

Oread Neighborhood Association NEWSLETTER

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Neighborhood Resource Officers

How can they help the Oread Neighborhood?

Come to Oread's Spring general meeting and meet Tina Shambaugh and Trent McKinley. They are the 'new' Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO) for the Lawrence Police Department. Unlike patrol officers, Neighborhood Resource Officers act as liaisons for Lawrence neighborhoods. They work closely with the community and city departments to follow up on problems and ensure that they are resolved. To this end, many hours are spent reviewing complaint call and conviction reports. Where repeat and chronic problems exist, the



NROs take action. Items already on their "To Do" list include eradication of graffiti and addressing chronic noise and party related nuisances. They've already created public education materials to inform neighborhoods about how these issues can be handled. See page 2 for more information.

NRO efforts are aimed at improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Their goal is to help ensure that Lawrence is a safe and enjoyable place to live.

The Neighborhood "House Party"

Submitted by: Charles E. Branson, Douglas County District Attorney

We often receive inquires about "house parties" or "sell a cup" parties. These are the local keg parties where buying a plastic drinking cup is your admission to the beer line. Often these parties are thought of as an innocent college, and sometimes high school, rites of passage. However, these events are usually illegal and can cause a host of criminal penalties not to mention broken ties with your neighbors.

Under Kansas law, it is illegal to run an open saloon. K.S.A. 41-803. An open saloon is any place, public or private where alcoholic liquor is sold or offered or kept for sale by the drink or sold or offered or kept for sale for consumption on the premises where sold. This definition of course excludes those establishments with liquor licenses.

A person violating this statute faces a fine up to \$500 and 90 days in jail.

So what else can go wrong with your Saturday night gathering of friends? One of your friends happens to be younger than 21. Both state statute and city ordinance prohibits the furnishing of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverages to a minor. It does not matter if you give it to the minor, sell it to

the minor or buy it for the minor. If they are under 21, it is illegal and under the city ordinance it will cost you \$300 plus court costs.

Now, to compound matters, not only have you furnished alcohol to a minor but also you did it at your residence. Tack on another charge of Unlawful Hosting of Minors and another \$300 fine.

And the minor? Well, he gets a \$300 to \$500 fine and a jail sentence up to 30 days. If the judge is feeling especially generous that day, he can add on 40 hours of community service work and an alcohol education program. The judge MUST suspend the minor's driver's license for 30 days.

So, it is the next day and you are cleaning up the mess from the night before and there is a knock on the door. You have just been served a "Disorderly House Nuisance Notice." Now you, or your landlord, or both will have to attend an abatement conference with the City to discuss how you will prevent this disaster from happening again. If you fail to attend this meeting or follow through with your part, in addition to all your other troubles, you are now facing another \$1000 fine and another 180 days in jail.

It's Your Decision:

- TO LEARN about the effects of alcohol
- TO UNDERSTAND the facts and consequences of drinking
- TO DECIDE whether to drink or not
- TO OBEY alcoholic beverage laws

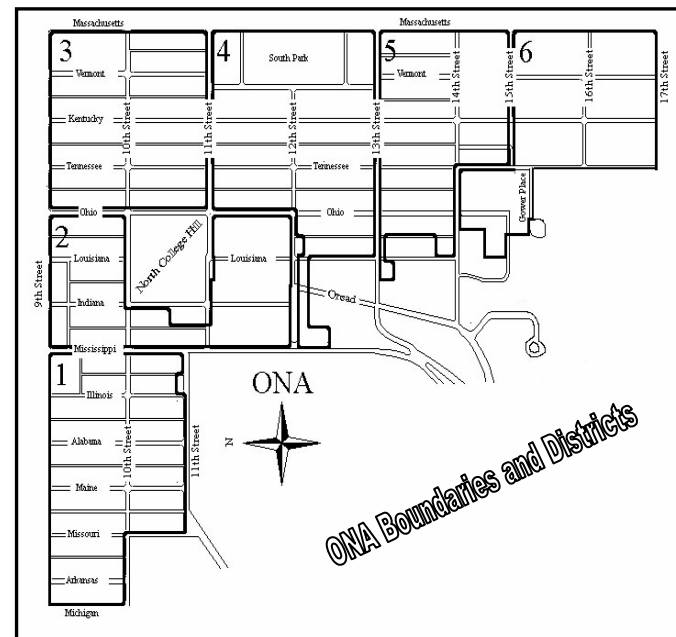
*ONA Invites Neighbors
To Attend the Spring 2007
General Meeting*

