

# Oread Neighborhood Association NEWSLETTER

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**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.

## We're Having a Party



The Oread Neighborhood Association is kicking off its 30th year! Bring a beverage of your choice and your favorite hors d'oeuvre, snack, finger food... and join your neighbors for an evening of fun. Listen to the bluegrass beat of Truckstop Honeymoon and catch up with some friends you may not have seen in awhile!

**Date:** Thursday, August 9th  
**Time:** 7:00 to 9:00 PM  
**Location:** The Castle Tea Room  
 1307 Massachusetts



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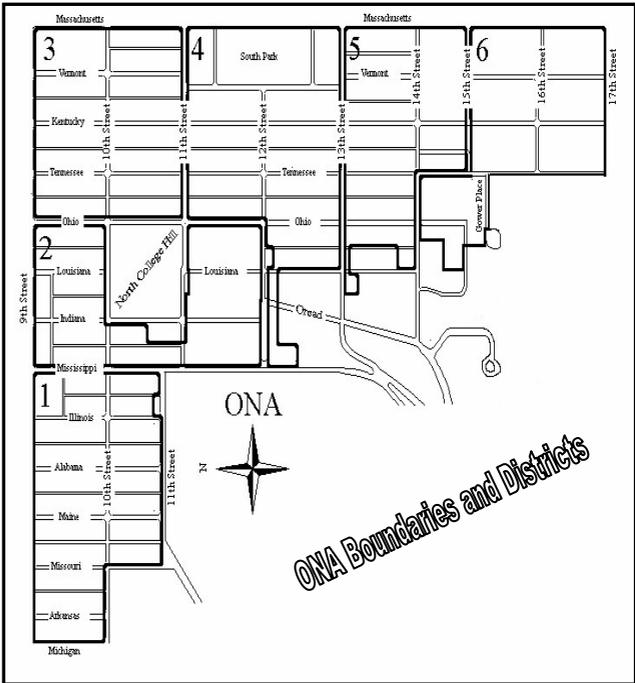
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- Make plans to attend the 12th annual Civil War on the Western Frontier

and much more...

### 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 at the ONA website: [oreadneighborhood.org](http://oreadneighborhood.org). Your participation and interest in the activities of the neighborhood association is encouraged.

Neighborhood meeting minutes are available at the Oread website for neighbors to review. Select the "Board Member Area" link on the navigation bar. Send comments or questions to our Coordinator at [jodi@sunflower.com](mailto:jodi@sunflower.com).



## ONA BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

ONA is pleased to announce that there are several neighbors who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Elections will be held during the General Meeting on Thursday, August 9th.

**District 1:** Ann Blackhurst is interested in serving as the ONA District 1 representative. She would be replacing Nils Gore who resigned from the board earlier this year. Ann has lived in Oread since 1976. She was an employee of the University of Kansas prior to retirement.

**District 3:** Ellie LeCompte would serve as an At Large member of the board. She moved to the Oread neighborhood in 1983. She was a graduate student at that time living at 923 Indiana. She moved away from Oread in 1985 and now owns three properties in the neighborhood; 1017, 1019 and 1023 Kentucky. These are used as offices by mental health professionals, a massage therapist and an M.D. who practices alternative medicine. A side note... 1019 Kentucky has been approved for demolition. The City Attorney is drafting a proposal to convert the property into an easement. This will permanently prevent conversion of the vacant lot into a parking area.

### Central Jr. High School Fun Run and Recycling Project

#### Fun Run

At the June 2007 neighborhood meeting, the ONA Board of Directors approved a \$100 annual donation to the Fun Run. This fundraising effort was started 25 years ago in order to promote fitness. Donations are used to pay for after-school activities, academic enhancements, camp scholarships, lecturers and special assemblies, academic and athletic recognitions, and a variety of other needs presented by students and teachers. The past two years, students were invited to select a charity toward which a small percentage of the money was re-donated. They chose a Katrina fund in 2005 and Habitat for Humanity in 2006. This exercise in civic participation is something the Principal thinks is a valuable and important lesson for the students to learn.

