
LaPlacita Park

Neighborhood News

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Our Mission Statement

To enhance the livability of the area by establishing and maintaining an open line of communication and liaison between the neighborhood, government agencies, and other neighborhoods.

The boundaries of La Placita Park Neighborhood Association are from 13th Street to Central and from West Street to Sheridan.

Coming Up!!

PLEASE NOTE: Because of our National Night Out party, we will not have a regular meeting on August 15. However, we will be back on our regular schedule on September 19. By then the kids will be back in school and the dust will have settled from all the summer activities. Come on out, have a pre-meeting meal and enjoy the program.

Notes From Our Last Meeting

Greg Boyajian, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. No new members were present.

Greg gave the treasurers report in Amanda's absence. The balance is \$123.00.

OUR NEXT MEETING

**No Regular
August Meeting**

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**
Peter Bartel.....*At Large Member*.....**943-0936**
Jean Keefer.....*At Large Member*.....**943-5961**

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www.simplyneighbors.com

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Joyce Lutz. Officer Douty gave the police report. There were 5 auto thefts in the past month.

Plans for National Night out were made. It was suggested and approved that we not start activities until 7:00 pm due to the heat. Ice cream, watermelon and cold drinks will be available. Dillons donated \$25.00 to help defray costs.

There will be no August meeting. The Neighborhood Cleanup will be October 28.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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.

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.

Thank You - Thank You - Thank You

We want to thank the following sponsors who helped make our Night Out Party a success.

Dillon Stores at 13th and West Street

Curtis McBride, Mortgage Consultant at First Equity Mortgage Services, Inc.

Chris Ketzner, Sales Representative at First American Title

Susan Evans Bessey at Keller Williams Realty

Black Traditional Magnet Elementary School.

Be sure to tell them thank you personally when you see them.

We enjoyed excellent music by the "Bennett Brothers" Bluegrass band as well as cold drinks, ice cream and really slurpy water melon. If it doesn't slurp is it really worth it? We also had visits from several Police Officers including CPO Davidson, Officer Douty and Deputy Chief Terri Moses. We will have pictures later.

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.

Wichita Named

One of Best Big Cities to Live In

Date: July 18, 2006

Contact: Van Williams, Public Information Officer

: VWilliams@wichita.gov

: (316) 268-4351

Money Magazine has named Wichita as one of the 10 Best Big Cities to Live In. Wichita was ranked number 9.

Money magazine rated locales that combined the best of city and suburban life. A poll found that ample job opportunities, good schools, and low crime are the most important characteristics people look for in a place to live. Meanwhile, the most disliked attributes are congestion, high crime and lack of job opportunities. They ranked cities on economic opportunity, taking into account income, job growth and affordability; quality-of-life indicators, including risk of violent crime and property crime, quality of public schools, arts and leisure, park space and incidence of stress-related ailments; and "ease of living" gauges such as commute time, divorce rates, population density and weather. They also included housing prices, taxes, ambience, natural surroundings, and vibrancy of town centers and sense of community.

The 10 Best Big Cities and their populations:

Colorado Spring, CO	369,800	
Austin, TX		690,300
Mesa, AZ		442,800
Raleigh, NC		341,500
San Diego, CA	1,255,500	
Virginia Beach, VA	438,400	
Omaha, NE		414,500
Columbus, OH	730,700	
Wichita, KS		354,900
New York, NY	8,143,200	

From the DAB

Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped (KETCH) has requested Tax Credits in order to build 20 apartments that are fully ADA compliant and wheel chair accessible. They will be located on 10th street near Richmond. The complex would be called Richmond Place.

Hawk Enterprises, Inc. requested approval to locate a cell tower for T-Mobile near Porter and 29th streets. Because of the height of the tower and the proximity to nearby homes it was recommended that approval not be given.

The budget for the City of Wichita for 2007-2008 was presented. The proposed budget is aimed at impacting the five core goals that were adopted by the City Council. It was asked that the DAB provide comment.

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 traveling 2754.1 miles each way to walk 13.1 miles. The actual date of the half marathon is August 20. 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. Please include your name and address so we can get a receipt back to you.

