



# LaPlacita Press

Speaking Neighbors' Voices!

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## Know Your Neighbor!

With the coming of the New Year, the LaPlacita Park Neighborhood Association Board decided at its last meeting to declare an official theme for the neighborhood for 2007, "Know Your Neighbor!"

During the last year or more many neighbors have come and gone. Did you know them? If you did, tell everyone about them! If you didn't, why not?

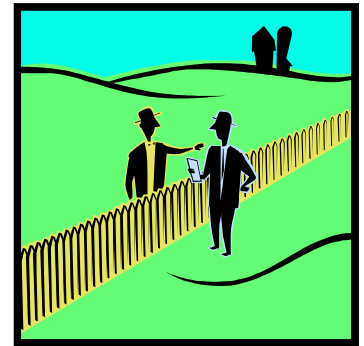
Is there someone on your block that acts as the Welcome Wagon when someone new moves in? Is there someone on your block that checks on the neighbors that don't get around much anymore or need someone to check on them for another reason? Is there a great babysitter on your block? Tutor? Coach? Cook? Who *are* your neighbors???

Many neighbors have asked the Association about Neighborhood Watch in the recent past. The Association responded by providing a speaker on the topic and print information about how to start or re-start Neighborhood Watch on *your block*. One of

the first steps is to go talk to your neighbors. Have you done it yet? You will see inside that the Association will coordinate a Neighborhood Watch Bulletin Board to help with this, but it's still up to you!

Other neighborly events planned for the year include the popular Spring and Fall Clean Ups, and the proposed return of the National Night Out Block Party *to the individual blocks* as originally intended. Again, the Association will provide information and assistance to any that want to step up and participate!

Together Everyone Achieves More! Let's make it a great 2007!!!



Speak to At Least One Neighbor a Week!

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### Special points of interest:

- \* YOUR NEXT MEETING - Tuesday January 16, 7:00 pm, Felipe's Mexican Restaurant (see back of newsletter for more information)
- \* February - Meet *Your* City Councilperson!
- \* March - Master Shade Gardening!

## January Speaker

Your speaker at the January meeting will be Bill Mickel of the South Central Kansas Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. The LITC provides assistance with IRS notices,



Come Hear the Speaker to Learn More!

prior year tax returns (presently 2004 or prior), and representation before the IRS (an auditor or hearing officer, or in tax court). To qualify your

annual household income must be no greater than the current federal poverty guidelines based on household size. The 2006 income poverty guidelines range from \$24,500 for a family of one to \$58,500 for a family of five.

## Neighborhood Watch Bulletin Board

It was brought up at a previous LPNA meeting to use the newsletter as a way to help neighbors coordinate their Neighborhood Watch on each block. Below is a list of all the blocks in the neighborhood (small blocks have been combined with neighboring blocks):

3300	8th	3600	Del Sienna
34-3500	8th	3700	Del Sienna
3700	8th	3800	Del Sienna
38-3900	8th	3900	Del Sienna
3300	9th	3200	Elm
34-3500	9th	700	Gow
38-3900	9th	800	Gow
33-3400	10th	1000	Gow
33-3400	11th	1100	Gow
3500	11th	1200	Gow
3800	11th	1300	Gow
3900	11th	1000	High
33-3500	13th	1100	High
35-3700	Central	1200	High
3500	Del Sienna	1300	High

700	Illinois	700	Sheridan
8-1000	Illinois	8-900	Sheridan
1200	Illinois	1000	Sheridan
700	Joann	1100	Sheridan
700	Kessler	1200	Sheridan
800	Kessler	1300	Sheridan
700	McComas	1000	Verda
800	McComas	1200	West
3300	Murdock	700	Westridge
38-3900	Murdock	800	Westridge
3500	Pecos	3300	Zoo
3500	Ponderosa	36-3900	Zoo

If you are a Block Captain, or would like to be, please send in your information so it can be listed with your block. Also, if you know of any corrections, such as small blocks that join with other blocks, please send that in too so this list can be kept up-to-date. All info can be submitted to Susan Evans Bessey at 640-9119 or [Susan@TeamSEB.biz](mailto:Susan@TeamSEB.biz).



## Good Cause Looking For Work Projects, Donations

A trio of people representing the West Heights United Methodist Church Watoto group is raising money for their travel expenses to Uganda in June 2007. The team will be building a home for eight Ugandan orphans and a house-mother. The team is willing to do just about anything around your house for a freewill donation to the cause. This includes but is not specific to: babysitting, dog walking, lawn work, painting, cleaning, or errand running. Please call if you need any of these services! All donations are tax deductible. Call Libbi at 737-1785. Thank you!



