

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association
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Lawrence, Kansas 66044



The Brook Creek Breeze

The Newsletter of the
Brook Creek
Neighborhood Association

Summer 2020

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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/>

Neighborhood Events

August

- 5 BCNA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
East Lawrence Rec Center

September

- 2 BCNA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
East Lawrence Rec Center

October

- 4 BCNA Fall Picnic
Brook Creek Park
- 7 BCNA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
East Lawrence Rec Center

November

- 4 BCNA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
East Lawrence Rec Center

December

- 2 BCNA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
East Lawrence Rec Center

Letter from the President

Hi families and friends of Brook Creek Neighborhood!

My name is Jesse Brinson and I serve as the president of your Brook Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA). I'm currently in my 2nd year as your president and embrace the opportunity to connect with you and draw our community together.

Due to COVID-19, much our lives are filled with anxiety, uncertainty, confusion and no rhythm. It is at this time we must draw closer as a community. By that I don't mean we should not respect the rules and requirements of CDC. What I do mean is there has never been more of time that we should connect via social media, check in on our neighbors and offer support for those who need it and who can give it.

My wife and I have worked with Called To Greatness for over 15 years and currently serve as community outreach and development coordinators. That means we are the liaison between the church and the community, offering tools for better living. I accepted the role as president of BCNA because it too has that same heart. BCNA answers the question of, "How can we (BCNA) be a liaison between our community and what's going on around us?" To do this efficiently, we need to hear from you!

How can you connect with us? Email us at brookcreekna@gmail.com or connect with us on Facebook. You can also attend our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We usually meet at the East Lawrence Recreation Center, but due to COVID-19 we have been meeting virtually this summer. Sign up for our e-newsletter or follow us on social media for updates on meeting locations for the fall.

Connect with Brook Creek between Newsletters!

We regularly share updates and city news on our main BCNA Facebook page, and our website has meeting minutes, newsletters, event dates and more!

Connect with neighbors through Nextdoor.com or our Neighborhood Facebook group.



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Stay informed! Are you receiving our E-newsletter?

Due to increasing costs and reduced funding, BCNA will only be able to send paper newsletters twice a year.

However, we do send an email newsletter every other Monday! You can sign up on the Brook Creek website:

[Brookcreeklawrence.wordpress.com](http://brookcreeklawrence.wordpress.com)

Don't miss out on important neighborhood news!

Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Survey

BCNA has partnered with Habitat for Humanity on a neighborhood survey to assess the needs in Brook Creek and gather feedback from our residents. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form and questions below and mail to Habitat for Humanity, 720 Connecticut, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Name:

Occupation:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

What are the things that make Brook Creek a good place to live, things you want to keep the same or increase? (*current state/existing strengths*)

If you had a magic wand and could do anything to improve quality of life in Brook Creek, what would you do? (*dreams/aspirations*)

What do you think is the biggest challenge that people are facing in Brook Creek? (*fears/concerns*)

Are there any skills or talents you could contribute to work in Brook Creek? (*gifts/assets*)

Growing Food Growing Health Garden & Free Farmer's Market

In partnership with the Full Circle Youth Program, the Community Mercantile Education Foundation's (CMEF) Growing Food Growing Health project has started a new garden at Edgewood! This is the newest addition to the gardens around town that are maintained and harvested by CMEF youth as an initiative to strengthen community and support sustainable, local food systems. This program helps develop youth leaders, creates productive gardens, and promotes the connection between food and health.

In addition to the new garden project, Growing Food Growing Health youth will be hosting a weekly free market at Edgewood every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the duration of the summer. This market is open to all Edgewood residents and the surrounding community. Produce grown by student gardeners will be available, including greens, herbs, and berries.

Learn more about the Growing Food Growing Health student garden project on their website at <https://www.growingfoodgrowinghealth.org>. You can also follow their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GrowingFood/>.

19th Street Redesign Update

The Multimodal Transportation Commission evaluated six different concept designs for the 19th Street reconstruction project at their meeting on June 1. This project involves the stretch of 19th St. that extends from Harper St. to O'Connell Rd.

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association has opposed increased traffic anywhere on 19th St. since 2015, forming the 19th Street Coalition in 2016 with other 19th St. neighborhoods. We advocated for a 22 foot wide street, which was one of the concept designs presented. The other concepts considered were three variations of a 31 foot wide street, a 36 foot wide street, and a 47 foot wide street.

The commission voted 5-3 to recommend a 26 foot wide street with storm sewers, a sidewalk on the north, and a shared use path on the south. This will go to the City Commission on either July 7 or July 21.

Brook Creek Fall Neighborhood Picnic – Save the Date!

Sunday, October 4
Brook Creek Park

Join BCNA and your Brook Creek neighbors for our annual neighborhood picnic! Bring a snack or side dish to share, and enjoy an afternoon building community with your neighbors.

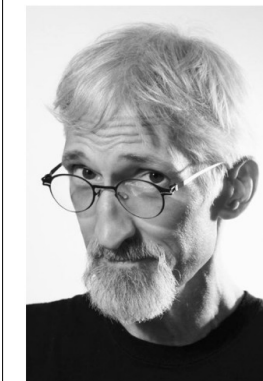


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