

The North Lawrence Courier



About The North Lawrence Improvement Association

North Lawrence residents have many opportunities to stay connected through attendance at NLIA meetings, picnics, school functions, and other gatherings. Most of the information about these events is communicated through this newsletter, our website, and on our Facebook page. The North Lawrence Improvement Association is a non-profit, neighborhood organization representing the people who live in the area.



By joining the NLIA, you connect with those who share similar concerns, questions, and a love of North Lawrence. Dues are only \$1 per year, per person. The more voices we have, the more people will listen. You may join by calling Bev Cates at 843-8799 or at our meetings.

NLIA neighborhood meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month, October through May, 7:00pm at Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street. On occasion, we may need to change a meeting date or

location; this information will be announced on our Facebook page, the North Lawrence groups there, our website, and this newsletter.

Meetings for April and May 2018 will be held at the Lawrence Visitor Center/ Union Pacific Depot, 402 North 2nd Street, while Peace Mennonite undergoes renovation.

We welcome any suggestions or improvements you would like to see for future publications.

Your involvement is critical to our success!

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Calendar of Events

- 4/9 Neighborhood Meeting
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- 4/19 Kindergarten Orientation at Woodlawn (832.5920 for details)
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Sandrat Reunion 2018

Each year people who've been a part of the North Lawrence Community come together in celebration of their lives and to reflect on days gone by. This annual gathering is known as the Sandrat Reunion, fondly named in honor of the sandy soils and our connection to the Kansas River.



The 2018 reunion is tentatively scheduled for **June 2nd from 9 a.m.-noon at Woodlawn Elementary School**. Keep an eye out for confirmation of date, time, & location as the event date nears. The 2017 reunion was a great time with many people in attendance. All North Lawrence residents are "Sandrats", so show your support of our community and join the fun this year!





NLIA Neighborhood Meetings

- September 11, 2017 — Annual Picnic at Lyon Park*
- October 19, 2017 — Monthly NLIA meeting
- November 13, 2017 — Monthly NLIA meeting
- December 11, 2017 — Annual Holiday gathering*
- January 08, 2018 — Monthly NLIA meeting
- February 12, 2018 — Annual Chili Supper at Depot*
- March 12, 2018 — Monthly NLIA meeting
- April 9, 2018 — Monthly NLIA meeting (after newsletter)
- May 14, 2018 — Monthly NLIA meeting (after newsletter)

* Indicates gatherings with no regular meeting minutes

A note about printing the meeting minutes...

Due to some budget constraints in 2018, we're having to cut back on the number of pages for the newsletter. Highlights from the minutes of previous meetings will be printed here, and the full text will be posted on our website www.northlawrencekansas.com. If you'd like printed copies of the full notes for any reason, please get in touch with the NLIA coordinator. We apologize for any inconvenience!

NLIA Neighborhood Meeting Notes Highlights, Fall/Winter 2018

NLIA Meeting highlights — October 2017 Met 7:00-8:30pm at Peace Mennonite Church, 31 attendees

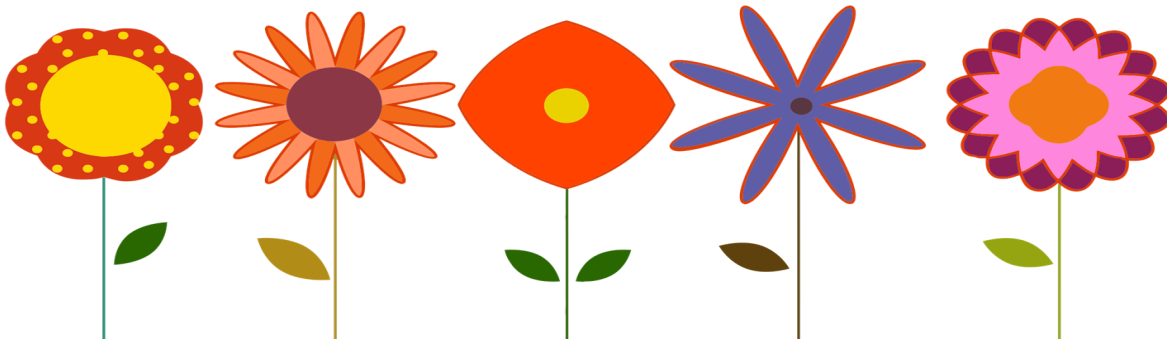
Board members present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice-President), Beverly (Treasurer), Dylan (Coordinator/Secretary)

President's Report: Ted gave some information about the upcoming sales tax vote. Peace Mennonite Church will be undergoing renovations in 2018.