**Special Guest Speakers
will be Officers Tina
Shambaugh and Trent
McKinley, Lawrence's
Neighborhood Resource
Officers**



**When: Saturday
April 21st
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

**Where: Watkins
Community Museum of
History
1147 Massachusetts
Street**



Neighborhood Resource Officer Public Education Materials

The following information is excerpted from pamphlets that will be available at the ONA general meeting:

Noise and Disorderly House Nuisance

Lawrence is comprised of a diverse and ever-changing mix of families, working professionals, college students, and retirees.

You are encouraged to know your neighbors and develop an open line of communication so that problems can be discussed and resolved. If for any reason this is not possible, you are encouraged to call the police for assistance.

Reporting Noise

To report noise and other criminal violations call for police assistance at **832-7509**. Please provide the dispatcher with the address, whenever possible, of the location of the offense and if it is a reoccurring problem. This assists officers in locating the correct residence and tracking violations in the future.

For assistance with on-going noise or nuisance problems, contact the **Lawrence Police Neighborhood Resource Officers at 830-7410 or email NRO@lkpd.org**.

For inquiries about the status of a nuisance abatement agreement, contact the **Neighborhood Resource Department at 832-3111**.

City ordinances prohibit excessive and unreasonable noise and the permitting of a Disorderly House. When officers are dispatched to an address in reference to a first time violation of the city noise ordinance, the officer can either issue a warning or issue a citation if warranted. When responding to an address with a verified noise violation and a prior warning has been issued to the tenant(s), the officer will issue a citation. If the officer does not observe a violation, it will be necessary for the officer to contact the complainant for additional information.

Upon two or more convictions or diversions of an offense qualifying as a nuisance within 365 days, the tenants and/or property owners are subject to the Disorderly House Nuisance abatement or prosecution.

The goal of the abatement conference is to arrive at a solution to the problem by working with all parties concerned. By working together, we can all make Lawrence a better place to live.

Graffiti Removal Program

Graffiti is a blighted influence on our city that negatively impacts our business districts and neighborhoods. The unconscious connection between graffiti and more serious crimes leads to decreases in property values and business growth. Some graffiti may effect citizens' perception of crime and can discourage tourism in the community.

Successful anti-graffiti efforts are based upon a cooperative approach by citizens and law enforcement. Private citizens are encouraged to take active steps in reporting graffiti and other suspicious activity to the police.

Permitting or allowing graffiti to remain on your property is a violation of city ordinance. Removing graffiti sends a message to vandals that people care about the community and are watchful of crime and problems in their neighborhoods. Rapid and continual removal of graffiti is an effective way to preserve our community image and provide for a sense of security.

Reporting Graffiti

Report graffiti to the **Lawrence Police Department at 832-7509**.

To report a property where the owner has failed to remove graffiti, contact the **Neighborhood Resources Department at 832-3111**.

For possible assistance in removing graffiti once it has been reported to the police department, contact **Douglas County Community Corrections at 832-5220**. If resources are available, they will attempt to remedy the problem in a reasonable time period. If Community Corrections is unable to assist, the property owner is still ultimately responsible for the removal/covering of the graffiti.

Remove It

Graffiti is unappealing, but just as unsightly are the results of ineffective removal attempts and/or inappropriate clean-up methods. Unfortunately, many restoration and removal efforts leave surfaces looking as bad (or worse) than they were before the work began. Graffiti can be removed or covered in several ways:

- Solvents or chemicals designed for graffiti removal.
- Pressure washing the surface.
- Painting over the surface.

