

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. A printed copy of the last minutes were in the newsletter.

Officer Davidson reported on Beat 15 and there was little activity. Officer Kyle wasn't available this month.

October 28th is available for a second neighborhood cleanup. It was voted to hold the date until a decision is made whether another cleanup is needed.

Steve King from the City Engineering Office was introduced. He explained the process of having streets paved and/or obtaining water and sewer service.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

NOTE –MEETING PLACE & 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, May 16, 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.

A Note of Thanks

We have had our cleanup to get things all spic and span. It is time to thank all the people who pitched in to help with the work. Betty Seidl, Andrew Seidl, John Seidl, Mike Corrigan, Troy Resko, Norma Resko, Devin Resko, Gene Trimble, Peter Bartel, Del Matney, Linda Matney, Jean Keefer, Susan Bessey, Drew Bessey, Greg Boyajian, Mike Brown, Officers Davidson and Kyle. There were also other personnel from the City of Wichita. They stayed the course when we found that families outside of the cleanup area had left trash on the curbs to clean up. We picked up these areas also even though it wasn't required. It was a lucky thing that we had the time and resources to do so. If we had run out of time it would not have been possible. When we do a cleanup the city provides us with a truck for a specified amount of time and no longer because they have to get to other areas to clean them. So if you see any of these people please stop and thank them for making your neighborhood cleaner.

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.

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.

May 17, 10 am-Ulrich Museum of Art, 1845 Fairmount Street, (316) 978-3664 (Free)

Wallace Berman and the Beatniks – Far Out Man: speaker James Johnson Rediscover the west coast Beat Culture of the 1950s and 1960s through Wallace Berman and the artists, actors and musicians that were drawn to him.

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 and Art Project – Craig Steward, Jazz Free noontime concert in the gallery. Following the concert will be an art project lead by one of the CityArts ceramic instructors.

May 24, 10 am-Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, 204 South Main, (316) 265-9314 (\$2 admission)

City Hall as Museum: 25 Years and Counting By Bob Puckett – video and history of the transformation of the City Building in honor of the Historical Museum's 25th year in this historic setting.

1:30 pm-Exploration Place, 300 North McLean Boulevard, (316) 266-4218 (\$4 admission)

"Chivalry for Children at Heart" Learn about the old codes and understand how to help the younger generations develop their own code of discipline.

June 7, 10 am-Wichita Art Museum, 1400 West Museum Boulevard, 316-268-4921 (\$2 admission, lunch specials at The Spartan Café, reservations recommended) *Superman and Video with Bev Hoover* Take an inside look at Pop artist Roger Shimomura

1:30 pm-WATER Center, 101 East Pawnee, (316) 337-9262 (Free)

Fish Stories: "Tails" of the Past, Present and Future How many fish live in the Arkansas River? Learn the true story about the health of the river based on the fish that live in its waters.

June 14, 10 am-Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 West Zoo Boulevard, (316) 266-8213 (\$4 program fee)

Baby Boomers Joeys, calves, cygnets, lambs and cubs are just a few of the additions we expect to see at zoos this time of year!

1:30 pm-Wichita Public Library, Central Branch, 223 South Main, (316) 261-8500 (Free) *Wichita Blues: In Search of a Unique Style* Jazz historian Pat O'Connor will discuss the history of the blues in Wichita.

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.

Black Traditional Magnet Elementary Is Collecting Boxtops.

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LPNA Member of the Month

This month our featured neighbor is Dan Kilby. He and his wife Donna were one of the founding members of the association. They have lived in our neighborhood for many years and have contributed a great deal to our community. The following article appeared in the Wichita Eagle on Sunday, April 02, 2006.

Studios art

A Wichitan mixes his loves of birding and painting.

By Michael Pearce

The Wichita Eagle

Most spot a cardinal in their yard and see just a red bird. Not Dan Kilby. He'll note the precise contrast of the bird's black mask against its cherry-colored face, and the subtle shade changed flowing down the bird's wings. Kilby will check how high the male bird sits in a tree when it sings, and the exact feather pattern within the crest that raises when a rival male nears.

"You can't just go out and paint birds, you have to know them and have a feeling for them," Kilby said. "It's knowing the details that's made me a better birder, and a better artist.

Most who've seen his paintings and drawings agree Kilby's mixed his two passions into some very impressive wildlife art.

