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A Newsletter to Promote Communication and Pride Within Our Neighborhood **January 2006**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...by Kathy Gutowski

Farewell

As many of you know we lost our SGNA President Maurine Willis on December 3. She had some health problems over the last six months but her death was unexpected. Our hearts go out to Berle and his family at this sad time.

Maurine's leadership as SGNA President since July 2000 was invaluable as she lead us through the playground and sidewalk projects. Spring clean-up, garage sales, the holiday decorating contest and many safety enhancements all came about on her watch and have made Sherwood Glen a better place to live. Not only has the neighborhood lost a great champion but we have all lost a wonderful friend.

November Meeting

Our guest speaker at the November meeting was Frances Lewis, a Red Cross volunteer, who had recently spend three weeks in the New Orleans area. She told of driving a big ole truck, loading and unloading supplies, long hours, primitive living conditions and eating MRE's. She brought pictures and answered questions from the audience. This gave us a real good first-hand look at the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina.

Christmas Decorating Contest

There did not seem to be as many lights out there this year. With all the warm weather we've had this fall, maybe it just didn't seem like Christmas. Our prize winners for 2005 were as follows: 3606 N. Clarence (John Crippen), 3653 N. Meridian (Joe and Peggy Knight), 3908 N. Amidon (Angela Rotola) and 3924 Sullivan (Corey Coker). Other displays worthy of note were 1714 W. 36th St., 3645 N. Meridian, the 3800 block of Somerset, 3801 Woodrow and 4043 Friar. Thanks to all of you for making Sherwood Glen a little bit brighter at this holiday season.

In order to spread the wealth SGNA policy dictates that a cash prize cannot be awarded if the residents at that address won a cash prize the year before, so if you didn't win this year, "there's always next year. "

**JANUARY 2006 SGNA GENERAL MEETING IS BEING CANCELED
TO GIVE THE BOARD SOME TIME TO REGROUP AND DECIDE HOW
TO PROCEED UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP.**

CITY/COUNTY CONTACTS

- Neighborhood Inspector 268-4481
- Animal pickup and control, Department of Community Health, 268-8473
- TallWeeds, Department of Health, 268-8351.
- Hazardous materials disposal, 268-8351.
- Pot hole repair, 268-4060
- Parks Department 268-4222.
- Wichita City Council 268-4331
- County Commissioner's office 660-9300.
- City Manager's office 268-4351.
- County Manager's office 383-7575.
- Police-North substation, 688-9500.
- Officer Gary Morris, 303-8044

SGNA Monthly Calendar

Last Tuesday of the month:
SGNA Newsletter input deadline.
E-mail Terry Weatherson, recrid2@juno.com with any articles or ideas.

2nd Tuesday: 7 p.m. SGNA Board Meeting. Lasts about 1 hour.

3rd Tuesday: SGNA General Meeting. At the Law Enforcement Training Center, 2235 West 37th North. Usually 90 minutes or less.



Special Appreciation

I would like to add a few thoughts to Kathy's Farewell message above. I have worked closely with Maurine and Berle Willis since 1999 on various neighborhood projects. I have rarely seen a married couple work more closely together than these two. They were a team in the truest sense. I would like to acknowledge a few more of Maurine's contributions to the neighborhood but please keep in mind that everything Maurine and Berle did was assisted in some way by the other.

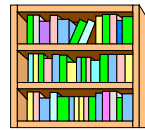


Maurine served on the District 6 Advisory Board for several years under Council Woman Sharon Fearey. This is a volunteer position and Sharon asked Maurine to serve 2 terms.

When the Neighborhood Association voted to renew the playground at the LETC we needed to do some fund raising. Maurine and Berle are known to many of you because they knocked on more doors, walked more blocks and raised more money than anyone else. When the playground was complete, she planted flowers, pruned trees and picked up trash routinely.

In addition to running the monthly SGNA general meetings she also held the monthly SGNA board meetings at her home. If you had a problem with SGNA you probably spoke to Maurine and while she may not have agreed with you she treated everyone fairly.

If this list were complete it would easily fill another page. I felt it was important to acknowledge that Maurine and Berle Willis have given this neighborhood an enormous gift. Thank You



Go Around the World in 87 Days

Read six books from different continents and enter to win prizes! January 3 will mark the beginning of the 3rd Annual Adult Winter Reading Program at the Wichita Public Library. This year's theme, Around the World in 87 Days, encourages readers to explore the world during the 87 days of the Library's reading program.