Tips for painting over graffiti:

- Try to color-match paint to surface whenever possible.
- Always save paint for necessary touch-ups later.
- Avoid painting unpainted masonry surfaces.
- Help neighbors who may need assistance in removing or painting over graffiti.

Don't get discouraged. Repeated paint-overs will likely be needed, as vandals may try again. It takes persistence, but you can keep your neighborhood clean and the effects of vandalism to a minimum.



Jerry Stubbs, ONA President, recently took this picture of graffiti in the Oread Neighborhood.



DID YOU KNOW...

All neighborhood residents, 18-years of age or older, and property owners can attend Oread Neighborhood Association meetings... not just those that have paid neighborhood association dues. This includes quarterly general meetings and monthly ONA board meetings. Meetings are announced on the ONA answering machine. Please call 842-5440 to find out the time and location of upcoming meetings. Your participation and interest in the activities of the neighborhood association are welcome.



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The Benefits of Living in Oread's Historic District

Winter General Meeting

The State Historic Sites Board approved Oread's historic district nomination at their November 18, 2006, meeting. The new historic district is now listed on the Kansas Register of Historic Places. The next step is to submit the nomination to the National Parks Service for their consideration. It is anticipated that by summer 2007, the new historic district will be listed on the national register. The city is working with the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Parks Service to finalize designation of contributing and non-contributing properties in the Oread district.

State Tax Credit Program

Contributing structures in the Oread historic district are eligible for State tax incentives. A contributing structure is one that looks like it did during the period of significance. If someone from the historic period returned, they would know that they were in the same neighborhood. Non-contributing properties can become contributing if they are restored to their original condition (i.e.: replace artificial siding with original siding, replace porches that have been removed, etc.).

The state income tax credit is equal to 25% of rehabilitation expenses. Tax credits cannot be applied to new construction or landscaping. The following criteria must be met in order to be eligible for State tax credit dollars:

1. The property must be a contributing structure in the historic district,
2. A minimum of \$5,000 must be spent on the rehabilitation project,
3. Renovations need to meet Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation,
4. All projects must be approved *before* work begins.



Lynne Zollner, Historic Resources Administrator, talks with neighbors about the new historic district.

The first thing a property owner needs to do is contact Kristen Lonard at the State Historic Preservation Office. Kristen is the State Tax Credit Coordinator who will provide you with tax credit application forms. Kristen can be reached at (785) 272-8681 ext. 225 or klonard@kshs.org.

For more information visit:

<http://www.kshs.org/resource/taxbasics.htm>

As a general rule, building permits are required for rehabilitation projects. Call the Neighborhood Resources Building Safety Division at 832-7700 to determine if a building permit is needed for your project. *A word of warning... a building permit is not required for installation of artificial siding. If artificial siding is added to a contributing structure, the structure will automatically become non-contributing and will no longer eligible for rehabilitation tax credits.* Please be aware that the City of Lawrence Historic Resources Commission will review your rehabilitation proposal to confirm that it does meet Secretary of the Interior's

Standards for Rehabilitation.

Federal Tax Credits

The federal tax credit is equal to 20% of rehabilitation expenses for income-producing buildings that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This could be used for downtown commercial properties, rental properties or bed and breakfasts. The State Historic Preservation Office administers this program. Contact Katrina Ringler, Federal Tax Credit Coordinator, at (785) 272-8681 ext. 213 or kringler@kshs.org for more information.

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The Lawrence City Commission will consider approving demolition of the property pictured above at their April 17th meeting. In January 2007, the Historic Resources Commission denied the request to demolish because a replacement structure is not being considered for this site.

Ellie LeCompte, property owner, has commissioned professional engineers and worked closely with the State Historic Preservation Office to determine whether rehabilitation or demolition is the right choice this structure.

In March 2007, some additional investigative work was done. Mike Goans, Lawrence Contractor, reported his findings to the Lawrence Preservation Alliance (LPA). As much as the LPA is committed to preventing demolition, this appears to be a structure that cannot be saved. Three feet of the exterior sheathing and clapboard was removed to see what was underneath. Repair of extensive old termite damage was found. All of the studs had been cut off at the bottom and replaced. The house is essentially sitting on stilts. It is not known how extensive the termite damage is. The general opinion of the LPA is that the house cannot be saved.