**Watoto provides education, medical care and spiritual guidance to AIDS orphans in Uganda.**

vides family homes for 8 children and a house-mother. Once a part of Watoto, the children are provided with an education, medical care, and spiritual guidance. The goal of Watoto is to raise the next generation of Ugandan leaders by placing parentless children in families where the necessary love, care, spiritual discipleship and physical needs are provided. More information on the Watoto mission is available at [www.Watoto.com](http://www.Watoto.com).

If you would like to simply make a tax deductible donation, please make your check payable to West Heights United Methodist Church and be sure to put Watoto Travel in the memo area of your check. Send to West Heights United Methodist Church, 745 N. Westlink, Wichita, KS 67212. Be sure to include your correct address and you will receive a receipt for your tax records.

**What is Watoto?** - Watoto is a children's mission in Uganda, East Africa. More than 15 million children have been orphaned by the AIDS epidemic. This mission pro-

## Reflections on 2006

Another year has come and gone. We have had high points and low points and together we were able to make it through. We lost our meeting place when Morris Family Restaurant closed. We wandered for a couple of meetings but then we were able to find another home when Felipe's let us meet there. We decided to try publishing our own newsletter just in time when Der Printing Haus decided to stop publishing neighborhood newsletters without notice. We were able to keep the newsletter going without missing a beat. I want to thank Susan Evans Bessey for offering to take on this challenge. We were able to complete two neighborhood cleanups. One of our charter members Louise Neff, turned 100 years young. We have made new friends as they moved into our community and joined us at

our meetings. We have our next neighborhood cleanup set for spring. Some where in all the confusion we missed our 10th anniversary as a Neighborhood Association, an event we should celebrate this year.

### What is Next?

We would like to hear from you. What kind of programs would you like to see? What would you like for us to accomplish as a neighborhood? Do you have a project you would like to see us take on? Together we can make good things happen. Contact any of the Officers and share or even better

come to the next meeting and speak up!

- Linda Matney, LPNA Corresponding Secretary.



**Time Flies When You're Having Fun!**

## Notes from Your Last Meeting

Due to the Holidays there was no meeting in December. Notes from November:

Greg Boyajian, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Amanda Bartel gave the Treasurer's report. The balance was \$118.58.

October's minutes were reviewed and approved.

Officer Davidson reported crime was down. He reminded all to not leave cars running unattended and not leave items in plain sight in cars.

Louise Neff's 100th birthday was announced. Send cards to her at the Masonic Home, 401 S. Seneca, 67213.

It was motioned and seconded to not meet in December due to the Holidays.

Tamara from Watoto spoke on this group who build homes for orphans in Uganda. They will do small jobs (rake leaves, hang Christmas lights, clean gutters, etc) to raise funds. It was motioned and seconded to donate \$25.00.

There will be a board meeting Dec 5.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

## Travel Plans?

Support the airlines that brought you Fair Fares!

AirTran Airlines      800-247-8726      [Airtran.com](http://Airtran.com)

Allegiant Airlines      888-594-6937      [AllegiantAir.com](http://AllegiantAir.com)



[www.FlyWichita.com](http://www.FlyWichita.com)

## Black Traditional Magnet Elementary Needs Box Tops

Did you know for every Box Top 4 Education box top you clip, Black Elementary gets 10 cents???

Please help support your neighborhood school by clipping box tops and turning them in at the box top drop off in the school entry. Also keep your eyes open for special promotions offered at Dillons to earn extra



**Supporting Your Local School Makes a Stronger Neighborhood!**

bonus points (usually on receipts).

Visit [www.BoxTops4Education.com](http://www.BoxTops4Education.com) and join the box top booster club supporting Black Traditional Magnet (zip 67203) and earn 5 bonus points.

Thanks for supporting your neighborhood school!!!

LaDonna Norris

## Kansas Yellow Dot Program

The Kansas Yellow Dot Program is now available in Sedgwick County. This is a **free** program for Kansans aged 55 or older.

The Kansas Yellow Dot in the back windshield of a vehicle signifies that there is medical information stored in the glove compartment. In the event of an accident, emergency personnel/first responders will have a brief description of medical needs and



**This sticker signals emergency responders there is medical information in your glove box.**

emergency contacts.

