

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
1322 Maple Lane
Lawrence, Kansas 66044



The Brook Creek Breeze

The Newsletter of the
Brook Creek
Neighborhood Association

Fall 2017

Neighborhood Events

September

- 6 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., East Lawrence Rec. Center
- 9 Brook Creek Fall Picnic at Brook Creek Park, 3-6 p.m.

October

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

November

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

December

- 6 BCNA Meeting + Holiday Party 7:00 p.m., ELRC

Meet Your Neighbors at Sept. 9 Picnic

Join us for the Neighborhood Picnic! September 9th, 3-6 p.m. at Brook Creek Park. Brook Creek Neighborhood Association will provide Free State beer, drinks and paperware—although we encourage the use of reusable plates and silverware! Please bring a dish or snack to share. There will be games and fun times with neighbors. This is a great opportunity to connect with other neighbors and build community!

Local Elections: November 7th!

Due to a change in state law, we now hold our local elections for City Commission and School Board in November of odd years, as opposed to April, as we used to do it.

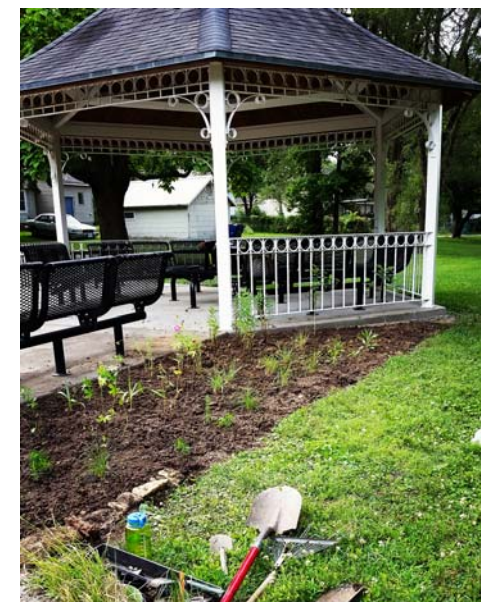
The six candidates running for three **City Commission** seats are: Jennifer Ananda, Mike Anderson, Bassem Chahine, Matthew Herbert (incumbent), Lisa Larsen (incumbent), and Dustin Stumblingbear.

The seven candidates (no primary) running for three **USD 497 School Board** seats are: Melissa Y. Johnson, James Alan Hollinger, Kelly Jones, GR Gordon-Ross, Steve Wallace, Jill Hayhurst, and Gretchen Alix Lister.

Sales Tax Initiatives

The city is planning to put three different sales tax initiatives on the ballot, as well, for a total of 0.55%. Two of those will be renewals, and one will be a re-purposing. City staff recommends asking the voters to renew the existing 0.3% infrastructure and equipment sales tax and 0.2% transit sales tax for their current special purposes. Because transit operations can be maintained without the 0.05% sales tax, staff recommends asking voters to change the special purpose of the 0.05% to affordable housing. Proceeds from the 0.05% would be placed in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and would be used to supplement existing homeowner and rental assistance programs including CDBG and HOME programs, and to leverage other dollars to increase the number of affordable housing units in Lawrence.

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New native garden planted at Brook Creek Park gazebo by Brook Creek, Grassland Heritage Foundation, and Kaw Valley Native Plant Coalition.

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

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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/>

Note from the President

Hello Neighbors,

Welcome back from the summer break. As we all start to get busy in our daily lives of work, school, and everything else that comes our way, I would like to reach invite you to our Fall Picnic on September 9, 2017 3-6 p.m. at Brook Creek Park. Come meet neighbors, bring the kids to play, and listen to music. We are looking for people to help plan other events throughout the year so if you can't always make a meeting but want to participate in the community, please let us know.

In the last newsletter, I announced that we were asked to participate in an application for a grant through Raising Places: Building Child-Centered Communities 2017 by Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County. Unfortunately, we did not get the grant. However, Success by 6 Coalition still wants to work with Brook Creek and has been trying to find other sources to help our neighborhood. A stakeholder group has been formed to work with the Brook Creek community. We plan to team up with KU Urban Planning Department to consider topics such as: public infrastructure; existing zoning/plans; amenities; commercial uses; housing stock; history; demographics; school/educational resources, etc. to work toward the common goal of creating better places to raise children. We are still working out details and we will let you know through the e-newsletter and/or Facebook about events, needing input, and outcomes as we get them. If you have any questions, please email me at meljofah@gmail.com and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thanks to everyone that came out to the Lawrence Intersection Repair; Street Mural Project back in May. It looks great! If you haven't gotten a chance check it out, it can be seen off the Burroughs' Creek Trail and close to 15th Street.

We are electing officers and directors at our December 6, 2017 meeting. This is the only business besides voting on minutes from the previous meeting and treasurer's report. The rest is party time to celebrate friends, family, and neighbors. We may have a couple of positions that are opening for new people. If you wish to serve your community and help decide what direction we head, please consider running. Please let us know your intent to run by October 1, 2017 by emailing brookcreekna@gmail.com. We also hope to see you at our neighborhood meetings and events.

