

# The North Lawrence Courier



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## About The North Lawrence Improvement Association...

All North Lawrence residents have many opportunities to stay connected through attendance at NLIA meetings, picnics, school functions, and other gatherings. Most of the information about these events is communicated

through this Newsletter, our website, and our Facebook Page. The North Lawrence Improvement Association is a non-profit, neighborhood organization representing the people who live in the area.

By joining the NLIA, you connect with those who share similar concerns, questions, and a love of North Lawrence. Dues are only \$1 per year, per person. The more voices we have, the more people will listen. You may join by calling Bev Cates at 843-8799 or any of the NLIA officers.

**NLIA neighborhood meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month, October through May, at 7:00pm at the Peace Mennonite Church, 615 Lincoln Street.**

On occasion we need to change a meeting date or location and that information is listed within this newsletter and on our website.

We welcome any suggestions you might want to share for future publications. Your involvement is critical to our success!

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## NLIA to host Candidate Forum

The North Lawrence Improvement Association will be hosting a candidate forum for the Douglas County Commission 2nd District, which includes the entirety of North Lawrence, and the 3rd district. The candidates for the 2nd district seat, that will be on the November ballot, are incumbent Nancy Thellman and challenger Jesse Brinson Jr. For the 3rd district, the candidates are Bassem Chahine and Michelle Derusseau. The forum will take place at NLIA's regular meeting on Monday, October 10th. The meeting will be held at Peace Mennonite Church starting at 7:00pm. So come ask the candidates questions and hear what they have to say.

**Don't Forget to like North  
Lawrence Improvement  
Association's Page on Facebook**

### Calendar of Events

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## **NLIA Neighborhood Meeting Notes...**

**NLIA minutes — April (April 11, 2016 7:00pm to 9:00pm)**

Board Present: Ted (President), Jeff (VP), Beverly (Treasurer), and Dylan (Coordinator)

### **President Report:**

The newsletter has been received by different residents at different times. The plan was to get the newsletter in the hands of the residents by Friday, but people have received them Friday, Saturday, and Monday. Beverly still has not received hers. Finally, Price Chopper people are meeting with the property owners and the architects. They have presented some renderings of what the store would look like during this meeting. The grocery store is planned now to be 40-45 thousand square feet. It would potentially be a full service store with a pharmacy, and there could be a 2 story underground parking store. This is the closest of an opportunity to getting a grocery store that serves N. Lawrence in a while. There may be additional stories added to the new building for the grocery store equipment and residential units. The maple street pump is ahead of schedule due to weather, but there are many obstacles underground (abandoned sewer lines from before the 1951 flood). They should have it completed by late June if the schedule holds. Residents may have noticed the new traffic calming on Elm Street, and the next one will be in the 500 block of North Street. There is currently a backlog at the city for these traffic calming devices. The next device after that will be placed on Walnut Street somewhere.

**Treasurer Comments:** Mailing expenses were around \$384 for this most recent newsletter.

### **ICL Performance Products & Chemtrade Comments:**

Gordon - Plant manager at the N. Lawrence ICL plant. Currently they have 142 employees and they operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They make Sodium Phosphate products as well as some acid solutions, such as phosphoric acid. They have moved away from shipping bulk products in railcars/trucks and moved toward trucks filled with smaller volume packaged materials. ICL has shifted from a mining operation to a specialty chemical producer. They have had no significant environmental issue since 2015 and environmental/safety issues are one of their highest priorities. ICL has invested significant capital into the Lawrence Plant, but also invest/be involved with the community. They have a community advisory panel of which Ted is a part of, and try to support local community organizations. They have many systems in place to deal with all types of emergency situations (emergency weather, fire, spills). The arsenic levels in the ground water at the site were originally 20 ppm and are currently down to 1 ppm. The federal level for potable use is 10 ppb. They are currently using a program that will immobilize the arsenic and prevent it from moving any further toward the river.



**NLIA minutes — May (May 09, 2016 7:00pm to 9:00pm)**

Board Present: Ted (President), Jeff (VP), Beverly (Treasurer), and Dylan (Coordinator)

### **President Report:**

Most of Sandrat memorial is now located on the southwest corner of the property. There are currently 46 empty bricks left to be engraved. The final piece of the memorial is a 3ft bronze Sandrat statue. Tom and Linda Lee, as well as the Sandrat committee are the ones involved with this project. The Sandrat Reunion (June 4<sup>th</sup> 9am to Noon) will be back at Woodlawn Elementary School this year. So the residents will be able to see the 2 million dollars in new renovations that happened to the school. The school now has a shelter for emergency weather that will hold all the occupants of the building. The city will have a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony for the Union Pacific Depot, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 to 3 pm. The U.P. Depot was saved from demolition/relocation. It now serves multiple functions and is a staple of N. Lawrence. The speed hump has been installed at Elm Street, and Ted is happy to report that it is currently working to slow them down. The next one will be on North Street, and the location has already been selected by the city/association. We may ask for more capital improvement projects in the next CDBG application. There is currently a request about rezoning a property in North Lawrence so it can be used as a music venue. NLIA wrote a letter stating that they do not want there to be an issue with overflow traffic.

