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About The North Lawrence Improvement Association...

All 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 and on our website.

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 any of the NLIA officers.

NLIA neighborhood meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month, October through May at 7:00pm at the Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street. On occasion we need to change a meeting date or location and that information is listed within this newsletter and on our

website. If you would like a meeting reminder, be sure we have your email address and we'll send an email reminder.

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

Your involvement is critical to our success!

NLIA Officers

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Treasurer Bev Cates	843.8799
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Coordinator Amy McCurdy	840.8932

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4/11 Spring Neighborhood clean-up
- 4/14 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting
- 4/17 Woodlawn Kindergarten Round-up
- 4/25 Woodlawn Carnival
- 5/10 North Lawrence Neighborhood Garage Sales
- 5/12 NLIA Neighborhood Meeting
- 6/7 Sandrat Reunion
- 9/8 NLIA Picnic

Sandrat Reunion 2014...

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 the connection to the Kansas River. The 2014 reunion will be held at

Woodlawn School on June 7 from 9 a.m.-noon.

The 2013 reunion was really fun with 200 people in attendance.

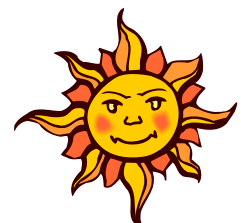
All North Lawrence residents are "Sandrats" so show your support of our community and join the fun this year!

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 10

8:00 A.M.—???

BE SURE TO VISIT ALL THE SALES IN OUR COMMUNITY!



Spring Neighborhood Clean-up...

This Spring's North Lawrence Clean-up is scheduled for **Friday, April 11**. 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 containers and mark it. Old tires will be picked up. Lonnie's Recycling will follow the City trucks and pick up metal items they won't take. Do not include any hazardous waste (paint, lawn chemicals, etc.). Bring limbs to the parking lot behind Centenary United Methodist Church at 4th & Elm—we will generate mulch from limbs that will be available to residents behind Ted's house at 310 Elm Street. Contact Ted at 842.7232 if you have questions about the clean-up.

KU BIG EVENT-April 12
www.thebigeventku.com
Call Colleen Tabbert
785-843-0071
(for help with signing up)

Woodlawn School News...

The kids, teachers and parents are hard at work at Woodlawn School wrapping up the end of the school year. Following are a few noteworthy events yet to come. Contact the school for more specific information.

PTO meetings are always the first Wednesday each month at 5:45 p.m. with childcare provided.

Please remember to drive safely

through our neighborhoods and with extra caution around the school.

April 12-Outdoor clean-up
April 17-Kindergarten Roundup
April 25-Carnival
May 2-Field Day
May 22-Last half day of school

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Notes from the President...

Hello fellow Sandrats! It's been a very cold and snowy Winter, but Spring is just around the corner. That being said, the City will start on the big pump at the corner of 6th and Maple mid- to late summer. The City is awaiting approval from the Union Pacific Railroad and this could take a few months. The project will be done by January/February 2015 depending upon the weather. The old scale house and milling buildings at the Co-op were torn down and a new smaller scale house will be built. There will be a new flood plain map available in late April. I anticipate some properties will be taken out of the floodplain. I will have a copy of the map when it is available. Don't forget the neighborhood clean-up is April 11 and the garage sales May 10. I hope you have a good Spring and Summer!

Ted Boyle, NLIA President



COMMUNITY VILLAGE LAWRENCE

The mission of Community Village Lawrence is to enhance the quality of life for the community by helping neighbors remain in their homes as they age. We aim to do this by creating a network of supports following the Village model to make aging at home a long-term, affordable option.

We are currently seeking funding to ensure access to our program, regardless of income, and hope appropriate sliding scale fees will be available when needed. Transportation, assistance with daily living tasks at home, home maintenance, and access to vetted and discounted home health care providers are immediate needs and will be among the first services CVL will coordinate. Future services include but are not limited to: grocery and meal assistance, free lectures, exercise and wellness activities, assistance with technology and more. Village membership will provide coordination of and access to a network of high-quality resources, programs, and activities that revolve around members' daily living needs, social and educational interests, and member-to-member volunteer support.

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Newsletter... We appreciate the businesses in North Lawrence that advertise in our newsletter. If you would like to advertise here please contact Amy at 840.8932.

