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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.

## A Tree Party!

We are having a reception at 6:30 PM, Wed., June 9 on the front steps of Arcadia Elementary School. Please join us as we honor long-time neighborhood board member and patron Jackie Mallinson. In tribute, the ANA has planted a maple tree near the front entrance of the school. We will dedicate the tree as a sign of Jackie's lasting contributions to our neighborhood.

## Neighborhood Watch

We've been talking about it for a while. Now we're finally getting started. Arcadia is still a great place to live and we want to keep it that way. If we work together and speak collectively, we can be more effective. In the last year, we have identified our top three neighborhood enforcement

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issues as (1) home occupancy limits, (2) traffic/parking control, and (3) party and fireworks noise (mostly from neighboring multi-family developments). If you want to learn more about how we can protect ourselves from these violations, we want you to join us. If you have had problems with enforcement issues or response, bring them to this meeting and find out how we can help each other. In addition to our CPO Cory Ghiringhelli, we have invited City Housing Inspection Director Tim Meullenberg to teach us about the rules, penalties, and process for zoning violation enforcement. The meeting will begin at 7 PM, Tue, June 22 at Grace Fellowship Church, 729 Farrell.

## The West Side Land Use Study

We had an open neighborhood meeting at Arcadia Elementary School on Apr 27 to discuss proposed land use plans for development of the WMU Foundation property to the north of the AYSO fields and our neighborhood. Residents that attended generally felt that proposed plans for a new Drake – Kendall connector road were inadequately justified. We have asked the City for more detailed information to support the need for this road (see the ANA Web site for our alternative development proposal).

On May 25, the West Side Study Advisory Board considered our long-held concerns about (1) the proposed connector road and (2) proposed development density in the land use plan. A committee of us will continue to meet about development density, but the City has stated that they do not have the funds needed to carefully estimate

the traffic impact of the proposed connector road. Nevertheless, they will present the connector road in the West Side draft plan to the City Planning Commission for approval in spite of our opposition.

The approval process will require public hearings that have not been scheduled but could begin as early as July 1. We are updating our list of 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.

## National Night Out and Neighborhood Ice Cream Social

Our annual neighborhood summer gathering will be from 6:30-8:30 PM, Tuesday, August 3 at Arcadia Elementary School. Presentations by Kalamazoo Public Safety and free ice cream will be provided.

## Community Police Officer (CPO) Newsletter

Remember that you can receive a monthly newsletter by e-mail from our CPO Cory Ghiringhelli about public safety issues that pertain to West Side neighborhoods. To be on his distribution list, please send him a note at [ghiringhelic@kalamazoo.org](mailto:ghiringhelic@kalamazoo.org) or call him at 337-8391.

### 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.

Mail to: Hans Engelke, 640 Weaver, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

"Thanks!" to those who have already paid their dues for 2004. These payments cover our costs for newsletters, mailings, Web site, event advertising, and the annual ice cream social.