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West Side Study Update

The City Commission approved the West Side Land Use Plan on Jan 31 after a lengthy public hearing. Although our requests to maintain overall low density development on the WMU Foundation parcels were overruled, the Commission upheld the previous Planning Commission recommendation to remove the proposed Drake-Kendall connector road from the plan. Additional detailed transportation studies will be conducted to determine how new development on these properties will be best served.

In addition, the new land use plan specifies 40 acres of contiguous open space in the parcels directly north of the single-family plat, 20 of which will be along the most northern edge that borders the Todd property, as has been shown in the land use map since 1981.

In separate action, the City Commission gave final approval to rezoning of the Arboretum Apartments on Emajeon St. from low-density, single-family to medium density, multi-family as it has been constructed. WMU hopes to sell these properties soon. Although this will generate about \$150,000-250,000 in new property tax revenues, the City of Kalamazoo will assume public safety duties on this property when it is transferred to private ownership. The WMU Foundation is also seeking a development agreement for the newly designated commercial property (30 acres) along Drake Road. We expect the rezoning request to be submitted as soon as this happens.

Thank you to the dozens of residents who attended many meetings in December and January and spoke to preserve our quality of life.

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

Hang in there...
Spring is just
around the corner!



Mark Your Calendars for the Neighborhood Garage Sale

Our annual garage sale will be from 9AM-4PM, Saturday, May 21 (rain date Noon-4PM, Sun, May 22). We will place advertisements in the Kalamazoo Gazette and Kalamazoo Flashes. You do not need to list your own advertisement.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch has been busy following and reporting activity on several properties. Our next meeting will be at 7 PM on Tue, Mar 22 in the Arcadia School Library. See the Web site or call Jamie Whitmore (345-5808) for more details. Keep using the hot spot forms on our Web site to report code violations or suspicious activity.

KVET Drug Awareness Presentation.

Numerous reports in the news have focused on local drug activity and particularly on methamphetamine. The Kalamazoo Valley Enforcement Team (KVET) will present a session on how to recognize and report drug related activity in our area. This session will be 5:30 PM on Tuesday, April 5 at the United Way building (709 S Westnedge, across from Vine St. High School/KAMSC/Chenery Auditorium). To help KVET plan for attendance, please call Doug Williams or Jamie Whitmore by March 31 if you would like to attend.

KPS Trespassing Policy

Kalamazoo Public Schools has asked that Kalamazoo Public Safety patrol school property when possible and has authorized the police to remove trespassers between dusk and dawn. The intent of this policy is to prevent vandalism to the school and disturbance to neighboring residents. KPS staff encourage residents to report such activities.

Drive Safe Kalamazoo

WMU students have formed a late night transportation service for fellow university students. Drive Safe Kalamazoo (DSK) is hosting a gala at the Kalamazoo Institute for the Arts from 6-8 PM on Thursday, April 7. The gala will introduce you to the program and help you learn how to become more involved. DSK was WMU's Registered Student Organization of the Year in 2004. You can learn more about it at www.rso.wmich.edu/dsk. If you plan to attend the gala, please RSVP to Amy Spencer at amy.spencer@wmich.edu or call (734) 818-0180.

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

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