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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE ARCADIA COMMUNITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

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Neighborhood Night Out / Ice Cream Social

We traditionally join other neighborhoods in Kalamazoo and across the nation to celebrate National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August. This year our program is bigger and better than ever. Come to Arcadia School between 6-8 PM on Tuesday, Aug 2 and find out. We are featuring live music by local favorites, the Cabtown Checkers Swing Band, free ice cream (provided again by Harding's Market Place), games for kids (big and small), presentations by Kalamazoo Public Safety, and other informative discussions. If you are interested in helping out by serving ice cream or "refereeing" one of the games for 30 minutes, please call Doug at 375-6926. We especially need experienced face painters.

Changing Plans on West Michigan Avenue

We mentioned in May that plans to widen and improve West Michigan Ave. have been slowed. Work on KL between Drake and Emajeau will begin in mid-August and proceed through October. Other sections of the road will be improved next year. Consumers Energy will try to complete all of the utility work this year. This includes moving power poles and installing new gas lines from Farrell to Eldridge to begin in mid-July. Expect temporary disruption to the intersections at Farrell, Westfall, and Westmoreland. Tree removals will begin as early as Aug 1.

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



CELEBRATE!!!

Arcadia School Yard Use

We thank those of you who responded to our call in May for input about evening use of the school yard and basketball courts. Neighborhood opinion clearly favors keeping the courts open. The ANA board has decided to support the current KPS policy which authorizes police to remove trespassers from their properties between dusk and dawn for the purpose of reducing vandalism and disturbance to the peace of the neighborhood. Because "dusk" is not a precisely defined moment, we ask that residents use good judgement and do their best to balance the rights of those who wish to use the school yard properly with those who desire a peaceful environment after dark. We also ask parents to inform their children using the school yard to be respectful of these guidelines and to avoid loud, offensive language, and disturbing behavior. As always, please use our hot spot form at www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia/hot-spot-form.html to let us know about problems that arise.

Neighborhood Watch

Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be at 7 PM, Tue, July 19 at Grace Fellowship Church, 729 Farrell. Check our Web site (www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia) for updates. Recent resident concerns include proper disposal of brush and yard waste. Residents should know that waste haulers will not accept this organic waste for landfill disposal (state law) unless you have a specific service and container for collection. Please do not leave it on the curb if it isn't picked up. The City will also collect bundled brush (under 4 ft long and 2 in diameter) each month from May through Oct on your monthly bulk trash pick up day (first or second Monday depending on which section of the neighborhood you are in). Don't forget, for the rare occa-

sion when a holiday occurs on the first Monday, the monthly bulk trash pick up day will be the next day -- Tuesday -- NOT THE FOLLOWING MONDAY.

More About Safety and Summer Rules

Officer Ghiringhelli reminds at this time of year to be smart about preventing theft. Lock your car and close your garage door, especially at night. Lastly, did you know that Kalamazoo has a municipal curfew for minors? Children under 13 years old must be home by 10 PM; those under 16 must be home by midnight. There is no curfew for anyone over 16.

Bikes and Scooters

We have learned from city staff that new, popular electric-powered scooters are only for use on private property, not on public roads and sidewalks. On the other hand, the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club reminds us that cyclists (the peddling type) have as much legal right to the road as motorized vehicles. Please slow down when necessary and respect this right. Cycling is clean and healthy transportation.

Many Thanks and One Welcome

This is an appropriate time to mention those who regularly serve our neighborhood and its association. We are very grateful to Community Police Officer Cory Ghiringhelli, Housing Inspector Nancy Hess, and our Neighborhood Watch coordinator Jamie Whitmore. Their work is vital to maintaining the quality of life that we value in Arcadia. We thank Principal Ramon Baca, the staff of Arcadia Elementary School and KPS for accommodating our needs for meetings and activities throughout the year. Likewise, we are indebted to Grace Fel-

lowship Church for hosting our Neighborhood Watch meetings during the summer months. Finally, we offer our regards and appreciation to outgoing board member Dave Bruininks for his service to the neighborhood board. We give a hearty welcome to our newest board member Rex Brueggemann.

ANNUAL DUES — \$5.00/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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