



LaPlacita Park Neighborhood News

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November 2005

Up Coming!!

Our next meeting is November 15, 2005 at Morris Restaurant. We meet at 7:00 p.m. Come and meet our new President, Greg Boyajian.

The Race is Done

The half marathon in Detroit is complete. I ran/walked with my daughter and we had a ball. When the pictures get back I will share them. I want to thank everyone who pledged money to the organization for this. If you haven't sent it in yet or didn't get around to pledging, it is not too late. Make your checks out to LPNA and mail them to Amanda Bartel at 3902 W. 11th Street, Wichita, KS 67203. We really appreciate your support.

OUR NEXT MEETING

November 15, 2005

**Morris Restaurant
1014 N. West St. - 7:00 pm**

Come, learn and enjoy.

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
(*except December*)

Where: Morris Restaurant, 1014 N. West Street

Time: 9 am to 10 am

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.

Department of Environmental Resources

Do you change the oil in your vehicle?

Do you have antifreeze or old gasoline you need to get rid of?

Are vehicle batteries cluttering up your property?

What about paints, solvents, and other types of leftover items?

If you have any of these items, you can take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for free and they will be disposed of properly. It is located at 801 Stillwell (5 blocks south of Kellogg and 2 blocks east of Seneca). They are open from 9-5:30 Tuesday-Friday and from 9-3 on Saturday.

We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity at no expense to you, and no expense to the environment.

¿Cambia el aceite en su coche?

¿Tiene anticongelante o gasolina mala que necesita botar?

¿Hay barías de carro en desorden en su propiedad?

¿Tiene pinturas, solventas o otras tipas de químicas desechadas?

Si los tiene, se puede llevarlos a La Facilidad para Materiales Desechos de las casa. Ellos se pueden botar las químicas apropiadamente, gratis a usted. Está localizada a 801 Stillwell (cinco cuadras sur de Kellogg y dos cuadras oeste de Seneca). Están abierto 9 a 5:30 martes a viernes y 9 a 3:00 sábado.

Aprovéchese de esta oportunidad que es gratis a usted y ayuda al conservar el ambiente.

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.

The Evergreen Branch



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10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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 - Wichita Public Library

Classes are free and open to the public. Advance registration is required: class sizes are limited. To register, call the Wichita Public Library at (316) 261-8500 (evening and weekend number: 261-8510). These classes are offered through the generosity of the City of Wichita, the Friends of the Wichita Public Library, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Unless otherwise noted, all classes meet in the Technology Training Center at the Wichita Public Library Central branch, 223 S. Main, and are designed for ages thirteen and up. For free weekly e-mail newsletters about programs, including news about specific branches, visit www.wichita.lib.ks.us.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 15. Familiarize yourself with Publisher and learn to create brochures, fliers, cards and more. Level II.

Point and Click

Friday, Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. Registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 22. Learn how to use the mouse and keyboard to work with a computer. These skills are the foundations for all our computer classes. Level I.

Working with Windows

Thursday, Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m. Registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 29. Learn the fundamentals of working with Windows programs, including how to save and open files. Level I.

Web Searching Skills

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2:30 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 29. Learn how to find reliable information on the Internet quickly and efficiently with this course. Level II.

10 Things You Can Do To Speak Up and Speak Out Against Racism

1. Challenge Yourself : Look at your own prejudices and stereotypes. Conduct a personal inventory. How were your perceptions and beliefs shaped? Where do you get reliable information about people different from you? What do you know about the history of intolerance in America?

2. Prepare to Grow: Attend a play or concert. Read about civil rights and current events affecting the lives of others. Place yourself in environments that will enable you to increase your level of awareness concerning issues of racism and other forms of prejudice and discrimination.

3. Enlighten Others: Write a letter to the editor or call the television station manager when you see or hear incomplete or inaccurate information. Provide them with the appropriate information or direct them to someone who has it. Don't believe the hype.

4. Take Responsibility: Organize a group of individuals to participate in a dialogue within your workplace, community, place of worship or circle of friends. This may be the first time they have talked about racism and other forms of prejudice.

5. Educate Yourself: Learn terminology and definitions. Know what racism is and what it is not. Take a course on cross-cultural communication, diversity in the workplace or on a culture different from your own. What you fear may be what you don't understand.

6. Do Something: In the face of prejudice, discrimination and downright hatred, apathy and silence are often interpreted as acceptance. Pick up the phone, mentor or volunteer, pick up a paintbrush and cover offensive graffiti. Volunteer to serve on one of the established Action Task Forces or create a new one

7. Say Something: You have First Amendment rights. Prejudice, discrimination and racism should be exposed and denounced. Speak up when you hear offensive language, jokes and slurs. Let people know that it is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

8. Demand Accountability: Be responsible and hold others accountable. Persuade teachers, principals, politicians, and business and community leaders to take a stand against disparate treatment based on race.

