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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE ARCADIA COMMUNITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

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## ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS

We are pleased to announce the election of new board member, Andrew Phillips. Andrew is also relatively new to the neighborhood and appreciative for the helpful information he received from our Welcoming Team and from Neighborhood Watch meetings. We are excited to have Andrew's perspective as a new resident on our board. All other board members were re-elected to their current positions. Attending members also approved our new by-law for appointment of a NW coordinator and the board promptly and unanimously appointed Jamie Whitmore to this position.

## IMPORTANT - West Michigan Avenue Update Meeting

Design plans are nearly complete for the scheduled widening and improvement of West Michigan Avenue. We understand that experimental street closures in Knollwood neighborhood at Lafayette and Euclid did not go well last month and permanent closure is not favored by City staff at this time. City staff will describe the plan at 7 PM, Tue, Oct 26 at Grace Fellowship Church (729 Farrell). Please come if you want to know details. Board members Bob Totten and Frank Kovach have been following the action on this project for us.

## Neighborhood Watch

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be at 7 PM, Thursday, Oct 28 in the cafeteria at Arcadia Elementary School. See the Web site or call Jamie Whitmore (345-5808) for more details.

## WHO TO CALL:

Public Safety - Emergency 911  
Non-emergency 337-8120  
Cory Ghiringhelli, CPO,  
337-8391

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



If you have five  
bucks floating  
around, the ANA  
has a suggestion —  
see page 2.

## Welcoming Team

The neighborhood welcoming team activities have been extremely interesting this year. In welcoming new residents, we have increased their awareness of zoning, noise, and parking rules and assisted City staff in resolving violations constructively. New residents are seeing us as a community that welcomes and encourages diversity while maintaining expectations about neighborhood character. At our last Neighborhood Watch meeting, two more residents stepped forward to help with the work of this team. Please consider joining us. The work is pleasant and light when divided among others. Presently, we need someone to help us gather informative pamphlets to put in our welcoming packets about community services and resources. As always, take time to welcome new residents to your area and let Ruth Krueger (375-0114) know if they are new to Kalamazoo.

## West Side Study

ANA directors Doug Williams and Sue Stapleton met with City staff and WMU representatives on Aug 26. The major outcome was agreement between all parties to restrict overall density on the undeveloped WMU Foundation parcels to low-density (5.8 units/acre). Discussion about the allocation of open space, the impact of proposed commercial acreage, and restrictions on proposed single-family development to the north of our neighborhood are explained in the "Small Group Summary" on our Web site ([www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia](http://www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia) - click on Neighborhood Development).

## Openings on the Planning Commission

There are two vacancies opening on the Kalamazoo Planning Commission in Feb, 2005. This is one of the more influential advisory groups in Kalamazoo. Applications and answers to questions can be obtained from the City Clerk's office in City Hall.

## Eagle Scout Project

The Arcadia Elementary schoolyard has four new soccer goals. We thank Jon Brier of Boy Scout Troop 287 for choosing our school for his Eagle Scout project. The steel frame and chain link soccer goals will serve school and neighborhood youth for years to come. Jon is accepting donations to cover expenses for the project. Please contact him directly at 327-4285 if you are able and interested in donating.

## Metro Transit Fare Increase Proposed

The Kalamazoo Transit Authority is considering a proposed increase in the basic adult bus fare from \$1.10 to \$1.25 in Jan, 2005 and to \$1.50 in Jan, 2007. Tokens, passes and Metro Van fares are also proposed to increase proportionately. Public comment should be sent by 12:00 PM, Nov 12 to Kalamazoo Metro Transit, Fare Increase Proposal, 530 N. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007 or e-mail to [vanderkleyk@kalamazoo-city.org](mailto:vanderkleyk@kalamazoo-city.org). The Transit Authority Board will meet at 8:15 AM, Nov 19 to consider comments and requests for a public hearing. The board will present its formal recommendation to the Kalamazoo City Commission during the November budget review process.

## Skunk Control

Several residents have engaged in a collective effort to trap and remove skunks from their yards. They advise residents to keep pet food and food waste secure at night. If skunks are bothering you, contact Diane Hungerford for more information (375-2743).

## Neighborhood Dues Notice

Just about your last chance before we announce collection of dues for next calendar year.

### 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

"Thanks!" to those who have already paid their dues for 2004. If you missed the Annual Neighborhood Association Meeting, why not use this handy form and drop it in the mail?