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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE ARCADIA COMMUNITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

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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 Meeting

Our Neighborhood Watch group met with City staff on June 22 and learned about enforcement of our key violation issues: occupancy, noise, and parking. We are committed to building a unified voice for residents and to assist our City enforcers. Our mission is to monitor and report criminal activity and quality of life issues to the appropriate authorities in order to maintain a safe and enjoyable neighborhood for all residents. We can preserve the character of our neighborhood, but we need your help. What can you do?

- **Become informed.** Check our Web site (address above) and click on Neighborhood Watch. Check out our mission statement, a summary of our last meeting, and our hot spot form for submitting tips and information.
- **Participate.** Come to our next meeting at 7 PM, Monday, July 19, at Grace Fellowship Church. CPO Cory Ghiringhelli, Housing Inspector Nancy Hess, and West Main Hill Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Phyllis Marsh will join us. Key topics will include data gathering for code enforcement and a discussion of properties on our "hot list." We will also present some creative ideas for occupancy enforcement.

Grillin' is thrillin' —
get together with
your neighbor and
enjoy the summer
in Arcadia!



• **Do not hesitate** to call ANA Board members Doug Williams or Jamie Whitmore if you have questions or tips.

Election Day, National Night Out and Ice Cream!!!

Be a model citizen on Tuesday, August 3. First VOTE and then join us at Arcadia Elementary School from 6:30-8:30 PM for free ice cream and presentations. Congressional, State House, and county primaries and the 8th District Court judge elections will be held at our polling station (Arcadia School).

Watch the news for candidate statements, talk to your neighbors, and vote – judiciously! We need judges who will help us enforce and strengthen rules that protect family neighborhoods.

After you VOTE, come to the south side of the school for presentations by Kalamazoo Public Safety and our county recycling coordinator Steve Leuty. Steve will provide information on responsible handling of household waste and a free, energy-smart, compact fluorescent light to the first 50 households to sign an energy pledge.

Our annual “night out” coincides with other celebrations across the nation to show support for safe streets and neighborhoods. It is a broader celebration of Take Back the Night, an international rally to unify citizens against violence toward women, children and families.

Take Back the Night rallies and marches began in England as a protest against the fear that women encountered walking the streets at night. The first Take Back the Night in the United States occurred in San Francisco in 1978 (see <http://www.campusoutreachservices.com/tbtn2.htm> for more details).

The West Side Land Use Study

There was no progress or action on this project in

June. Initial presentation of the new plan at the July 1 Planning Commission meeting was postponed and further deliberation of land use density on the WMU Foundation properties will not occur until August (to be arranged).

In the last newsletter, we asked to hear from residents who are concerned about this process and its outcomes. As we approach the Planning and City Commission hearings, we need people to write letters, speak at the hearings, and help with issue development. Please contact Doug Williams or Bob Totten if you want to be involved and informed. We would like your name, phone number, street address, and e-mail address.

Summer Time and the Livin’ is Easy

People are out and about in the neighborhood at this time of year. Please use extra caution and courtesy when driving on our quiet streets. Watch especially carefully for children and pets. Turn down the loud music, slow down, and enjoy the beautiful season. Thank you very much.

CPR Training

Cory Ghiringhelli has informed us that the City of Kalamazoo will be sponsoring free CPR training sessions by arrangement. If you are interested in attending a CPR class (about 2 hours), please call Doug Williams and leave your name, address, and phone number.

Board Openings

Start thinking about our annual neighborhood association meeting at the end of September (date and time to be announced). We anticipate openings on our board of directors and we are always looking for fresh ideas and viewpoints. The work is important and interesting. Please come and help us make a difference.

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 would like to deliver your dues in person, ANA officers will be on hand at the annual ice cream social August 3rd.