#### Help Schools, Save Gas, Make Life Easier... All at the Same Time!

Central Junior High School is participating in a paper recycling project managed by the Deffenbaugh Company and invites neighbors to participate. You can help the school, save gas, and add convenience to your recycling chores all at the same time!

In the south parking lot of Central Jr. High (across from Lawrence Community Theater) a bright yellow bin, clearly labeled Deffenbaugh, is placed for the collection of newspaper, inserts, mail, office paper, colored paper, card stock, and magazines. The school earns \$25 per ton of paper collected in the form of a monthly check.

The savings to YOU is in time NOT spent sorting your paper recycles; and in gasoline NOT spent in driving to your local recycling repository. Please help Central Jr. High School by dropping your paper recycles off at the Deffenbaugh bin weekly!

### Cheers and Chides from the Oread Neighborhood by Marci Francisco

All in all, we've been lucky with the weather, extending through the July sidewalk sale. Cheers to everyone who has reached out to others throughout our state who have been not so lucky and experienced significant disaster. A special cheer for our State Representative Paul Davis for raising funds for those affected by the Greensburg tornado as he celebrated his 35<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Cheers to everyone who has managed to keep up with the growth from the spring and early summer rains. Chides to those who have let their sidewalks disappear under the weeds.

Cheers to the developers who have asked for comments from the neighbors on their proposed projects; we hope that we have been helpful as we seek to maintain this area as a great place to live. Chides to those who try to redevelop without providing a reasonable amount of parking.

Cheers to the city trash collectors – we continue to notice you picking up trash not only from the dumpster areas but as you walk along our streets. Chides to those who leave their empty bottles and other trash in our yards.

Cheers to our neighbors who are spending their dollars locally, particularly downtown – we need the sales tax revenue to pay for city services. I do hope we can continue to support our social services and keep admissions to the swimming pool affordable for all.



### The Oread Water Station Lawrence's 1/2 Marathon

20+ anxious and enthusiastic volunteers braved the chilly morning air last April to cheer for marathon participants. Their assignment was to offer a drink to runners as they passed through the neighborhood. Oread volunteers did a quick and efficient job of cleaning up the empty cups strewn along Mississippi street after the last participant had made their way through. ONA sends out a BIG thank you to everyone who helped to coordinate and participate in this community event.





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## Plans for 12th & Oread

*South Elevation*



*West Elevation*



Thomas Fritzel, of Gene Fritzel Construction Inc., Tim Homburg and Paul Werner, project architects, met with the Oread Neighborhood Association in April 2007 to begin discussing preliminary plans for a development at 12<sup>th</sup> & Oread. The developer's interest in working with the neighborhood to address concerns as the project takes shape is commendable.

Issues important to the neighborhood include:

- Preservation of older homes.
- Appropriate scale and density for the area.
- Neighbors would not like to live next to an empty building. Minimize condominiums that would be used sporadically throughout the year by alumni. Create a multi-use facility that would bring life to the area.
- Eliminate / reduce outdoor alcohol consumption at this site.
- Provide adequate parking.
- Rezoning needs to be carefully considered and appropriate for the properties on the edge of any redevelopment. This is a unique location as a bookend to campus.

