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Neighborhood Events

March

- 29 Transportation Commission meeting on 19th St, 6 p.m.
- 29 Success by 6 Parent Café 6 p.m. (see p. 5)

April

- 4 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., East Lawrence Rec. Center
Guest: Derek Rogers
- 14 Brook Creek Park Clean-up 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 21 East Lawrence Neighborhood River Clean-up

May

- 2 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., East Lawrence Rec. Center
Guest: Police Chief Burns

September

- 5 BCNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Brook Creek Fall Picnic, Brook Creek Park, 3-6 p.m.

Efforts Continue to Protect Safety on 19th St.

Since 2011, neighbors near 19th St. have objected to City plans to open 19th St. from O'Connell Rd. and Venture Business Park to traffic. The same sentiments apply, since 2015 construction began in the KU Central District, to the traffic from KU. The 19th Street Neighborhoods Coalition formed to guard against more traffic on 19th St. The City insists they must widen 19th St. east of Harper St. to 47 ft., instead of repaving it at its current 22 ft. They claim it's necessary because the water line must be fixed, and they plan to add a sidewalk and a bike path. They also say that emergency vehicles have to access Venture Business Park. The Coalition response is that a new waterline, sidewalk and bike path are welcome, but 'no thanks' on a wider street. It would be a "welcome mat" for thousands of new commuter and commercial vehicles overwhelming our neighborhoods. For fire and ambulance access, the Coalition requests a simple gate at 19th and O'Connell that only emergency vehicles (and buses) could open, but not other vehicles. The Coalition says that all 19th Street neighborhoods need walkability and livability, safety for school children and cyclists, and keeping all of 19th St. a residential street. The Transportation Plan includes the 19th St. Harper-to-O'Connell project, but none of the Coalition ideas. 90% of the public comments on the plan are opposed to the widening of 19th St. The Transportation Commission will have a special meeting on 19th St. on March 29 at 6 p.m, and the City budget meetings will address the project in April. Please try to be there and advocate for safety along our residential streets.

Meet New Parks and Police Leadership

At the April 4th Brook Creek meeting, we welcome Derek Rogers, the Director of Lawrence Parks and Recreation. He will be discussing requests to have exercise equipment located along the Burroughs Creek Trail. We would also love to hear all other requests and concerns from neighborhood residents about Parks and Recreation.

On May 2, Police Chief Gregory C. Burns, Jr will join the Brook Creek meeting. He will be addressing resident questions and concerns regarding safety, theft and other general police matters.

We are excited to have both of these speakers and would love to have a good turnout at both meetings! All Brook Creek meetings are at 7p.m. at the East Lawrence Recreation Center. All neighbors are always welcome. If you are not able to attend meetings, you can send questions or concerns you would like to share to brookcreekna@gmail.com.

Annual Park & Trail Cleanup

Our annual park and trail clean-up is April 14! We will meet at Brook Creek Park at 10 a.m. Gloves, trash bags and snacks for breakfast and lunch will be provided. KU students from the KU Big Event will also be joining us! The trail spans several neighborhoods, we welcome all help. If you want to work on an area of the trail that is farther away feel free to contact the coordinator at brookcreekna@gmail.com in advance to get trash bags. Trash bags can be left next to existing bins along the trail or in the park. Thanks for helping us keep our parks and trails beautiful!

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*BCNA Holiday Party
December 2017*

Note from the President

Hi Neighbors,

We had a great winter and spring is looking great. We had our election in December where everyone was re-elected and we added a new Director, Tom Bogardus. Congratulations.

Upcoming events are the Park Clean-Up in April and the Fall Picnic at the end of September. The neighborhood garage sale was canceled due to not enough interest. At the monthly meeting for April, we will have the new Parks and Recreation Director, and May, we will host the new Police Chief. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There are several organizations, including KU, that are looking to get feedback from our Brook Creek community. Subjects include how to improve our community for families with young children, bringing fresh food to the neighborhood, and food access for seniors.

I also wanted to thank everyone who comes to our meetings. We try to have interesting speakers come to talk about things that pertain to Brook Creek and Lawrence at large. If you have an idea of a person or topic you would like to have at a meeting please contact me or Emily and we will see if we can get it scheduled. Melissa Fahrenbruch at meljofah@gmail.com or Emily Winters at brookcreekna@gmail.