ONA acknowledges that Ms. LeCompte has gone out of her way, and been very thorough, while working through this process. ONA thanks her for her efforts.

Cheers and Chides from the Oread Neighborhood

by Marci Francisco

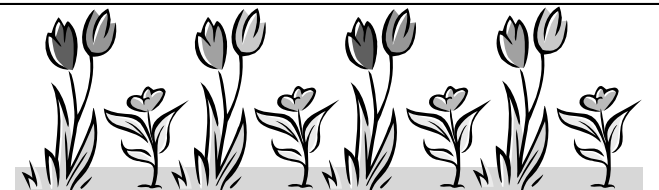
Cheers to everyone who put campaign signs in their yards; chides to those who pulled signs up out of other people's yards before the elections and to those who have yet to take them out of their own front yards...

Cheers to our neighbors who got out to vote; chides to all of you who were eligible but didn't vote in this last election...

Cheers to the out-going, staying-around and in-coming city commissioners and school board members...we appreciate the efforts all of you have made to contribute to our community...

Cheers to everyone who planted the flowers that have been blooming...and especially to those who managed to protect some of them from the frost...

Cheers to everyone who has been walking and running in the neighborhood – we've enjoyed seeing those who were out hitting the bricks to stop aids and look forward to the Lawrence Half-Marathon scheduled to come through the neighborhood this coming weekend ...



Highlights From ONA's Board Of Directors Meetings

Oread Neighborhood Association's Mission Statement: The mission of the Oread Neighborhood Association is to stabilize and maintain the neighborhood as a quality, mixed-density residential neighborhood by accommodating the need for student housing, preserving existing single-family housing, and revitalizing the neighborhood's unique architectural, environmental, and historical character. This mission is accomplished by encouraging the participation of residents and property owners in the maintenance, planning and development of the neighborhood.

February 2007

Treasurer's Report

Membership income received since August 01, 2006 totals \$221.00.

District 1— Rezoning Proposal

There has been no progress on this project. Additional feedback from residents in the affected area needs to be gathered.

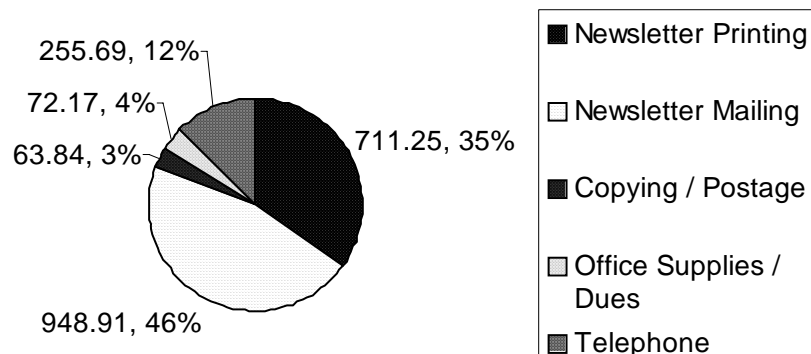
The City was contacted about this effort. When a property is renovated or replaced, a building permit is required but a site plan is not. There is concern that these properties may include too many bedrooms. According to City code, for every bedroom there must be one parking space. This should limit the number of bedrooms based on the availability of parking. In theory, this would keep occupancy of properties relatively small. However, City code does not require a site plan when anything less than a tri-plex is built. Even though there is a requirement to identify how many parking spaces a property will have (i.e.: building permit), a property owner never has to file anything that shows where parking allowances are made (i.e.: site plan). Unless a site plan is required, there is no way to know how many parking spaces will be provided. ONA would like to establish an overlay district that will require property owners to submit a site plan when properties are renovated or replaced.

Where's the Money Going?

