
LaPlacita Park

Neighborhood News

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Notes From Our Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM 06-20-06 by Greg Boyajian, President.

The treasurer's report was given by Amanda Bartel. Our balance is \$104.33.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Joyce Lutz.

The Community Police report was given by Officer Schell. Vandalism and larcenies are down. Print outs were provided for everyone to review where the police calls were made.

Greg read excerpts from the 6th District Newsletter. Items discussed on the agenda were 15th Street Pump Station, the National Citizens Survey, Barking dog complaints, Comprehensive Housing Policy, The Aviation Training School, the I-235 Study and the 21st Street Railway Overpass.

Don Strong, our speaker from Triad of South Central Kansas gave a very informative and interesting program about Elder Abuse. The four main forms of abuse are financial, physical, emotional and sexual. Approximately 10% of the elderly are abused in one form or another. He encouraged everyone to be aware of possible abuse and

report it. Many informative handouts were provided.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Coming Up

At our July 18 meeting we will be concentrating on our National Night Out party, which will be on August 1 this year. Please come and lend your ideas and wishes. We want to make it better each and every year. We also want to make our party user friendly for everyone that lives in the neighborhood. We will be having music, food and fun. Maybe we will have some tall tales thrown in for good measure.

NOTE –Meeting Place and Time!!!

We are now meeting at Felipe's Restaurant at 7:00 on the third Tuesday of the month. Felipe's is located at 3434 W. Central which is on the Northeast corner of Central and Joann. Parking is in the front and rear of the building. Many of us are gathering to eat before the meeting. Please join us. You can reach the restaurant by calling 942-9131.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 18, 2006

**Felipe's Restaurant
3434 W. Central**

Neighborhood Officers:

Greg Boyajian..... *President*.....**942-0831**
Susan Evans Bessey... *Vice President*.....**640-9119**
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**

LaPlacita Park Neighborhood Association web site
www.simplyneighbors.com

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.

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 Davidson..... email: cdavidson@wichita.gov
Officer Kyle email: gkyle@wichita.gov
WIN.....260-8000
WIN Fax.....264-9965

*Call the Neighborhood Action Line when you don't know who else to call.

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 or would find interesting? Let us know and we will write about it. You can even write about it yourself and know it will be published correctly, or you can be our speaker and tell us about it at one of our meetings.

Twelve Tips To Protect Vulnerable Adults From Scammers.

1. Register your home and cell phones on the national and state do-not-call list: 888-382-1222. Three months after so doing, any telemarketing call you receive should be considered an illegal act. Anyone who calls you and requests any financial information should be considered a scam artist, regardless of what institution they claim to represent, for legitimate businesses never request such information over the telephone.

2. Be sure that your social security number is not on your driver's license, checks, or other documents to which others may gain access. Guard credit card information, social security number, and checking account information as you do the keys to your house. They are the keys to your bank accounts.

3. Request removal of your name from direct mail solicitations by writing to: Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512.

4. Closely scrutinize all credit card and bank statements for charges that have been applied to your ac-

count without your permission. If you discover such charges, call (785) 296-2424, category 7, boxes 3 & 4 for information on steps to take.

5. Be aware of your 3-day right to cancel most door-to-door sales. Call (785) 296-2424, category 6, boxes 1 & 2 for more information on this topic.

6. Know where to report the abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult – Adult Protective Services Hotline: 800-922-5330.

7. Research charitable organizations before trusting them with donations. Call (785) 296-2424 category 8, box 5 for more information.

8. Check out the complaint resolution history of a company or charitable organization with your local Better Business Bureau. The three Kansas BBB numbers are 263-3146, (785) 232-0454 and (816) 421-7800.

9. Be wary of who is given power of attorney, realizing that much fraud and financial abuse starts with trusted family members. Only sign those power of attorney forms that have been approved by an attorney hired to represent your interests.

10. Consider posting "No Trespassing" and "No Soliciting" signs near property entrances. Immediately point them out and call the police or a designated guardian when the signs are disregarded by solicitors.