A word of warning... feedback from the neighborhood association meeting may not reflect the mood of the entire neighborhood. Concerns can come from others not represented by the board members and the neighbors in attendance. ***If you have questions that you would like the developer to consider prior to review of the proposed plan by the City later this month, please send those to [jodi@sunflower.com](mailto:jodi@sunflower.com).***

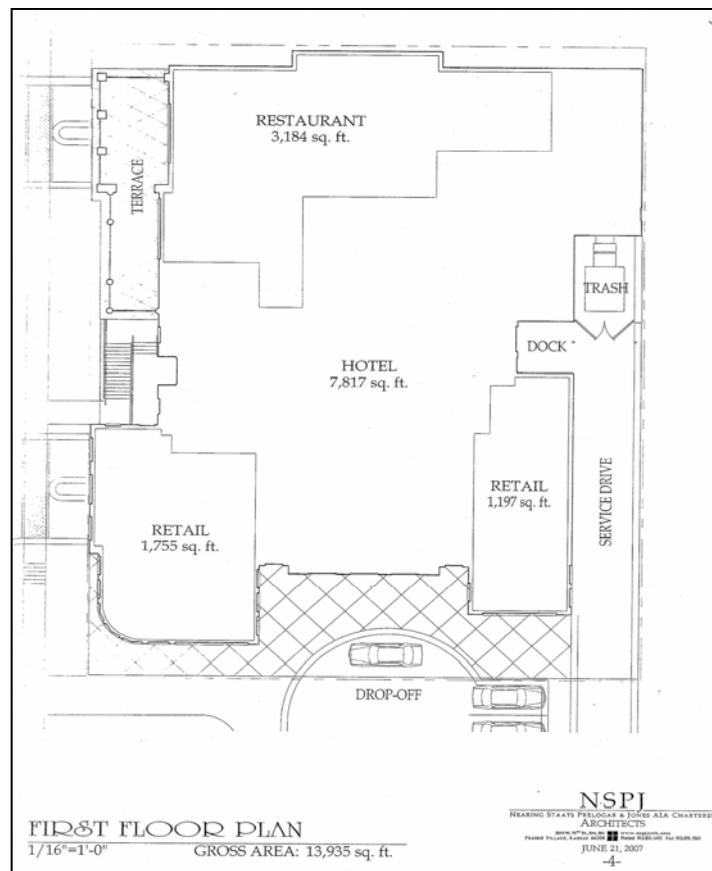
Following unanimous approval by all present at the April meeting, a liaison group of Oread representatives was formed to work with the developers as the project begins to move forward. The liaisons report back to the neighborhood, at monthly meetings, about the progress being made. All parties agreed to approach the process with an open mind.

Plans for the development at this site include:

- Scale: Seven stories. The building façades will be asymmetrical. Upper floors will be set back

from lower floors. This will break up the overall scale of the building.

- Zoning: Lots will need to be platted together. A higher density and a change to mixed use will need to be requested. The architecture of the façade at the corner of 12th and Indiana will reflect the previous commercial use at this site.
- Exterior: Primarily brick and some stone.



- Parking Garage: The facility may include as many as 202 parking spaces.
- Traffic: A circle will be added on Oread Avenue approximately half-way between the Crossing (north) and the Docking entrance to campus (south). This would bookend the south side of campus similar to the Chi Omega fountain at the west end of Jayhawk Boulevard and provide a point to realign the street perpendicular to 12th Street.
- Use: A boutique style hotel to include 99 rooms. The top two floors may be for extended stays. At

street level, there would be three places for retail; one of which would be a restaurant w/ bar.

- Roof: Two green roofs are proposed. One at the very top w/ grass and trees. Another off of the last floor of the hotel facing north (i.e.: fourth floor).
- Dumpsters / Delivery: The dumpsters and delivery dock will be located on the east service drive. This is an improvement to the original idea which was to unload deliveries on Indiana which would have blocked the bus route and through traffic. The neighborhood appreciates this consideration by the developers.
- Proposed Demolition: The residence north of the Yello Sub and the commercial property housing the Yello Sub, Crossing, and bookstore will need to be demolished to create the footprint needed. Demolition of the house on Oread Avenue (south of Oread Apartments) has been considered. In response to neighborhood opposition, the Fritzel group is open to retaining this structure.