9. Invest in What you Believe: Make a financial contribution. Providing and sustaining quality programming

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requires adequate funding. Give a personal gift or one on behalf of your community group, organization or business.

10. Make a Difference: Know that if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. Speak up and speak out. It's your voice and it's your choice. Make a conscious effort to make a difference.

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Salons of Hope, Wichita, Kansas, Cutting Out Domestic Violence

Starting in October 2004, a new program was launched by the YWCA Wichita with a goal of reaching victims of domestic violence at the neighborhood level. The program called Salons of Hope is collaboration between the YWCA and the Wichita Police Department that aims to involve salons in the fight against domestic violence. The goal of the program is to make salons a safe place where victims of domestic violence can receive information and resources for help. The program was endorsed by Kansas Attorney General Phil Kline in August of 2005 who plans to implement the model program throughout the state.

Why Salon Professionals?

Salons can provide an important link between women and the help they need. We know that often women are more comfortable talking to their stylist than they are talking to their families and friends. The "styling chair" is often a place of comfort that makes women feel as though they can speak what is on their minds or talk about their problems. Additionally, stylists are privy to bruises, bald spots, and other signs of abuse that the rest of us may not see. For these reasons, Salons are in a unique position to offer help to victims of domestic violence. Training for stylists will be provided by the Wichita Police Department, City Prosecutor's Domestic Violence Unit, and the YWCA so that stylists are

comfortable talking about and offering help to victims.

Who Can Participate?

Any hair stylist, colorist, barber, manicurist, etc. who works at a salon in Sedgwick County is eligible to participate. As a partner in the Salons of Hope program stylists are not required to make police reports about information a client may confide.

Training Information

Participation and training for Salons of Hope is free! All printed materials, posters, window decals and salon brochures are provided to each salon that completes training. The YWCA and Wichita Police Department will provide trained instructors to provide basic information on domestic violence and specific information on how to interact and provide help to a person who might be a victim of abuse. Training will include:

- Identifying the signs of domestic violence;
- Making a woman feel comfortable enough to talk about her abuse;
- Offering resources and support for women.

How Can You Participate?

To register salon professionals for the upcoming training sessions, or to schedule a training session in your salon, please call the YWCA Administrative Offices at (316) 263-7501

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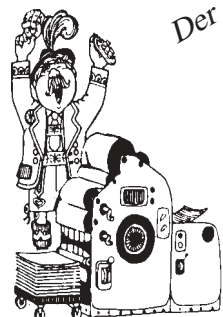
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Community Newsletter

Wichita Department Gang Unit

During the month of September the City of Wichita experienced two drive by shootings, both gang related. Since June of 2005 the Targeted Offender Program has been operating in conjunction with the Gang Unit. Their job duties include monitoring gang members and violent offenders who are on parole or probation, by tracking their activities and status of their restrictions. Thus far the Targeted Offender Unit has assisted in the revocation of the parole, probation or bond restrictions of 145 documented gang members. This means 145 gang members have been sent back to prison due to their inability to follow the rules of their parole.

Since March of 2005, the gang unit has tracked information involving gang related activities. A total of 387 gang members have been arrested for misdemeanor and felony crimes and 118 guns have been seized from gang members. Out of those arrests, 18 gang members have been charged with new felony crimes, including 11 charged in Federal Court for firearms violations. A total of 42 community presentations have been conducted throughout Wichita to help educate citizens about gang activity and what you can do to help. These efforts could not be possible without the continuing information the WPD receives on a daily basis from citizens who want to make a difference in their neighborhood.

On September 20, a gang coalition steering committee meeting took place. Those in attendance decided to hold another meeting before making the decision to go forward with a committee. On October 27, 2005 at 7:00 pm, the committee will meet again. The meeting will take place at Immanuel Baptist Church, located at 1415 S. Topeka. For more information on the meeting, contact Gayle Tenbrook at gtenbrook@ibcwichita.com or 262-1452. You are en-

couraged to attend the meeting and share your opinions on gang issues in your neighborhood.

Recently the SCAT hotline was moved to the Gang Unit. 267-SCA is still the number to contact if you have information about drug or gang activity in your neighborhood. Callers may leave a message in English or Spanish and your information will be totally anonymous if you choose.

Recently new graffiti was observed in the area of 18th and Waco. The graffiti was gray in color and was a representation of the MS 13 gang. The MS 13 gang is an extremely violent gang in other parts of the United States, this is the first time the Wichita area has experienced this type of activity. If you have any information about this gang please call Lt. Jeff Easter at 268-4298. We need to communicate and work together to keep this particular gang from establishing turf in the Wichita area. In the coming months I will provide information about this gang in the newsletter.

These are your officers for the 2005 - 2006 year.

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.

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

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