Speakers: Candidates for the upcoming City Commission election were present for a panel. The candidates were Dustin Stumblingbear, Jennifer Ananda, Dr. Mike Anderson, Matthew Herbert, and Lisa Larsen. Extensive notes were not taken here.

Public Comment: Question and answer session was recorded and is available upon request.

Elections: Members made a motion to re-elect all current NLIA Board members. An oral vote was unanimous.



NLIA Neighborhood Meeting Notes Highlights, Continued... Fall/Winter 2018

NLIA Meeting highlights — November 2017 Met 7:00-8:45pm at Peace Mennonite Church, 15 attendees
Board members present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice-President), Beverly (Treasurer), Dylan (Coordinator)

President's Report: Ted praised both the neighborhood's outpouring of response to the October 14 storm and the City's quick response in helping begin the cleanup. Ted was also in touch with county officials to help residents north of the city's boundaries in the Ronoak subdivision. During the storm, both electric lines to North Lawrence were shut off, which stopped the pump at the Union Pacific underpass, making 2nd Street impassible and causing traffic backups. Ted asked the city to have a natural-gas-powered backup generator installed for drainage of the underpass. The new Maple Street pumps have such a backup, and they functioned as designed during the storm. There are speed humps in the works for both Lincoln and Lyon streets. Ted gave an update on the 7th and New Hampshire grocery store project. The proposed "Welcome to North Lawrence" sign was reviewed and a vote to take this to the city was approved unanimously. The next meeting will be the Holiday gathering on 12/11 to view the Festival of Nativities at Centenary United Methodist Church. Canned goods and other donations for the Ballard Center will be collected then.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly reminded attendees about the regular community dinner held at Centenary United Methodist Church, 5:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Free will donation.

Public Comment: Questions about putting a speed hump on north 3rd Street; Welcoming Jeff Frye of Mister Bacon BBQ, 624 North 2nd St., to the neighborhood; a resident proposed that we collect items for Ballard Center at every NLIA meeting; motion for this made, seconded by the Vice-President, and passed unanimously. Residents asked Ted to extend a thank you to Crystal Miles, City Forestry Manager, for the city's quick response in removing the large trees that fell on their homes.

NLIA Meeting highlights — January 2018 Met 7:00-8:30 pm at Peace Mennonite Church, 17 attendees
Board members present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice-President), Beverly (Treasurer), Alison (Coordinator)

President's Report: Ted discussed the wet microburst on 10/14 and the neighborhood Christmas collection, in which NLIA residents and businesses helped 6 families and about 25 people. Ted shared the "Welcome to North Lawrence" sign design again. Penn House is moving to the Ballard Center in 2018.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly reminded us about the Cabin Fever Chili Supper, Feb. 12th, 5:30-8 pm at the Depot, and the community dinner at Centenary Methodist the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Guest speakers: From the City: Crystal Miles, Forestry Manager, Derek Rogers, Parks and Recreation Director, and Mark Hecker, Parks and Recreation. Crystal spoke very informatively about the City's immediate response to the October storm and the number and types of trees currently in North Lawrence. There are 1053 trees in the right-of-ways and parks, and 44 difference species. Post storm, the City has developed a plan for limb pruning, tree removal, and tree replacement. Crystal said that lots of our big trees were stressed by the drought in 2011-2012. She shared a map developed by city engineers that indicates 38 trees to be removed over the next 2 years as well as existing stumps to be removed. Residents will receive notice 24 hours in advance of tree removal, but not for limb pruning. Homeowners have a choice of trees from a list of trees recommended for NE Kansas. No Elms will be replanted. About 10% of existing trees in Lawrence overall are Ash; some will be inoculated against the Emerald Ash Borer in hopes they will live for another 15 years or so. The city is speeding up removals of Ash trees and will run two crews to do the necessary work. The Borer issue has tripled the number of removals the city has to do throughout Lawrence. Residents discussed lighting and sidewalks near Lyons park with Mark as well as this deep assessment of North Lawrence trees after the storm. Our beloved old Elm tree at 4th and Elm rated fairly well, and will receive a little pruning. Residents were reminded never to leave diseased trees in our yards, because it promotes spread to healthy trees.