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, Marci Francisco hosted an open house at her home. Oread neighbors were invited to attend and learn about the preliminary plans for the redevelopment as illustrated in architectural drawings. The developer and architects were present to answer questions and receive comments from neighbors. It was a productive and well received meeting. The Fritzel group and ONA representatives will have met again prior to distribution of this newsletter. Effective management of pedestrian traffic is something that warrants further consideration.

It is hoped that this process can serve as an example of neighborhood / developer / city working together to produce an outcome that everyone can enjoy and feel good about.

\* If you missed out on the open house, add the Oread Neighborhood Association website to your favorites and visit the site regularly. Upcoming neighborhood events, meeting minutes and schedules, newsletters, and current issues can be found at: [oreadneighborhood.org/](http://oreadneighborhood.org/). Alternatively, send your e-mail address to our Coordinator at [jodi@sunflower.com](mailto:jodi@sunflower.com) so she can add you to our contact list.

## Boarding Houses: A re-emerging Trend?

It seems apparent from recent landlord requests, filed with the City of Lawrence, that a desire to convert residences to boarding houses in the Oread neighborhood is a re-emerging reality. These have had a long tradition of existing, as long ago as the late nineteenth century, in most college towns in this country. Zoning practices in most university communities were lenient in allowing flexible land use variances to landlords who provided students with housing, meals and mentoring in close proximity to college campuses. These boarding houses were usually run by reputable, live-in owners or prominent citizens in an age when few students owned automobiles or had broad choices of rental properties and housing types to pick from. In retrospect, there was no pressure on city administrations to allow abnormal amounts of off-street parking other than that designated for the owners of usually large dwellings with attendant carriage houses and hitching posts (still evident in the Oread).

Recent requests at 1339 Ohio and 1020 Tennessee raise serious questions as to how the Oread Neighborhood can re-adapt an old tradition to contemporary pressures of today's zoning, environmental quality and parking requirements. The Planning Commission currently allows an amount of 1.5 parking spaces for two persons in a designated boarding house district. With respect to parking spaces provided, 1020 Tennessee complies and technically qualifies for eight persons dwelling in what is a very well maintained and handsome historic property. This however is currently a residence and enforcement of more than 3 unrelated individuals living in a single family home is already difficult. The owners of 1339 Ohio do not comply and are requesting a variance for a desired sixteen person occupancy to include only five parking spaces versus the twelve required.

Some issues for residential owners, landlords and tenants to consider are as follows:

- Do not strong vibrant neighborhoods require a sophisticated balance of interesting architecture, landscaping, population density, land-use planning and infrastructure?
- Does encouraging single family residential conversion to boarding houses chronically upset the existing demand for on-street parking in addition to that required for this designation? The demand for additional vehicle space degrades traditional driveways with two cars doubling up in widths provided for single vehicles. Cars, trucks and the ubiquitous SUV straddle sidewalks interrupting pedestrian traffic. Cars park on lawns or gravel and concrete take the place of former green areas.
- How does the Oread avoid the advancing erosion of green space in front and rear yard areas related to structures? This degrades the amount of social space provided by large shade trees, porches, patios, well maintained grassy or flower planting zones, sidewalks and other threshold amenities that make the neighborhood desirable for pedestrian traffic and dwellers alike.
- Do historic properties in the neighborhood run the risk of internal remodeling that erases all qualities of authenticity and previously dignified space with only superficial exterior facades remaining in a designated "Historic District?"
- Do boarding houses without live-in owners, house rules or resident property managers encourage party houses where occupants get out of control and noise nuisances and accidents occur? Will neighborhood civility continue to deteriorate with occasional irresponsible parents cashing in on property investments while their children attend college?
- Will the newly designated neighborhood resource police officers be expected to bear additional work loads?
- Will this trend backfire on landlords, present or absentee, when parking is not adequate, lodging is crowded with presumably tenants sharing one inadequate kitchen and a questionable number of bathrooms? Will students go elsewhere for housing on the periphery of Lawrence? Will neighbor tenants be driven away by a possibly undesirable scene brought on by changing land use?
- An environment of unbalanced density and compromised land use is a catalyst for general indifference to modes of managing trash disposal via dumpsters required adding more gray zones created in alleys. Ambiguous property boundaries might increase the sense of marginal space and decrease the sense of defensible zones required for safety and well being. A sense of accelerated dereliction and transience could prevail.
- How will the city deal with an increasing burden of law enforcement problems related to occupied dwellings, tenant complaints and landlords that neglect controlling their respective properties?
- Finally, will this trend lead to an increasing homogenization of neighborhood and city character? Do conventional college dormitories evolve into domestic houses and do domestic houses evolve into college dorms?

