

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
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Neighborhood Potluck
Picnic September 10!

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The Brook Creek Breeze

The Newsletter of the
Brook Creek
Neighborhood Association

Fall 2016

Neighborhood Events

September

- 7 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., East Lawrence Rec. Center
- 10 Potluck Picnic 4:00- 7:00 p.m., Brook Creek Park Gazebo

October

- 5 City Manager Tom Markus at BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m, East Lawrence Rec. Center

Brook Creek Neighborhood Potluck Picnic

Come meet your neighbors! They want to meet you!

The Brook Creek Neighborhood Fall Picnic will be Saturday, September 10 at the Brook Creek Park gazebo from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The picnic is a potluck, so bring a dish to share. Games, musicians, chairs, and blankets are great additions, too.

City Budget Requests from Brook Creek

Brook Creek Stormwater Improvements

Brook Creek flows through the center of our neighborhood, and is prone to flooding between 15th St. and 11th St. Last year the City replaced the collapsing culvert under Brook St. with two larger culverts, but flood water still backs up where Brook Creek flows under 13th St. in three undersized culverts.

The City Stormwater Engineer has wanted to replace the old culverts with larger culverts, but had not gotten the Commission to spend the \$250,000 to do it. BCNA sent a formal proposal in support of new culverts for Brook Creek at 13th St. as part of the public input process for the City budget. In this year of budget cuts, the new City Manager included this project in his draft budget, and the Commission has not deleted it.

Opposition to 19th Street as Major Collector

19th St. is a narrow street full of homes. East of Harper St., 19th St. is a low-traffic residential street serving two mobile home parks and two businesses. Around 2012, without the knowledge of BCNA, the City reclassified this section as a Major Collector. At the same time, they planned for 19th St. to connect with O'Connell Rd. through the Venture Business Park directly to 23rd St. These two actions have alarmed all five neighborhoods along the 19th St. corridor, because it will create more traffic.

The City has proposed spending \$1.35 million to rebuild East 19th St. into a Major Collector in 2017, so BCNA filed a formal statement asking the City to remove this funding from their budget. The City instead delayed the project until 2018—a reprieve, but not a solution. BCNA continues to work with the other 19th St. neighborhoods to prevent the City from connecting 19th St. to O'Connell Rd.



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Join Brook Creek Neighborhood Association for only \$1.00

Support BCNA so that we can effectively represent you.

MEMBERSHIP RATES

In-neighborhood individuals \$1.00 Out-of-neighborhood individuals and businesses \$5.00

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Member information is used only for neighborhood communications, and not distributed or sold.

Please **check** any box that applies:

- I do not want my name printed in the newsletter as a new or returning member
- I would like to be included in a neighborhood e-mail list-serve
- I would like to receive a weekly e-newsletter

Mail this form and your check payable to BCNA to:
Brook Creek Neighborhood, 1406 Oak Hill Ave., Lawrence KS 66044

Visit us at <http://brookcreeklawrence.wordpress.com/>

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A Letter from the President

Hi Neighbors,

We have a lot of great things coming up for our neighborhood this fall/winter season. We will have a fall neighborhood picnic in September, a Veteran's Celebration in November, and our Winter/End-of-year Party in December. We will be hosting the City Manager, Tom Markus, at our meeting in October and are working to have other speakers at the other meetings. Please come join us if you are able. We also hope to have a community-wide session to get ideas on how we, as a community, would like to see and use our parks and green space. Please sign up for our neighborhood Facebook page or email ListServ to get updated information on what events will take place either from the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association or around town.

I hope to see you at the next event or meeting.


Melissa Fahrenbruch
President, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association






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HELLO, BROOK CREEK!
PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY!
LPL is undergoing a Community Needs Assessment in an effort to bridge gaps in information, resources, and services available to our community. Please join this conversation by participating in one of these options:

-  **Take our survey!** Fill it out online at svy.mk/28IDtVU, or call the library at 785-843-3833 to request a paper copy delivered to your residence.
-  **Go online!** Visit bit.ly/28IzvrU for more information about how to get involved.
-  **Join the conversation!** Sign up to participate in a future focus group or interview.
-  **Take 5% off your accumulated library late fees when you complete our survey!*** *Terms and conditions apply.

