



# LaPlacita Park Neighborhood News

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## Notes From Our Last Meeting

November 15, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Grey Boyajain, President at 7:00 PM.

No new members were present.

The treasurer's report was given by Amanda Bartel.

The minutes from the last meeting were not available.

The Community Police reports were given by Officer Zamorano. He passed out fliers that would identify gang graffiti. He also reported that the skate park at Orchard Park was having a positive effect on the area youth. Congratulations to them. Officer Parker, SRO from Hadley was introduced. Besides being stationed at Hadley Middle School, he also monitors after school activities at Orchard Park Recreation Center.

The Christmas Party will be held at 6:00 PM December 20. Following dinner there will be goodies and a white elephant gift exchange.

Ideas were exchanged for future speakers of interest.

Plans were made for neighborhood cleanup in the spring before hot weather arrives.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM followed by social time.

*Respectfully Submitted by Joyce Lutz*

## OUR NEXT MEETING

**December 20, 2005**

**Morris Restaurant**

**1014 N. West St. - 6:00 pm**

## Neighborhood Officers:

Greg Boyajian..... *President*.....**942-0831**

Susan Evans Bessey... *Vice President*.....**944-0677**

Joyce Lutz..... *Recording Secretary*.....**942-3106**

Amanda Bartel..... *Treasurer*.....**943-0936**

Linda Matney.... *Corresponding Secretary*.....**942-0001**

Paul Keck..... *At Large Member* .....**946-5722**

Peter Bartel..... *At Large Member*.....**943-0936**

Jean Keefer..... *At Large Member*.....**943-5961**

These are your officers for the 2005-2006 year.

## Notes From October 18, Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Linda Matney, President at 7:00 PM.

The treasurer's report was given by Amanda Bartel  
Election of Officers was held with the following results.

President – Greg Boyajain

Vice President – Susan Evans Bessey

Treasurer – Amanda Bartel

Recording Secretary – Joyce Lutz

Corresponding Secretary – Linda Matney

Our program was truly interesting with Bud Cox, who has lived in the neighborhood for 59 years, telling us about the area from the time he moved in until present. See item "History" in newsletter.

We discussed the Christmas Party and Susan Evans Bessey volunteered to chair the event. The party will begin at 6:00 PM on December 20.

We adjourned to social time at 8:00 PM

*Respectfully Submitted by Linda Matney*

## Check Out and Contribute to Our Website

Our web site is located at <http://www.simplyneighbors.com>  
We will be working on it to make it as useful as possible. You can check the site for announcements and updates between meeting times.

We will be taking pictures and uploading information about our neighborhood and our association. We are still looking forward to receiving photographs that show historical periods in our neighborhood and the people who came before us. If they are in digital form email them to [ljmatney@yahoo.com](mailto:ljmatney@yahoo.com). Be sure and put LPNA News in the subject line so we will not miss it. You can also call any of the officers listed. Please be sure to leave a number and time when we can reach you.

## District 6 Advisory Board Meetings

Please remember to call Linda Matney, 250-7656 or Terri Dozal, 303-8042 regarding neighborhood problems or information. The District Advisory Board meetings are held the 1st Monday at 7:00 pm and if necessary the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Evergreen Park Recreation Center at 25th and Arkansas Avenue.

### History

Bud Cox spoke to the group about his 59 years in the neighborhood. It was delightful. I hope my notes were half as good as his stories.

They moved in before they had utilities or sewer near the Nelson Dairy house on West Street. The site where Morris restaurant is now standing was a vegetable garden. Ketchum Garage was a business where Terrace Gardens is now located. His parents' home was there from 1940. The area around where Black School is now was a cattle pasture. Sheridan and Central was the Wichita city limits. Their mailbox was at 9th and Sheridan with about 90 others. It was later moved to 9th and Gow. They heated with Butane the first winter. It was very expensive. The next year they heated with natural gas. It was 400 feet from the house to the main and they had to put in their own gas line.

Helen Mayfield was the first president of the PTA and Mrs. Cox was the second. They cooked hot dog lunches at the Cox home and then ran them across the street to the school. This was to make money for the kitchen at the school.

There were no trees, pavement or sidewalks. They had to drive through a cornfield to get to their house. They paid \$200.00 for the ground to build their house on. Dr. Updegraff wanted his barn torn down. It took 17 trips to haul the lumber back to build the house. They put it in their dad's back yard. They made a machine to straighten the nails. With this material they built 4 rooms and a bath. The home now has 9 rooms.

Nelson had fenced in the road right-of-way at 10th and High St.

### Breakfast with Sharon

Please join Sharon Fearey, 6th District City Council Representative for coffee or breakfast (Dutch Treat) for an update of 6th District and City issues.

