

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association  
1322 Maple Lane  
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# The Brook Creek Breeze

The Newsletter of the  
Brook Creek  
Neighborhood Association

Fall 2018

## Neighborhood Events

### September

5 BCNA Meeting, 7 pm  
East Lawrence Rec. Center  
30 Brook Creek  
Neighborhood Picnic  
3-6 pm Brook Creek Park

### October

3 BCNA Meeting, 7 pm  
East Lawrence Rec. Center

### November

7 BCNA Meeting, 7 pm  
East Lawrence Rec. Center

### December

5 BCNA Meeting and Holi-  
day Party, 7 pm  
East Lawrence Rec. Center

## Meet Your Neighbors at Sept. 30 Picnic

Join us for the Annual Neighborhood Picnic! September 30th, 3-6 p.m. at Brook Creek Park. Brook Creek Neighborhood Association will provide 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!

## Updates from the 19th Street Neighborhoods Coalition

The four neighborhoods of the 19th Street Neighborhoods Coalition formed to guard against more traffic on 19th St. The City wants to connect 19th St. to O'Connell Rd. in Venture Business Park, and widen 19th St. to 47 feet. In all likelihood, this would funnel business and commuter and game day traffic on to 19th St. and into all four neighborhoods.

Our coalition has opposed this plan, but the City claims it's necessary because the water line must be fixed, and that emergency vehicles have to get through to Venture Business Park. Although both are true, a full blown connection and pavement more than twice as wide as the current street are not necessary.

The coalition would welcome a new waterline and sidewalk and bike path, but we want 19th St. repaved at 22 feet wide – not widened. We also want a partial closure at O'Connell Rd. that would allow east bound traffic to pass, but not west bound – just like at 23rd and Vermont, 6th and Schwartz, and other places.

In March, the Transportation Commission told the City staff they have to back off from the 47 foot design, and come up with narrower options. In May, The City Commission thought 31 feet wide would be better than 22 feet, but didn't rule out 47 feet either. At a July City budget meeting, coalition members requested that the design team include an option for a 22 foot wide street, and they agreed.

The City plans to hire an engineer to provide design options for all street widths. Brook Creek and the other neighborhoods should stay on top of events to make sure the option selected will keep 19th St. a residential street that is walkable and livable and safe for school children and bicyclists.

## Help us update our address list!

BCNA strives to get a paper newsletter in the mailbox of every Brook Creek resident twice a year, but it can be difficult to keep the list current. Talk with your neighbors, make sure they get the newsletter too. If they don't please have them email us with their name and address and we will get them added to the list! You can also pick up a copy at the Rec center.

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## Note from the President

Hello Neighbors.

Did you know that you live in the Brook Creek Neighborhood or have opted to receive this newsletter? We are a large and diverse neighborhood with range of issues that we try to address as an association that represents you as Brook Creek Residents. Whether you own your home or rent, we want to hear from you. What do you love about Brook Creek; what do you have concerns about; these are the things we want to hear about and please feel free to reach out to any of our officers or directors. Our goal is to bring the community together and to create a better environment for those who live here.

Over the past spring, we have had some great discussions and some good speakers, from Derek Rogers from Lawrence Parks and Recreation to meeting Chief Burns, Jr. of the Lawrence Police Department. We had a great turn out for the Annual Brook Creek Clean Up this past April. Thank you for all who helped, Emily Winters for coordinating the event, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association for partnering with us, and Pita Pit and Dillon's for providing food and drinks.

A concern for the neighborhood, we had a rash of break-ins and thefts in the neighborhood, so we asked the Lawrence Police Liaison to come speak to us. We ask that if you see something suspicious to please contact the police right away and don't wait but be safe.

On a good note, we are having a Fall Picnic at the end of September. We invite you all to come and enjoy the time with us. Please bring a dish to share and yourself, family and friends. See more in this newsletter, future Facebook, and NextDoor posts.

Please sign up for our neighborhood Facebook page, email ListServ, NextDoor alerts or visit our website 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*

## BCNA Meeting Notes

### March meeting

Nancy Thellman, County Commissioner and other county employees were present to discuss the mental health crisis center and jail expansion ballot measure. They provided insight into the evolution of their proposed plans and current jail operations. The coordinator provided a report on upcoming events. An update from the 19th street coalition progress was given and several other updates on projects going on in the neighborhood were discussed.

### April Meeting

Derek Rogers, the new Parks & Recreation Director, was our speaker. He updated up on several projects going on in the neighborhood and listened to ideas and concerns. He shared information about the new KU bike share program.

Suzan Hampton of Friends of Lawrence Area Trails

(FLAT) told us of a project she's working on to rehabilitate the natural prairie plants through that section, and also to make a creek crossing between the Burroughs Creek Trail and the Lawrence Community Orchard. There were brief coordinator and 19th street updates.

### May Meeting

Police Chief Burns was the speaker. He provided history of his career and his policing philosophy. He gave updates on police training practices and answered neighbors questions. This was followed by a coordinator report and review of fall events including the annual picnic planning.

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

## Spring Clean up

We had a chilly but successful park and trail clean up in April! A big thanks to the KU Big Event volunteers, neighbor volunteers, and Dillon's on Mass and Pita Pit for their donations.



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