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Neighborhood Picnic
on September 12!

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The Brook Creek Breeze

The Newsletter of the
Brook Creek
Neighborhood Association

September—October 2015

Neighborhood Events

September

- 2 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
East Lawrence Rec. Center
- 12 Neighborhood Picnic, 3:00
p.m., Brook Creek Park
- 19 Family Game Night, 6:30 p.m.
East Lawrence Rec. Center

October

- 7 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
East Lawrence Rec. Center
- 17 Family Game Night, 6:30 p.m.
East Lawrence Rec. Center

Come to the Sept. 12 Neighborhood Picnic!

Please plan to join your neighbors for an afternoon of food, friends, and fun. The potluck neighborhood picnic will be Saturday, September 12 from 3 to 7 p.m. in Brook Creek Park.

Please bring a potluck dish to share. Games, lawn chairs, and personal cutlery and plates are encouraged. Cleanup volunteers are welcome from 7 to 8 p.m.

Potential Increases in 19th Street Traffic

One great feature of the Brook Creek Neighborhood is that it is removed from most urban noise and nuisance. 13th St. ends at the cemeteries; 15th St. is the back way to Eudora, and 19th St. ends at mobile homes and auto salvage. That's about to change. The City plans to upgrade East 19th St. to concrete, and to connect it to O'Connell Rd. and the new Venture Business Park.

Brook Creek officers and residents have expressed concerns about increased traffic on 19th Street in three meetings with the City Manager and again at a Public Works open house in June of this year. City officials have responded with ideas for 'traffic calming.' No construction money has been funded yet, but they plan to build the connection in 2017.

We expect a large increase in cut-through traffic if the City connects 19th St. to O'Connell Rd. K-10 traffic avoiding 23rd St. will turn north on O'Connell Rd. and west on 19th St., and then to Harper St. and Haskell Ave. Increased traffic volume is expected from KU game day crowds, from the South Lawrence Trafficway, and from new facilities in the Venture Business Park. Finally, the preferred site now for a new police facility is on O'Connell Rd. in the Venture Business Park.

All of this traffic should be kept on K-10 and 23rd St., which is a major highway. 19th St. is a "collector" street serving the residential neighborhoods, and should not be upgraded to an "arterial." The Venture Business Park is directly on K-10, so all related traffic should use that highway. Rapid deployment of Police cruisers would be most efficient at the O'Connell Rd./K-10 signalized intersection instead of 19th St.

The City has admitted that neighborhood traffic could become a problem if they connect O'Connell Rd. with 19th St. But they claim that the problems can be solved with traffic calming. However, traffic calming slows motor vehicle speeds, but does nothing to reduce traffic volume. The intent of the connection to O'Connell Rd. is to increase the volume capacity of 19th St. We will review and vote on this issue at our September 2nd meeting.

Special September Meeting Topic : Safe Routes to School

At the September 2 BCNA meeting, we will have a speaker describing the Safe Routes To School program in Lawrence. Safe Routes To School is a federally funded program created to enable more children to walk and bicycle to school and to make it safer for them to do so, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle.

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A Letter from the President

Children are back to school in our neighborhood! Please watch out for our young walkers and bicyclists in the mornings and afternoons. If your child is a walker or bicyclist, please join us at our next regular BCNA meeting where we will discuss safe routes to schools on Wednesday, September 2nd at the East Lawrence Recreation Center.

The Brook Creek Neighborhood has a new coordinator! We have hired Emily Winters to become our new BCNA Coordinator, and we look forward to working with her in her new role. She has served BCNA for years in development of the webpage and Facebook page, and we trust she will continue to infuse the organization with more new ideas and her hard work.

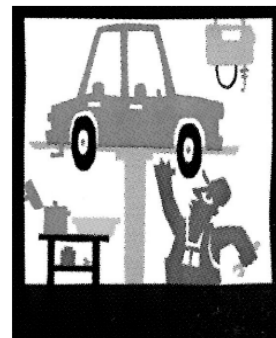
Many thanks must go out to Julie for her years of dedication to the BCNA as a long term coordinator! We thank you for all that you have done for us, and hope to see you continue to come to meetings and events in the neighborhood.

- Rena Figures

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New Family Game Night and Senior Class at East Lawrence Rec. Center

The East Lawrence Recreation Center (ELC) has started hosting a Family Game Night! The third Saturday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:30pm the center will only be open to children and their parents. Along with crafts and board games in the meeting room, the gymnasium and game areas will be available for unstructured play. There is a \$3 fee

for each child over three years old. Parents and infants are free. Also, a new Strength Training for Seniors class starts on September 15. It is an opportunity to improve balance (preventing falls), to strengthen major muscle groups, and to increase muscle mass and bone density. Please contact the ELC at 832-7950 if you have questions.

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes

February 2015

BCNA reviewed the Verizon microwave tower Special Use Permit application and lawsuit status. Kyle Myers of Silverback Enterprises presented on The Burroughs planned event space at 19th & Burroughs Creek Trail. City Commission candidate Stuart Boley visited. Melinda Henderson was elected as LAN Representative. Andrea Repinsky, Emily Winters, and Nathan Jeffries were nominated as BCNA Directors.

March 2015

City Commission candidate Stan Rasmussen visited. Attendees planned the spring park cleanup, a neighborhood survey, and feedback forms. Attendees discussed code enforcement needs, the Horizon 2020 update, 11th & Haskell recycling center, and the Sunrise Project. Andrea Repinsky, Emily Winters, and Nathan Jeffries were elected as BCNA Directors.

April 2015

Attendees discussed a neighborhood yard sale, the Ottawa Co-op grain elevator expansion, 11th & Haskell SUP, and the spring park cleanup. Guest speaker Nathan Jeffries provided information on the South Lawrence Trafficway construction.

BCNA meeting minutes are posted in full on the BCNA website
<https://brookcreeklawrence.wordpress.com/>

May 2015

Guest speakers discussed gardening topics. Attendees discussed City budget hearings, lack of transit in Brook Creek, parking in the bicycle lane at East Heights School, the SUP received by 11th & Haskell recycling center, and ideas for parks & recreation improvements around Brook Creek that will be submitted in a letter to the City.



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