



LaPlacita Park Neighborhood News

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Things Are Changing!!!!

Our meetings are changing to the third Tuesday of the month starting with the October 18 meeting. Put it on your calendar, tell your neighbor and set the alarm. We are hoping this will be a better fit for everyone's schedule.

Up Coming!!

Election of Officers:

We will be electing our new officers at the October meeting. (Remember it is on October 18, the 3rd Tuesday of the month!!) Our slate as it currently stands is as follows:

Greg Boyajian – President

Susan Evans-Bessey – Vice President

Amanda Bartel – Treasurer

Open – Recording Secretary

Linda Matney - Corresponding Secretary

If you are interested in standing for any of the offices let us know and we will add your name to the candidate slate.

Notes From DAB VI

Improvement to the Intersection of 13th and Mosley was discussed. The project will provide turn lanes on 13th at Mosley. The traffic signals will be upgraded to provide left turn signal phases at all four approaches to the intersection. The District Advisory Board recommended approval of the project to go before the City Council.

Clear Lakes, Inc. came before the DAB to request an amendment to the zoning at Marina Lakes to build a new building which will house a pharmacy, a restaurant with

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.

drive through and general retail between these two. This parcel is located just west of the former Braums restaurant on 21st street.

Community Police Officers reported that 4 juveniles had been arrested which they believe account for at least 56 counts of graffiti. They also reported that the Benjamin Hills area has experienced a 200% increase in burglaries.

Check Out Our Website

Our web site is located at <http://www.simplyneighbors.com> We will be working on it to make it as useful as possible. You can check the site for announcements and updates between meeting times. We will be taking pictures and uploading information about our neighborhood and our association. We are still looking forward to receiving photographs that show historical periods in our neighborhood and the people who came before us. If they are in digital form email them to ljmatney@yahoo.com. Be sure and put LPNA News in the subject line so we will not miss it. You can also call any of the officers listed. Please be sure to leave a number and time when we can reach you.



OUR NEXT MEETING

October 4, 2005

Morris Restaurant

1014 N. West St. - 7:00 pm

Come, learn and enjoy.

I,m Soooo Bored.....

Do you get tired of hearing that? Well, read this.

Introducing Live. Learn. Play! - A New Publication for City Activities

Contact: Jessica Johnson, Marketing Director

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: (316) 268-4351

For the first time, the City of Wichita has entered a partnership with another publication, Wichita Family Magazine, to produce an all-encompassing program guide of activities offered through City of Wichita departments and facilities. This new guide: Live. Learn. Play! will be part of Wichita Family Magazine, and located within the August edition that is distributed FREE through area Dillon's Stores and city facilities. This publication will include class and activity schedules from the following city entities:

Park & Recreation Department (10 area locations)

CityArts

Wichita Ice Center

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City Golf Courses

Great Plains Nature Center

Public Libraries

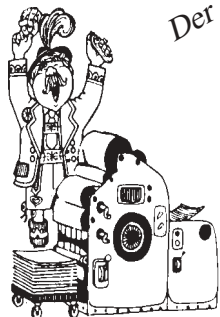
Wichita Art Museum

Neighborhood City Halls

Community Education Programs

"Often times, I have heard the perception that Wichita does not have enough to do," said Mayor Carlos Mayans in his introductory letter in the publication. "When in reality there is plenty to do! It may surprise you when you see that there are over 70 pages of fun and educational opportunities that are offered at no charge or at a low price," he said.

To receive your copy of this new publication, go to your nearest Dillon's Store and pick one up, or have one mailed to you by calling 268-4361. Also, the entire publication will be available online at www.wichita.gov.



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Box Tops for Black

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

Caution

Halloween is coming up and kids will be walking the neighborhoods with costumes and masks. Watch out for them in the streets. They will be excited and may not watch where they are going or remember to watch out for cars. We really don't want to run over any goblins, little or otherwise.

Household Hint

Label glue stuck on glassware? Remove it by coating the area with Mayonaise, vegetable oil, peanut butter or nail polish remover.

TIP!!

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



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Hours: Monday - Thursday,

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.

There are plenty of activities to keep the entire family busy at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas! Special programs in October include a Halloween Film Festival all day on Friday, October 28. Enjoy spooky and funny Halloween movies just right for ages 4-11. Films are rated G and PG; call the Library at 303-8181 or visit for movie titles. Friday, Oct. 28 through Sunday, Oct. 30, the Evergreen Branch Library will also have make and take children's craft projects for Dia de Los Muertos (the Mexican festival Day of the Dead) available. For more information, contact the Evergreen Branch Library or visit the Library's website at <http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us>.

Medicare Changes for 2006: An Information Session

Get all the information you need about the changes in Medicare for 2006. The new prescription drug plan begins January 1, 2006. Presented in cooperation with Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK). Friday, Oct. 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Orchard Park Branch Library, 4808 W. 9th, 337-9084 Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Central Library, 223 S. Main, 261-8500

October-November 2005 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.

