



Newsletter

November 2016

Old West Lawrence Association

General Membership Meeting
November 19, 2016, 10 AM
Lawrence Public Library
Meeting Room C

Agenda

1. Historic District tax credits – *Lynne Zollner*, Historic Resources Administrator
2. Minutes of last meeting and Treasurer's report
3. Sidewalk repair and replacement
4. Community Development Block Grant
5. Health of neighborhood trees
6. Neighborhood Watch update
7. OWL Day report– Street Party & Garage Sales

Please join us to get information and provide input.

OWL Day – September 24, 2016

We held off the rain and had a wonderful 2016 OWL Day; the Street Party and Garage Sales were a great success. A very special thank you to **Maren Bradley, Dustin Brown, and Suzanne Wikle** for their excellent coordination of the Street Party; to **Phil Minkin** and **Karen Kressin** for their work on the Garage & Art Sales; and **Steve Maceli** for donating tablecloths.

Many others provided assistance in other ways, including providing flowers, greeting, grilling, set-up, and cleanup: Richard Andrade, Marge Bayer, Mitchell Chaney, Susan Chaney, Denise DeTommaso, Cindy Gress, Laurie McLane Higginson, Charles Higginson, Susan King, Rochelle Marsh, Curtis Marsh, Jeannie McClure, Kirk McClure, Phil Minkin, Michael Morley, Nora Murphy, Daniel Poull, Janice Poull, Jenny Skillman, Nancy Stark, Beth Whittaker, David Whittaker—thank you all!

A deep note of appreciation to all of you who held garage or art sales and donated a portion of your sale income.



\$55 for 55 Campaign

The response to our \$55 for 55 years of OWLA campaign has been excellent— we raised approximately \$2,000.

Thank you to each of you who contributed!

Your generosity will allow us to host another great party next year, to provide newsletters, to support the neighborhood in various endeavors, and to stabilize our budget for the future.

Thanks to Amy Albright and Andrea Albright for the \$55 for 55 design.

We also want to recognize Water's Edge and Owens Flower Shop for contributing to the \$55 for 55 campaign.

Thank you all for making OWL a special place to live!

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) Report

LAN is a coalition of neighborhood associations monitoring local government actions that impact neighborhoods in and around Lawrence. Currently, LAN is monitoring and recommending action on a variety of issues that may have either direct or potential impact on Old West Lawrence (OWL).

Oread Neighborhood Design Overlay

The City is moving forward with the Oread Design Overlay which will act to limit redevelopment of many single-family properties into large-bedroom duplexes. The Overlay functions through parking requirements. It calls for one parking space per bedroom and does not permit what is known as "stacked" parking to count toward meeting this requirement. "Stacked" parking is when two or more cars are in a driveway and one car cannot get out without another car having to move. This issue could arise in OWL. OWLA will need to watch closely for attempts to replace single-family homes with multi-family rental units that attempt to circumvent the parking requirements.

Subsidy for a Downtown Grocery Store?

Proponents of a downtown grocery store are moving closer to having a proposal for the City to consider. At present, it appears that the proposal will include a grocery store in the former Borders bookstore building which will be extensively rebuilt. The proposal may call for public subsidy. I would like to receive input from OWL residents on whether or not taxpayer funds should be applied to this project and under what conditions.

-Kirk McClure, OWLA LAN rep

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