In conclusion, the Oread Neighborhood has continuously exercised patience with on-going issues that arise and is not inflexible to ideas that mediate and solve unique land use situations sometimes on a case by case negotiation with the city, landlords and developers. It is hoped that communication is maintained with all parties involved as demands are made for changes that were not part of the original aspirations and vision of the first developers that laid out the neighborhood at its time of origin.

## Gertrude Sellards Pearson Sound Test Information

The air-conditioning unit at GSP has burdened neighbors with a high-pitched mechanical whine since its installation in spring 2001. In 2003 an acoustical wall was built and later found to be increasing the noise problem rather than reducing it. In August 2006, acoustical sound blankets were installed. Feedback from those living in close proximity to the dormitory was not overwhelmingly positive but some improvement was noted.

Mr. James E. Modig, Director of KU Design and Construction Management, provided the Oread neighborhood with an executive summary of the GSP sound chiller measurements. These were taken following installation of the acoustical blankets. The following information is excerpted from the report:

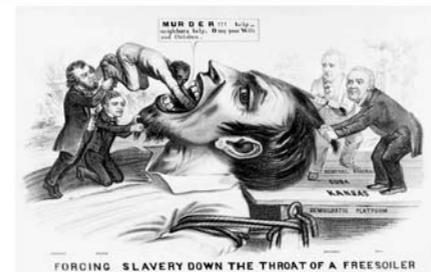
The purpose of the site visit and investigation was to measure and analyze Sound Levels of the GSP ground mounted chiller at a location on the north sidewalk of 10th Street near Louisiana. Readings taken in September of 2002 by an acoustical consultant prior to the site modifications indicate a sound level of 62 dbA

Sound level measurements were taken on the afternoon of May 15, 2007 while the chiller was operating. Present readings indicate a sound level of 45 dbA Leq. Depending on environmental conditions and equipment operation, the sound levels could be increased to 48 dbA. Based on "A" weighted sound readings which are measurements used for comparison to national ambient noise criteria and standards, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, 24 CFR Part 51 - Environmental Criteria and Standards states that acceptable noise levels do not exceed 65 dB.

This spring, the Student Housing Department finalized plans to renovate GSP. These will be submitted to the Board of Regents and the Legislature. It is anticipated that the project will be approved in the 2008 Legislative session, design will start in the summer of 2008, construction will start in the summer of 2009 and complete construction in summer 2010. The Student Housing Department has indicated that they want to replace the chiller system at the time of renovation. The replacement chiller will be specified to minimize the potential of the sound level / issues previously experienced. This is hopeful news for those living adjacent to the dormitory.

## 12th ANNUAL CIVIL WAR ON THE WESTERN FRONTIER

August 9 -21, 2007



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**Attend an Info Meeting:**

- ★ Sunday 8/19 from 3:00-4:30pm at the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium.
- ★ Wednesday 8/22 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium
- ★ Tuesday 8/28 from 6:00-7:30pm at Central National Bank, 31st & Nieder



### Lawrence Community Shelter

Activities of note in recent months include:

- The Lawrence Community Shelter was selected as a new United Way of Douglas County agency.
- An Outside Monitor was hired and has successfully helped to enforce the Actions and Consequences rules of the shelter.
- Special Use Permit was approved by the Lawrence City Commission for three years for the Lawrence Community Shelter which now gives the shelter time to locate, raise funds, and prepare another site.
- The Good Neighbor Agreement was completed and initially signed by 46 individuals from nearby businesses, homes, and organizations. A Good Neighbor Table was set up at the July 29th annual block party, one of two annual meetings called for in the Good Neighbor Agreement, to communicate recent LCS activities to neighbors and to hear comments from neighbors.
- Regular programs continue at the Lawrence Community Shelter. In the past six months
  - ◊ Day shelter provided services to 247 separate individuals
  - ◊ Night shelter provided 5,611 bed nights and evening meals
  - ◊ 46 individuals participated in Alcohol and Drug Intervention program
  - ◊ 22 individuals entered detox facilities
  - ◊ 14 counseled and employed through Back to Work jobs program
  - ◊ Tour the Work Force employment project started to introduce unemployed individuals to the resources of the Work Force Center on south Iowa Street.
  - ◊ Case management, daily living services, and other programs expanded

### Trying To Do Something Nice, Eh?

16th Street between Tennessee and Kentucky used to be a not so scenic drive. Cars were parked on gravel driveways with muddy, rutted edges and often on the grass as well. The old brick sidewalk on the south side was disappearing under earth and weeds in an unusually large (100 ft) right of way--an expanse of crabgrass often littered with fast food trash and broken beer bottles tossed by passers by during the previous night.

The brick sidewalk was so close to 1600 Tennessee and 1601 Kentucky and their two Model T-sized garages that cars could not be parked legally (between garage and sidewalk). Cars sometimes blocked the sidewalk or were in the driveway between the sidewalk and the street and were sometimes ticketed.

Tom Hoffman and Lee Blackledge, (owners of 1600 Tennessee and other nearby properties) and Christy and Kevin Kennedy (1601 Kentucky) decided to upgrade driveways, and in order to do so, needed to move the brick sidewalk closer to the street. It would need to curve gently around established trees and utilities, and in order to meet naturally with the sidewalks running along Tennessee and Kentucky. It would mean a lot of work, but it sounded like a perfect plan.

But since a very small portion of the city right of way of 1601 Kentucky fell within the environs of a historic structure to the north, any alterations to the property had to be approved by a number of agencies including the Historic Resources Commission

whose mission is, among other things, preservation.

Those of us involved in this project are all for preservation. If we weren't, we wouldn't be living in an older neighborhood renovating older homes. But strict state and federal regulations meant that no matter how much everyone liked our plan, they said their hands were tied. We were told time and again that we could not proceed with our plans to improve and beautify our small bit of Lawrence. (ONA was supportive.)

Letters, meetings, landscape plans submitted, altered, and resubmitted, emails, more meetings, a PowerPoint presentation and more meetings, seasons changed and good weather for working outdoors slipped by while we waited for answers. . . . The short version of the story is that it took several years before we were allowed to alter the sidewalk, the major obstacle being approval of the curves. This is a student



neighborhood with structures and sidewalks wildly ranging in age, appearance, and upkeep. But you'd think we were asking to put in tar pits and a lap lane!

We finally got the ok and went right to work. Digging up a brick sidewalk that's buried deeply in clay soil, hauling and relaying it all, and angle cutting all the bricks along the length of the curves should have been the most difficult part of this project (it was actually kind of fun). The end result is a more beautiful block. It just should not taken such a fight to be able to do it.

### Good Dog! Biscuits and Treats

A work project/entrepreneurial small business project of LCS to build self-respect and work skills has begun its second busy year. Good Dog! Biscuits and Treats are baked weekly by current or former guests of the LCS which they then package and distribute through seven local outlets. Eleven homeless individuals have received compensation from Good Dog! in the first six months of 2007; five are currently employed part time; and the ultimate goal is ten full time employees. The project received initial funding from the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development and has had widespread local support. Good Dog! Biscuits and Treats can be found at: Lawrence Farmers' Market, Community Mercantile Cooperative, Pawsh Wash Pet Store, two veterinarians' clinics, St. John's and Corpus Christi Catholic Churches, Arts and Crafts Festival and other fairs.

