



August, 2019

Old West Lawrence Association
2019 OWL Day - Saturday, September 14
Street Party 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Garage and Art Sales 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

OWL Day - September 14

We are excited to announce that the **OWL Street Party** will take place on Saturday, September 14th, from 5 pm to 8 pm on the 700 block of Mississippi Street (near the 7th Street end).

The annual street party is an eagerly anticipated event that brings together OWL neighbors for food, drink, and, most importantly, community – the chance to see old friends and neighbors and meet new ones.

Of course, this event would not exist without the help of many OWL neighbors, and we need your help to make this event happen in 2019. We're looking for volunteers in several areas and we've made it very easy both to view needed tasks and also to sign up. Just visit this URL:
<https://tinyurl.com/y33tarf2>

As always, tables will be set up for potluck dishes, and we encourage neighbors to bring a favorite food to share. Remember to tag your serving dishes and utensils with your name and/or phone number!

We will also be collecting food items for the Pinckney Food Pantry. Preferred items will be posted on the OWL Facebook page a week before the event.

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Finally, you might guess that holding this important event does require significant funding, paid for by the Old West Lawrence Association.

Since we no longer collect dues, every household is an OWLA member and we rely on the kindness of our neighbors for donations to offset the cost of this event. We'll "pass the OWL" during the party, and we welcome any and all donations.

Please feel free to contact **Maren Bradley**, 816-223-7784, or marenfaye@gmail.com with any questions regarding the street party.

Thanks so much for helping, and we are all looking forward to seeing you there!

-Maren Bradley

From the President

Twenty-five years ago, in 1994, my bride-to-be Kathy, and I moved into our Louisiana Street house in Old West Lawrence. The move was life-changing. The next year, we were married in our parlor before family, friends, and neighbors.

In OWL, we were immediately embraced by our extraordinary neighborhood, and that deep sense of belonging remains. This is home.

We've all noticed the yard sign adorning the front lawns of many Old West Lawrence houses. In three languages, the sign proclaims: "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor." OWL is an inclusive place where everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity, is welcome. A place where we band together to help others who are in need. Even in the troubled times in which we currently live, hate will never have a place in OWL.

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The Old West Lawrence Association (OWLA) is committed to making our neighborhood a better place for all of us. We have fun, too.

On September 14, we will be celebrating OWL Day, featuring our annual street party and garage and art sales. Read about OWL Day elsewhere in this *Newsletter*, and, if you have time, please volunteer to help us stage these events.

We encourage you to become informed and participate in OWLA. If you would like to be on the OWLA email list, please send your email address to oldwestlawrenceassn@gmail.com. Many thanks, neighbors, and I'll see you on September 14, if not before.

-Bill Tuttle

OWL Garage Sale

The OWL Garage Sale has become a successful and fun tradition, especially with the addition of neighborhood artists showing and selling their work.

We are asking each participant to submit a 2-4 line sale description which we will post on our website, OldWestLawrence.net. Include your address, hours of your sale (a minimum of 8 am until noon is suggested), location (alley, porch, art studio, etc.) and a brief description of your offerings.

Email this information to me by **Monday Sept, 9**, at pminkin@juno.com. We will put an ad in the Journal World telling people about the sale and directing them to the OWLA website.

As in past years, we ask participants to donate at least 15% of their sales to OWLA to help with our activities. Money can be sent to the treasurer, **Steve Lopes**, 704 Ohio, or given to him at the block party.

-Phil Minkin

Pearl Clark Community Garden 2019

PCCG enters its sixth year on solid ground. Thirty-five community members work together to grow food and have fun. Garden bylaws offer continuity and bring new gardeners into the garden management.

We offer the garden as a neighborhood pocket park and invite neighbors to come and enjoy the setting. Our mini prairie has abundant prairie plants in gorgeous bloom right now and brings pollinators in from all over the city. We have plant identification signs in the prairie to educate as well as entertain.

We have worked with **Just Food** over the years to bring our excess bounty to people who need the food. We have grown food for that organization in designated plots in the past. This year we are taking excess food once a week to Just Food.

The garden sits over a filled-in streambed that is now an underground 60" diameter storm sewer. We worked the last couple of years with neighbors and the City to improve the drainage at the site and this year's big, BIG rains have tested our design. It is working well.

We will provide fresh flowers for the neighborhood potluck and hope to see many of you at the garden or the potluck.

-Mike Morley

In Memoriam

In December we lost our neighbors **Ann Carlin Ozegovic** and her husband **Jack Ozegovic**. Ann was our block worker for the 800 block of Arkansas. She had a distinguished career in journalism and public service and a lifelong love of music and the arts. Jack's career was as an artist and art professor. They died three days apart, just short of their 49th wedding anniversary. We miss them and offer condolences to their loved ones.

LAN Report

The Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) is the primary way for neighborhoods to debate and take formal positions on important issues facing Lawrence. At least one city commissioner is usually at each meeting. Each neighborhood association is allowed to name a voting member, and members of the public are welcome to attend and participate in discussions.

Every month the group gets a report from the City Planning Department, and the neighborhoods report on happenings and issues in their parts of the city. We have a speaker, and we discuss important issues.

Some of the most important topics LAN dealt with in 2019 are Opportunity Zones, the Downtown Master Plan, the New Horizon 2040 Plan, short term (e.g. Airbnb) rentals, and bicycle corridors. Old West Lawrence residents are invited to attend. Schedules, agendas, and a link to the LAN email listserv may be found at:

<https://lawrenceneighborhoods.wordpress.com/>

-Eric Kirkendall