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ARBORETUM ROAD SITE PLAN

Last week the Economic Development Office of the City of Kalamazoo informed us that the site plan for the Arboretum Road was available for review. We acquired a copy and it will be displayed at the annual meeting on October 22. The plan is about to be finalized and it is possible that construction may begin at the western end (by Drake Road) this fall.

Here are a few observations on the plan. The western end of the road will exit onto Drake opposite Driftwood Avenue. The route of the road is much the same as has been projected previously, with one exception: the eastern end will not exit onto Kendall Avenue but rather swing to the northwest of the well field and egress onto Solon. A traffic light will be installed at this intersection. Both Solon and Kendall (north of Howard) are projected to become two-way streets. Kendall Avenue south of Howard will be closed off and a cul-de-sac constructed just north of 520 S. Kendall. This will end all through traffic on Kendall. We are asking that a bike path be constructed from the cul-de-sac down to Howard. There will also be a bike path alongside the south side of the Arboretum Road, with connections to the Arcadia neighborhood at Dobbin, Duxbury and the western end of Edinburgh, as well as one at-grade crossing of the Arboretum Road to the open area north of the road. Please come to the meeting and familiarize yourself with the project.

The middle school plans have not been finalized as there are still negotiations underway between the WMU Foundation and KPS. However, we were told by KPS that they are planning to have the school ready to open in September 2009.

Hans Engelke
Treasurer, ANA

WHO TO CALL:

Public Safety - Emergency 911
Non-emergency 337-8120
Animal Control 383-8775
Zoning/Trash Violations
337-8221
Parking Violations 342-6383
Public Works 337-8002
Silent Observer 343-2100
KVET (suspicious drug
activity) 337-8880



**ARCADIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

ARCADIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Please come to the Arcadia Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting. We will hear from a guest speaker, elect officers and board members for the coming year, and discuss the work of the neighborhood association.

Have you noticed new families and lots of new young children in our neighborhood? I have, and I believe the Kalamazoo Promise is probably at least partly responsible for the recent infusion of young couples and young children into our neighborhood. Given the importance of this program to our community and our neighborhood, it seems to be a good time to hear about what is going on with our Kalamazoo public schools.

Dr. Timothy Bartik, our guest speaker at our October 22nd meeting, is a current member of the Kalamazoo School Board. Dr. Bartik will be able to tell us about what is going on with our public schools now, and in particular will be able to share some things about the ideas and leadership of the new superintendent, Dr. Rice. I note that Dr. Bartik in his day job is a senior economist with the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, and so may be able to share at least some anecdotal information regarding the effects of the Kalamazoo Promise up to this point in time. Please come hear from Dr. Bartik!

While you are at the meeting, you will be able to participate in the election of Arcadia Neighborhood Association Board members and officers for the coming year. I note that there are open Board seats – perhaps you, or someone you know, would be interested in serving on the Board? Whether you are interested in serving on the Board or not, please come and participate in this most local exercise in democracy. See you there, and don't forget to bring your neighbor!

Rex Brueggemann
Current President
Arcadia Neighborhood Association

GARAGE SALE

Thirty-three neighbors participated in the neighborhood garage sale on September 8. There were 10 participants in eastern Arcadia and 23 in western Arcadia. This looks like a good number but we would like to hear from the participants if they considered it to be a success. Please indicate to me if you felt this was a good time for the sale, if you had a good response from potential customers, and if any students came to view your wares. Call me at 344-1463 or email hans.engelke@wmich.edu.

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I would like to hear more about serving on the Board or helping in other ways.

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