### **Public/Speakers Comments:**

Logan Isaman – Works for AmeriCorp Vista and Lawrence Public Library. She is coordinating a community needs assessment to try to identify the gaps and how the Library can help to fulfill those needs. There will be a survey distributed June 1<sup>st</sup> to the residents of Lawrence through various media to try and assess this. If the survey is completed you will receive a coupon for 50% off the late fees.

Matt Bond (City Stormwater Engineer) – Still on schedule to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The majority of the pipe has been completed at this point. There have not been any major change orders so far. The pump station is 91% complete. The levee is also almost complete, but they still need to pour some concrete. They should be done and the levee will open by the end of May. The ditches will be addressed, in house by the city, on a need basis once the pump station is completed. The property owner is responsible for the general maintenance of the ditches, but the city will clear silt or repair damaged drainage tubes.

Jeff (VP) – The BIG event hosted by KU and it happens every April. The students come out and assess what needs to be done and then completes it. They can't use power tools or get on ladders due to safety concerns.

Resident expressed desire to have a speed hump located on North 5<sup>th</sup> street (North – South Street) just south of Lake Street.

**Centenary United Methodist Church  
invites the North Lawrence Community to  
dinner at the church!  
5:30-7:00 p.m. on the  
3rd Wednesday every month.  
Free will offering**

### *Holiday Fundraiser ...*

The NLIA supports the North Lawrence Community in multiple ways. One of these ways is by anonymously adopting North Lawrence families for holiday giving through the Ballard Community Center. If you would like to contribute to this fund contact Ted Boyle - NLIA President, Bev Cates - Treasurer, or consider giving an extra dollar or two when paying your NLIA dues this year! If you are in need of assistance please contact the Ballard Center at 842.0729.

### *December NLIA Meeting...*

Centenary United Methodist Church invites the North Lawrence Community to an Open House to view the Festival of Nativities on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The church is on the corner of 4th & Elm. There will be coffee and cookies to enjoy while viewing the beautiful display of nativities from around the World.

**This Open House will be in lieu of the regular NLIA meeting in December.**

This will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of hosting the Festival of Nativities at Centenary United Methodist Church. The first four weekends in December we will be open. Our hours are 12:00-4:00 p.m. A wonderful Treats and Treasures Gift Shop is open during the Festival. Bake goods, candy, jellies and jams, handmade items, and wonderful nativity sets can be purchased. Help make our 22<sup>nd</sup> year the best yet, and share with your friends and family what your neighborhood has to offer.



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### *Sandrat Reunion & Picnic Recap*

Everyone had a great time at the 2016 Annual North Lawrence Sandrat Reunion on June 4<sup>th</sup>, as well as the annual community picnic on September 12<sup>th</sup>. About 50 residents attended the picnic, and brought many great dishes to share. We were glad that City Manager Tom Markus, Commissioner Stuart Boley, Commissioner Lisa Larsen, and County Commissioner Nancy Thellman could attend and talk with the great community members of North Lawrence.

A big **Thank You** to everyone who helped make this year's Sandrat Reunion so much fun as usual, and to those who helped set up for the picnic. We hope to see everyone again next year. So watch for your invitation - or check our Facebook page online - and pass the word along. In the meantime, reserve June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 2017 Sandrat Reunion.

## Notes from the President...

Well another summer is just about over, but there is good news. The Maple street pump station is up and running after months of hard work by the city and construction crews. We would like to thank Nowak Construction for all of their hard work to get the station built. There is still some earth work and street work that needs to be done around the construction site. Then the city will assess and redo the drainage ditches in North Lawrence so that the water will better drain to the new pumping station. This should take care of the flooding North of the railroad tracks and in Lyons Park. Also, there will be a new speed hump installed in the 500 block of North Street this Fall. NLIA will be asking for additional funds in the next CDBG grant to install a speed hump on Walnut street.

The next project that NLIA will begin working on is to get a railroad quiet zone implemented in North Lawrence. It will be seven days a week from 10pm to 6am. We will work with the city and Union Pacific Railroad to try and institute this change. Please try to attend a few meetings so you will have a say in what North Lawrence needs and/or wants.

