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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE ARCADIA COMMUNITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

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## WHO TO CALL:

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## Get Ready for the Neighborhood Garage Sale...

Dust off your treasures and start organizing. Our annual neighborhood garage sale will take place on Saturday, May 21 from 9AM-4PM (rain date Sun, May 22, noon-4PM). We will place advertisements in the Kalamazoo Gazette and Kalamazoo Flashes. You do not need to list your own advertisement. Please join us in thanking Jim Hess of Jaqua Realtors for sponsoring our advertisements this year.

## ... And the Arcadia Elementary School Annual Carnival !!!!!

Come one, come all to the Arcadia Elementary School Carnival, Friday, May 13th from 6-8:30 PM. Games, prizes, moonwalk, inflatable slide and raffle. Help support your neighborhood school. Can't make it to the carnival but would still like to contribute? We are taking donations of baked goods on May 12th for the cakewalk. Questions can be addressed to Susan Stapleton at 383-3461.

## Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch (NW) has recently redefined our top three KPDS enforcement issues as schoolyard disturbances (see below), traffic, and noise. Springtime brings new outdoor activities and potential problems. Please be courteous about music/ noise, signs, and parking impacts when you host a yard or graduation party. Talk to your neighbors to assure them that you are thinking about their needs and be sure to pick up your signs, balloons, etc. when the celebration is over. Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be at 7 PM on Tue, May 24 in the Arcadia School Library. Keep checking the NW Web site ([www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia/NWatch.shtml](http://www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia/NWatch.shtml)) for schedule changes and summer meeting dates and locations.

# SPRING



*... appearing in a neighborhood near you!*

## Schoolyard Basketball

In our March newsletter, we explained that KPS policies authorize 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. Nearby residents have expressed frustration over noise and public disturbance from groups of youth who use the basketball courts at Arcadia School. Recently suggested remedies include placing locks on the basketball rims or removing them altogether. Before we support any recommendations, the ANA board is reviewing options with the school staff and collecting views from residents. We want to hear your thoughts. Please call any board member or use our hot spot form at [www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia/hot-spot-form.html](http://www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia/hot-spot-form.html) to let us know what you think should be done. Also, please let us know if you live within view of the basketball courts and how the activity on these courts is affecting your quality of life.

## 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.

## Our Changing Zoning Laws

We have been carefully studying proposed changes to the Kalamazoo Zoning Ordinance. This ordinance specifies the procedures and standards for land use within the City and will therefore set the stage for future development of the WMU Foundation properties. We have been concerned about new provisions to remove Planning Commission purview of site plan review and elimination of specific restrictions on non-residential uses in Planned Unit Developments (PUD). These and other concerns are detailed on

our Web site ([www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia/Ndevelopment.shtml](http://www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia/Ndevelopment.shtml)). The next public action on the proposed zoning code will be a public hearing before the Planning Commission at 7 PM, Thursday, May 5 in the City Commission Chambers. Please call Doug Williams (375-6926) if you want to become more involved. All residents are welcome to attend and comment (3 minute limit; many of you know the routine already). The ordinance is online at [www.kalamazoo.org/governments/departments/cp\\_planning.php](http://www.kalamazoo.org/governments/departments/cp_planning.php)

## Safe, Sound, and Secure: A Free Conference for Seniors

The Kalamazoo County Consortium and the Sheriff's Department are cosponsoring a half-day conference from 9 AM – 12:15 PM, Wed., May 11 at the Third Reformed Church, 2345 N. 10th St. Continental breakfast at 8 AM and lunch/door prizes following the conference will be provided free of charge. Workshops will focus on protecting yourself from identity theft, assault, scams, and medical emergencies. To register, call 383-8933 or send an e-mail to [safesoundsecure@netzero.com](mailto:safesoundsecure@netzero.com) by May 4. Special needs transportation is available.

## What about West Michigan Avenue?

Plans to start widening and improvements to W. Michigan Ave. have slowed due to land acquisition efforts. We were informed in April that construction on the first phase between Euclid and Kenbrooke should begin sometime in mid-summer.

### **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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