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**Lawrence Police Department Crime Information Bulletin**

Since March 2007 the Lawrence Police Department has received reports of more than a dozen burglaries in the area bordered by 13th and 6th Street between Massachusetts and Missouri Street. The majority of the burglaries were to automobiles, some of which were unlocked and others that the suspect(s) broke a window to gain entry. Several homes were also burglarized, either through unlocked doors and windows or by breaking a window.

The following steps can reduce the chances of your home or vehicle being burglarized:

- Remove all valuables from your vehicle, including removable stereo faceplates, before parking it outside overnight. Purses, wallets, checkbooks and electronics are frequent targets of theft. If valuables must be left in a vehicle, place them in the trunk or completely hidden under a seat.
- Garage door openers should NOT be left inside vehicles parked outside your home. When a thief locates your garage door opener, it gives them access to valuables in your garage and to your home.
- Lock your vehicle and do not leave spare keys inside the vehicle.
- Utilize car and home alarm systems when available.
- Leave exterior lights on overnight to light the area around your home.
- Keep your garage doors closed and locked.
- Be aware of your surroundings and immediately report any suspicious activity to police.

**Burglars do more than steal!**

Burglars can commit robberies and assaults if they are surprised by someone coming home or they pick a home that is occupied.

- If you come home and something looks questionable - a slit screen, broken window or open door - don't go in. Call the police from a safe location.
- If you are in the home and think someone is breaking in, leave if you can, then call the police. If you can't leave, lock yourself in a room with a phone and call police.

The Lawrence Police Department is working to proactively identify crime patterns and educate the public in how they can help combat crime. To report crimes in progress call 911. For non-emergency assistance call police dispatch at 832-7509. Rewards may also be available through CrimeStoppers by calling 843-TIPS, for information leading to an arrest. For crime prevention information please call the Community Services Division, Neighborhood Resource Officers at 830-7410.

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**Burglary Prevention - Facts and Strategies**

Office of the District Attorney

Making your home safer from crime doesn't always mean having to install expensive alarms - effective home security starts with property locked doors and windows, and visible, well-lighted entryways.

**Did You Know?**

- About six out of every ten completed burglaries take place through unlocked doors or windows.
- Renters are far more likely than owners to be burglary victims. At a rate of 85 percent higher than home-owning households.
- One of the most important steps you can take to prevent burglary is to put sturdy locks on sturdy doors and windows and use them.
- Another important step is to get to know your neighbors. Join or organize a Neighborhood Watch. More than 20 million people say they take part in Neighborhood Watch.
- Burglars focus on convenience, concealment and camouflage.

**Strategies**

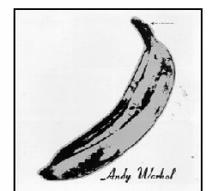
- Walk out of your home. Now pretend you've locked yourself out and there's no spare key. How would you get in? If you can find ways, so can a burglar.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed away from the home so that burglars can't hide in it.
- Illuminate or eliminate places an intruder might hide - the spaces between trees or shrubbery, stairwells, alleys, hallways, and entryways.
- Make sure all outside entrances - front, back, side, basement - have good lighting and locks so burglars can't easily hide and try to break in.
- Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.
- Avoid confrontations with burglars.
- Set timers on lights when you're away from home so it appears to be occupied.
- Never leave a message on your answering machine that indicates you may be away from home. Rather than saying "I'm not home right now," say "I'm not available right now."



