

The North Lawrence Courier



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About The North Lawrence Improvement Association

All North Lawrence community members have many opportunities to stay closely connected through attendance at NLIA meetings, picnics, school functions, and other gatherings. Most of the information about these events is communicated through this Newsletter.

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, NLIA Treasurer or any of the officers listed in the next column.

NLIA meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, October through May at 7:00pm at the Peace Menonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street. On occasion we need to change a meeting date or location and that information is listed

Neighborhood Picnic & Oct. 8 Meeting

It was so good to see everyone at the picnic September 10. It is so much fun to gather as a community to reunite from the summer months of vacations and relaxation.

If you were unable to make it be sure to contact any one of the NLIA Offic-

ers to join the association.

Our first neighborhood meeting is October 8. At this first meeting we will have the Candidate Forum. Nancy Thellman and Frank Male will be there to answer questions!

within this newsletter. If you would like a meeting reminder, let us know and we'll send an email reminder.

We welcome any suggestions you might want to share for future publications.

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Vice President Jeff Joseph 841-1284

Treasurer Bev Cates 843-8799

Secretary/Coordinator Amy McCurdy 840.8932

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Points of Interest: (details inside)

- 9/10 Neighborhood Picnic
- 10/5 Fall Neighborhood clean-up
- 10/8 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting
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- 5/13 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting

Holiday Fundraiser & Nativity at Centenary

Holiday Fundraiser—The NLIA supports the North Lawrence Community in many ways. One of the ways is by anonymously adopting North Lawrence families for holiday giving through the Ballard Community Center. If you would like to contribute to this fund contact Ted Boyle, NLIA President or Bev Cates, Treasurer; or consider giving an extra dollar or two when paying your NLIA dues this year! If you are in need of assistance contact the Ballard Center at 842.0729.

Nativities at Centenary—Centenary United Methodist Church invites the North Lawrence Community to an Open House to view the Festival of Nativities on Monday, December 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. The church is on the corner of 4th & Elm. They will provide coffee and cookies to enjoy while viewing the beautiful display of nativities from around the World. Please note the date on your calendar...we hope to see you in December.

This Open House will be in lieu of the regular NLIA meeting in December.

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Sandrat Reunion Recap

Everyone had a great time at the 2012 Annual North Lawrence Sandrat Reunion on June 2.

We sold Sandrat T-shirts this year...the proceeds will go toward expenses for the Sandrat overlook (this is where the memorial bricks will be placed). Representatives from Bowersock and the City are working on a location for the overlook.

We have a limited number of bricks available and the price will be \$100+ if they are placed in the overlook and have to be engraved at a later date so...if you're interested in purchasing a brick and you do not have an order form, please contact Patty Breithaupt at 785-393-3701 or 785-843-2665 and she will

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- ⇒ Approximate 2x3 (business card size) \$25
- ⇒ Single line on back of the newsletter \$10

mail one to you. The NLIA and the Ted Boyle family have purchased bricks.

A big **Thank You** to everyone who helped make this year's Sandrat Reunion so much fun! We hope to see you all again next year, so watch for your invitation—or check our Facebook page online—and pass the word along. In the meantime, reserve June 1 for the 2013 Reunion at Woodlawn Elementary School in North Lawrence.

Fall Neighborhood Clean-up.....October 5!

This Fall's North Lawrence Clean-up is scheduled for

Friday, October 5. Please place items you wish to discard at your regular trash pick up site by 7:00 a.m. Remove all nails from boards and place broken glass in suitable containers and mark it to prevent injuries. Old tires will also be picked up.

Lonnie's Recycling will follow the City trucks and pick up metal items the City won't take.

Also, keep limbs separate—North Lawrence generates mulch from limbs that is available to residents behind Ted's house at 310 Elm Street.

Contact Ted at 842.7232 to pick up some mulch!



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Liberty Memorial Central Middle School Fun Run...October 26

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The money raised by the students is used to help pay for after-school activities, camps, scholarships, uniforms and a wide variety of special needs not covered by the school's regular budget.

Keep an eye out for the Liberty Memorial students in our neighborhood collecting money for the Fun Run during the week of October 22 and give them a few dollars if you can! We all benefit from the programs at our schools.

Woodlawn School News

The kids, teachers and parents are hard at work at Woodlawn School. Following are a few noteworthy events throughout the school year. Be sure to watch for information directly from the school or contact the school for more information.

PTO meetings are always the first Wednesday each month at 5:45 pm.

Please remember to drive safely through our neighborhoods and with extra caution around the school.

Sept. 29—Outdoor clean-up\picnic

Oct. 18—Carnival

Oct. 19—No School (K-5)

Nov. 8-9—Conferences

Nov. 21-23—Fall Break

Dec. 21-Jan. 1—Winter Break

Mar. 18-22—Spring Break

May 23—Last day of school



LAN meeting- noxious weeds

6th and maple pump station-prospective designs to Ted; choose 3. Those 3 will give presentation to city. To be done 2014. Will be two 40" pipes. 2008 sales tax used for pump. Also street repair and resurfacing.

NE Sector plan update

North 2nd and 3rd resurfacing project (johnnys to turnpike). To be done 30 days?

One lane on bridge to be done mid-June.

ICL Presentation:

Phil Brown-plant manager

Shane Munsch

Natalya Lowther of Pinwheel Farms asked that the information in the November 14 minutes about her farm being involved with the Occupy Lawrence group be retracted. Ted Boyle, President, agreed to make note of this in our Fall 2012 newsletter.

Downtown certificate awarded to Colleen Tabbert

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

NOTE: The information in the Nov. 14 minutes has been retracted. Natalya Lowther has stated the Occupy Lawrence group did not stay on her property in North Lawrence.

NLIA minutes-May 14, 2012

The meeting of the North Lawrence Improvement Association was called to order by Ted Boyle, President, at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, 5/14/12.

Treasurer report-Beverly Cates

April minutes read and approved.

The following issues were discussed:

David Corliss, City Manager, provided information about sanitation service changes to modernize existing operations. What cost if all residential users paid for curbside service?

Lawrence is currently behind most communities in offering recycling. City spending a lot on worker's compensation for sanitation workers.

Need to move toward automation; less workers. Residents will be required to use carts. Keep base rate same into 2013.

Small cart \$2/mo; large cart \$3

Proposal calls for no layoffs; no filling vacant positions.

2nd recommend—request for proposal for curbside recycling. How much to pass on to customers?

What is cost of carts? Currently 7000 are in use. The City has saved up money for additional carts.

Ripple glass doing glass currently; 4 carts in town.

Will there still be drop off sites? Probably not if curbside.

Sara Hill Nelson-Bowersock update; closing one lane for conduit under bridge. NLIA will be give a tour of the project June 11 at 7:00; meet at levee benches; rsvp to Ted 842.7232. The project could be done in November. The building will be tall and walls should go up in July.

Ted and Jeff went to meeting about North Massachusetts Development. Zoning has changed to downtown commercial.

Discussion of commissions and chamber to draw business to Lawrence. Ted brought up the fact that no citizens were involved in group. This group can recommend commercial development. LAN sent letter requesting approval of adding citizens to partnership.

NE sector plan. No more industrial sites. Aviation related only near airport.

Maple street pump. Bartlett & West chosen to engineer and design pump. Contractor bids will go out this summer.

Garage sale update—good turnout; good weather. Consider date.

Reschedule to 2nd Saturday in May for 2013.

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