11. Never place bank statements, credit card information or any such sensitive financial or personal information in the trash without first shredding or otherwise defacing all account numbers. Do not leave mail in the mailbox overnight or on weekends.

12. Inform your bank's manager that Attorney General Phill Kline participated in a video entitled "Preventing Elder Financial Exploitation: How Banks Can Help" and ask the bank manager to use that tape to train bank tellers on elder abuse.

Office of Attorney General Phil Kline - Consumer Protection Division – Vulnerable Adult Task Force
120 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612-1597 Ph: 1-800-432-2310 24-Hour Info line 785-296-2424



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First Tuesday Neighborhood Crime Prevention Training

Community Affairs officers are conducting FREE crime prevention training in the community the "First Tuesday" of each month through October, 2006.

We will take these trainings to the neighborhoods, and will be in each of the four patrol bureaus twice yearly. These trainings will be two hours in length and will be topic specific. The last 30 minutes of each session will be reserved for general questions.

To participate in the training, you must reply via email to: jseitz@wichita.gov or call 268-4101. Please include your name, address, and contact phone number. Indicate the number of persons that will be attending, and which date you are registering for so we can get you properly enrolled. An email or phone call from our office will confirm your registration after we have received your request.

AUGUST 1 No Meeting! It is National Night Out City Wide -

Kick-Off party, Delano District

SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30PM-8:30PM, Residential Safety/ Security

Atwater Neighborhood

City Hall

2755 E. 19th N.

Looking Ahead!!

August is our National Night Out. If you have ideas or would like to be on the planning committee, call Susan Evans-Bessey, chairperson. We are asking for you to step up and volunteer. We need sponsors, out of the box thinking and volunteers to help make this the best party ever. What do you want the party to be like? What are you willing to do to make that happen? We often hear "No one asked me." Well we are asking you now. Please accept this as a personal invitation to you. RSVP Susan Evans Bessey. Phone 640-9119

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On the Road Again, Again, Again

One more time I will be doing a half marathon. My daughter, Malinda, and I will be going to Anchorage Alaska in August to do Humpy's half marathon. I am asking for sponsors to support my efforts. The pledged money will be for the National Night Out party we will be having in August. Yep, you heard it right, I will be going 2754.1 miles each way to walk 13.1 miles. So, can you help a crazy person help the organization? Please make your checks out to La Placita Park Neighborhood Association and mail them to Amanda Bartel at 3902 W. 11th St. 67203.

Any Ideas?-

If you know someone who would like to give a presentation at one of our meetings or there is someone or something you would like to hear, please call Susan Bessey 944-0677 or one of the other officers listed in the newsletter. We thank all of you for any future suggestions.

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Neighborhood Watch

What is Neighborhood watch? Neighborhood watch is a program of residents working with the City of Wichita, the Wichita Police Department, and other agencies for a safer community. It is usually a one block area where neighbors take the time and effort to look out for one another.

What do I need to do to get started?

1. Call the Neighborhood watch coordinator at 268-4101.
2. Talk to your neighbors and ask about convenient times to meet.
3. Arrange to get everyone together and discuss any problems in your neighborhood. A police officer can attend your meeting with helpful information and brochures.

Who's in charge?

Each block needs a Block Captain and their responsibilities are:

1. Organize residents in your neighborhood.
2. Keep residents informed and interested.
3. Discourage "vigilante" action.
4. Meet with your community police officer occasionally.

For more information on Neighborhood Watch, Please call 268-4101.

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter - Call Linda at 942-0001 and leave a message before the 21st of the month.

Officer C. Davidson Community Policing

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design With many people outside working on yards and landscapes, now is a great time to be thinking about the way you design your landscape can actually deter crime. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, or CPTED (pronounced sep-ted) is a crime control philosophy that attempts to apply physical design, citizen participation and law enforcement strategies in a comprehensive way to protect entire neighborhoods or facilities. The goal of CPTED is the reduction of opportunities for crime to occur. This reduction is achieved by employing physical design features that discourage crime while at the same time encouraging legitimate use of the environment

There are three overlapping concepts in CPTED:

Natural Access Control – This control employs people, electrical and mechanical devices and natural measures to create a perception of risk to offenders and deny them access to targets. It also guides legitimate users safely through the environment.