The newsletter is currently printed in Spring and Fall; sent to all North Lawrence residents; placed in other businesses around town and with certain city officials. The advertising rates for each newsletter are as follows:

- ⇒ Approximate 1/2 page \$50
- ⇒ Approximate 2x3 (business card size) \$25
- ⇒ Single line on back of the newsletter \$10

NLIA Neighborhood Meeting Notes.....



September 9, 2013-Annual Picnic at Lyon Park

October 14, 2013-The meeting of the North Lawrence Improvement Association was called to order by Ted Boyle, President, at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, 10/14/13. Treasurer report-Beverly Cates; Minutes read by Amy McCurdy. The following issues were discussed: Current Officers were elected to continue with one exception. Katherine Garcia was elected as Secretary. Advantage Recycling will open in the old Kaw Motors location in 2014. NLIA was awarded \$4819. from CDBG. Ideas for CDBG projects: sidewalks, crosswalk near Lyon Park, speed hump on Lincoln \$3500. NLIA decided not to revisit the "Quiet Zone" issue with the railroad. Safe Streets meetings? Discussion of grocery store in NL. Indian Land update-no gaming for now; 16 months leased back to sod farm; 89 acres. Meeting topic ideas: Bower-Sock plant, K-State Ext. re: trees, common gardens, Neighborhood watch officers; Chamber of Commerce.

Nov-

Dec-nativities at church

Jan-

Feb-chili supper

Mar-

Apr-

May-ICL presentation

Next meeting will be November 11. Downtown certificate awarded. Meeting

adjourned at 8:30

November 11, 2013

The meeting of the North Lawrence Improvement Association was called to order by Ted Boyle, President, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 11/11/13. Treasurer report-Beverly Cates; Minutes read by Katherine Garcia. The following issues were discussed: Several N. Lawrence businesses were more than willing to make donations again this year for our Christmas family adoption; along with a \$150.00 donation made by ICL and a donation made by Joyce Higgins.

Delaware land update: A unanimous decision has currently been made to keep the land an agriculture area. They are now debating Leavenworth, KS. as a viable option for a casino. At this time there are a few proposal options for the Delaware land and will be up for discussion at a later date.

City News: Open land by slow ride...rezone/down zone from heavy industrial to a commercial strip. Potential options; batting cages and a crematorium.

Acreage for sale: 20 acres coming up for sale on Laptad corner. There will be no developing on land due to a gasoline main running through.

Guest speakers for re-zoning land: Phil Ciesielski & Leah Morris

-Discussions on Pump Station 04 Redundant Force Main & Kaw Water Treatment Plant Transmission Main and Intake Projects.

Fire and Medical update: A discussion took place with the mayor, city commissioner and city manager about fire trucks not being able to get in N. Lawrence when needed and in a timely manner. Fire station in N. Lawrence needed.

Business #1: Coffee shop opening next to IWIG.

Business #2: A place where handmade items will be sold; next door to coffee shop.

Festival of Nativities in December will be held at the Centenary United Methodist Church. At this time there will also be a food collection for the Ballard Center.

A motion was made to make a monetary donation by NLIA to visiting nurses, The Ballard Center and The Peace Mennonite Church.

December 9, 2013-Annual Holiday gathering at Centenary United Methodist Church to view nativities.

January 2014-The meeting of the North Lawrence Improvement Association was called to order by Ted Boyle, President, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 01/13/14.

Treasurer report-Beverly Cates; Minutes read by Katherine Garcia

The following issues were discussed:

Almost \$4000.00 in donations was made by our N. Lawrence businesses and a few residences for our Christmas families.

A special thanks to Beverly Cates and Ted Boyle for all of their hard work on bringing these donations in. We would like to also give a special thanks to Colleen Tabbert, Sandy Unfred, Beverly Cates, Diane Menzie and Shirley Tarpy for a com-

ination of things such as; shopping, gift wrapping, thank you note writing and delivering of gifts to our N. Lawrence families and visiting nurses.

