



Neighborhood Events

May

- 3 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., East Lawrence Rec. Center
- 13 Really Really Free Market at Centennial Park 9 a.m to 1:30
- 20 Registration deadline for June 3 Yard Sale
- 25 Downtown Grocery meeting, 6 p.m., Law. Public Library
- 27 Art Tougeau Parade, noon Mass. Street

June

- 3 Neighborhood Yard Sale
- 3 Mural Painting Party

September

- 6 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., East Lawrence Rec. Center
- 9 Brook Creek Fall Picnic at Brook Creek Park

October

- 4 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., East Lawrence Rec. Center

Pile of Fun Planned for June 3

The Intersection Repair Team is hosting a party to paint a Brook Creek inspired mural on the cul-de-sac on E 14th St (just east of Burroughs Creek Rail Trail) on June 3rd, 2017. This community event, Intersection Repair 2.0, is all ages and all inclusive, and the day will be filled with activities. The tentative schedule follows:

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Painting party! All can participate in helping to paint the new neighborhood mural.

Free bike tune-ups, kids activities, info booths, morning yoga 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Celebration of new mural!

Potluck and grilling

Live music from LaGuerre, Ardys Ramberg and more

In the event of rain on June 3, the event will be moved to June 10th. Check the Lawrence Intersection Repair Facebook page or contact the organizers at katy.clagett@gmail.com for exact times and updates. There is little to no parking on E 14th Street, so please walk or bike to the event if you can! *See p. 6 for mural design and location*

Brook Creek and East Lawrence Yard Sale

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association is teaming up with East Lawrence Neighborhood Association to hold a two-neighborhood yard sale, on Saturday June 3rd from 8 a.m. to noon. BCNA and ELNA will place signs at key intersections, and advertise on our social media, and in local news sources. All you have to do is set up your yard, garage, or porch, and sell your stuff. If you'd like to go solo, that's fine. If you make a donation of \$10 to either BCNA or ELNA, to fundraise and offset some coordinating costs, we'll list your precise address in our promotions. If you'd like us to list your address, please register by May 20th.

In Brook Creek, contact our Coordinator, Emily, to register:

brookcreekna@gmail.com or (785) 760-4742

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Join Brook Creek Neighborhood Association for only \$1.00

Support BCNA so that we can effectively represent you.

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

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- 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:
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Note from the President

Hello Neighbors,

We have been busy at work so far this year. We have had a lot of speakers at the recent meetings: Douglas County Food Systems, Lawrence Intersection Repair: Street Mural Project, Hike through History Project, Struct/Restruct, Downtown Grocery Project, and our Neighborhood Resource Officer. We look forward to Tenants to Homeowners at the May meeting.

We will be taking a break for the summer (June through August, no meetings) and wish to welcome everyone back with the Fall Picnic on September 9th. However, before everyone gets busy with summer events we do want to let you know about the last of the Spring events; we are having a community wide Yard Sale and have invited East Lawrence Neighborhood to join us on June 3rd. On the same day, to have a lot of fun and creativity, the Lawrence Intersection Repair Street Mural Project will have a painting party. I hope to see you there for painting, food, music and fun for the whole family, bring your friends.

We had a beautiful day for our Annual Park and Trail Clean Up. Thank you to The KU Big Event Group; East Lawrence Neighborhood Association for breakfast; Jimmy John's on Mass St, Sand Bar Subs, and Dillon's for lunch; Emily Winters for coordinating the event and help cleaning, Fred Sack, Mark Taylor, and Nate Jeffries for cleaning up the creek. We hope next year's event will be bigger and better.

BCNA was asked to participate in a grant proposal through Raising Places: Building Child-Centered Communities 2017 by Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County. We have accepted the invitation. Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County held stakeholder meetings in April and hope to submit the proposal by May 4. If chosen for the grant we will hold surveys of the community to get feedback. Please look for updates on this on our Facebook page or email newsletter on Tuesdays.