**Sponsored by The Kansas Department on Aging and Lyon County RSVP.**

**Yellow Dot kits are available in Sedgwick county from the Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program: 264-8344.**

## Free Smoke Detectors For Seniors

Is your current smoke alarm 10 years or older? To qualify for a new one:

- You must be 65 years of age or older
- You must reside in Wichita
- You must be a homeowner or live with the homeowner

The Sedgwick County Department on Aging/Central Plains Area Agency on Aging Minor Home Repair program was awarded the Kansas Injury and Fire Prevention Program

grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The grant will allow for 10-year lithium battery operated smoke alarms, and hard wired hearing impaired alarms. They have partnered with the City of Wichita and volunteers to educate seniors of potential fire hazards in their homes and to provide them with adequate smoke alarm coverage.

Applications can be picked up at your local Neighborhood City Hall, or by contacting Neola at 660-5128.

## District Advisory Board (DAB) 6

District Advisory Board (DAB) meetings for District 6 are the 1st Monday each month at 7:00 pm at Evergreen Park Recreation Center at 25th N & Arkansas.

If necessary additional meetings are the 3rd Wednesday each month at 6:00pm.

**Problem Properties** - If there is a property near you that you are concerned about, you may contact



**District Advisory Board (DAB) 6 meets 1st Monday each month, 7:00pm.**

your Neighborhood Assistant, Terri Dozal at 303-8042. You may also contact Linda Matney at [LJMatney@yahoo.com](mailto:LJMatney@yahoo.com) or 250-7656 (please leave a message). If there the situation poses a physical or health hazard do not hesitate to call. However, please remember there is no code for personal taste.

## Beat 15 - Officer Davidson - Crime Statistics

	<u>Last 6 Mos.</u>	<u>Last 12 Mos.</u>		<u>6 Mos.</u>	<u>12 Mos.</u>
Vandalism	18	28	Auto Thefts	10	13
Non-Res Burglaries	2	7	Drug Possession	4	6
Burglary - Residence	5	12	Drug Sales	0	0
Robberies	1	2	Sex Crimes	1	3
Larcenies	9	19	Drive By's	0	0

**Officer CD Davidson  
#2101**

**Patrol West Bureau -  
Community Policing**

**661 N Elder  
Wichita, KS 67212  
337-9400**

**Fax: 337-9470**

**[CDavidson@Wichita.gov](mailto:CDavidson@Wichita.gov)**

## Beat 11 Update From Officer Kyle - Mail Scams

WARNING - If you receive something in the US mail or via e-mail that looks anything like the following, DON'T CALL THE NUMBERS, DESTROY IT!

*"UNITRUST PAYMENT SOLUTIONS  
RAFFLE PAYMENT & VERIFICATION BROKERAGE  
723 Sixth Avenue Antigo, WI 54409-0107*

*Dear Mr. John Doe*

*This is to inform you of the release of the North America Prize Pool held on Monday, October 30th, 2006 in which your name was drawn randomly. You have been accorded a 3rd TIER WINNER STATUS. Your total winnings are Seven hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) in U.S. funds. Congratulations!*

*Arrangements have been made by Unitrust Payment Solutions to pay all fees that may apply. Enclosed in this letter is a check in the amount of \$3,055.00 to cover the expenses as well as delivery cost.*

*In order to process your prize, contact your agent Mr. George Bruno, without delay toll free at 1-866-000-000 or locally at 1-647-000-0000 from Monday to Friday between*

*9:30am to  
6:30pm ET.*

*IMPORTANT:  
YOUR NEXT  
CHECK WILL  
BE MADE OUT  
IN THE NAME*

*STATED ABOVE AND SENT TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN. PLEASE VERIFY YOUR NAME AND INITIALS AS GIVEN AND ADVISE YOUR AGENT OF ANY CHANGES. Your batch number is: JK-7M-0 1972.*

*We advise you to keep your batch number and winnings confidential. This is for security purpose. Once again, Congratulations!!"*

This was an actual letter a person received in the mail (the name and numbers have all been changed for this article). They lost a substantial amount of money. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is!

"Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely." - Auguste Rodin

**Officer Glen Kyle**  
**Patrol West Community Policing**  
 661 N Elder, Wichita, KS 67212  
 337-9400 / Fax: 337-9470  
[GKyle@Wichita.gov](mailto:GKyle@Wichita.gov)

## Note From The Editor

It was recently brought to our attention that last month's "Chuckle" was offensive to some. We apologize and always appreciate feedback from our Neighbors!