Neighborhood Online Forum

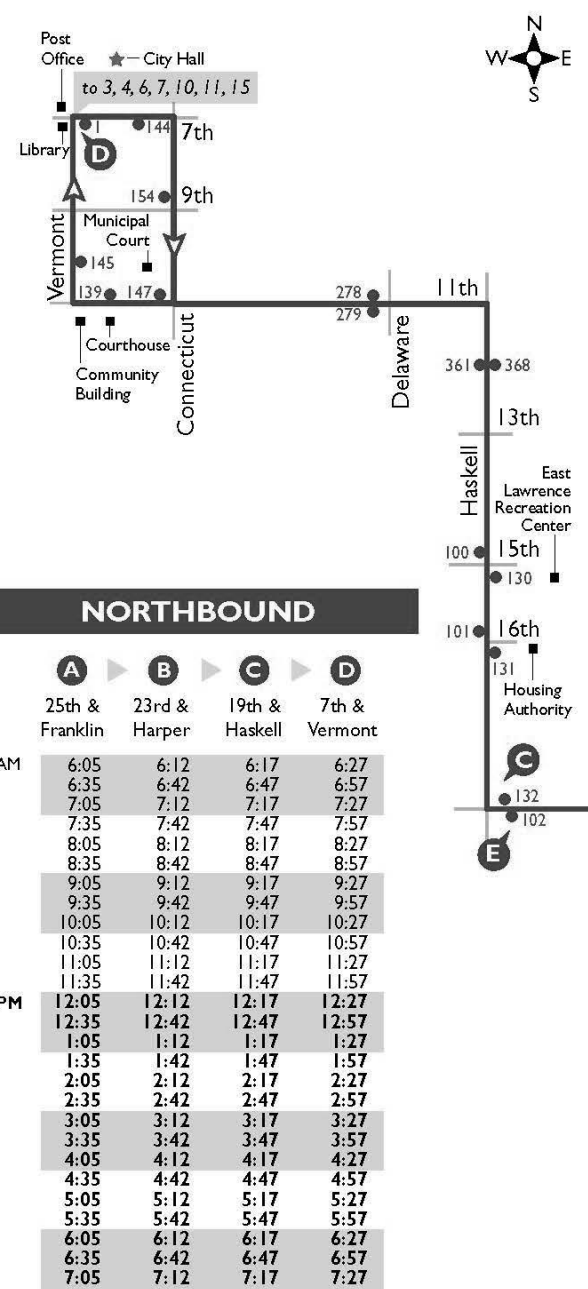
Do you know about the Brook Creek Neighborhood open forum on Facebook? This page is not a part of the neighborhood association, but it is great place for neighbors to connect and share information. Lost pets? Extra zucchini? Loud bang? This is a great place

to reach out to other neighbors. Check it out! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1560359937520149/> or search for the Brook Creek Neighborhood Open Forum on Facebook.

Lawrence Transit Changes Bus 1 Route through Brook Creek

The route now services the Lawrence Community Shelter. Here's the current map, courtesy of Lawrence Transit.

Downtown to East Lawrence



SOUTHBOUND				
	D	E	F	A
	7th & Vermont	19th & Haskell	23rd & Harper	25th & Franklin
AM	6:03	6:12	6:16	6:25
	6:33	6:42	6:46	6:55
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NORTHBOUND				
	A	B	C	D
	25th & Franklin	23rd & Harper	19th & Haskell	7th & Vermont
AM	6:05	6:12	6:17	6:27
	6:35	6:42	6:47	6:57
	7:05	7:12	7:17	7:27
	7:35	7:42	7:47	7:57
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A Timing point
● Bus stop
Bus stop number
★ Bus pass sales location

This route operates Monday – Saturday, except holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

5. Where in the neighborhood do you live?

Survey, page 2 of 2

- North of 15th, west of Harper
- South of 15th, west of Harper
- North of 15th, east of Harper
- South of 15th, east of Harper

6. What is your age? (Age of head of household)

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or older

7. How long have you lived in Brook Creek Neighborhood?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 5-10 years
- More than 10 years

8. How are you associated with Brook Creek Neighborhood?

- I own a home I live in located in the neighborhood
- I rent a home I live in located in the neighborhood
- I own rental property in the neighborhood
- I own a business in the neighborhood
- I own a home I live in and a rental property in the neighborhood
- Other _____

9. Do you have other suggestions for ways we could improve the neighborhood association to better serve the residents?

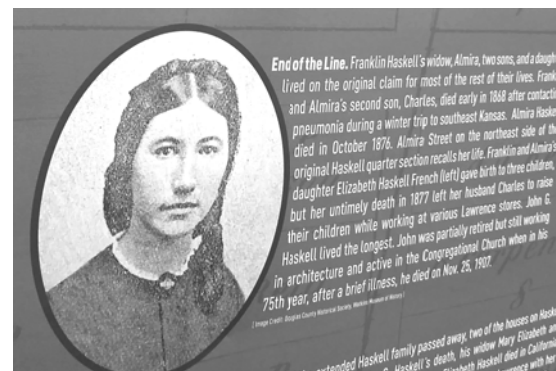
10. Is there anything else you want to share with the neighborhood association board?

Thank you for sharing your ideas!