Natural Surveillance – This involves the location and use of physical features, electrical and mechanical devices, activities and people to maximize visibility. It creates a risk of detection for intruders and offenders, and a perception of safety for legitimate users.

Territorial Reinforcement – This promotes neighborhood pride. It discourages the presence of outsiders by defining private and semi-private spaces, controlling movement of people and vehicles, and assigning responsibility for maintaining all spaces in a neighborhood.

The Wichita Police Department employs CPTED strategies in handling community complaints and creating solutions to reducing crime. The Crime Prevention Unit can provide surveys of homes, businesses, neighborhoods and business districts using CPTED concepts. For more information on how you can schedule for a free home or business security survey contact the Wichita Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at:
Wichita Police Department - Community Affairs Section 455 N. Main, Wichita, KS 67202 268-4101

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✳ ANNUAL MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT/ PTA FUNDRAISER ✳

The **McLean Science and Technology Elementary School** will host its annual "Meet Your Teacher Night" event on Thursday, **August 10th from 6-7:30pm**. The McLean PTA will be offering an affordable family meal provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill. Visit teachers and classrooms after dinner RSVP your number of adult and child dinner reservations and questions to Kathy Darnell at kathydarnell@cox.net.

WSU Sculpture Collection Rated Among Nation's Best

By Shannon Littlejohn

When you work at WSU, you grow accustomed to the life cycles of the sculptures on campus. They get bathed, they get relocated, they disappear for repairs, they pose for photos with graduating seniors. They are so much a part of campus life you almost forget how famous they are.

The art world, however, hasn't forgotten, according to a national magazine whose spring/summer 2006 issue ranks the Martin H. Bush Outdoor Sculpture Collection among the 10 best campus art collections in America.

In its Big Ten double-page spread, Public Art Review casts WSU with Texas Tech, MIT, the University of South Florida, Pratt Institute in New York City, Western Washington University, the University of California, Arizona State University, University of Minnesota, and Johnson County Community College in Kansas.

"We are in very good company," said David Butler, director of WSU's Ulrich Museum of Art who noted that WSU, and in fact all of the institutions listed, get a boost out of the Big Ten honor.

"The national ranking makes a real statement," he said. "It's like being in the Sweet 16, but in different circles it matters even more."

Joan Beren, president of WSU's Board of Trustees and a longtime patron of the Ulrich Museum, was glad to hear the news of the ranking.

"We have always billed ourselves as one of the top collections," she said. "Now it's nice to have the verification."

"This is something that's very close to my heart and it does lend a lot of stature to our campus," Beren continued. "When we go around with the students they realize what a privilege it is to go to school here with such a prestigious collection."

Martin Bush, former director of the Ulrich who amassed many of the more than 70 works across campus, wanted the students to see the real thing and not just learn about sculpture out of a book, Beren said. The sculptors represented in the collection include such artists as Scott Burton, Luis Jiménez, Henry Moore, Louise Nevelson, Claes Oldenburg, George Rickey and Auguste Rodin.

Butler has been a wonderful steward of the collection, according to Beren, and that includes lobbying student government officers for financial help on refurbishing sculptures in need. One tour with Butler, she said, helped them take ownership of the collection and convinced them that refurbishing is a good investment.

The Public Art Review magazine quoted Wichita artist Kent Williams along the same lines:

"When people interact every day with great works of art, they feel a tremendous sense of ownership. Folks who never set foot in a museum can be fiercely possessive about their favorite sculptures ..."

Butler, who is leaving the Ulrich this summer to take a similar position at the Knoxville Museum of Art in Tennes-

see, will leave behind lots of favorite sculptures, he said, including some that are particularly well-situated.

