

the objections of the residents of East Lawrence.

It does not appear that Old West Lawrence is directly threatened by redevelopment at any of the parcels, with the possible exception of the Post Office.

However, OWLA has supported our sister association, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association, in its objections to the development's scale and level of public subsidies. We will continue to monitor this issue and alert the membership of any changes.

*Uncoupling Adherence to the  
Comprehensive Plan  
and Rezoning of a Parcel*

The Planning Commission will soon consider changes to the Development Code that could threaten Old West Lawrence. Currently, the Development Code requires that rezoning applications comply with the City's comprehensive plan.

A proposal working its way through the planning review system would reduce compliance with the plan to a simple guideline. This would make it much easier for developers to rezone single-family parcels or low-density multi-family parcels into higher density multi-family parcels.

It continues to be the position of OWLA that our neighborhood is, with few exceptions, a single-family neighborhood. OWLA will monitor this proposal and will oppose its adoption.

*Changes in the Treasurer for OWLA*

After many years of faithful service as Treasurer to OWLA, Burdett Loomis is passing the checkbook over to a new Treasurer. Burdett has won a Fulbright Fellowship which will take him to Australia for a lengthy period of time and make him unavailable to pay the bills. OWLA offers many thanks to Burdett for his service and congratulations on winning a Fulbright. Steve Lopes has agreed to serve as Interim Treasurer.

**-Kirk McClure**

***Thank You!***

I would like to thank the following neighbors, who offered their time and effort to make last September's Old West Lawrence sale day and block party a success. Your contributions to this annual event are much appreciated!

Phil Minkin, Tresa Hill, Kirk and Jeannie McClure, Eric Kirkendall, Nora Murphy, Steve Maceli, Rosalea Carttar, Teddy Carttar, Amelia Carttar, Gabriela Carttar, Dale Slusser, Bruce Pfannenstiel, Brad Tate, Andrea Albright, Roberta Hofer, Richard Andrade, Michael Morley, Steve Clark, Lauren Douglass, Rick Frydman, Bird and Michel Loomis, Dan Riedemann

I humbly apologize to anyone whose name I left out. To those who didn't get a chance to help, please keep your eye open for next year's party. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors!

**-David Carttar**



# Newsletter

**January, 2013**

## **Next meeting**

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2013  
Time: 9:30 am to 10:30 am  
Place: Senior Center, Multi-Purpose Room, 745 Vermont Street

We will be discussing a list of items affecting Old West Lawrence, and would like to have your input. These items include:

√ *Lawrence Common Ground urban agriculture program to be located at 639 Illinois.*

√ *The position of OWLA on the upcoming USD 497 School Bond issue.*

√ *The proposed downtown overlay district and changes to the development code of Lawrence*

## **Message from the President**

### *Downtown Redevelopment*

The staff of the city's planning department prepared a memorandum addressed to the City Manager concerning redevelopment potential in the downtown area. The memo specifically identifies parcels of land in the downtown that could be redeveloped with significantly larger structures. The site of the Post Office at 7<sup>th</sup> and Vermont Streets is included on this list of parcels. Notably, the remaining single-family homes on the 600 block of Kentucky Street are not listed as sites with redevelopment potential.

There is little doubt that this memorandum comes in response to the concerns raised with the redevelopment of the parcels at 9<sup>th</sup> and New Hampshire Streets. The developments range as tall as seven stories and have received about \$12 million in taxpayer subsidies, over