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Davis-Moore & City of Wichita Partner on Bicycle Safety Education Effort

Mayor Carlos Mayans and Dawson Grimsley of Davis-Moore Auto have joined together on a public education campaign to alert motorists and bicyclists of proper ways to share the road. This partnership was developed in the wake of the recent tragedy involving two bicyclists and motorist, and the fact that more people are on bicycles during the hot summer months.

The key component of the education effort is through a water bill insert that will begin going to every City of Wichita water customer in July. Customers will begin seeing them starting next week. There are 150,000 water bills. The informational pieces gives 10 tips for both motorists and bicyclists on how they can share the road. The safety tips were provided by the Wichita Police Department. Here are the top 5 tips for each:

Sharing the Road: Bicyclists

Keep to the right of the street or sidewalk and ride single file.

Wear a helmet, no matter how short the trip.

When riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, always give the right of way to the pedestrian.

You must observe all stop signs, traffic signals and signs, as a car would by Kansas State Law.

All bicycle riders must stop before coming out of a driveway or alley.

Sharing the Road: Motorists

Reduce speed when encountering cyclists.

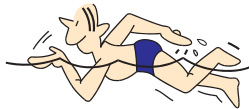
Recognize hazards cyclists may face and give them space.

Bicycles are considered vehicles and should be given the appropriate right of way.

Do not blast your horn in close proximity to cyclists.

Pass with care, leaving three feet between you and a cyclist.

For more information on Sharing the Road, go to the City of Wichita website at www.wichita.gov.



Tips for Seniors:

Protecting your Finances

Check with the Better Business Bureau before you do business with an unfamiliar company.

Be wary of anyone who calls and requests financial information.

Never place bank statements or credit card information in the trash without first shredding.

Be wary of who is given power of attorney.

Do not pre-print your driver's license or SSN on your checks.

Finding Help:

If you or someone you know has been targeted by a scam artist or is a vulnerable adult report it immediately.

If a credit card was used in the transaction you may be challenge the charge in writing to the credit card company within 60 days of the posted charges.

Call the TRIAD Council of South Central Kansas to find assistance available for help. (316) 685-1821 ext. 297

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

School is Back in Session

Watch out for children on their way to school and back home. Be aware of the cross walks and be especially alert for children darting out into the street at any time. Kids get involved in play and don't always remember to look or listen for cars. It is our responsibility to keep our children safe.

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Officer C. Davidson
Community Policing
False Alarms



The Wichita Police Department needs your assistance in reducing the number of false alarms. Here are some tips on how to help reduce the number of false alarms in your residence.

- * Train others who have access to your house such as cleaning crews, children, neighbors, and caretakers.
- * Before you leave your home be sure that your doors and windows are securely locked.
- * Keep pets, fans, heaters, etc., away from motion detectors. Plants and balloons can also set off motion detectors.
- * Notify your alarm company if you plan any renovation projects or utility service repairs.
- * If you accidentally set off your alarm, disarm your system and wait by the phone until your alarm company calls you. DO NOT call 911, only alarm companies can cancel the alarm through 911.

In 2004, City of Wichita emergency personnel responded to almost 28,000 alarms, only about one percent of these were valid. On November 1, 2004 false alarm fines increased from \$28 to \$40 for residential alarms, \$40 to \$50 for duress/panic alarms, and \$60 to \$70 for hold up alarms. Disagreements with an alarm bill should be directed to the Alarm Administrator at 455 N. Main, 4th floor, Wichita Ks, 67202 or at 268-4525 Monday through Friday.

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,

District 1 Carl Brewer 303-8020 cbrewer@wichita.gov	District 2 Sue Schlapp 268-4331 sschlapp@wichita.gov
District 3 Jim Skelton 303-8033 JSkelton@wichita.gov	District 4 Paul Gray 268-4331 pgray@wichita.gov
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 268-4331
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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.

SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30PM-8:30PM, Residential Safety/Security
 Atwater Neighborhood
 City Hall
 2755 E. 19th Street North
OCTOBER 3, 6:30PM-8:30PM, Gang Awareness
 Location TBA

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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Monday September 4th



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Looking Back....

