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THE TUESDAY, MAY 16TH METING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 PM AT THE WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1810 W. DOUGLAS. THERE IS NO SPECIAL SPEAKER, BUT THERE ARE SPECIAL TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED. FINAL PLANS FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WILL BE MADE.

President's Comments

THE CHOICE IS YOURS. Do you want to live in a nice clean, quiet neighborhood or one that is trashy and noisy? **THE CHOICE IS YOURS.**

As I travel around our neighborhood I see many, the majority who desire the first but there are a few who, by the appearance of where they live, don't care. Many are painting, planting and just making general improvements. We realize we have many rentals which are owned by absentee landlords. Tenants, this is where we need your involvement. Pressure can be put on landlords to clean and improve their property, but we need the support of you tenants. I am saying this because on June 17th, we are planning a Neighborhood wide clean-up. The City pays for the equipment, personnel to operate it and the fee for disposal. We, the Neighborhood, must supply the volunteers to load the debris. Tenants, please, inform your landlords of this clean-up, and if you are physically able consider giving us a hand. For those who are elderly, handicapped, or disabled, give Rod Davis a call and he will attempt to get some help for you. His telephone number, as well as other details concerning the clean-up are elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Also concerning the snacks and food for the clean up, no one has contacted Judy and I volunteering their services. All you wonderful cooks, please, give us a call to let us know what you can contribute.

Concerning the Yard/Garage Sale, Leandra Baker is working very hard getting it organized. If you are interested in joining those already signed up, give Leandra a call. If you can make a \$10 donation to help pay for advertising and maps, give or send it to Leandra. Don't let the donation keep you from participating. If you are unable to pay it before the sale, perhaps you will be after the sale. Let your conscience be your guide. Advertising will be in several publications plus posted on signs. (Look elsewhere in this Newsletter for details on the Yard/Garage Sale).

The Board is working on the plan for the 10th year Anniversary Celebration on August 19th. I believe this will be an event which everyone who attends will enjoy. Spread the word and if you are willing and able to volunteer an hour or two we would appreciate you letting us know. Just give any Board

Member a call. (Their telephone numbers are on page 2) We will be giving more details in future Dispatch, but to give you a little "taste" of our plans-as stated in April's Dispatch, we will "kick-off" with a Pancake Flip. If you have never attended an activity where Chris Cakes was served, this is your chance to eat delicious pancakes and be entertained. The entertainment is worth the price yo u will pay.

It is all you can eat, served from 8:00am to 11:00am. The Board kept the price as low as we felt we could, knowing we live in a less affluent neighborhood and wanting to draw in from all over the area. We have set the price for Adults at \$4.00, Youth 12 years old and under \$3.00. Those children who are not old enough to feed themselves may eat off the caretakers plate. While we realized two and three year olds don't eat very much, we felt the above prices were cheap enough that we would need to charge in order to not lose money. We realize that for a young family of five that would be a total of \$17.00, but that is all-you-can-eat, plus entertainment which is still less than they would have to spend at a "fast-food" establishment. We are planning on some equipment displays, performers, speakers, a parade, trolley tours and much, much more.

In closing the comments I want to apologize to anyone who may have been offended by a statement made in one of the articles in April Issue. The "proof-readers" failed to observe what could be considered an offensive statement until after the Dispatch was printed. Again, I apologize.

Wayne Wells-President

Mother's Day

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

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Central Inspection (substandard housing)
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May
14th



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945-4227
- Leandra Baker - Secretary
262-5358
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269-2515

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Fire Danger!

With crime down on the beat I want to talk about something that can destroy lives and property just as quickly, fire. Although this is not a law enforcement related subject I feel this needs to be addressed because of how dry it is. The last few weeks the weather has been getting warmer with little rain and this combination makes grass, fields, and trees an easy burn source. If you have watched the local news you probably have seen stories about large grass fires destroying hundreds and even thousands of acres of grass. Along with grass, several out buildings have been destroyed in these fires. We have been lucky that locally no houses or lives have been lost. I am sure we have not seen the last of these destructive fires. In the city limits there have been several areas burned due to various reasons, many of these fires are started with discarded cigarettes. This shows that these out of control fires are not just out in the country.

