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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE ARCADIA COMMUNITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

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ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

The ANA annual meeting will be from 7:30-9:00 PM, Tue, September 28, in the cafeteria at Arcadia Elementary School. Our business will include a presentation of the Neighborhood Watch program, election of ANA directors and officers, and vote to revise our bylaws. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact President Doug Williams or Vice-President Frank Kovach by September 21; we have openings and are looking for new perspectives!

We will propose approval of the following new bylaw: The coordinator of the Arcadia Neighborhood Watch (NW) team will be appointed or dismissed by approval of a majority of the Arcadia Neighborhood Association (ANA) Board of Directors. There is no set term for this appointment, which may be ended by either party at any time. The NW coordinator shall keep the Board informed of NW activities and communications. The Board continues to serve as the representative voice of the ANA and reserves the authority to set policy for the NW team.

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch aims to connect residents with each other and with City staff to enhance enforcement of laws that protect the quality of life in Arcadia. Check out our neighborhood watch Web site (www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia) to learn more about home occupancy limits, parking rules, and reporting of violations with our on-line "hot spot" form. The next Watch team meeting is at 7 PM, Tue, Sep 21 at Arcadia Elementary School. Call Jamie Whitmore (345-5808) if you have questions.

Neighborhood Watch TIP of the Month: Keep those garage doors closed and locked when not in use. CPO Cory Ghiringhelli reports a relatively high number of thefts in our general area this summer. (To receive an electronic copy of Cory's monthly newsletter, send your name and address to his e-mail address: ghiringhellic@kalamazoocity.org).

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



If you have five
bucks floating
around, the ANA
has a suggestion —
see page 2.

Parking Problems Resolved on Westfall

The residents on Westfall Street had so many cars parking on their street last spring that the post office often could not deliver their mail. The ANA Board worked with the City and residents to circulate a petition to prohibit parking on the street between 7 AM – 5 PM. The signs were posted last month.

If residents on neighboring streets have similar problems, the ANA Board will provide assistance/advice. It is up to the residents of each street to initiate a petition to limit parking.

Welcoming Team

The Arcadia Neighborhood welcoming team has been busy greeting new residents to the neighborhood in the last few weeks. As always, 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 contact Ruth Krueger at 375-0114. The welcoming team urgently needs helpers who are willing to assemble information packets and/or bake cookies.

National Night Out and Ice Cream

About 75 people turned out on a steamy evening for our ice cream social at Arcadia Elementary on Tuesday, August 3. We thank Hardings Market for donating the ice cream, Kalamazoo Public Safety for showing off their emergency vehicles, and Steve Leuty for the free energy efficient light bulbs and information about county recycling programs.

West Michigan Avenue Update

Full service has returned to the Howard/W. Michigan Ave. intersection and we are grateful for the smooth pavement and improved traffic flow. Fire Marshall Marty Myers has informed us that the City will temporarily close Lafayette and Euclid streets at

W. Michigan Ave. from Sep 13-20. They are doing this to assess the impact of proposed Knollwood street closings in the plan to expand W. Michigan Ave. This project is currently in the design phase.

Comments on the traffic test can be directed to Fire Marshal Myers (337-8285) or ANA President Doug Williams (375-6926). Please leave your name and contact information.

CPR Training

We are still collecting names of residents interested in free CPR training (about 2 hours) from the City of Kalamazoo. If you are interested in attending, please call Doug Williams and leave your name, address, and phone number before Sept. 21.

Part-time opening at Arcadia Elementary

Arcadia Elementary School has a half-time opening for a paraprofessional in the school computer lab. Computer experience and the ability to work effectively with students and teachers are desired qualities of the candidate. Please call the school office at 337-0530 if you are interested in learning more.

Support Education

If anybody saves or would like to save **Boxtops for Education** from General Mills products including Big G cereals, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Old El Paso, and others, or Labels for Education from Campbell's Soups and related products for Arcadia Elementary, please notify Emily Decker or drop them off at her home (349-9140, 613 S. Kendall Ave., corner of Memory Lane).

Web site interest growing

Visits to our ANA Web site have increased steadily from 125 visitors in April to 450 in July. Don't be the last to check it out. See www.kalamazoomi.com/arcadia

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 Neighborhood Association Meeting September 28th.