Cessna

At an Oklahoma City air show in 1911, young Clyde Cessna saw his first airplane. Determined to fly, he went home and proceeded to build an aircraft. With no training or experience, Cessna jumped into his homemade craft, took off and crashed. After 14 more crack-ups, the 31-year-old finally mastered flying, making a successful 16th flight. Accepting an offer of work space from a local auto manufacturer, Clyde Cessna moved to Wichita in 1916 to build airplanes. The manufacturer, J.J. Jones, traded space and wood working equipment for the limelight Cessna's airplane would shed on the "Jones Six" car. The auto plant was housed in what is part of the Coleman Company's north plant on 37 th Street North.

Early in 1927, Clyde Cessna and two others formed the Cessna Aircraft Company. Clyde retired in 1936. The company was purchased in 1992 by Textron Inc., a multi-industry company.

Looking Ahead....

Library Master Plan Update What is Being Considered?

The plan is still under review by the Library Board of Directors. Once they adopt a final version of a plan, it will be forwarded to the City Council for endorsement.

By 2011

Create a new 120,000 sq. ft. Central Library in the core area of the City

By 2013

Replace the current Westlink branch with a 22,000 sq. ft. regional library in the general area of the present location (incorporating the current Orchard branch)

By 2016

Create a new 5,000 sq. ft. neighborhood branch library for Southeast Wichita in the general area of Pawnee and George Washington Boulevard (relocating and combining the Linwood branch with the public library services from the Planeview Community Library)

Between 2016 and 2021

Create a new 22,000 sq. ft. regional library in far East/Northeast Wichita (relocating and combining the Comotara and Rockwell branches)

By 2021

Remodel and/or expand the existing Alford, Angelou and Evergreen branch libraries

The Library Board has also affirmed these two principles:

- No closings of current facilities should occur until replacement service is in place
- Selection of sites for any new facilities should be coordinated with Wichita Transit to ensure best access for

residents that rely on transit services

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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Another Good Cause!!!

Looking for work projects!

A trio of people representing the West Heights United Methodist Church Watoto group is raising money for our travel expenses to Uganda in June 2007. Our team will be building a home for eight Ugandan orphans and a housemother. We are willing to do just about anything around your house for a freewill donation to our cause. This includes but is not specific to: babysitting, dog walking, lawn work, painting, cleaning, and errand running. Please call us if you need us! All donations are tax deductible. Call Libbi at 316-737-1785 Thank you!

What is Watoto?

Watoto is a children's mission in Uganda, East Africa. More than 15 million children have been orphaned by the AIDS epidemic. This mission provides family homes for 8 children and a housemother. Once a part of Watoto, the children are provided with an education, medical care, and spiritual guidance. The goal of Watoto is to raise the next generation of Ugandan leaders by placing parentless children in families where the necessary love, care, spiritual discipleship and physical needs are provided. More information on the Watoto mission is available at www.watoto.com.

If you would like to simply make a tax deductible donation, please make your check payable to West Heights United Methodist Church and be sure to put Watoto Travel in the memo area of your check. Send to West Heights United Methodist Church, 745 N. Westlink, Wichita, KS 67212. Be sure to include your correct address and you will receive a receipt for your tax records.

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.

Will, 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!

Tip!!

Remember to look at the label and buy US made products. The job and/or retirement you save could be your own.

Daily Chuckle

The following excerpts are actual answers given on history tests and in Sunday school quizzes by children between 5th and 6th grade ages in Ohio. They were collected over a period of three years by two teachers. Read carefully for grammar, misplaced modifiers, and of course, spelling! Kids should rule the world, as it would be a laugh a minute for us adults and therefore no time to war or argue.

Ancient Egypt was old. It was inhabited by gypsies and mummies who all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert. The climate of the Sarah is such that all the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandos. He died before he ever reached Canada but the commandos made it.

Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines. He was a actual hysterical figure as well as being in the bible. It sounds like he was sort of busy too.

The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a young female moth.

Socrates was a famous old Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. He later died from an overdose of wedlock which is apparently poisonous. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline. More next time.



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