**When:** The 4th Saturday of the month  
(except December)

**Where:** Morris Restaurant, 1014 N. West Street  
**Time:** 9 am to 10 am

### • Fall Clean Up



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### Hadley Middle School SRO

Hello, I am Johnny Parker the School Resource Officer for Hadley Middle School. I am a ten year veteran of WPD. Over the past six years I have worked extensively with USD 259 as both a tutor and mentor. I have tutored/mentored at Little Early Childhood Center, Mueller Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Sam Spaght Accelerated Magnet, and North East Magnet High School. My specialty has been mentoring children with diagnosed behavior disorders. My job is to assist the children of Hadley by making their learning environment safe as well as contributing to the learning process.

I believe all children can be reached on some level. I will never give up on a child. My motto and favorite poem is by an unknown author Life of a Child.

### Life of a Child

One hundred years from now, it will not matter what your bank account was, the sort of house you lived in, or the kind of car you drove, but the world may be different because you were important in the life of a child.

### Black Traditional Magnet Elementary is Collecting Boxtops.

Did you know for every boxtop4education box top you clip, Black 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 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.

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*LaDonna Norris*



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## Governor: Winterization Kits Should Provide Some Relief

*Sebelius announces "Warm Homes" Initiative for Kansans*

Noting the real possibility that Kansas residents will experience record heating bills this winter, Governor Kathleen Sebelius has instituted a statewide effort to winterize homes of low-income Kansans.

"Energy policy is complex, and needs a long-term approach, but we can make changes that will increase our efficiencies as energy consumers and increase our comfort levels this winter," Governor Sebelius said. "And winterizing as many homes as possible represents a good first step."

The Kansas Warm Homes Project will provide more than ten thousand winterization kits for distribution across the state. Volunteer organizations in virtually every Kansas County – such as youth clubs, schools, churches, civic organizations and community assistance organizations – are joining together to help deliver and install the Warm Homes Kits.

Target qualifications for eligibility to obtain a kit are households that fall under 150% of the Federal Poverty guidelines.

The kits include plastic sheeting to cover windows and doors, weather stripping for doors, rope caulking and acrylic caulking to seal cracks, switch plate insulators to stop drafts and improve the comfort level in older and substandard homes. The custom-designed Kansas Warm Homes Kit also includes water savings devices such as low flow shower heads and three compact fluorescent bulbs.

A winterization kit can be installed by residents with minimal training and/or instruction; volunteers can assist those that are unable to install the kits themselves. The Kansas Energy Office (at the Kansas Corporation Commission) and the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (at the Kansas Development Finance Authority) have teamed up to provide necessary funds to purchase the kits.

"With a tough winter ahead, these Warm Homes kits can make families a bit more comfortable in the months to come. With some common-sense measures, hopefully, we can fight off the worst of the winter chills," Governor Sebelius said.

Anyone who needs information about the Kansas Warm Homes Project or organizations wishing to help distribute kits can contact the Kansas Warm Homes Project at (785) 271-3106 or by email at [kswarmhomes@kcc.state.ks.us](mailto:kswarmhomes@kcc.state.ks.us).

### Note:

Please watch out for your neighbors. It is bitterly cold while I am writing this and we need to be aware of

the people around us and make sure they are all right. It only takes a minute or two to glance around and see if everything looks ok. Are they coming and going as usual? Does everything look normal? We just need to be aware and that alone could save someone's life.

*Linda Matney*

## Help Wanted!!

We need someone to be our website administrator. We want our website to be kept up to date, fun and informative. There are some pictures available to upload and more will be added as a pictorial tour of our neighborhood. Please let us know if you are interested by calling one of the officers listed.

## Tip!!

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Patrol West Bureau – Community Policing

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### "10 Ways to Stop Identity Theft"

Protecting your personal and financial privacy has almost become impossible due to dumpster divers, mail thieves, and shoulder surfers.

The word, identity theft, takes in any number of privacy crimes, including theft of a Social Security number, a credit or debit card, or even the pilfering of phone calling cards.

Much of the identity theft comes down to hands-on mischief and things like "dumpster diving," in which criminals look through your trash to find a credit card statement, and "shoulder surfing", where criminals try to spot calling card and personal identification numbers, and more commonly, mail theft.

There's no silver bullet that will guarantee you never fall victim to some form of identity theft, but I believe 10 ways below might be a good start on how to protect yourself.

Destroy private records and statements. Tear up or shred credit card statements, solicitations and other documents that contain private financial information.

Secure your mail. Empty your mailbox quickly, lock it or get a P.O. Box so criminals do not have a chance to snatch credit card pitches. Never mail outgoing bill payments and checks from home. They can be stolen from your mailbox and the payees name erased with solvents. Mail them from the post office or another secure location.

