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Neighborhood Watch News

by Doug Williams

Burglaries have been on the rise in recent months in Kalamazoo and the area around our neighborhood is no exception. The following collection of tips for securing home and property come from the National Crime Prevention Council.

Make sure that all exterior doors and windows have working locks and/or deadbolts. Reinforce glass panels in doors. Lock all doors and windows when leaving, even for a short time. Secure sliding glass doors with strong dowel or pin locks that cannot be defeated by lifting or shifting the door. Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat, planter, on a ledge or in mailbox. Keep garage door closed and locked when you are away; do not rely solely on automatic door opener to provide security. Trim bushes and shrubs to eliminate hiding places near the house. Use floodlights and strategically placed, motion-sensitive lighting to ensure effective illumination. Make sure that house number is clearly displayed for easy recognition by public safety officers. When away from home, activate alarm system, if available. Set at least two light timers in a logical sequence when away for extended periods. Stop mail and newspaper deliveries. Ask a neighbor to tend to yard and watch home while you are away. Lock sheds and detached buildings. Secure grills, lawn mowers, bikes and other valuable outdoor items in locked area or hide from view, cover with tarp. Store firearms unloaded and locked in storage boxes with trigger guard locks. Have valuable items such as TVs, stereos, and computers inscribed with identifying numbers. Keep your home inventory updated. Report suspicious persons to police and/or Neighborhood Watch program. For more information on this and related issues, go to <http://www.npc.org/topics/>

Neighborhood Watch meetings are held from 6:30-7:30 on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Our last regular meeting for the summer will be on July 22 in the community building lounge of the Arboretum Apartments (at the end of Emajean off

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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

Weed & Tall Grass Violations
337-8847

Hope you're having a great
summer!



of W. Michigan Avenue). We will not meet in August but will gather informally with friends and neighbors at the Arcadia Ice Cream social. I will be on hand to answer questions and hear comments. Please find me. We will resume meeting in September in the Arcadia Elementary School library. Check our Web site for details and schedule: <http://www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia/NWatch.shtml>.

WAITING FOR CONSTRUCTION

Construction of two different projects affecting the Arcadia neighborhood will apparently begin soon.

It is our understanding based on conversations with City staff that the Kendall cul de sac project is to take place this summer, or at least this building season. Money is apparently available to fund the project. However, a start date had not been scheduled for the project at the time of our conversations with City staff. Furthermore, our impression is that City staff has a number of projects ongoing.

It is our further understanding that construction should be starting quite soon on the eight foot wide bike path anticipated by the site plan for the Arboretum Roadway. As participants may recall, this bike path was discussed, and presented as part of the plan for the roadway, during the traffic study/meeting process in connection with that roadway. The site plan presented by the WMU Foundation and dated 9/25/07 includes a bike path running from the area of Solon and Kendall south toward the Arcadia neighborhood and then west along the edge of the Arboretum property, continuing west across the north edge of the Linden Grove middle school property, and further continuing west all the way to a connection with a sidewalk very near Drake Road.

There may be some minor changes from the bike path layout depicted in the site plan, as more precise design and engineering work is done in relation to this path. Having said that, we believe the bike path essentially as depicted in the 9/25/07 site plan is what the public has been promised will be built. Furthermore, we have been repeatedly informed by City staff that the bike path will

be built no later than this summer, in its entirety, and that construction of the bike path in its entirety is a condition of the City accepting the Arboretum Roadway from the WMU Foundation.

We are waiting...for construction....

Rex Brueggemann, President
Arcadia Neighborhood Association

ARCADIA ICE CREAM SOCIAL – AUGUST 26, 2009

The Arcadia Neighborhood Association ice cream social will take place from roughly 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at the Arcadia Elementary School, 932 Boswell Lane. Plans include ice cream, hot dogs, fun things for kids, and the chance to chat with your neighbors. Anyone interested in helping out a little bit should call any Arcadia Neighborhood Association Board member, and we will bring you into the mix. We look forward to seeing you there on August 26th!

Rex Brueggemann, President
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ARCADIA NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

Saturday, September 12, 2009

8:30-3:30

SELL or BUY

What an opportunity to give those unused items a new home! The third annual Arcadia Neighborhood Yard is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 12th. Your Arcadia Neighborhood Association dues support advertising for this event. Signs will be up to notify the community for the sale. What a great way to meet your neighbors and clean house at the same time!

Questions: call Kim: 269-569-2740

ANNUAL DUES — \$5.00/residence

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

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

Mail to: Hans Engelke, 640 Weaver, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

When making your yearly contribution to the Arcadia Neighborhood Association, please include your email address, as sometime in the future we may distribute the Newsletter via email, and we need to start collecting your addresses now. Please print legibly!

In the meantime you can read all the newsletters for the last six years on our web site <kalamazoomi.com/arcadia> Click on "Newsletters" in the left sidebar.