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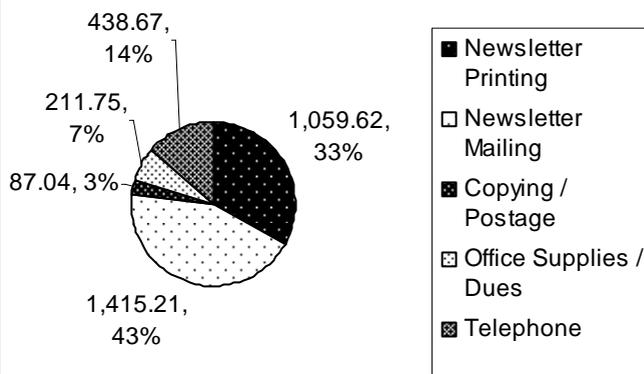
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### Where's the Money Going?

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



### Highlights from ONA Board of Directors Meetings

#### April 2007

##### Neighborhood Resources Advisory Committee

The public hearing for disbursement of Community Development Block Grant funding was held earlier this month. There were questions about why Oread receives more funding than other neighborhoods. A major component of Oread's funding request is the cost of mailing the newsletter.

The city has been given adjusted population numbers. The population in Oread is considerably down. This may be due to whether students have been factored into the population of the neighborhood. If they are not, the Oread neighborhood may experience significant changes in the future. Things to be aware of:

- How are we really addressing the issue of blight in the neighborhood? The County Appraiser's office will be contacted to request a map of current property conditions in Oread (i.e.: poor, fair, good...). This information will be beneficial to the evaluation / identification of blighted properties in the neighborhood.
- Keep abreast of what Margene Swarts, Community Development Manager, Neighborhood Resources, learns about the adjusted population numbers. She plans to check into how the new figures were calculated.

##### 1045 Tennessee

An Oread resident expressed concern about the proposed use of this property. It is currently advertised for rent as a seven bedroom home. This is not allowed based on the current single dwelling unit zoning of this property (i.e.: only 4 unrelated occupants). The new property owner will have to request reclassification to a boarding house in order to rent to seven occupants. The parking requirement for a boarding house is 1.5 vehicle spaces for every two lawful residents. It is believed that there is not adequate parking at this address for boarding house designation.

#### May 2007

##### Graffiti

As a general rule, graffiti on concrete is painted over. The problem with the free paint that is pro-

vided by the city is that it does not match the area being covered. There may be a solvent available that can remove graffiti, rather than covering it up, without damaging surfaces. It was suggested that perhaps a portion of ONA funds could be used for graffiti removal throughout the neighborhood. If an effective chemical is available, ONA could have a supply on hand for neighbors to use. The Historic Resources Commission and the State Historical Society will be contacted to learn more about options for graffiti removal.

##### KBI - Neighborhood Safety

Neighbors can access the Kansas Bureau of Investigations website to access criminal justice information. This includes, but is not limited to reports of domestic violence, rape, methamphetamine seizure, marijuana eradication, and registered sex offenders. This information is made available to public for the purpose of promoting public safety and prevention of crime in Kansas. The website can be found at: [accesskansas.org/kbi/](http://accesskansas.org/kbi/)

#### June 2007

##### Blight

1232 Louisiana (former Endowment property)

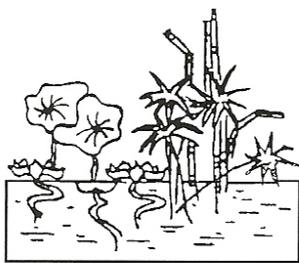
- The sale of this property is final and the new owner of record is Price Banks.
- Neighborhood Resources has not contacted Mr. Banks yet but will do so sometime soon to learn about plans for improving this blighted property.

##### 1211 Rhode Island - Demolition Request

ONA submitted a letter to the HRC supporting the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association's opposition of the proposed demolition. The house at 1211 Rhode sits on a larger lot and appears to be in good repair. New construction at this site would be unfortunate due to the intact historic nature of this block.

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