Each year, the Oread Neighborhood Association receives federal funding from a Community Development Block Grant to finance the operations of the organization. For fiscal year 2007, \$4,428 was allocated for operating expenses. Provided below is a chart illustrating how those funds are being used.

Grant funding is also received for a Coordinator's salary. This totaled \$7,800 for fiscal year 2007.

CDBG Operating Expenses



Blight

1232 Louisiana

- Daryl Beene, KU Endowment Association, reported that the KUEA attorney has rewritten a clause in the sales agreement and this was agreed to by all parties involved. This has been sent to the purchaser's attorney for approval, contract signing, etc. Neighborhood Resources was contacted to determine how the blighted property will be addressed after the new owner has taken possession. The Notice of Violation for structural blight, issued on 06/15/06, will not automatically carry forward to the new owner.

Follow-up: On 04/06/07, Daryl Beene reported that the purchaser was wiring the money to the attorney representing him. In turn, the attorney will sign the contract and deposit the earnest money. Endowment cannot disclose the name of the purchaser. However, the deed will be public record and this information can be provided by the Register of Deeds after the sale is final.

1043 Indiana – KU Property

- Julie Wyatt continues contact with Doug Riat, Director, Facilities Operations. Painting needs to be completed by April 01, 2007. FO plans to have a contractor complete this work and this is the next project slated for completion.

1121 Vermont

- The structure needs to be painted. The property owner has until March 15, 2007, to complete this work. Neighborhood Resources will be re-inspecting the property after March 15th to confirm that progress is being made. If necessary, Neighborhood Resources will file a complaint with the municipal court if the property owner has not begun painting or contacted the City to let them know what their plans are.

Follow-up: 03/26/07, Neighborhood Resources reported that a complaint request has been forwarded to the City prosecutor for this property.

Historic Resources Commission – February 15th Meeting

The following properties, included on the February agenda, fell within the boundaries of the Oread neighborhood:

129 W. South Park – Detached Garage – Roof Caving In (Pictured below)

- The HRC denied the demolition request because the applicant did not provide a structural engineer's report (including the rehabilitation versus replacement costs). This can be appealed to the City Commission.



944 Kentucky – Lawrence Community Shelter

The HRC approved the Lawrence Community Shelter Special Use Permit. One of the conditions for approval was removal of the carport and fence in back. This does not meet Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation guidelines which govern all actions/decisions made by the HRC. In the summer of 2006, the Oread Neighborhood Association donated \$250.00 towards the purchase, installation and maintenance of the awning. This provides a gathering place for the guests, staff and volunteers who utilize the shelter. This decision can be appealed to the City Commission.

March 2007

Neighborhood Cleanup

The annual neighborhood cleanup will be held in the fall. This will allow ONA to recruit assistance from the student living groups in the neighborhood. It is hoped that fraternities, sororities and schol hall residents will come out to lend a hand. Keep Oread Clean!

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*Donations received since August 01, 2006.

Rental Registration Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods

There are approximately 12,800 multi-family rental units in the City of Lawrence. There are about 2,100 units, in single-family zoned areas, which are already covered by a rental registration program. Additional City staff would need to be hired in order to implement the incorporation of multi-family units in the current inspection program. Implementation of rental registration fees should essentially pay for the expansion of the program.

This proposal was considered by the Lawrence City Commission at their March 27th meeting. The Commission will include this item in their 2008 budget meetings and continue to explore the possible aspects of a city-wide rental registration ordinance. City staff needs to identify possible policy issues associated with the proposed ordinance and report those to the Commission.