Safeguard your Social Security number. Never carry your card with you, or any other card that may have your number, like a health insurance card. And do not put your number on your checks. It's the primary target for identity thieves because it gives them access to your credit report and bank accounts.

Do not leave a paper trail. Never leave ATM, credit card or gas station receipts behind.

Never let your credit card out of your sight. Worried about credit card skimming? Always keep an eye on your card or, when that's not possible, pay with cash.

Know who you are dealing with. Whenever anyone contacts you asking for private identity or financial information, make no response other than to find out who they are, what company they represent and the reason for the call. If you think the request is legitimate, contact the company yourself and confirm what you were told before revealing any of your personal information.

Take your name off marketers call lists. Call the national Do-Not-Call Registry 1-800-382-1222.

Be more defensive with personal information. Ask salespeople and others if information such as a social security number or drivers license is absolutely necessary.

Monitor your credit report. Obtain and review your credit report at least once a year to look for suspicious activity. If you spot something, alert your card company or the creditor immediately.

Review your credit card statements carefully. Make sure you recognize the merchants, locations and purchases listed before paying the bill. If you do not need or use department store or bank-issued credit cards, consider closing the accounts.

**If something goes wrong.** Contact the fraud departments of each of the three major credit bureaus. Tell them that you are an identity theft victim. Request that a fraud alert be placed in your file, along with a victim's statement asking that creditors call you before opening any new accounts or changing your existing accounts.

Contact the creditors for any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Speak with someone in the security or fraud department of each creditor, and follow up with a letter.

File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place. Get a copy of the police report in the case the bank, credit-card company or others need proof of the crime.

Keep records of everything involved in your efforts to clear up fraud, including copies of written correspondence and records of telephone calls. **STAY SAFE!**

Message to Citizens of 15 Beat Regarding Drugs and Gangs in YOUR Neighborhood:

The Wichita Police Department recognizes that we cannot win the war against gangs and drugs alone. Gangs and drugs affect all of us, and often destroy our community and families.

We need your help. Please **DO NOT** look the other way and say it is someone else's problem. We need the community to be our extra eyes and ears.

Get involved! Please report drug and gang activity in your neighborhood to the Special Community Action Team (S.C.A.T.). S.C.A.T is the enforcement arm of community policing that specializes in street level drug and gang activity. Any information received by you will be kept confidential, and you will be doing your community a service. **YOU** can make a difference!

Please Call Patrol West Bureau S.C.A.T at (316) 337-9400 or (316) 945-3478.



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At home keep your doors locked don't leave items that you buy setting in front of a window, don't let strangers in your house to use the phone or anything else. Watch out for your neighbors if you see a stranger walking in the neighborhood call 911. If you follow these simple tips you will have a great holiday.

*Officer Glen Kyle*



If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter call Linda at 942-0001 and leave a message before the 12th of the month.

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**Daily Chuckle**

A police officer responded to a report of a bar-room disturbance. The "disturbance" turned out to be well over six feet tall and weighed almost 300 pounds. What's more, he boasted that he could whip the officer and the "Heavy Weight Boxing Champion of the World." Said the policeman, "I'll bet that you're also an escape artist too, probably better than Houdini." The giant nodded.

"If I had some chains," the officer continued, "you could show us how strong you really are. But all I've got is a set of handcuffs. Why don't you see just how quickly you can break out of them?"

Once in the cuffs, the man puffed, pulled and jerked for four minutes.

"I can't get out of these," the giant growled. "Are you sure?" the officer asked.

The fellow tried again. "Nope," he replied. "I can't do it."

"In that case," said the officer, "You're under arrest."



<b>Important Phone Numbers</b>	
Central Inspection.....	268-4481
Community Policing.....	941-0673
Health Department.....	268-8351
Sharon Fearey, 6th District City Council .....	268-4331
Terri Dozal.....	303-8042
Traffic Department .....	268-4131
West Patrol Substation.....	337-9400
Towne West Substation.....	945-3478
Neighborhood Action Line.....	529-9999*
Officer Zamorano.... email: pzamorano@wichita.gov	
Officer Kyle .....	email: gkyle@wichita.gov
WIN (Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:00 - 12:00).....	685-6300
WIN Fax.....	685-6335
*Call the Neighborhood Action Line when you don't know who else to call.	



# CHRISTMAS PARTY

**When?**  
**What Time?**  
**Where?**

**December 20, 2005**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Morris Restaurant**

We will bring goodies from home to share with each other.

We will bring a wrapped white elephant gift for the exchange.

We will eat from the menu while we socialize with each other.

Please come and be prepared to have fun!!