On a sad note, BCNA is having to cut back on how many paper newsletters we create in the year. Due to the decrease in future funding from CDBG we are reducing our newsletters to two newsletters a year instead of three from past years. Any ideas for fundraising and events please let us know. 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

Proposed County Sales Tax Referendum

The featured topic of the March 7th BCNA meeting was the proposed Douglas County sales tax referendum. Speakers included County Commissioner Nancy Thellman, Douglas County Undersheriff Gary Bunting, Douglas County Corrections Re-Entry Director Mike Brouwer and Douglas County Behavioral Health Projects Coordinator Bob Tryanski. The presentation covered aspects of the proposed sales tax and how it would be used to provide improved services and programs for both the criminal justice system and behavioral health in the county, along with facility upgrades.

If you would like to see first hand why the upgrades

are proposed, the county is providing 90-minute presentations and tours for Douglas County residents at least 18 years of age at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. every Saturday until April 28. Contact Sgt. Kristin Channel at kchannel@dgso.org no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday before the Saturday you plan to attend. Emails should include the time and date of the presentation/tour you want to attend as well as your name, address and phone number.

This will be a mail ballot election and ballots will be mailed April 25th and be counted May 15th.

Brook Creek Neighborhood Parent Cafe	Who: Parents of children up to 8 years of age	What: Family-style dinner, child care, facilitated discussion
	Where: Huppee Community Facility, 1600 Haskell Ave. #149/150	Why: Discuss what would make the Brook Creek Neighborhood a better place to raise children
	When: Thursday, March 29, 6 to 8 p.m.	RSVP to Success by6: rich@dcsb6.org or 842-8719



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Hike Through History Project Update

As many of you know, the first panel for the project was installed on the Burroughs Creek Trail, at the 23rd St trailhead, in January, in the hopes that Henry Fortunato might be able to see the project come to fruition. Unfortunately, Henry's health took a turn for the worse and he was unable to come to Lawrence to view the installation before his passing February 5th. In support of the project and in honor of Henry's memory, City Parks and Rec forges ahead with the installation of the remaining panels for the Hike Through History project on the Burroughs Creek

Trail, so that we all might enjoy it. Concrete pouring is always at the mercy of the whims of weather, but Parks and Rec has scheduled to pour pads for the signage during the week of March 12th, followed by the installation of the panels themselves within a few days. Discussion of an opening for the panels, a commemoration of Henry Fortunato's efforts, is in the works as staff time and weather permit. Stay tuned!
— Lane Eisenbart, East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

Volunteer Help Available

Registration is open for the eighth annual Big Event, scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Big Event students have helped the neighborhood with our annual park clean-up for the past 3 years.

The Big Event is a non need-based student group that connects the KU campus with the Lawrence community. They recruit thousands of student, faculty, and staff volunteers to work at hundreds of local job sites during one day of service to say 'thank you' to the community. Big Event volunteers provide a helping hand to Lawrence residents by completing projects in their neighborhoods.

Register at: <http://thebigeventku.com/register-now/>



New and old friends at the 2017 Brook Creek Fall Picnic

BCNA Meeting Notes

September

Jarod Kilgore & Rachel Lietz of Represent.US presented about their work to end government corruption at all levels. Melissa gave us an update on the Success By Six Brook Creek grant, which was not funded, but they still hope to do a community project that focuses on families in Brook Creek. The Fall picnic was planned. The coordinator reported on BCNA business. There was a brief discussion about the ballot initiatives on the November ballot and an update on the Zen Center's lots on 1201 Laura.

October

Brandon McGuire, David Cronin, and Bob Nugent gave a presentation on the proposed sales tax ballot items for the Nov. 7 election. Patrick Wilbur also presented from the Lawrence Sunset Alliance, a group that wants the 0.55% sales tax to expire, and not be renewed. Attendees discussed the CDBG grant and newsletter timeline for next year. Byron, Michael, and Ron volunteered for the nominating committee.

November

Lawrence Skate Association gave an update about their progress towards their project to convert the old basketball court in Edgewood Park into a DIY skateboard park. The coordinator provided updates about the CDBG grant and the newsletter for next year. Updates were given about the East Lawrence Recreation Center site plan, the Nature Area Management Plan, and the Success by Six project.

December

Officer Drew Fennelly from the Lawrence Police Department, Neighborhood Resource Office, spoke about a recent rash of burglaries and what to do to prevent them. There was a vote to cancel the appeal to the Rec Center's parking expansion. Elections were held.

February

There was some discussion about getting a panel installed near the woods to commemorate the history of the area including the Woodlands Amusement Park and Langston Hughes. BCNA heard updates from the coordinator, update on a new sidewalk along East Glenn Dr., and news from the 19th Street Coalition. An update on director terms was passed and there was discussion about the new streetlights being too bright.

BCNA meeting minutes are posted in full on the BCNA website:

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