"I like the three women in their location," Butler said of the "Three Women Walking" sculpture by Francisco Zuniga sited near Clinton Hall and the Rhatigan Student Center. "And the Boteros ("Man with Cane" and "Woman with Umbrella" near Jardine Hall) are always fun."

He even likes the big tennis players ("Power Tennis: En Garde and Forehand" by William King) located by the Heskett Center tennis courts. "They just fit," he said.

"Imagine the campus without sculpture," Butler continued. "We're lucky to have the landscaping to go with it. The Physical Plant is fabulous that way."

Butler likes the way the university gardeners connect earth and art to unite space, and what that can do to change a whole environment. The Grafly Garden is intentionally hidden away to create a secret place, he said, and Andy Goldsworthy's "Wichita Arch," one of the more recent acquisitions whose installation was overseen by Butler, has given new life to the graceful land just south of Wilner Auditorium at the 17th and Fairmount entrance.

It remains to be seen how the giant millipede by famed sculptor Tom Otterness will affect the island at the same entrance when it arrives in 2008. While you're waiting, take the online sculpture tour at www.wichita.edu/sculpture. Better yet, schedule a live tour by calling Ulrich education coordinator Aimee Geist at the museum at 978-7116.

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A few minutes later the Boss came into the office and asked, "What are you doing?" I told him I was a light bulb. He said, "You are clearly stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a couple of days". I jumped down and walked out of the office.

When my co-worker followed me, the Boss asked her "...And where do you think you're going?"

(You're gonna love this.....)

She said, "I'm going home too, I can't work in the dark!"

Live well, Laugh often, & Love with all of your heart!

Sleep Tight Everybody!

Back in the 19th century, long before the invention of waterbeds or even box-springs, our fore-fathers usually had to make their own bed frames or they would have the local undertaker/cabinet maker build one for them. These were usually simple wooden frames. In place of a set of box-springs, they would weave rope through the width & length of the bed, creating a kind of net. The mattress was then placed on top of this rope.

Well, even the best rope would have a tendency to stretch out after a couple of nights sleep, making it necessary to tighten the ropes at bed time.... "Sleep Tight," Everybody!

Noise Pollution



Do you like your music loud? Unfortunately, those around you do not. If others can hear your music from 50 feet away, then you are breaking the law.

Due to an increase in citizen complaints....the Wichita Police Department will be stepping up enforcement of City Ordinance 11.38.380 that prohibits loud music.

The City of Wichita encourages you to enjoy your music, but please be considerate of your neighbors and others who are driving on City streets.

Courtesy is Cool!

Taken from a Handbook from the Wichita Citizen's Academy, 2005.

Next Month: Pöblem Properties. Call 265-1635 or email me at mlncarr@cox.net for questions or comments.

Drivers Needed

The American Red Cross needs YOU!

Medical Drivers pick up clients aged 60 and over and take them to medically related appointments. Drivers are given a schedule each morning that tells them the time to pick up the patient and the address to where they are going. The client will call when they are finished with their appointment and the dispatcher at the American Red Cross will let the driver know when to go back and pick up the client to return home.

Medical driving hours are from 7:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you choose to work a half day schedule then the hours are from 7:45 – 11:30 a.m. and from 12:00 — 4:00 p.m.

To "**test drive**" you will need to be at the American Red Cross by 7:45 in the morning. In order to best understand how the procedures work, it would be good if you could "**test drive**" for a full day. Volunteers ride along with a driver until they feel comfortable going out on their own.

Good Neighbor Nutrition Drivers pick up a schedule at 9:15 a.m. This schedule tells the names and addresses of program participants who need to be picked up in area neighborhoods and taken to congregate meal sites for a nutritious lunch, conversation and recreation. These program participants are aged 60 and over. For people that are temporarily home bound, our drivers deliver a meal to their door. Good Neighbor Nutrition Program driving hours are from 9:15 until 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To "**test drive**" you will need to be at the American Red Cross at 1900 East Douglas by 9:15 a.m. and should return at approximately 1:00 p.m.

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LaDonna Norris

