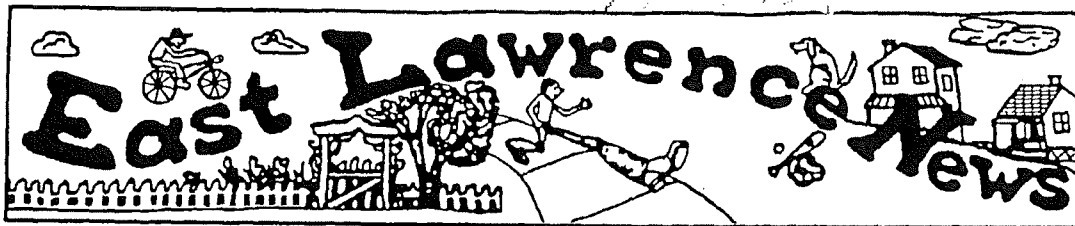


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The City will collect discarded holiday trees from wherever you normally put your trash (alleyway or curbside) on Mondays in January: 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st. Trees will be composted. Do not wrap or bag the tree or put it in a trash can.

Changed meeting date and time in December:

THIS WEEK, Thursday, DEC. 16 POTLUCK food and GOOD COMPANY
New York School gym, 7 p.m.



**East Lawrence Improvement Association
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 1994
7:30 p.m. at New York School**

Agenda items include:

East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan: The East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan was drafted and adopted as an official local planning document in the late 1970's. After over 15 years, it is being looked at for possible update and revision, at the request of ELIA. This is especially important in view of discussions about rezoning and redevelopment of the 700 block of New Hampshire/Rhode Island and the 1000 block of Massachusetts/New Hampshire; the County's discussions about their desire for more jail space, office space and parking space; the recent vacancy of the Sale Barn property on East 11th Street, and the proposed construction of an Eastern Parkway. **Bob Siqueiros** of the city planning staff will talk about the neighborhood planning process and how we can participate in it. That discussion is scheduled to last from 7:30 to 8:30.

Election of ELIA President: John Swift, elected in October, 1993 has found it necessary to resign as ELIA President. A replacement will be elected to serve out the rest of the term. Think about throwing your hat in the ring to serve your neighborhood.

Nomination of Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee Representative: Shelley Miller is unable to continue representing East Lawrence on the CD Committee (see related news item). ELIA needs to nominate someone to serve on the committee to review CD funding requests for this year. The committee meets every Thursday night through the end of April. Contact Brenda Nunez, East Lawrence's other representative, with questions about the position.

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Neighborhood News Briefs

Newsletter Mailing List: Nellie Habegger and K.T. Walsh are working on cleaning up the mailing list for the EAST LAWRENCE NEWS. Please let Nellie or K.T. know NOW if you are aware of people in the neighborhood who do not receive the newsletter, so the mailing list can be corrected. We expect the list to be more accurate and comprehensive for the next newsletter. Special thanks to Sharon Miller of the City Water Department for her assistance.

ELIA Coordinator Position: The position of ELIA Coordinator, an administrative assistant position, is vacant, following Nanette's departure last autumn. The ELIA Executive Board has not made a decision about whether or when to fill the position. If and when a decision is made to fill the position, it will be advertised. Contact any Board member if you have further questions.

East Lawrence History Project: Applications are pending before the Lawrence Historic Resources Commission to place seven East Lawrence properties on the local historic registry. That commission will consider the applications at its February meeting on Thursday the 17th at 7:00 p.m. Neighbors are encouraged to attend and show their support for historic preservation of East Lawrence homes.

Eastern Parkway Public Comment: A public hearing was held on Wednesday, February 2nd to gather information for an environmental impact statement for the proposed Eastern Parkway. Persons unable to attend the hearing still have the opportunity to submit written comments by mailing them to JBM Engineers & Planners, 4600 Madison, Suite 500, Kansas City, MO 64112. Comments should be sent by Friday, February 18th. For more information, contact George Williams or Tammy Bannister at the City Public Works Department.

Sad News: East Lawrence lost two wonderful neighbors within the past few weeks. Mary Transue lived near the north end of Rhode Island Street for several decades. She was an early member of ELIA and an active participant in some of the earliest downtown mall discussions. Bing Hart lived at the heart of New Jersey Street for only about three short years. He saved a dilapidated home from almost certain demolition through his tireless efforts to make repairs and improvements. They will be missed.

More Sad News: Shortly after her 40th Birthday, ELIA Vice-President Shelley Miller was diagnosed with a serious brain tumor. Whether building trash racks, working the neighborhood clean-up, baking cookies for neighborhood meetings, organizing newsletter delivery, helping elderly neighbors with errands, or speaking out at City Hall, Shelley has been there for East Lawrence. Now it is our turn. A special account has been set up at the credit union in the Community Mercantile to help with Shelley's expenses. Please contribute generously. Even more important are your prayers, kind thoughts and good energy. Shelley's spirits are good. She intends to win this battle and keep sharing her ever-vigilant self with us.