After finishing each book, readers have the opportunity to enter their name in monthly drawings for prizes. Once participants have read six books from either three or six continents, depending on their choices, readers can enter their names into the grand prize drawing. All who finish the program will receive a gift bag with prizes the first time they finish.

Neighborhood Watch

It's time for many blocks in our neighborhood to make a New Year's resolution to put that neighborhood block in place on your block. Every week the Neighbors West section in the Thursday paper points out how easy it is to get one in place. We can help-Contact Jack Lee 838-4897 or Liz Weyman 838-7103. Let's really make an effort to get it done this year. I hope everyone read the last Neighbors West section of the year that listed all the Neighborhood Associations in the city. SGNA wasn't the first, but we started pretty early and there are many all over the city now. What stems out of the Associations are neighborhood watches. That's the catalysis I believe for the associations. You are the glue that makes it a good strong neighborhood. THINK ABOUT IT!!! Let's get it started.

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Kansas Day Program

A Kansas Day program will be held at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, January 29, at 2 p.m. Generously underwritten by Ludeman Insulation and Supply, Inc., this program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Jim Hoy, Professor of English at Emporia State University, will present "Home on the Range: Kansas Folklore," an exploration of the customs, traditions, stories, crafts and songs of our folklore that both bind us to our neighbors and distinguish us from them. Through slides, stories and songs, Dr. Hoy will share the occupational, ethnic and regional cultures of the Sunflower State.

Professor Hoy's presentation is supported by the Kansas Humanities Council, a non-profit organization that conducts and funds programs to promote a better understanding of the history, tradition and ideas that shape the lives and communities of Kansas.

The Historical Museum is located at 204 S. Main. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sidewalk Snow Blower

After the recent snowfall I was walking on the sidewalk having some difficulty getting thru the snow. Several people had obviously been having the same difficulty. It occurred to me that if I had a snow blower I could make one pass down the sidewalk and more daily walkers could enjoy their walks. If you have a snow blower you would loan or rent please give me a call. Terry Weatherson 832-1895 after 5pm or e-mail recrider2@juno.com

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Pet Considerations for Winter

During the winter months you need to take time to ensure that your pets enjoy a happy, healthy winter season.

Housing: It is best to keep pets indoors during the winter months, but if this is not possible, outdoor pets must be provided with shelter. Their home should be elevated off the ground to prevent moisture accumulation and have a door of some kind to keep out winter winds, sleet, and snow. Shelters should be insulated or heated. Water sources may be heated to permit constant access to unfrozen water; thermal units designed 2006 specifically for this purpose are readily available. Outdoor pets require extra calories to keep warm feed your pet according to its needs when the temperature drops. In severely cold or inclement weather, no pet should be kept outside. Indoor pets should have sleeping quarters in a draft-free, warm area with their bed or mattress elevated slightly off the floor.

Roaming cats, as well as house pets and wildlife, may climb onto vehicle engines for warmth during cold weather. Be sure to check under the hood before starting your vehicle and honk the horn to startle any animals seeking shelter inside.

Chicken Noodle Dinner

St. Paul's United Methodist Church will hold their 60th annual chicken noodle dinner on Saturday, January 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The cost if you pay in advance is only \$7.00, and if you pay at the door it is \$8.00. (Children 6 years and younger eat **FREE**).

The dinner is served family style - all you can eat, homemade chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, bread and butter, pies and other desserts, fruit drinks, coffee, tea and water. Carry out is also available. No waiting in cold weather to be served. The church address is 1356 N. Broadway, Wichita. Phone number 267-3263.

Bridge Lights

Maurine and Berle Willis had planned to put lights on the Woodrow bridge again this year but it was not to be. I received a call from Troy Hagerman about the time of Maurine's death and he told me he had the bridge lights and along with Tom and Maggie Keehn they were going to put them up that night. He ask if I would help. I said I would be there in 10 minutes. I recruited my neighbor Don Maxey and the group put up the bridge lights in about 1 1/2 hours. Thank you all and thanks to our neighbor on the NW corner of Woodrow & 37th for letting us use their electricity. Neighbors working together in honor to Maurine.

Terry Weatherson



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