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WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

by Emily Decker

If you have recently moved in, or know of some new neighbors, please give a call to Emily Decker, so I can deliver an Arcadia Neighborhood Association Welcome Wagon package. It will contain information about our neighborhood, city, county, schools, sports, parks and more. Please call or stop by. My phone number is 349-9140 and my address is 613 S. Kendall Avenue at the corner of Kendall and Memory Lane, across from the end of Weaver.

“Trick-or-Treat!!”

“I’m collecting change for UNICEF too...”

by Mike Millar

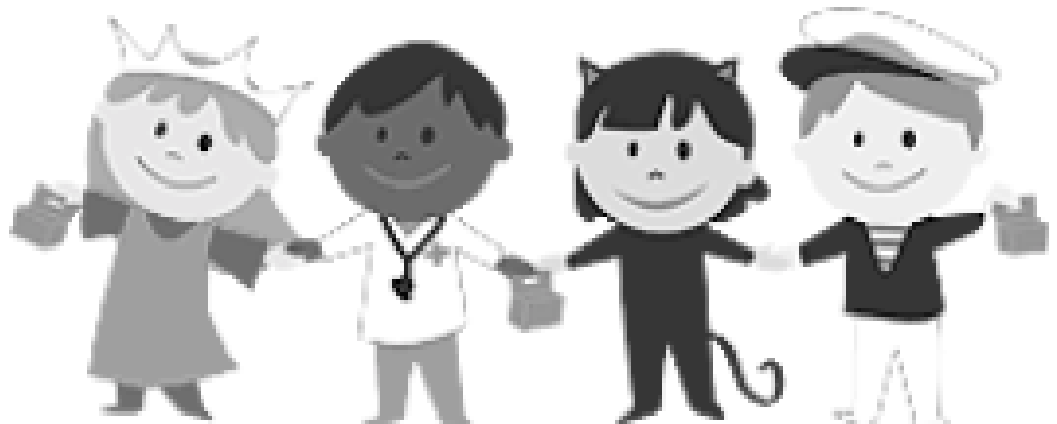
You have probably seen the little orange boxes before. Trick or Treat is almost upon us and our children will soon venture out in search of a candy supply to get them through until Christmas, but they can trick or treat for much more than candy.

For 60 years, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF has supported the work of the United Nations Children's Fund by raising support for its programs and increasing public awareness of the challenges facing the world's children. The lifesaving programs of UNICEF are funded entirely by voluntary contributions and “Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF” is an essential part of fund raising for these programs. One penny can buy crayons for a class, one dollar can immunize a child against polio, and just ten dollars can buy an entire month of biscuits for three children.

For generations, children around the country have carried UNICEF donation boxes on Halloween to collect pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to help kids around the world. They still get their candy, but they can also help other children 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
Weed & Tall Grass Violations
337-8847



discover pride in their own power to affect change the world. We hope that you will encourage your child to participate in this important international project and, if you're not trick-or-treating, have some spare change ready to help fill their boxes.

Children can carry the boxes with them during Trick-or-Treat and collect pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters – it adds up quickly when everybody helps!! After collecting during Trick-or-Treat, children can bring their boxes to Michael Millar at 835 Boswell Lane by noon on Friday, November 7th. The total neighborhood donation will be made via Coinstar™ (no charge for charitable donations) and we will post the total contribution in our next newsletter

For more specific information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Millar (544-0337) or Marin Bolliet (372-2133). We'll deliver the boxes to your house if you'd like. You can also find more information about UNICEF's efforts and the trick-or-treat program on their website at <http://www.unicefusa.org>

2008 ARCADIA NEIGHBORHOOD ICE CREAM SOCIAL A SWEET SUCCESS

by Rex Brueggemann

One of our goals as a neighborhood association is to support or create positive events that, in an enjoyable way, help neighborhood residents get to know each other a little better. The August 19, 2008 Arcadia neighborhood ice cream social at Arcadia Elementary seems to have been a successful expression of this goal. Over 150 people gathered to watch their children play, eat a little food, chat with their neighbors and, of course, eat a dish of ice cream. The music was pleasant, the mood gentle and friendly, and even the weather cooperated. Thank you to all Arcadia neighborhood friends and residents who took the time to attend this event – it was great to have so many of us together.

Specific thanks are also owed to: our CPO Jeremy Shaffer and assorted other Public Safety officers for their attendance, together with a police dog and a fire-truck; Harding's Marketplace, for their donation of 10 gallons of

delicious ice cream (yes, we ate the whole thing); Mike Watson of Arcadia Elementary for working with us on set up, tear down, and making the event possible; the various local businesses who contributed door prizes; and the Deacon's Conference and Kalamazoo Foundation for their direct and financial support. Finally, I note that all of our Board members and a number of other neighborhood residents pitched in to make this event possible. You know who you are – give yourselves a pat on the back!

Would you like to help create next year's ice cream social? Or perhaps you have an idea for another neighborhood based event or activity? Contact a Board member, and before you know it, we could all be working together to make your idea a reality.

Neighborhood Watch 2008-09 Schedule

by Doug Williams

The Arcadia Neighborhood Watch (NW) monthly meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm with the following exceptions: November 19 and December (no meeting). Meetings will take place in the Arcadia Elementary School Library. This is an excellent opportunity to meet our local enforcement officials. I will be working on updates to our Web site (www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia) throughout the next few months. You can use our hot spot form on the Web site to report ordinance violations (zoning, parking, noise) or tips on criminal activity. If you would like to be included on our NW e-mail list, please call me at 375-6926.

ARCADIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The next annual meeting of the Arcadia Neighborhood Association will take place in the gymnasium at the Arcadia Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2008.

The Agenda will include election of Board members and officers for the coming year, a discussion of the Board's activities over the past year, and an opportunity for open discussion of any neighborhood related issues that you may wish to raise.

See you there!

Rex Brueggemann, President
Arcadia Neighborhood Association

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

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