Currently a burn ban is in place for Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita. The burn ban is in place to protect not only property, but lives as well! With the dry grass and trees, fires are able to ignite and spread quickly. You are probably asking yourself, "Well, does this burn ban include barbeque grilles?" The answer to that question is no. It is legal, during a burn ban, to use barbeque grilles. Before using one please pay attention to the wind strength. If the wind should blow an ember out of the grille it could easily ignite grass, trees, or buildings and start what could become a dangerous fire. It is also legal to use a professionally built and store bought outdoor fireplace or chiminea.

Usually a burn permit can be acquired through the Wichita Fire Department for burning permits, but during a burn ban these permits are not distributed. The Wichita Fire Department, and The Wichita Police Department wants everyone to have a safe and exciting summer. If you have any questions please call the Wichita Fire Department at 268-4585, or your community policing officer, W. D. D. Perkins at 337-9400.

943-0776
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friends

TIPS FOR YOUR GARAGE SALE

LET'S GET READY!

1. Having a garage sale is fun and work! Planning ahead and getting organized before your sale will help it be a success and more enjoyable!
2. Start saving plastic bags and paper bags. Save newspapers to wrap fragile items in. Also some boxes for multiple purchases.
3. Price all items to encourage buyers and make the sale to go smoothly. You can use pricing stickers or masking tape and string tags are nice for some items.
4. Have a "command headquarters" to greet people and check them out. It should have a table or other flat working space plus chairs for your helpers. Pencils and paper and if possible a small printing adding machine.
5. Be ready to make change. Get your starting cash a day or two before your sale. A good start would be a roll each of nickels (\$2), dimes (\$5), and quarters (\$10). Also get of twenty \$1 bills and at least two \$10 bills.
6. Have a plan for the money you take in. A carpenter's apron, zippered money bag or box will work. NEVER LEAVE IT UNATTENDED!!! Watch for counterfeit bills! Periodically secrete a stack of bills to a secure part of your home.
7. Try to have your merchandise organized and on display and not left in boxes or bags for your customer to "dig" through. Your sale will go much smoother for everyone. You might have a "free" box with simple, miscellaneous items.
8. Expect some of your customers to ask if you will take less for

an item. Price accordingly and think positive.....all those small sales do add up!!

9. Try to greet your customers and if possible thank them for coming even if they don't make a purchase.

10. Have a good time, make new friends and meet your neighbors. Oh yes, put in your order for clear, blue skies!! No rain wanted on your garage sale days!

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THE MASTER GARDENER'S CORNER

By EMG Chuck Guenther

Time to Fertilize Warm-Season Grasses June is the time to fertilize warm-season lawn grasses such as bermudagrass, buffalograss, and zoysiagrass. These species all thrive in warmer summer weather, so this is the time they respond best to fertilization. The most important nutrient is nitrogen (N), and these three species need it in varying amounts. Bermudagrass requires the most nitrogen. High-quality bermuda stands need about 4 lbs. N per 1,000 sq. ft. during the season (low maintenance areas can get by on 2 lbs.). Apply this as four spaced applications (i.e., about 4 weeks apart) of 1 lb. N per 1,000 sq. ft. starting in early May. We are already too late for the May application, but the June application is just around the corner. The nitrogen can come from either a quick- or slow-release source. Plan to make your last application no later than August 15. This helps ensure the bermuda is not over-stimulated and therefore susceptible to winterkill as winter approaches. Zoysiagrass grows more slowly than bermudagrass and is also prone to get thatchy. Consequently, it does not need as much nitrogen. In fact, too much is worse than too little. One and one-half to 2 pounds N per 1,000 sq. ft. during the season is sufficient. Split the total in two and make one application in early June and another around mid-July. Slow-release N is preferable but quick-release is acceptable. Buffalograss requires the least nitrogen of all lawn

species commonly grown in Kansas. It will survive and persist with no supplemental nitrogen, but giving it 1 lb. N per 1,000 sq. ft. will improve color and density. This application should be made in early June. For a little darker color fertilize it as described for zoysiagrass, but do not apply more than a total of 2 lb. N per 1,000 sq. ft. in one season. Buffalograss tends to get weedy when given too much nitrogen. As with zoysia, slow-release N is preferable but fast-release is also acceptable. As for all turfgrasses, phosphorus and potassium are best applied according to soil test results because many soils already have adequate amounts of these nutrients for turfgrass growth. If you need to apply phosphorus or potassium, it is best to core aerate beforehand to insure the nutrients reach the roots. Iron may occasionally be needed, especially where soil pHs are above 7.0 to 7.5.

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