<b>City Leaders</b>	
<b>City Council Members:</b>	
<u>District 1</u> Carl Brewer 303-8020 <a href="mailto:CBrewer@Wichita.gov">CBrewer@Wichita.gov</a>	<u>District 2</u> Sue Schlapp 268-4331 <a href="mailto:SSchlapp@Wichita.gov">SSchlapp@Wichita.gov</a>
<u>District 3</u> Jim Skelton 303-8033 <a href="mailto:JSkelton@Wichita.gov">JSkelton@Wichita.gov</a>	<u>District 4</u> Vice-Mayor, Paul Gray 268-4331 <a href="mailto:PGray@Wichita.gov">PGray@Wichita.gov</a>
<u>District 5</u> Bob Martz 268-4331 <a href="mailto:BMartz@Wichita.gov">BMartz@Wichita.gov</a>	<u>District 6*</u> Sharon Fearey 268-4331 <a href="mailto:SFearey@Wichita.gov">SFearey@Wichita.gov</a>
<b>Mayor: Carlos Mayans</b> 268-4331 <a href="mailto:CMayans@Wichita.gov">CMayans@Wichita.gov</a>	

<b>Other City Contact Information</b>	
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant	303-8042
Community Policing	941-4496
-Beat 11(N of Zoo), Off Kyle	<a href="mailto:GKyle@Wichita.gov">GKyle@Wichita.gov</a>
-Beat 15(S of Zoo), Off Davidson	<a href="mailto:CDavidson@Wichita.gov">CDavidson@Wichita.gov</a>
-Towne West Substation	945-3478
West Patrol Substation	337-9400
Office of Central Inspection	268-4481
Environmental Services (Health)	268-8351
Traffic Department	268-4131
Wichita Independent Neighborhoods	260-8000
WIN Fax	264-9965
Neighborhood Action Line	529-9999
(When you don't know which of the above to call)	

**LaPlacita Park Neighborhood Association Officers:**

*President* Greg Boyajian 942-0831  
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*Recording Secretary* Joyce Lutz 942-3106  
*Treasurer* Amanda Bartel 943-0936  
*Corresponding Secretary* Linda Matney 942-0001

[LJMatney@yahoo.com](mailto:LJMatney@yahoo.com)

*At-Large Member* Peter Bartel 943-0936  
*At-Large Member* Jean Keefer 943-5961  
*At-Large Member* Susan Evans Bessey 640-9119

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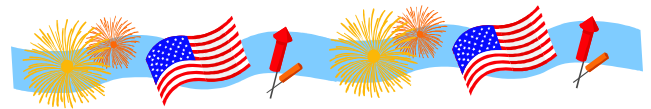
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**Schedule of Events**

- \* 1 - New Year's Day (Federal).
- \* 7 - Orthodox Christmas.
- \* 14 - Orthodox New Year.
- \* 15 - Martin Luther King's Birthday (Federal).
- \* **16 - LaPlacita Park Neighborhood Association Meeting - Speaker on South Central Kansas Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, 7:00pm, Felipe's Mexican Restaurant.**
- \* 20 - Muharramn / New Year (Islamic).

# January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# February 2007

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**Schedule of Events**

- \* 2 - Groundhog Day.
- \* 3 - Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day, Jewish).
- \* 14 - Valetine's Day.
- \* 19 - Presidents' Day (Federal).
- \* 20 - Shrove Tuesday.
- \* **20 - LaPlacita Park Neighborhood Association Meeting - Speaker, Your District 6 City Councilperson Sharon Fearey, 7:00pm, Felipe's Mexican Restaurant.**
- \* 21 - Ash Wednesday.

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LaPlacita Park Neighborhood Association meetings are held in the Banquet Room at Felipe's Mexican Restaurant 3434 W Central (Northeast corner Central & Joann) Plenty of Parking in Back!

Phone: (316) 942-9131  
Enjoy a Delicious Super at Felipe's Before Each Meeting!!!

**YOUR Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday each Month at 7:00 pm!**

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[www.SimpleNeighbors.com](http://www.SimpleNeighbors.com)



The purpose of LaPlacita Park Neighborhood Association (LPNA) is to enhance the livability of the area by establishing and maintaining an open line of communication and liaison between the neighborhood, government agencies, and other neighborhoods. It is also to provide an open process by which all members of the neighborhood may involve themselves in the affairs of the neighborhood. In addition, it is to preserve property values in the neighborhood.

The boundaries of the association are 13th St on the North, Sheridan on the East, Central on the South, and West St on the West.

Membership is open to any person who resides in and/or owns any real property or operates a business within these boundaries!

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