- Expanding the current program is essential if our community is going to protect people who are living in dilapidated properties. Blight in Oread is only dealt with when an occupant reports a problem to the City. This puts renters in a tough situation with their landlord. They could jeopardize return of their deposit. Another outcome could be eviction if the reported violations require vacating the property so that corrections can be made. Oftentimes, residents who live in older properties are low-income and cannot afford to move around (i.e.: pay another deposit, transfer utilities...).
- Absent landlords can be particularly problematic because they are not living in the community and do not actively participate in the maintenance and upkeep of their property. A rental registration program would require an inspection on a regular basis. Possibly at least once every three years.
- The current rental registration program is under appeal to the 10th Circuit. The issue to be considered is whether properties can be inspected when tenants are living there. Can an inspection be refused? Would a search warrant be necessary in this case? The current ordinance is written only for single-family zoning in Lawrence. This may be considered discriminatory.
- ONA would like to see a phased implementation plan. Properties in the five target neighborhoods should be included in the first series of inspections. Subsequent inspections could then occur once on a regular schedule. Aging neighborhoods need to be made a priority. It would be beneficial to understand the criteria that will be used to determine if electrical, plumbing, sewer... systems will meet inspection requirements.

A vote was taken by the ONA board to support the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods efforts. Seven board members were in favor; one opposed.



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There you will find information about current and upcoming events, board and general meeting minutes, neighborhood photographs, and much, much more.

Special thanks go out to Jerry Stubbs, ONA President, for making this possible.


Board Member Elections

Elections were held at the January 2007 ONA General meeting. Provided on the right is the list of your neighborhood association board members. These volunteers work diligently to ensure that the integrity of the Oread neighborhood is preserved.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE!

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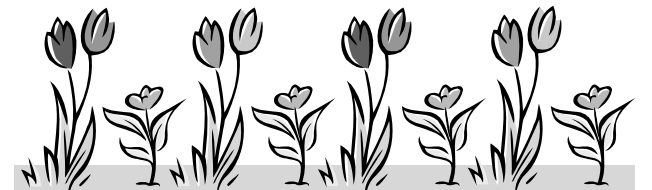


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ONA Board of Directors

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Below is the roster for ONA's 2005-2006 Board of Directors, voted upon by the general membership at ONA's Fall meeting, October 26th, 2005:

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Community Services and Events

Three ways to handle your yard waste.
(In order of ease.)

1. Grasscycle
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2. Compost

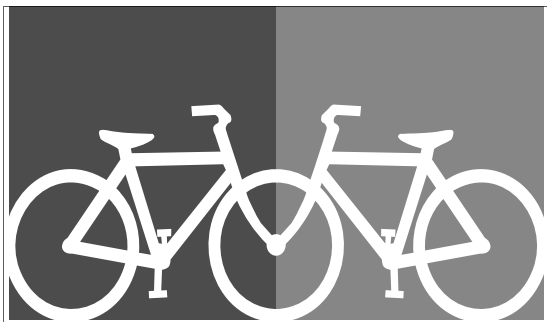
3. Cans, carts or compostable bags



GRASS AND LEAF COLLECTION

If you do not mulch mow nor compost your yard trimmings at home, or simply have too much to manage, the City of Lawrence will pick them up on Monday mornings, March through mid-December (weather permitting). Materials should be set out by 6:00 Monday mornings in a can, cart (available for \$2 a month, call 832-3032) or compostable yard waste bag. If you use a dumpster to dispose of your trash, please leave your compostable bags next to the dumpster for pick up on Monday mornings.

ART IN THE PARK: SUNDAY, MAY 6TH



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Crawford Center Begins Second Life

Dedication program at 3:00 p.m. followed by an Open House on Saturday, April 21st

The humble, two-story house that sat on the corner of 14th and Louisiana streets for more than 100 years has begun its second life as part of KU's scholarship hall community.

The Wilna Crawford Community Center, formerly known as the Strait house, has undergone major renovations and now is a gathering place for students who live in scholarship halls. Juanita Strait, a longtime piano teacher, and Reginald Strait, a physical education professor, lived in the 1892 Victorian home for many years and befriended numerous scholarship hall residents. When Juanita Strait died in 2002, she bequeathed the home to KU.

Tom and Jann Rudkin, former scholarship hall residents, donated \$300,000 to renovate the home as a gathering center, naming it after Jann's mother. The home underwent major renovations, including a new foundation, wiring, plumbing and roof. But despite the overhaul, the house is still true to its roots.

"Everything is modernized, but it still has that turn-of-the-century feel," said Diana Robertson, interim director of the student housing department.

