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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE ARCADIA COMMUNITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

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## Adieu to Steve Ferguson

*by Bob Totten*

What do you say about a person that does a volunteer job, delivering our newsletter faithfully for 13 years? (It may be more years, but I only moved here 13 years ago and Steve was on the job then.) Steve not only holds the longevity record, but he also has the longest route, which is double the average.

The Board doesn't have a medal or ribbon to bestow on Steve, but now might be a good time to create the "Steve Ferguson Award" to be given to future volunteers who serve far above and the beyond the normal.

Steve, you have our very grateful thanks and we wish you and Connie the best in retirement.

P.S. - The Ferguson's are not leaving town, just moving to the Skyrise, in blissful retirement.

## Join the Board!

Since 2003, five of our 11 neighborhood directors have left the Arcadia Neighborhood Association Board. Two of the openings remain unfilled and two more will open in September. We are looking for residents who are interested in community and

## 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



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in meeting new neighbors. New ideas are welcome.

Board directors are elected or appointed on a yearly basis. The board usually meets on the last Sunday of each month from 7 PM to about 8-8:30 PM. Our primary activities include publishing and distributing a periodic newsletter, organizing an annual garage sale, organizing an annual ice cream social, and representing, informing and organizing the neighborhood in response to local safety, crime prevention and planning/development efforts.

Much more detailed information about our activities are posted on our Web site at [www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia](http://www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia). If you have interest, experience or questions in this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact a board member.

## A better garage sale?

Interest in our neighborhood garage sale, usually held on the third Saturday in May, seems to be fading in recent years. We are considering a proposal to move the sale to a non-football Saturday in September, after college students have returned to campus. What do you think? Would you participate if we held a trial sale THIS year in September? Please call (375-6926) or e-mail to Doug Williams ([williams@complink.net](mailto:williams@complink.net)) if you want this to happen.

## National Night Out & Ice Cream Social

It is time again for the Annual National Night Out/Ice Cream Social. It will be held August 1, 2006, from 6-8 P.M. on the West Side of Arcadia Elementary School (near the basketball courts). There will be ice cream (thank you to Harding's on West Main for the donation), entertainment, fire trucks, K-9 unit, an opportunity to meet our new Community Policing Officer, and the chance to pay your neighborhood dues for 2006 or get a jump on 2007. Come meet your neighbors, members of the Arcadia Neighborhood Association Board, and have fun. The best part IT'S FREE!

## Neighborhood Watch Update *by Jamie Whitmore*

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be September 19, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. at Arcadia Elementary School. If the neighborhood gets "busy" and we feel we need to call a meeting before than we can always do so. In the meantime, I encourage you to report suspicious activity, any concerns you may have, or other crime/housing issues to me via the hot spot form found on the neighborhood website ([www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia](http://www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia)) or by phone (you can find the number on the front of the newsletter). If the neighborhood board does not know about the activity we cannot do anything to help clear up the problem. Hopefully, we'll see you at the Ice Cream Social on August 1.

### ANNUAL DUES — \$5.00/residence

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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