

LaPlacita Park

Neighborhood News

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Notes From Our Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Greg Boyajian, President. The treasurers report was given by Amanda Bartel. Mr. Walt Chappell was a first time visitor to our meeting.

Officer Davidson reported on Beat 15 and there was little activity. There have been some burglaries and larcenys from vehicles.

Officer Kyle reported that it was much the same on Beat 11. He did ask that people not leave cars parked on the street if at all possible. That makes burglary or larceny too easy. Almost all of the vehicles involved in thefts were on the street. Whether on the street or in your driveway keep the vehicle locked.

They gave us the statistics for our area which you can see below.

Terri Dozal, our neighborhood assistant was our speaker. She told us about the many resources available from the center and gave us a guided tour. It was very interesting.

October 28th will be our second neighborhood cleanup. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Crime Statistics for LaPlacita Park Neighborhood

Listed are 90 day (Feb 06 - April 06) & 12 month (April 05 - April 06) crime statics for the neighborhood.

	90 Days	12 Month
Auto Thefts	0	4
Larcenies	9	14
Non Resident Burglaries	2	2
Residential Burglaries	0	3
Robberies	1	1
Sex Crimes	2	4
Vandalisms	8	19

Coming Up

Our speaker for June will be Don Strong of Triad of South Central Kansas. Triad is a program of the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas. It is a community collaboration of community, law enforcement and seniors to successfully resolve elder abuse. He will be speaking on Elder Abuse Prevention and Safety for Seniors.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 20, 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**

These are your officers for the 2005-2006 year.

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.

NOTE –MEETING PLACE & TIME!!!

We are now meeting at Felipe’s Restaurant at 7:00 a.m. 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.

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.

Looking Ahead!!

Summer is almost here and before you know it we will be celebrating the end of it. 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 640-919

Senior Wednesday Initiative Announces Spring Program Schedule

Seniors have a lot to look forward to this spring as eight different institutions continue to offer informational and social programming each Wednesday of the month. The schedule below outlines each venue and the scheduled programs designed for adults over the age of 55.

Free noontime concert in the gallery. Following the concert will be an art project lead by one of the CityArts ceramic instructors.

June 21, 10 am-Ulrich Museum of Art, 1845 Fairmount Street, (316) 978-3664 (Free)Getting It-Abstract Sculpture at Wichita State University Explore abstract works from the nationally acclaimed Martin H. Bush Outdoor Sculpture Collection. Bring your walking shoes! Noon concert & lunch, 1:00 Program-CityArts, 334 North Mead, (316) 462-2787 (Free concert, \$8 lunch by reservation, \$3 art project)Bach’s Lunch – All Satterly Combo, New Orleans funk and surf music. Free noontime concert in the gallery. Following the concert will be an art project led by Kim Lister, one of the CityArts instructors.

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 pledge 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? Please make your checks out to La Placita Park Neighborhood Association and mail them to Amanda Bartel at 3902W. 11th St. 67203.

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Friday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Technology Training Center Classes

June-July 2006 Technology Training Center Classes -
Wichita Public Library

These free classes are designed for ages 13 and up. Advance registration is required as class sizes are limited. To register, call 261-8500 (evenings/weekends, call 261-8510). Classes meet in the Technology Training Center at the Wichita Public Library Central branch, 223 S. Main. Offered through the generosity of the City of Wichita, the Friends of the Wichita Public Library, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

These programs are very popular and usually fill within thirty minutes. It is vital that registration's beginning date be announced. If space does not permit for that additional information, please do not include the listing at all. Thank you!

Web Searching Skills

Wednesday, June 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, June 20. Learn how to find reliable information on the Internet quickly and efficiently with this course. Level II.

Point and Click

Monday, July 10, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, June 27. Learn to use the mouse and keyboard. These skills are the foundations for all computer classes. Level I.

Working with Windows

Friday, July 21, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, July 11.

Learn the fundamentals of working with Windows programs, including saving and opening files. Level I.

Explorando La Red del Internet (Introduction to the Internet - Spanish) Martes 25 de Julio, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Inscripciones empiezan el Martes, 11 de Julio. Llame a la Biblioteca Publica de Wichita al (316) 261-8500. Los fines de semana y por las tardes sírvase llamar al 261-8510. Aprenda como encontrar información fácil y rápidamente en la red del Internet. Nivel II. Todas las clases se reunirán en el Centro de Entrenamiento de Tecnología localizado dentro de la Biblioteca Central, 223 S. Main. <http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us>

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.

