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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE ARCADIA COMMUNITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

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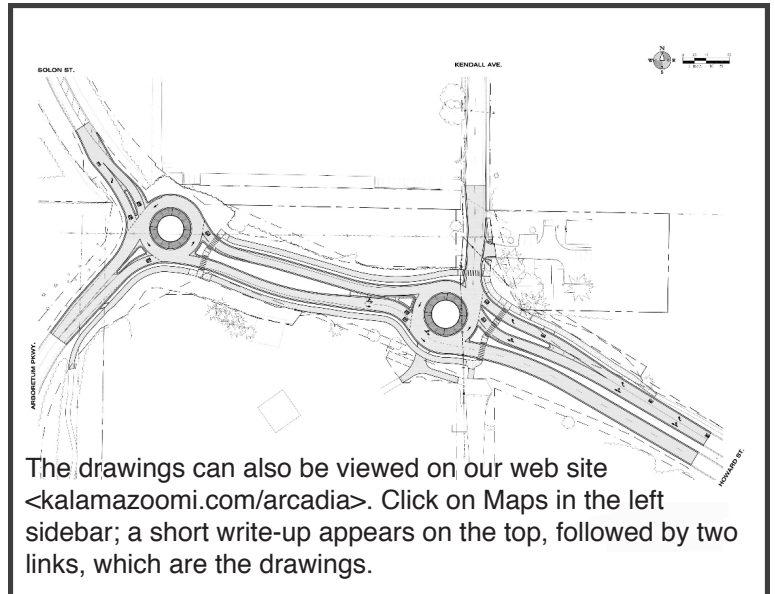
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## ROAD CONSTRUCTION by Hans Engelke

The Howard St./Solon St./Kendall Ave./Arboretum Parkway corridor will be rebuilt this summer (see attached drawing). The project, which is expected to take about twelve weeks, will probably start around mid-June and be completed, hopefully, just before Labor Day. The purpose of this realignment is to allow two-way traffic on Howard St. to proceed as far west as Arboretum Parkway. This will greatly facilitate the movement of school buses and fire and police vehicles. It will also have the added benefit of slowing down traffic on this corridor.



The drawings can also be viewed on our web site <[kalamazoomi.com/arcadia](http://kalamazoomi.com/arcadia)>. Click on Maps in the left sidebar; a short write-up appears on the top, followed by two links, which are the drawings.

Two roundabouts will be constructed, one at Howard St. and Kendall Ave. and the other at Solon St. & Arboretum Drive. The pedestrian/bike path along Arboretum Drive will be extended along the south side of Solon St. to Kendall Ave. Another path will be constructed along the north side of Solon St. from Arboretum Parkway to Kendall Ave. There will be two pedestrian crossings: one just east of the Solon St./Arboretum Parkway roundabout and another east of the Howard St./Kendall Ave. roundabout.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This corridor will be completely closed to all local and through traffic during the twelve week construction period. Here are the street closings: Howard St. will be closed at Valley Drive (which leads into the WMU campus); Kendall Ave. will be closed at Howard St. It will temporarily be turned into a two-way street between Santos and the south end near the construction to allow resident access; Solon St. will be closed at Santos Dr.; Arboretum Parkway will be closed just east of the Linden Grove Middle School. The best way to get from West Michigan to West Main (or reverse) will be Drake Road.

The City decided to follow this procedure rather than allowing limited traffic through the corridor during construction, which would have extended the rebuilding time to almost a half year. Any questions about the project can be directed to Frank Szopo, City Engineer at 337-8601. You may also view a full set of construction drawings at the City Engineer's Office at the Public Services Building, 415 Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, 49001, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

## 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

## ASSOCIATION DUES

The Arcadia Neighborhood Association Board has decided to raise the “contribution” rate from \$5 to \$10 per year. This is necessitated in large part because of declining contributions. We cannot issue the newsletters, arrange the garage sale marketing and advertising and fund the annual ice cream social without your assistance. Without the newsletter we can’t touch base with you on important happenings nor inform you about critical matters. If you think kindly of your neighborhood (and your Board) please make a contribution today. Use the form on the back of this newsletter. AND, please give us your email address; we would like to eventually distribute this newsletter via the internet, as this would greatly reduce our costs and allow for rapid and frequent transmissions. Thank you very much.

Hans Engelke

## ARCADIA SCHOOL PLAYGROUND GETS A FRESH COAT OF PAINT

The Arcadia Elementary playground has always been a place that the entire neighborhood enjoys. It was also badly in need of a sprucing-up. On May 15 several volunteers came to paint the equipment on the west side of the school. April Henley of the Arcadia Parent-Teacher Association organized the event. Paint was supplied by the Kalamazoo Public Schools facilities department and brushes were donated by the Camp family. Many thanks to everyone who came out to help. The playground looks great!



## ARCADIA ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Arcadia neighborhood will hold its annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 24th with a rain date schedule of Thursday, August 26th. The ice cream social offers a variety of activities for kids, door prizes, food and most importantly, ICE CREAM!

The Ice Cream Social committee is looking for volunteers to help organize this neighborhood event. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Ken Larson at 344-6585. (No previous experience required).

### ANNUAL DUES — \$10.00/residence

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

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