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West Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Update

Construction on West Michigan Avenue is in full swing. Communications for the project are being handled by Deb Droppers at 388-2830 or eventkzoo@chartermi.net. If you want to be on her e-mail list for updates, call or send her your e-mail address. Information updates will also be posted on the City of Kalamazoo Web site:

<http://www.kalamazoo-city.org/portal/kzoolife.php?page=news>

Who's that new face next door?

The Arcadia Neighborhood Association has a new neighbor welcoming team. If you know of a new neighborhood resident, please take time to introduce yourself. If you find someone who is new to the Kalamazoo area, please let us know. We will deliver welcome packets that contain information about Kalamazoo, our neighborhood, coupons, and cookies. For more information, please contact Ruth Krueger at 375-0114.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held May 23, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Arcadia Elementary School Library (check the Cafeteria if you do not recognize anyone in the Library - sometimes there are booking conflicts). Until then we encourage you to use the Hot Spot

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

Coming to a neighborhood near you...



SPRING

Form found on the web site (www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia) to report information to Neighborhood Watch and the board. This can be used to tell us about activity that needs to be reported or that has been reported so we can follow up the appropriate officials to be sure it is taken care of. The important numbers can be found in the front of the newsletter and if you have any problems please contact us (the board) via the hot spot or we are all listed on the newsletter. If we don't know we can't help.

**Peter Aerts of the City of Kalamazoo
Dept of Parks and Recreation ...**

... passes along the following information regarding the summer playground program at Arcadia Elementary.

A fun and exciting program is planned for this summer at Arcadia Elementary School. The Site Supervisor is Arcadia's own Mr. Damon Travis. The playground begins on Monday, June 19, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 to 3:00 PM for a period of six weeks. Activities that will happen this summer:

- Accelerated Reading Program
- Field trips - bowling, roller skating, Kik Pool
- Computer time
- Tae Kwon Do training with Mark Burns, of the ATA Academy
- Math and Science Center visits
- Arts and Crafts
- Basketball Team
- Games galore and so much more!

Sign up today by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 337-8191.

ANNUAL DUES — \$5.00/residence

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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

**Arcadia Neighborhood
Garage Sale**

as advertised in the Kalamazoo Gazette

**Saturday May 20 2006
From 8 AM to 4 PM**

**Between Howard and Drake, north of
West Michigan Avenue. Don't let the
road construction on West Michigan
keep you from this event. More than
400 households means plenty
of great items.**

RAIN DAY - Sunday, May 21

sponsored by Jim Hess of Jaqua Realtors

A Challenge to Arcadia Neighborhood

Did you ever hear of Kalamazoo in Bloom? You have certainly seen their good work. It is the very active garden organization that maintains the public flower gardens in our city — think of Bronson Park or the flowers on the W. Main Street bridge or the many other parks with flowers.

Kalamazoo in Bloom is now offering grants to neighborhoods to organize their own flower projects. The challenge grants are for this year. However, because of the reconstruction on West Michigan Avenue, we (Arcadia Neighborhood Association) are thinking about what we can do next year, assuming the grants are again offered.

Needed now are a few interested residents to serve on the Arcadia Flower Committee to plan for next year — what should we do to beautify the neighborhood? Needed are every big and little idea. Also, we have the advantage to see what other neighborhoods do this year. Hopefully, we can do better next year.

Interested? Join the Arcadia Flower Committee. Call Bob Totten at 375-5480 or email fritztotal@yahoo.com.