



LaPlacita Park Neighborhood News

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Notes from our last meeting

December 20, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Grey Boyajain, President, at 6:00 PM. No new members were present. The treasurer's report was deferred until the January meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were deferred until the January meeting.

Greg announced that Wichita Independent Neighborhoods wants feedback on the Boathouse and Parking Garage which are part of the Water Walk and Arena projects. Should we change the approved plan and eliminate the Boathouse or keep the plan and Boathouse? Should there be a new garage or rely on current parking. Contact them by calling 260-8000, FAXing 264-9965 or emailing WIN@midtowncrc.org. Let them know what your feelings are.

We then adjourned the business meeting to eat and enjoy our Christmas party.

Up Coming!!

Our next meeting will be at Morris Restaurant on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 pm.

OUR NEXT MEETING

January 17, 2006

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.

A PAGE FROM HISTORY

Coleman Company

The Coleman Company, established in 1901 by its founder, W.C. Coleman, (who began leasing gas-funneled lamps to merchants in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, to pay his way through law school) had three locations during the decade. The first location was at 128 East Second Street and the second at 311-13 North Main when the company was known as The Hydro Carbon Company. With the development of a portable lamp in 1907, the firm moved to 288 North St. Francis and a few years later erected a factory in the same block at 220 North St. Francis.

Coleman Company holds the distinction of providing lighting for the nation's first night football game. Held at Fairmount College (now WSU) on October 5, 1905, the game was illuminated by Coleman lamps hung from tall poles along the sides of the field. Coleman remains the leading manufacturer of quality items for camping and outdoor recreational activities.

Share with us

Do you know something that would be interesting about a place or thing in Wichita or our neighborhood that the rest of us might not know and would find interesting? Let us know and we will write about it or you can tell us about it at one of our meetings.

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.

Top Ten New Year's Resolutions from your Cat

Resolution #1: I promise to trim down a little. Being bigger means there is more of me to love, but perhaps I can stand to lose a little weight, if I'm given the opportunity and the right kinds of toys to play with.

Resolution #2: I'll be friendlier to strangers. I won't turn my nose up at strangers right away. I'll give them a chance to scratch my ears before disappearing under the bed.

Resolution #3: I'll be cuddlier to family members. I'll purr and be more affectionate to everyone in the family, except the dog – unless he promises to stay out of my litter box!

Resolution #4: I'll be nicer to the birds and fish in the household. Perhaps if I'm nice, they'd want to come out and play with me.

Resolution #5: I won't be as finicky about my food. Just as long as it's the right texture, taste and temperature, and given at the right time each day.

Resolution #6: I'll scratch my post instead of the furniture. After all, that's what the scratching post is for. Besides, I've made enough marks to show who really owns this place.

Resolution #7: I'll stop hiding stuff behind the couch. It's getting a little cluttered behind there anyways.

Resolution #8: I'll let everyone else sleep later. I suppose 5 a.m. is a little too early to get everyone up to feed me. I think I can hold on until 5:30 a.m.

Resolution #9: I'll stay off the counters, at least when company is around. Sooner or later everyone leaves, so I can patrol the countertops if I'm just a little patient.

Resolution #10: I'll be more tolerant of those homemade bandannas. They feel a little funny, but the colors really do match my hair coat, and they set off my eyes nicely.

Top Ten New Year's Resolutions from your Dog

Resolution #1: I will eat less and exercise more. Too many nights on the couch, too many dog biscuits and too little time running around the local dog park has made me a little, well, fluffier. I don't think the old "I'm -just-big-boned" excuse will work anymore. I resolve to bug my owner to take me out to the doggy park several times a week.

Resolution #2: I will beg less I've got begging down to a fine art – he's puddly in my paws. I promise to reserve the begging for worthwhile things, like going out to the park and T-bone steak.

Resolution #3: I will recognize the difference between furniture and fire hydrants. I promise not to treat the

furniture the way I do fire hydrants.

Resolution #4: I'll stay out of the cat's litter box. I vow to resist the urge to snoop around the cat's private lavatory – even though it's a lot of fun and really makes her go nuts.

Resolution #5: I won't bite the vet anymore. I'll remember that the vets and their staff are just trying to help in their own way, although I really don't like those needles!

Resolution #6: I won't steal food as much. I won't go out of my way to steal food, although all bets are off if they make it really easy for me.

Resolution #7: I'll introduce myself in more appropriate ways. In other words, I'll focus above the waist when introducing myself to humans. Somehow, I get the feeling my normal greeting methods invade their private space.

Resolution #8: I'll do better "holding it" until morning. When nature calls, I'll steel my resolve to wait for my normal morning walk.

Resolution #9: I'll bark at the mailman less. I'll try not to exercise my authority over delivery personnel, although my self-esteem does improve when they retreat.

Resolution #10: I'll tolerate those homemade bandannas more. My owner has gone to a lot of trouble to make these things, so I'll tolerate the way they feel and the taunts of the other dogs.

Reprinted from the Indian Hills Animal Clinics Pet Tails & News

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.

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

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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 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

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. 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.

Daily Chuckle

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the director, "What is the criterion that defines a patient to be institutionalized?"

"Well..." said the director, "we fill up a bath tub, and we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the patient and ask him to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "Normal person would choose the bucket is as it is larger than the spoon or teacup."

"Nooooooo!" answered the director. "A normal person would pull the plug."

(You are not required to tell anyone how you would have done on this test.

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**Officer Jim McCargo
School Resource Officer North High**

I am a 10 year veteran of the police department. I moved to Wichita from Cantonment, Florida (Pensacola) in January 1992. I spent 6 years working 2nd shift, 2 years in Community Policing, and the last 2 years as a School Resource Officer. My heroes are my Father and my brother who are both lieutenants in the Pensacola's Police Department. I am married and have 3 sons. My hobbies include golf and fishing with my kids. I am involved in numerous summertime camps to benefit the less fortunate kids when school is not in session.

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

-Ann Landers

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.

-Unknown

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous

Chicken Noodle Dinner

St. Paul's United Methodist Church will hold their 60th annual chicken noodle dinner on Saturday, January 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The cost if you pay in advance is only \$7.00, and if you pay at the door it is \$8.00. (Children 6 years and younger eat **FREE**).

The dinner is served family style - all you can eat, home-made chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, cole-slaw, bread and butter, pies and other desserts, fruit drinks, coffee, tea and water. Carry out is also available. No waiting in cold weather to be served. The church address is 1356 N. Broadway, Wichita. Phone number 267-3263.

Important Phone Numbers

- 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.

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