Inside the wrought iron fence surrounding the yard stands a strikingly ornate fountain, a gift from Dave Truxal in memory of Marion and William Truxal. Inside the front door, the original brick fireplace is nestled against a wall near a renovated staircase. In the living room, new furniture invites small gatherings, and a painting by Colleen Rand, one of Strait's former piano students, adorns the wall. Adjacent to the living room is a meeting room in which the All Scholarship Hall Council convenes.



At the top of the staircase is the office of Sara Hayner, complex director for the scholarship halls. The second floor is also living quarters for the complex director.

The house's purpose as a gathering place is most evident outside the house. A porch swing sits on the east side of the house, and a gathering area on the west side provides a place for cookouts and socializing. Bob Crawford, Wilna Crawford's husband, provided funding for a meditation garden in the yard.

The Crawford Community Center will be officially dedicated at 3 p.m. April 21. Public tours will follow. Roberts said the house's transformation to a scholarship hall community center is a meaningful addition.

"There are lots of little areas for students to meet in small groups," she said. "It's real fitting this house has created a space that students can enjoy and gather in."

By Mike Krings, originally published in the *Oread*, KU's faculty and staff newsletter



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2007-2008 Special Use Permit

Planning Commission

At their March 28th meeting, the Planning Commission approved a 3-year occupancy permit for the LCS. The Commission was very complimentary of LCS efforts to reach out to neighbors during this last year. To that end, the Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) has been signed. This is a "living" document subject to change as needed. Neighbors can view the Good Neighbor Agreement at the ONA website:
<http://www.oreadneighborhood.org/index.shtml>

If you have questions or concerns about the GNA, please direct those to Jodi Wentz, ONA Coordinator, at jodi@sunflower.com.

Conditions of the 3-year approval include:

- The LCS must hire a full-time, outside monitor/security person who will ensure that LCS rules are being followed. Earlier in the month, the LCS Board of Directors had already hired a half-time person to serve in this capacity,
- Annual reports of activities are still required,
- Continued implementation of the Good Neighbor Agreement is expected.

The Lawrence City Commission

The Lawrence City Commission will consider the LCS SUP at their April 17th meeting. One item to be discussed is the awning behind the building. This is a temporary structure that can be moved when the LCS relocates. A 3-year occupancy permit will allow LCS staff to focus more time and energy towards finding a new home.

Community Cooperation Committee (CCC)

The CCC worked with the Lawrence Community Shelter and Downtown Lawrence, Inc. on a mediation effort. In response to this, the LCS will be distributing postcards to Downtown Lawrence business informing them who to contact when questions and concerns arise about the homeless population in Lawrence. An example of the postcard is provided at the left.

Help The Oread Neighborhood Association Continue to Serve You

If you would like to verify the date of your last donation, please call the ONA Office at 842-5440.

Make a Donation Today! ONA Makes a Difference

The Oread Neighborhood Association has been serving the folks who live and/or own property between Kansas University and Downtown Lawrence for more than 29 years.

During the last few years, ONA has been actively involved in reducing neighborhood blight, protecting the neighborhood's limited parking space, seeking options for homeless services that do not infringe upon residents and property owners, finding effective methods of deterring criminal and disorderly behavior, protecting the neighborhood from encroachment by The University of Kansas, preserving Oread's historic structures, and much more.

If you are one of those folks who wants to be actively involved in shaping Oread's future, how about joining the Board of Directors or make a donation to ONA? If it has been over one year since your last donation, how about renewing it today?

Residents and property owners in the Oread neighborhood are encouraged to donate \$1.00 to the neighborhood association each year. Oread's friends who don't live in the neighborhood can help too for only \$5.00. All donations help finance ONA's various efforts to improve the neighborhood, *and those donations are tax deductible.*

Thanks to all those who have helped make Oread the great neighborhood it is today!

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GENERAL MEMBERS: Any person eighteen years of age or older living or owning property within the Oread Neighborhood. A general member is entitled to vote at Oread Neighborhood Association meetings. Dues are encouraged, but not required, for General Members.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
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