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LaDonna Norris

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News From 15 Beat

Officer Glen Kyle

Patrol West Bureau – Community Policing
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 E-mail: gkyle@wichita.gov



**DON'T BE A VICTUM
 TIPS TO AVOID COMMON SCAMS**

- A scam is using deception to obtain money, goods, or services from an unwitting individual. Falling for a scam makes you accountable for the loss.
- If you receive an unsolicited check, money order of other funds, with instructions to deposit or cash it, then wire or send a portion of the money anywhere for any reason, it may be a scam.
- No legitimate buyer will ever send you a check or money order that is written for more than the amount and ask you to send the excess back to them...this is a scam.
- NEVER give out your Social Security Number, Driver's license Number, Bank Account number or other personal information during an unsolicited phone call. Always verify the caller.
- There are NO "Out of Country" businesses that need you help to do business in the United States. Financial institutions know how to convert currency from other countries...NO ONE needs YOUR assistance with this process.
- Anyone capable of receiving a paycheck IS capable of depositing it. NO one needs you to cash their checks for them due to a lack of identification. Any stranger who is willing to give you a part of their money in exchange for cashing a check for them is scamming you. YOU could go to jail.
- True lottery or contest winners are paid by check. You never have to send money back, open a new account or give out account information to receive your winnings.
- ^a Never accept door to door offers until you have verified the legitimacy of the business and the offer. If they pressure you to make a quick decision...IT'S A SCAM.
- NOTHING is FREE. Anytime you are contacted by

someone you do not know or answer an advertisement, **BEWARE!** If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

**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 bureau's 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

Police Getting Teeth Into Saw Swiping

Someone Stole See's Saw.

Harold See's saw was last seen sitting on the seat of his car. Someone slipped stealthily into the car sometime between 3 p.m. Saturday and early Sunday to steal the saw.

See, seeing his saw was swiped, summoned police who said they'd seek a solution. See's saw is worth \$140, See said.

If you see See's saw signal See or send it to him at 1848 N. Ash.

Taken from Wichita paper sometime back.

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Crime Prevention Tips of the Month

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, (316) 268-4101*

First Day of Summer
June 21

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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.

Barking Dogs

City code, sec. 6.04.040 (d)(6) says: It is unlawful for any person to: Keep or harbor any animal which, by loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping or other noise or action, unreasonably disturbs any person or neighborhood within the corporate limits of the city; to effect legal relief, persons so affected directly may sign a complaint in the municipal court.

What's good about barking dogs? Alerts owners of potential problems: strangers, intruders, dog in distress, etc.

What's bad? Other than very annoying, it can cause undue stress for those who are ill, shut-ins, etc. One dog barking usually begets another doing the same. Can create animosity between neighbors, including court action. Indicates a nervous or bored animal. Excessive barking, unless stopped, can be harmful to dogs and could develop into a type of hysteria.

What can owners do? Determine cause of barking and stop it as soon as it starts. Train the dog to stop at the command to be quiet and reward it when it barks for a watchdog reason. Don't leave the dog unattended outside for long periods of time. Dogs are less inclined to bark if a barrier obstructs their view.

What can neighbors do? First, contact the owner and work out a solution. If this doesn't work, you have the right to call 911 if the dog barking is currently disturbing your peace. If you desire to prosecute, once a report is made, you will be given a case number. You must contact the detective assigned to your case and go to investigations and sign a Uniform Criminal Complaint. Officers do not have the authority to go over and make a dog owner stop their dog from barking. It is your peace that is being disturbed. You must be the one to sign the complaint.

WEST NILE VIRUS!! "10 Things you can do to protect yourself"

City of Wichita Environmental Health Department recommendations:

1. Eliminate pools of stagnate water in your yard..
2. Clear debris from curbs and roadside ditches.
3. Repair window screens.
4. Install yellow light bulbs in outdoor lights.
5. Use natural predators to limit mosquito populations.
6. Dress properly.
7. Wear insect repellents.
8. Limit outdoor activity at nightfall.
9. Use insecticides sparingly and carefully.
10. Call the Neighborhood Action line to report trash and nuisances.

Call 529-9999 day or night to report trash, code violations, abandoned vehicles or other problems which can contribute to unsafe conditions.

West Nile Virus (WNV) is spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Usually, the disease causes only a mild illness in people but may cause encephalitis (swelling of the brain), meningitis (swelling of the lining of the brain), or in rare cases, death. The most severe infections are seen in the elderly and people with weak immune systems. WNV is not spread by person-to-person contact and is only spread by the bite of infected mosquitoes. Symptoms usually occur 3 to 15 days after being bitten and include fever, headache, eye pain, muscle aches, joint pain, and a rash on the trunks and swollen lymph nodes, however, most people who are infected have no symptoms or only mild symptoms. Prior infection with WNV is thought to provide lifelong immunity to the virus.





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