Thank you,
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BCNA May Meeting Notes

Rebecca Buford from Tenants to Homeowners updated us on several projects there are currently 3 houses they are building on LeSalle St. The houses are all energy star rated, 2 will be rentals through TTH with strict guidelines and application processes and the third will be for sale through Habitat for Humanity. Katy from Intersection Repair was in attendance with updates for the mural painting event in June. Emily, Brook Creek Coordinator, gave an update on plans for a fundraising raffle, event planning and CDBG fund updates. There was planning for the upcoming yard sale day and the September neighbor-

hood picnic. Several BCNA members are collaborating with other community members for a potential grant that will impact the neighborhood. The 19th street coalition is continuing work to prevent the city from opening it to the business park and creating more traffic through the neighborhood. Lawrence Zen Center will be relocating at 1201 Laura. There was planning for a native garden near the gazebo at Brook Creek Park. Struct/Restruct has lots for sale near their shop and the lot near the park with the large Bur Oak may be donated to the city for park land.

Local Elections: November 7th!

Where to vote?

Depending on where you live in Brook Creek neighborhood, you will vote at either the East Lawrence Recreation Center (Precinct 35), or at the Douglas County Fairgrounds (Precinct 77). To verify that you are registered to vote and to determine where to vote, visit the Douglas County Clerk's website here: <http://www.douglas-county.com/mycounty/voting-and-elections/voter-reg-search.aspx>

Meet the Candidates!

The Voter Education Coalition will hold two forums at City Hall, each one from 4-6 p.m. The City Commission candidate forum will be Saturday, Oct. 21st, and the School Board candidate forum will be Sun-

day, Oct. 22nd. If you have specific questions you'd like to have asked at the forums, please email them to our coordinator at brookcreekna@gmail.com. For more information on the candidates and other events, visit their website: <http://www.votereducationcoalition.org/>

JUST REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Out of 1993 registered voters in our neighborhood, only 193 bothered to vote in the August primary election. That's less than 10%. Come on, we can do better than that in November! And it's the results of the LOCAL elections that will affect you most in your daily life.



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New Native Plant Garden in Brook Creek Park

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association, Grassland Heritage Foundation (GHF), and Kaw Valley Native Plant Coalition representatives worked together to install a new perennial native plant garden in Brook Creek Park. BCNA Board member and GHF President Andrea Repinsky coordinated with city parks staff to select a location for the garden at the west side of the Brook Creek Park gazebo, where the garden will be visible from Brook Street. Native plants were grown by KVNPC coordinator Courtney Masterson and obtained from the GHF native plant sale. Some prairie plants grow slowly as very deep roots develop, so look for more growth and more flowers next year. These deep roots help native plants survive dry conditions and prevent soil erosion while providing wildlife habitat. Plants in the garden include butterfly milkweed, upright coneflower, Bush's poppy mallow, New England aster, Missouri evening primrose, and prairie dropseed grass.

Fall is a good time to plant perennial natives. A fall native plant sale will be hosted by GHF on September 14 and 21 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Thursday Farmers Market at Cottin's Hardware, 1832 Mass. Masterson also added native plants to the landscaping at the playground at 15th and Burroughs Creek. Contact BCNA for more information on volunteering to maintain both gardens.

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I ask for your support and your vote on November 7th!
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COMEDY MOMENT ANSWERS

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2. BROOK CREEK IS EASTER

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- PhD in Communication Studies
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- Endorsed by previous city and county commissioners

I'm the candidate for well-managed economic growth, the arts, and long term planning. I'm asking for your vote on November 7th.

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Parking Expansion at East Lawrence Recreation Center

The City plans to increase the size of the parking lot at the East Lawrence Recreation Center at 1245 E 15th Street. The proposed expansion will add 49 parking stalls, to be constructed in the flat area to the south of the existing parking lot. The expansion is intended to

better serve recreation center visitors and to minimize visitor parking in neighborhood streets. Questions and comments on the parking expansion can be sent to the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at (785) 832-3450 or parksrec@lawrenceks.org.

Expansion of Community Orchard

The Lawrence Community Orchard is a "Free Food Park" located at 830 Garfield Street. The property was made available to the Lawrence Fruit Tree Project by the City of Lawrence urban agriculture land leasing Common Ground program. In March, the Lawrence Community Orchard expanded, adding a section of land that connects to 13th Street where the bridge crosses Burroughs Creek. Access to the food park is now easier and is marked with a new sign. Anyone is welcome to pick ripe fruit or join us for our monthly volunteer opportunities at the orchard. The Lawrence Fruit Tree Project (www.lawrencefruittreeproject.org) is a program of Sunrise Project. (www.sunriseprojectks.org)



Here's a COMEDY MOMENT WITH MID-2017 LAWRENCE COMEDY MAYOR JASON KEEZER!

1. WHAT DO PEOPLE IN EASTERN LAWRENCE EAT FOR BREAKFAST?
2. WHY ARE THERE MORE RABBITS IN BROOK CREEK THAN IN EAST LAWRENCE?

SEE P. 4 FOR ANSWERS

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