Note: For those that are bringing chili to the supper in February at the Train Depot please make sure you label your chili. Guest speakers for The Brewhaus: Tom MacEwan and Joshua Townsend visited and gave some helpful information as in; what to expect from their cozy little coffee shop. The 3rd and 4th partners are Beth Pine and Andy Viyna. The Brewhaus coffee shop in North Lawrence; where you can find a divine cup of coffee, delicious lattes that are gourmet brewed with organic beans along with their ice cold Italian sodas. All baked goods come from The Merchants Pub & Plate's bakery chef, Amber Bjarnason. What to expect: deliciously fresh baked cinnamon rolls, blueberry muffins, biscotti, frittatas and red bell pepper mini quiche to name a few. IWIG milk products are used which is conveniently next door.

They will eventually have a drive through window at the back of the store. An additional plan they are hoping for later down the line would be...a little liquor in the evening. Other perks are their coffee bar and free WIFI.

Our speaker on behalf of a local grocery, Dave Crawford discusses the pros of bringing back the Downtown Grocery, similar to the Community Merc and affordable also to be placed in the former Borders Book site. A small group of investors want to partner with the city council, the bid will taking place this coming June/July.

Matt Bond speaking on behalf of the City of Lawrence discussing the drainage pumps improvement. The above ground pump is for 6th/Walnut –Maple St. beginning at the Kansas river levee and staying West side, ending at 547 Maple Street. The new water line will be located at 2nd/Indiana...this is a 36" water main running under the bridge from N. Lawrence to 31st.

Notes: Contact the City of Lawrence to dredge out any plugged tubes so that there is not build up that will later cause damage for everyone. These pumps protect our North Lawrence community so it is crucial to stay on top of this.

February 10, 2014—Annual Chili Supper at Depot

March 10, 2014—The meeting of the North Lawrence Improvement Association was called to order by Ted Boyle, President, at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, 03/10/14. Treasurer report-Beverly Cates; Minutes read by Katherine Garcia

The following matters were discussed:

President Notes:

For next year's chili feed, Colleen Tabbert will be donating the beef; El Matador Cafe will be donating 5 gallons of chili so that we don't run out.

Ted spoke with our City commissioner's, Jeremy Farmer and Nancy Thellman, along with our Mayor Mike Dever about the Delaware tribe's plans with the land. Talk has taken place of a casino in Leavenworth Kansas again. There has also been discussion of the Delaware selling a portion of their land here in Lawrence and keeping the 30 acres with the house on that portion. The tribe may turn the house into their tribal office. The City of Lawrence would like to make a trade with them and will bring up a proposal at a later date. Another option would be for the City and other investors to buy the whole farm and put it in agriculture trust.

\$3921.00 was the exact donations made for our North Lawrence Christmas families. Thank you to Diane Menzie for being so kind to deliver 72 thank you notes for the NLIA to those who made the donations.

April 12, 2014 is the 4th year for the "BIG EVENT" in which KU students have been helping the N. Lawrence community with yard clean-up etc.

Treasurers Notes: NLIA current fund balance is \$3604.51, petty cash \$17.51.

Guest Speakers: ICL (formerly known as, FMC) plant manager, Jennifer Phillips and director of operations, Shane Mund. Addressed: Clean-up of waste, FMC used to release. They then back tracked and recovered the wastage that contained arsenic. The source area is on the plant grounds and South end. They continue to sample 53 spots that consist of 800 samples in total in which are moderately stable. They continue to address the clean-up of the little that is left. They also go as far as to sampling private wells in the vicinity and have found absolutely no signs of arsenic. This is public information if you would like to learn more.

ICL's team continues to address environmental health/safety. This team literally goes above and beyond to make sure their plant works together as a "team" pushing forward to improve any issue that may arise by ways of what they call, Human & Organizational program/performance A.K.A., HOP. In layman terms this simply means that once a year the whole plant shuts down, absolutely nothing runs. They separate by groups to talk about safety quality, plant improvements, etc.

The wildlife habitat on the ICL property is: quail, pheasants, ring necks, deer, fox, coyote, bobcats etc.

A special thank you to ICL for donating items such as; food, toothbrushes, sodas, Gatorade, toothpaste (which contain their product, phosphorus A.K.A raw materials) along with products ICL hats, shorts, shirts and more. If you ever have any issues with trucks coming/going to the ICL plant on Locust please contact: Shane Mund @ 785-749-8160

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