Finally, the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) in which we participate, is coming to an end next year. This grant helps fund our paper newsletters and the Coordinator stipend. Please subscribe to the e-newsletter or Facebook page or both to stay updated on what is happening in Brook Creek and Lawrence. We also hope to see you at our neighborhood meetings and events.

Thank you, Melissa Fahrenbruch

President, Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
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Native Plant Sales

Gardening with native plants is an ideal way to provide food and habitat to native wildlife, including migrating birds and butterflies such as the Monarch butterfly. Native plants have deep roots that provide erosion control and water retention benefits, so they're also tough and adapted to our climate. It can be difficult to find good locally-sourced native plants at stores, but several plant sales are offering opportunities to purchase plants while also supporting conservation and garden organizations.

Plant sales:

Sunrise Project Plant Sale

Saturday, May 6, 1 to 4 p.m., 1501 Learnard Ave.
Vegetables and native plants

Monarch Watch Plant Sale and Open House

Saturday, May 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Foley Hall, West Campus

Native and non-native pollinator plants



Grassland Heritage Foundation

Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
Trinity Episcopal Church Lawn, 1011 Vermont St.
50 species of native flowers and grasses

Douglas County Master Gardeners Plant Sale

Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Douglas County 4H Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St.



New England aster, top; Monarch caterpillar on butterfly milkweed, left; Columbine, right



Want to get involved with the neighborhood but can't make it to the meetings?

We are looking for people to serve on short term sub-committees. Volunteers can participate as much or as little as they can. Please consider helping make the neighborhood stronger.

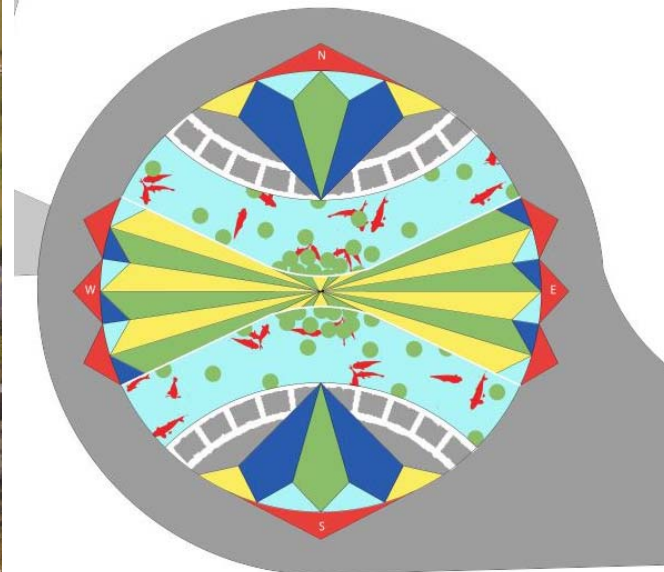
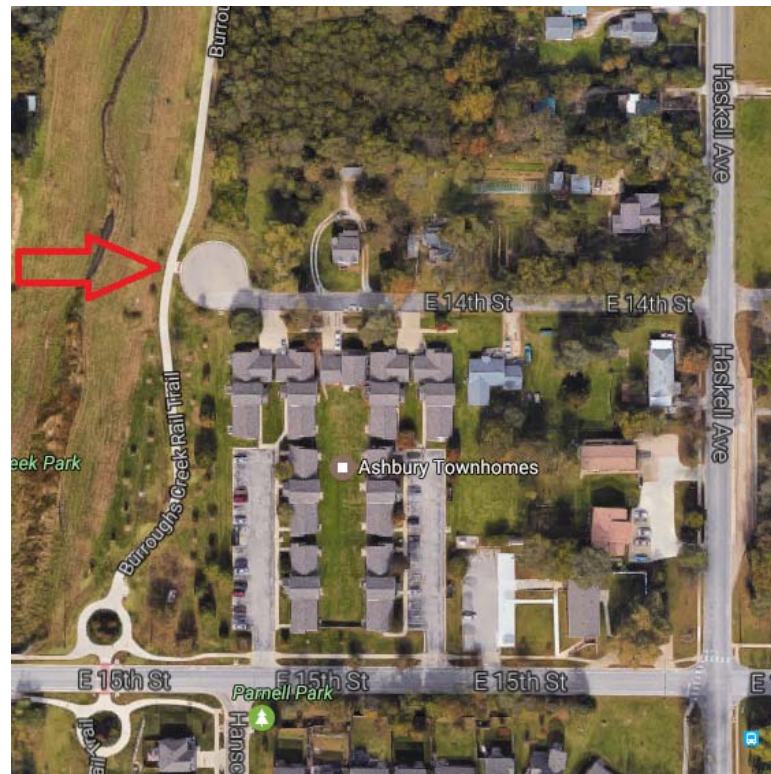
We could use help with the following:

- Fall picnic planning
- Fundraising

Email brookcreekna@gmail.com if you are interested!

Intersection Mural Design and Location

The June 3 painting party is the rebirth of the intersection mural project created at 10th and New York Streets. Katy Clagett of the Intersection Repair Team collected mural design ideas from Brook Creek residents to tailor a new design to the neighborhood. Another mural is planned for the west side of Burroughs Creek.



Intersection repair location at 14th & Burroughs Creek Trail (left) and street mural design (above)

City-Sponsored Garden Plots Available



Common Ground, Lawrence's community gardening program, is accepting applications for the 2017 growing season. In 2016, gardens were tended by 200 growers and 900 volunteers, and 6,500 pounds of produce were donated to those in need in the community. To apply, visit lawrenceks.org/commonground. Contact Eileen Horn at ehorn@lawrenceks.org or 785-330-3121.

Compost & Wood Chips

Compost and woodchips are available for purchase every Saturday, March through mid-December from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Compost and woodchips are for self load, except for the first Saturday of each month, when, the City will load material for customers. Pick-up truck or trailer loads will be \$10 per load, cash only, and small quantities are free. Please bring a shovel (personal motorized loading equipment such as a skid steer are not allowed). For more details call (785) 832-3030.

Changes to Yard Waste Pickup

As of May 1, 2017, the City will not accept yard waste in personal trash containers. Waste can be set out in bundles, heavy paper bags, or brown 95-gallon containers sold by the City for \$60.

BCNA Meeting Notes

February

Katie Clagett presented the idea of painting the cul-de-sac on 14th street off Haskell Ave along the trail. The organization has researched the painting process since the intersection at 10th and New Jersey was painted and feels this location is great option. BCNA agreed to support the idea. In a discussion on traffic calming, there was some agreement that the opening of the SLT has helped with cut through traffic, although speeding still seems to be an issue. Speed humps were discussed, but they are very expensive and there have to be many installed for them to be effective. Attendees supported asking the City to fund a roundabout at 15th and Haskell to help with traffic flow throughout the neighborhood.

March

The March meeting started with Katy Clagett and Kaitlyn Fisher from intersection repair updated BCNA about the plan for the painting party which will be held on June 3. Next, Lane Eisenbart from Hike Through History said that the permanent panels along the trail will be installed by May. Eric Jay from Struct/Restruct gave an update about the develop-

ment behind their shop along 12th street off Haskell. The lots will be sold to individuals who will have control over their own design. The city may purchase the lot with the large Bur Oak tree and possibly develop a park. Amber Rhoden, a Neighborhood Resource Officer, discussed traffic enforcement in the neighborhood. She recommended calling dispatch (785-8332-7509) anytime you see speeding or disregard for stop signs. Dave Crawford from the Downtown Grocery project said that Price Chopper plans to open a grocery store in the old Borders building. It will have apartments above, a parking garage, and a drive-thru pharmacy.