Public Comment: Residents asked about stump removal, which is done year-round; how they will be notified for tree removals, which will be a door hanger; and what Westar is doing in the neighborhood regarding tree pruning, which is limbs that affect power lines only. A resident asked when the yard waste removal schedule would begin again after winter. The city website also has a reporting page for downed trees.

NLIA Neighborhood Meeting Notes Highlights, Continued... Fall/Winter 2018

NLIA Meeting highlights — **March 2018** Met 7-8:30pm at Visitor Center/Union Pacific Depot, 8 attendees

Board members present: Ted (President), Jeff (Vice-President), Beverly (Treasurer), Alison (Coordinator/Secretary)

President's Report: The proposed Quiet Zone for the railroad will be from 10pm to 6am and will include bells and a car-like horn at railroad crossings to warn pedestrians. All Lawrence neighborhoods lost CBDG money this year and may completely lose all funding next year. That means NLIA will no longer have an operations budget. The City will install speed humps on Lincoln Street, and CBDG capital improvement funds will install them on Lyon Street. Ted reminded us that we're the best neighborhood in Lawrence.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly gave the financial report from December through February. The free-will donations given by residents at this year's Chili Supper will cover supplies for next year's supper. She thanked everyone.

Guest Speakers: County Commissioner Nancy Thellman, Undersheriff Gary Bunting, and Patrick Schmidt from Bert Nash. They talked about the upcoming April 25th ballot proposing a half-cent county sales tax for the jail expansion and the community mental health crisis center. Patrick highlighted that the center will be open to all residents and will also have short and long-term housing to help people stay safe and stable during recovery. Gary talked about current jail overpopulation, the re-entry program, other programs designed to safely reduce the jail population, and the programs available for free to people waiting for trial that include supervised release and house arrest. Gary stressed that these programs assist in reducing inmates returning to jail. Nancy highlighted the necessity of paying attention to fixing potential issues of our jail before they develop, citing problems at jails in other counties. She said it's the county's duty to provide a safe, sufficient, secure, healthy and humane jail.

Public Comment: Residents had numerous follow up questions regarding the mental health crisis center, current jail overcrowding, percentages of people of color in jail, and the expanding women's population in jail.

Notes from the President

Well, where is Spring? I hope it's just around the corner. Safe planting after April 15th. The train quiet zone is in progress; the City Manager told me that they hired a person to work on the quiet zone, who is the same person that worked on it three years ago. He left and came back to Lawrence. I hope this will help speed the project along.

There will be four new speed humps on Lincoln Street, four on Lyon Street between 7th and 9th, and two on Walnut Street between 7th and 9th. I hope this will slow traffic down. If any residents have a new street or alley light that has been replaced by Westar and seems too bright, we can ask the city to tell Westar to change the color temperature from 4000 Kelvins (a more blue light) to 3000 Kelvins (a more yellow light).

I hope you all have a wonderful Spring and Summer! Sincerely,

Ted Boyle — NLIA President

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Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

Please place items you wish to discard at your regular trash pick up site by 7:00 a.m. Remove all nails from boards; place broken glass in suitable marked containers. Up to five tires per household allowed per year. No hazardous waste (paint, lawn chemicals, etc.) will be accepted.

Bring limbs to the parking lot behind Centenary United Methodist Church at 4th & Elm the weekend before the cleanup — mulch from these limbs will be available to residents behind Ted's house at 310 Elm Street. Contact Ted at 842.7232 if you have any questions.

North Lawrence Garage Sale

The North Lawrence community garage sale will be held the weekend after Mother's day, May 18-19. We will compile a map of participating households using Google maps and share it on Facebook and our web page. If you are participating and want to be added to this map, please email nliacoordinator@gmail.com or message the NLIA Facebook page. Include the dates you are participating, your address, the times you are operating, and a sentence or two about the items at the garage sale.

Please have this information to us by Tuesday, May 15th to be included on the map.

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- ⇒ Approximately 1/2 page \$50
- ⇒ Approximately 2"x3" (business card size) \$25
- ⇒ Back of the newsletter (business & contact info) \$10

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Community-wide

Garage Sale

Friday and Saturday

May 18 & 19th

8:00 am to ????

Be sure to visit all the great sales in our community!

(Saturday will be the primary day)

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