Thank You,

**Ted Boyle — NLIA President**

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### ***Advertising Rates for NLIA Newsletter...***

*We appreciate the businesses in North Lawrence that advertise in our newsletter. If you would like to advertise here, please contact Dylan at 785.840.7153. The newsletter is currently printed in Spring and Fall; sent to almost all North Lawrence residents; placed in other businesses around town, and given to certain city officials. The advertising rates for each newsletter are as follows:*

- ⇒ *Approximate 1/2 page* \$50
- ⇒ *Approximate 2"x3" (business card size)* \$25
- ⇒ *Back of the newsletter (Business & Contact)* \$10





This Fall's North Lawrence Clean-up will be:

**Tuesday, October 11th.**

Please place items you wish to discard at your regular trash pick up site by 7:00 a.m. Remove all nails from boards; place broken glass in suitable containers and mark it. Old tires will be picked up. Do not include any hazardous waste (paint, lawn chemicals, etc.). Bring limbs to the parking lot behind Centenary United Methodist Church at 4th & Elm during the weekend - we will generate mulch from limbs that will be available to residents behind Ted's house at 310 Elm Street. Contact Ted at 842.7232 if you have questions about the clean-up.

### ***Central Middle School Fun Run... October 28th***

The Middle School Fun Run is just around the corner! The Fun Run is the only fundraiser for the school. The entire student body participates by asking family, friends, neighbors, and the community to make donations. In exchange for your support, the students participate in a 2 mile run together with friends, family, neighbors, teachers...anyone who wants to join in can on October 28th at 1:00pm.

The money raised by the students is used to help pay for after-school activities, camps, scholarships, uniforms, and a wide variety of special needs not covered by the school's regular budget.

Keep an eye out for the Liberty Memorial students in our neighborhood collecting money for the Fun Run, and give them a few dollars if you can! We all benefit from the programs at our schools.



### ***Woodlawn School News...***

The kids, teachers, and parents are hard at work at Woodlawn School with the new school year now in full swing. Included here are a few noteworthy events that are upcoming.

Contact the school or visit their Facebook Page and Website for more information.

PTO meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday each month at 5:45 p.m. with childcare provided.



#### **Upcoming Events**

- October 5: Walk/Bike to School Day
- October 14: No School
- October 21: No School
- October 24-28: Red Ribbon Week
- October 27: PTO Sock Hop
- November 4: No School
- November 7-11: Conference Week
- November 23-25: Fall Break
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 4: Winter Break

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## Neighborhood Pantries...

Recently there has been some interest expressed in North Lawrence about potentially putting up little free pantries in the community. These pantries are based on the little free library concept in which small enclosures are put up by people in their yards, and members of the community are free to take and give as necessary. Unfortunately, the recently adopted urban agriculture code prohibits these activities. NLIA consulted the city and they stated that these activities would be considered in violation of city code. A copy of the code can be seen below. NLIA is committed to the betterment of our community and would like to hear your thoughts on this matter as well as others at our meetings.

### **20-550**

### **ON-SITE AGRICULTURAL SALES**

#### **(1) GENERAL STANDARDS**

- (i) Only unprocessed items: eggs, honey, or whole, uncut (except as necessary for harvesting), fresh produce and/or horticultural products may be donated, sold on-site, or distributed through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) pick-ups as On-Site Agricultural Sales.
  - a. On-site sales refers to products grown or produced on the premises or products that are grown or produced on another site within the City that is maintained by the operator of the sales site, but only when sold in conjunction with products grown or produced on the premises.
- (ii) On-Site Agricultural Sales may occur between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM.
- (iii) Exterior display of product is permitted during sale hours.
- (iv) Any stands used for the display or sale of products shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from the curb or roadway and shall be temporary; being removed and stored when sales are not in progress.
- (v) The sales area may include a retail sales area (stand and/or display area) as noted below:
  - a. Sales area of up to 100 square feet permitted for lots up to 7,000 square feet in area.
  - b. Sales area of up to 150 square feet permitted for lots up to 10,000 square feet in area.
  - c. Sales area of up to 300 square feet permitted for lots larger than 10,000 square feet in area.
- (vi) One temporary, unilluminated sign advertising only food or horticultural products may be displayed during sales.
  - a. The sign must be located a minimum of 20 feet from the curb or roadway or it may be placed flat on a wall or door or displayed in a window.
  - b. The sign face may not exceed 2 square feet in area and the sign may not be more than 3 feet in height.

#### **(2) Urban Farms**

- (i) On-Site Agricultural Sales are permitted on Urban Farms in Residential Districts subject to area and locational standards established with the Special Use Permit.
  - a. Urban Farms in residential districts which were in existence prior April 26, 2016, and are operating under an automatic SUP shall comply with the general On-Site Agricultural Sales standards in this section.



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