April

Helen Schnoes from the Food Policy Council gave updates about the new Urban Agriculture codes (<https://lawrenceks.org/urban-ag/>), market match and garden spots available through Common Ground. BCNA planned the park clean-up and neighborhood yard sale. 1500 Rd and 1650 Rd east of the neighborhood will both likely be closed for several weeks. Attendees reviewed news from the 19th street coalition.

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

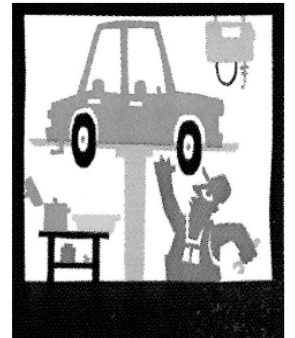


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Spring Park Clean-Up

A huge 'thank you' to The Big Event at KU volunteers for helping with our neighborhood clean-up! Big thanks also to East Lawrence Neighborhood Association for providing breakfast, Jimmy John's, Sandbar Subs, and Dillons for providing lunch for all the volunteers! It was a beautiful day!



Theater Turns Brook Creek into Cultural Center of Lawrence

The Guild Theater of Lawrence is a new addition to the 19th & Haskell shopping center. The Theater is offering performances of the Lawrence Improv Guild and other comedy theater formats. Theater Director John Robison is the former director of the Roving Imp Theater, and is a frequent performer at Theatre Lawrence and the Kansas Belle Dinner Train. Robison also teaches improvisational comedy workshops and he works as a Lawrence realtor.



Humorists of The Guild Theater

Van Go Arts Training Available

Van Go, Inc. (www.van-go.org) is a small non-profit in Lawrence that serves Douglas County youth who face barriers to successful employment. Van Go is currently hiring ten 18-24 year olds for the fall session of The Arts Train (TAT), an arts-based part-time employment and job-training program. No experience is necessary! Due to grant funding, there is some eligibility criteria for applicants so call 785.842.3797 for more information!

Sunrise Project Summer Sign-ups

Summer 17 provides opportunities for hands-on service and learning, workshops, gardening and cooking, meeting new people and making connections! Youth ages 12-18 are invited to participate in the summer program! 7 week-long projects will engage youth in service, learning and action! To learn more and to sign up: bit.ly/syasum17

Summer Student Bus Pass Program

Summer is starting earlier in Lawrence this year. Due to the popularity of the Student Summer Bus Pass program, K-12 students can receive unlimited rides on the bus for 4 months, from May 1st until August 31st, for just \$10.00.

Riding the bus gives kids the freedom to get around in the summer. The Student Summer Bus Pass is a great way for kids to get to the pool, community centers, parks, the library and shopping.

This is the fifth year of the Student Summer Bus Pass program in Lawrence. Each year, the program expands, as more and more students discover how the bus can help them with their transportation needs.

For more information about how to ride the bus, visit

www.lawrencetransit.org or call (785) 864-4644.

Beginning April 17, the bus passes will be available at many locations around town.

Dillons stores

Hy-Vee stores

The Merc

City Hall

Community Building

East Lawrence Recreation Center

Holcom Rec Center

Sports Pavilion Lawrence

Indoor Aquatic Center (Starting May 27)

Outdoor Aquatic Center

Humane Society Plans New Shelter Facility

The Lawrence Humane Society has embarked on a capital campaign to raise \$7.5 million for a new shelter facility.

A new 20,000-square-foot building will allow for improved operational efficiency for current programs and services, as well as the development and enhancement of new programs and services aimed at improving community animal welfare and education, and keeping pets and people together.

The new building addresses all challenges currently faced in the existing facility, allowing the Humane Society to fulfill longer-term goals and objectives and save more lives. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the support of the City of Lawrence, and supporters, the Humane Society is more than 70% of the way to their \$7.5 million goal to build a new shelter for the pets in our community. For more information or to donate visit: <http://lawrencehumane.org/donate/>



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