Explorando La Red del Internet (Introduction to the Internet - Spanish) Lunes, de octubre el 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Inscripciones empiezan el martes, de octubre el 20. Aprenda como encontrar información fácil y rápidamente en la red del Internet. Nivel II.

Using a Free E-mail Account

Saturday, Oct. 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, Oct. 11. We'll show you how to set up and use your own free electronic mail (E-mail) account that you can use from home or the Library's workstations. Level II.

Web Searching Skills

Thursday, Oct. 27, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, Oct. 18. Learn how to find reliable information on the Internet quickly and efficiently with this course. Level II.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, Oct. 25. We'll explain how to create documents using Microsoft's powerful word processor, including its built-in tools and formatting options. Level II.

Point and Click

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 1. 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

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, Nov. 8. Learn the fundamentals of working with Windows programs, including how to save and open files. Level I.

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.

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Community Newsletter

During the month of August the city of Wichita experienced eight drive by shootings. Out of those cases five were gang related. Five of the cases are still being investigated but the victims are not cooperating with the investigation. Also during the month of August, the Targeted Offender Program revoked 43 gang members' parole or probation due to violating their conditions of parole. Since the TOPS Unit was assigned to the Gang Unit in July, a total of 112 gang members have had their parole or probation revoked.

In 2005, there has only been one gang-related homicide. In 2004, there were four gang related homicides. Currently, drive by shootings have increased by 19 percent in 2005 compared to 2004. However, these numbers are encouraging because in April of 2005, drive by shootings were up 108 percent compared to the same time frame in 2004. Thank you for your support of the Wichita Police Department's enforcement effort.

Several of you filled out surveys conveying interest in being involved with the steering committee of the Gang Coalition. I'm happy to announce that on September 20, 2005, the first meeting of the steering committee took place.

On The Road Again

Linda Matney will be walking another half-marathon in October. The half-marathon course is international -- crossing US and Canadian borders twice -- once via the Ambassador Bridge into Canada and returning to the US via the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. The tunnel offers the only international underwater mile in the world. I am really looking forward to it. I am asking for sponsors again with the proceeds going to help replenish the La Placita Park NA treasury. Please fill out the form below and return it with your check made out to LPNA, Inc. to Amanda Bartel at 3902 W. 11th St. 67203.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Pledge Amount: _____

Thank you very much for your support!!

Hidden Treasure

I was cleaning out some old things the kids had left in their rooms to make them neater for guests. I found the following in a program from the dedication and open house of the new addition in 1977.

Jessie Hunter Black Elementary School was built in 1954 to meet the need of the rapidly expanding West Side and to serve an area that had formerly been a part of the then-rural OK School district, but was not part of the city.

The school was completed on October of 1954 and was occupied immediately by the pupils and staff who had been holding classes on an afternoon shift at Field Elementary School. Leaper and Gilbert were architects for the building. Oscar T. Carr served as principal for 18 years. Upon his retirement in September of 1970, he was succeeded by Harry D. Schmidt.

Dedication services were held on the afternoon of Sunday, November 14, 1954, and were attended by members of the Board of Education, school administrators, staff, and other important citizens of the community. At this time a portrait of Mrs. Jessie Hunter Black, after whom the school was named, was presented to the school by a niece, Mrs. Knorr. Mrs. Black was credited with being the first public school teacher in Wichita,, having taught several years as Miss Jessie Hunter.

The initial enrollment was 300. Through the years, 12 portable classroom units were placed on the school site to provide for expanded enrollment and special services. In 1968, the library was doubled in size.

In November of 1974, Wichita voters approved a \$30 million bond election for improvements at several schools, including Black. After a year's planning by Hollis Architects, renovation and construction of a new addition were begun. Renovation of the office and kindergarten, which were within the existing building, was completed in August of 1976. The old library was converted back to two classrooms. The new addition included five classrooms, library media resource center with conference and instructional areas, instrumental music room, multipurpose room, and rest rooms. Renovation and construction were completed in November, 1976, at a cost of \$642,718. The building was occupied in December, and the need for portables on the school site was eliminated.

I enjoyed reading and remembering so I thought I would share it with you. My next question is, what's in your closet? If you find or remember something neat, please share it with us.