"He does very good work, with a great eye for detail and he's meticulous throughout," said Bob Gress, a local naturalist and widely published wildlife photographer. "You can tell he's an avid birder who's used to looking at the subtle differences between the species." Kilby, 78 said his interest in birding grew from a 1950 ornithology class at Cornell University, where he also had several art classes.

Though he stayed passionate about birding, the need to maintain an architecture career and raise a family in Wichita pushed most thoughts of art to the back of his mind for decades.

It came back into his life in 1990, when Kilby, a charter member of the Wichita Audubon Society, retired. "Rather than do TV, or spend time pulling weeds in the yard, I thought I'd try painting again," Kilby said.

Kilby's work has appeared on the covers of some prestigious birding magazines and catalogs. He's illustrated several field guides, and does commissioned work. Of his estimated 75 to 100 paintings, raptors are his favorite subject because of their speed and power.

To ensure accuracy, he seldom paints a bird he hasn't seen, and prefers those he's seen in their native habitat. Kilby prefers to use pencil, ink and, especially, pastels. "(Pastel) lends itself better to birds because of the texture of the feathers," he said. "Oil's a very heavy medium for birds. It's too heavy for the detail feathering needs."

He said he doesn't head afield planning on finding something to paint, though he keeps careful notes from most birding trips.

Instead, most of his works have started as basic ideas that develop into increased detail as time goes on. He's been mentally designing a painting of a goshawk for about four months. "I've decided I want it in full attack mode, I know that," he said. "But I'm not sure what I want the prey to be. Maybe a flicker. I'll have to get started on that pretty soon."

Once he's within a project, Kilby said he finds great solace and solitude.

"You get engrossed in the thing and hours fly by like seconds. Your mind and your hand just naturally get going together," Kilby said. "You get tired, but it's not the same kind of tiredness most people know."

Recreating things he's seen while birding, he said, helps intensify the artistic experience.

Kilby has no plans on retiring his pastels or binoculars.

It's a lot of work, but it's not like going to work," Kilby said. "It's a great release and a lot of fun. I've been doing them so long it would be pretty hard to tell them apart. I'll keep birding and painting as long as my eyes hold out."

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.

Senior Wednesdays At Sedgwick County's Historical Museum

Seniors age 55 and over are invited to enjoy a special program at 10:00am on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The half-price fee of \$2.00 includes light refreshments before the program and admission to the Museum.

May 24 - "*City Hall as Museum: 25 Years and Counting*" by Bob Puckett. Last in this series of Senior Wednesdays is a video history of the transformation of the City Building, in honor of the Historical Museum's 25th year in this historic setting.

Please call 265-9314 for more information.

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.



News From 15 Beat

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Traffic - This month we are going to talk about something that is on everybody's mind as soon as you get into your car and put your seat belt on, I hope. You might be asking yourself what is he going to talk about this month, it is traffic.

When you first get your license when you turn 16 and can drive on your own, all you could think is, I don't have to have my parents or older siblings drive me around anymore. Yes, I can go to the drive-in for those who are old enough to remember drive-ins on Friday and Saturday night with friends.

Nobody thought that the price of gas would go from 18 cents a gallon to \$2.74 and that we would go from driving 89 mph to 55 mph and now back to 65 mph. Now everyone or almost everyone has a cell phone and it seems they like to talk on them while they are driving.

Then some folks decide to put on make-up or even shave while they are driving. I guess what I'm trying to say is that everyone leads a busy life but when it comes to driving we need to stop everything else except driving. Doing this would greatly reduce the number of accidents and could save a life which could be yours or someone you might know.

Another little fact that I'm sure somebody will not agree with is this, if two vehicles leave at the same time going to the same location and one vehicle drives the speed limit and the other drives 10 mph faster the faster vehicle will only arrive 1 minute before the driver doing the speed limit. So is it really worth it to speed 10 mph over and maybe cause an accident or hurt somebody? If you don't cause that accident, you still could see those RED and BLUE lights behind you, which could affect your pocket book. So let's slow down, stop at the stop signs and red lights, stay off the phone and keep from doing other activities besides driving. Remember there are other drivers on the road so drive defensively.

First Tuesday Neighborhood Crime Prevention Training

Community Affairs officers is 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.

The next training will be on June 6 at 6:30PM-8:30PM. The subject will be Internet Safety. It will be held at the Wichita Water Center, 101 E. Pawnee, (Herman Hill Park)

Sedgwick County Extension Education Center

Garden Tours sponsored by Sedgwick County Extension Master Gardners. For information, call 722-7721.