Please send completed paper surveys to BCNA at 1322 Maple Lane, Lawrence KS 66044 or submit your answers to the online version at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHT6VQM>

Brook Creek History Featured in New Exhibit

The "Hike through History on the Burroughs Creek Trail" exhibit features history stories from the area along the trail. Stories include the Haskell family, World War II German prisoners of war in Lawrence, and William S. Burroughs. The ten-panel display will be at the Lawrence Public Library through Sept. 10, and then can be found at other sites including the East Lawrence Recreation Center and the Watkins Museum of History.



Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Provides Funding for Fresh Food

The Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides a monetary benefit to low-income seniors to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs and honey from certified farmers at Farmers Markets in Kansas. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service. Benefits come in the form of six \$5.00 checks equaling

\$30.00 in total. This is a first come, first served program. To be eligible, seniors must have an income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level and they must be 60 years of age or older. Call the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging for details at (785)235-1367 or visit <http://www.jhawkaaa.org/services/nutrition/>.

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes

April 2016

Mark Hecker of Lawrence Parks & Recreation joined the meeting to discuss park improvement ideas sent by BCNA. Parks & Rec. is focused on a Parks Master Plan. BCNA requested a plan specific to Brook Creek Park that would guide City management of the park. BCNA also requested restoration of the Brook Creek Park landscaping, vacating the south triangle of Public Works land on Burroughs Creek at 12th Street, an east-side dog park, invasive species removal, a trail connection between Burroughs Creek and Brook Creek, natural restoration of Brook Creek, installation of a planned 15th Street splash park, and a bocce ball court. The splash park and expanded parking at the East Lawrence Community Center were top priorities for Hecker. Hecker agreed with many BCNA park improvement ideas, and said that the parks budget is the main hindrance.

BCNA submitted a letter of support for a capital improvement plan project for a new bridge and culverts at Brook Creek and 13th. BCNA sent messages to the City in opposition of the 19th St. connection to O'Connell Rd and Venture Business Park.

Lane Eisenbart shared information on interpretive signs about history along the Burroughs Creek Trail. Attendees continued planning of the Earth Day clean-up of Brook Creek Park and the neighborhood yard sale. Logan Isaman of the Lawrence Public Library said that she'll share a survey about library facilities.

May 2016

Melissa Freiburger of the Sunrise Project joined the meeting. She said that the Sunrise Project is a non-profit organization developing a center at 15th & Learnard for food and agriculture-related education. Projects include after school cooking lessons, hands-on food growing, the Lawrence Fruit Tree Project, and youth volunteers at local agencies. They're renovating the greenhouse and the former Sunrise plant store into classrooms and offices, in partnership with businesses including Central Soy Foods and Seeds From Italy. More information is at www.sunriseprojectks.org.

Logan Isaman of Lawrence Public Library shared an update on the Library Needs Assessment, a survey to identify gaps in information and services. (See ad, page 2)

Attendees discussed the new Urban Agriculture zoning code. BCNA submitted opposition to east 19th St. connection to O'Connell Rd and support for 13th & Brook St. bridge work. Construction of Dollar General at 19th St. was approved. Because the newsletter printer delivered the spring newsletter late, a discount was negotiated for the fall newsletter.

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



Spring Clean-Up of Brook Creek Park

In April, Brook Creek residents and KU students, through the KU Big Event volunteer day, removed trash from Brook Creek Park and Burroughs Creek from 12th to 15th Streets before enjoying lunch together at the gazebo.



Brook Creek Neighborhood Survey

Brook Creek is a better neighborhood when you participate. Please share your ideas in the neighborhood survey, either by completing and mailing the survey below or at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHT6VQM>

1. Which of the following services or activities do you utilize?

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
Social Events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Brook Creek Park Clean-Up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emailed E-News	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paper Newsletter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business Meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Email List Serv	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facebook Page	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facebook Group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nextdoor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. If you do not currently attend BCNA business meetings, what is the reason?

(BCNA meetings are normally the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the East Lawrence Recreation Center)

- Not of interest to me
- I'm too busy
- I do not feel welcome at these meetings
- I do not know about these meetings
- I do not receive enough notice in advance of the meetings
- Other: _____

3. Is there something about the business meetings that would make you more interested or able to attend? (Different day or time, different guests, more notice, etc.)

4. Would you be interested in any of the following if the neighborhood offered them?

- Playgroups or kids get-togethers
- Social potlucks
- More opportunities to get involved in policy decisions or discussions involving the neighborhood
- Neighborhood workdays (Example: trash pick-ups or beautification projects)
- Fundraiser or event (Example: chili contest)
- Applause Award (Nominating neighbors who have made house or yard improvements)
- Neighborhood contest (Example: holiday house/yard decorating)
- Neighborhood-wide yard sale
- Neighborhood walks or bike rides
- Other: _____