Happy Halloween

Eleven Points to Readiness for Evacuation

1. **PEOPLE:** Have a plan for getting out of the house and make sure everyone knows it. Have an emergency bag of food and water for your family. Include wholesome snacks and treats for the children: dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter, crackers and granola bars.
2. **PETS:** Keep pet carriers and leashes readily available to lead pets to safety. Also take pet food with you.
3. **PICTURES:** Keep negatives or CDs of pictures in a lock box or at a family member's home. Have picture albums in one place ready to grab and go at a moments notice.
4. **PAPERS:** Have all your important papers in a lock box at a bank and only keep copies at the house. This keeps you from panicking. If you have them at home then put them in a folder that you can easily grab if you have to move fast. Color code it so you can find it!
5. **PRESCRIPTIONS:** Take your medications with you. Don't forget the ones that have to be refrigerated like insulin. Have small ice chest and cold packs readily accessible to pack and go. If you have babies; remember their formula or medications.
6. **PURSES and PETROL:** This is where you keep your identification, credit cards and cash. Keep a stash of cash for emergencies and grab it. You may not be able to use an ATM in the event of a power outage. Make sure your car always has a half a tank of gas.
7. **PROPER CLOTHES and COMFORT ITEMS:** According to the weather conditions; gather up a change of clothes along with outer clothing: coats, rain gear, boots, gloves and hats. If you have babies remember diapers. Remember to grab your children's favorite blanket, stuffed animal or toy. A game or a deck of cards could keep them occupied and calm too.
8. **PLANNER/CALENDAR/CONTROL JOURNAL:** These documents have all the information you will need from phone numbers, insurance numbers and important dates. They are small and filled with things you don't have to try to remember.
9. **PERSONAL PROTECTION:** Many of us still have that

time of the month. Be sure and grab a box of your preferred protection. It may be hard to find if you have been evacuated. Stress can cause our bodies to do strange things too. So be prepared. Take medication for cramps too.

10, **PHONES and RADIOS:** Many of us have cell phones now. Always keep them charged up and have a charger in the car or an extra battery. They may not work in the event of power outages, but then they might. Know which local radio station has emergency bulletins. Keep your battery powered radio tuned to that local station and have plenty of batteries for it.

11. **PATIENCE:** This is one of the most important things to pack. Keep it inside of you so that you have a clear calm head. Having your P's to Preparedness list guiding you will keep you patient. In the event of an evacuation there will be lots of displaced people. Being patient will make things less stressful. Your children need to see you calm and collected. This will help keep them calm too.



Condolences

Condolences to Jerry Dvorak and his family on the loss of his father.

Dvorak, Frank J. Sr., 95, retired farmer, passed away Thursday, September 8, 2005. Preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gladys; granddaughter, Kathryn Newby. Survivors: sons, Frank J. Dvorak Jr. of Norman, OK, Don E. Dvorak of Bullhead City, AZ, Jerry L. Dvorak. Larry D. Dvorak both of Wichita; daughter, Mary A. Simmon of Sedgwick; brother, Adolph Dvorak of Wichita; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren. Memorials to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice.



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
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Two Kansas Roads Highlighted for Their Natural Beauty

Governor: "Kansans have known about beauty of these areas for a long time".

In a ceremony today in Washington, D.C., U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta announced the designation of two Kansas scenic byways – the Flint Hills Scenic Byway and the Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway – as National Scenic Byways. They were two of 45 byways nationally to receive the federal designation today and the first ever for Kansas.

The Flint Hills Scenic Byway runs along K-177 from Council Grove to Cassoday, and the Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway comprises sections of K-4 and K-156 and county roads connecting Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.

"We've been working hard to promote tourism and create jobs by highlighting everything Kansas has to offer," said Governor Kathleen Sebelius. "How fitting these beautiful areas get national recognition, confirming what we've always known in Kansas. Anyone who has driven either of these routes knows about the picturesque scenery and wildlife."

"From the natural beauty of the Flint Hills, to the remarkable number of birds and other animals around Cheyenne Bottoms and the Quivira refuge, our state really is as big as you think," she continued.

Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Deb Miller congratulated the local committees for their successful efforts in completing the nomination packages.

"The selection of our byways for the national designation means they will be added to a national scenic byways map and will draw attention and visitors to these unique and important areas of our state," Miller said. To be selected for federal designation, the nominated route must be of regional or national significance in terms of one of six intrinsic qualities: scenic, historic, cultural, natural, archeological or recreational.

The Flint Hills Scenic Byway was nominated for its scenic qualities. The byway traverses the Tallgrass

Prairie, the last large remnant of untouched prairie in North America. The Wetlands and Wildlife Scenic Byway was nominated based on its natural qualities. This byway focuses attention on the Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge wetlands. Both are important migration points for hundreds of thousands of birds.

National byway status provides higher priority eligibility for federal scenic byway grants. The designation also enables the byways to tap into the National Scenic Byway Program's international and national marketing activities.

A third Kansas route – the Post Rock Scenic Byway located along K-232 between Wilson and Lucas – also was submitted for the national designation but was not selected.

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

Neighborhood Officers:

- Linda Matney..... *President*..... **942-0001**
- Susan Evans Bessey... *Vice President*..... **640-9119**
- Joyce Lutz..... *Recording Secretary*..... **942-3106**
- Amanda Bartel..... *Treasurer*..... **943-0936**
- Greg Boyajian... *Membership Coordinator*... **942-0831**
- Paul Keck..... *At Large Member* **946-5722**
- Peter Bartel..... *At Large Member*..... **943-0936**
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These are your officers for the 2004-2005 year.

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