June 10-11 Garden Tours. Join the "Garden Parade" and learn garden tips by seeing labeled gardens in the Wichita area. \$5.00 per person for 3 gardens. East side gardens.

June 24-25 Garden Tours. Three more gardens join the "Garden Parade". \$5.00 per person for 3 gardens – West side gardens.



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What was the problem before?

Taxiing down the tarmac, the jetliner abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate.

After an hour-long wait, it finally took off.

A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant, "What was the problem?"

"The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine," explained the Flight Attendant, "and it took us a while to find a new pilot."

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 640-9119 or one of the other officers listed in the news.

DON'T FORGET – NEW MEETING PLACE

Our new meeting place is at Felipe's Restaurant at 3434 W. Central.

Meeting time and date is 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

They have welcomed us into their establishment and we want to thank them.

Don't forget!!

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Nile Dilmore, State Representative Reports From the State Capitol

MARRIAGE AGE BILL

BACK TO CONFERENCE

The Senate sent the agreed to compromise on the marriage age bill back to conference committee. When the bill left the Senate, it allowed kids younger than 16 to marry only if they get permission from a judge who decides it is in the person's best interest. The House barred anyone younger than 16, with no exceptions. Both versions of the bill would allow marriage of 16 and 17 year olds with parental permission.

I urged my colleagues to reject the House proposal. The judicial option should be included because there are times when it may be needed, such as when a girl is pregnant. Without the judicial option she would be forced to have a child out of wedlock or having an abortion.

The bill was passed on final action with the judicial option.

CRIME BILL AND PRIVATE PRISONS

As the Legislature labors toward its final adjournment of the 2006 session; a highly touted anti-crime bill is in jeopardy of falling through the cracks because of a much less known squabble over private prisons. Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence, has combined his private prison proposal into the sexual offender bill and has said he will leave the session without the bill nicknamed "Jessica's Law," that would drastically increase penalties for child sex offenders.

The bill was named for a 9-year-old Florida girl who died after a sexual assault. At its heart, the measure would create up to a 25-year prison sentence for first-time child sex offenders. I like many other lawmakers have said the bill is of the highest importance in the session.

But the bill also is expensive. It is expected to put another 1,000 people into prison by 2016 and our prison system already is near capacity. Schmidt's answer is private prisons and he is willing to hold Jessica's law hostage to his scheme. Schmidt has been criticized, however, because a town in his southeast Kansas district has been seeking a private prison to help stimulate its economy.

Current state law does not allow the state or local authorities to contract with private prison operators. Schmidt said his interest in the bill centers on the state's need for prison space. Under the bill, the state could lease prison beds for about the same cost it spends to house people in its own prisons.

The private prison proposal has passed the Sen-

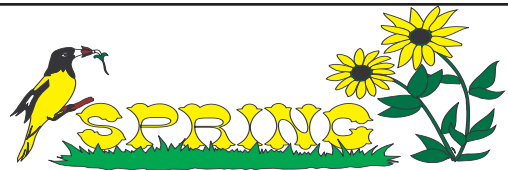
ate. If the measure fails in the House, Schmidt and senators would have to decide whether Jessica's Law could become law without private prisons.

Looking Ahead!!

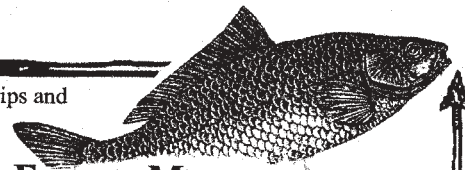
Summer almost here and before you know it we will be celebrating the end of it. August is our National Night Out. We are putting together the committee to plan it now. If you have ideas or would like to be on the committee, call Susan Evans-Bessey, chairperson. We are asking for you to step up and volunteer. 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

Riverfest XXXV, The Big Splash!

The Festival is celebrating its 35th Anniversary this year and as you will see we are honoring the occasion with some favorite events of the past, as well as some exciting new ones. It's 9 days of fun with over 60 events to enjoy, including great musical entertainment, sporting events, traveling exhibits, cultural and historical activities, childrens' activities, river events, shopping, a parade, block party, food court and more! Thank you for purchasing your button and supporting the festival. We hope you enjoy Riverfest XXXV!



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