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Sherwood Glen Neighborhood Association News

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER...by Kathy Gutowski

We had a nice turn-out for the general meeting on the 21st. It was good to see some faces we hadn't seen in awhile. Of course, we'd love to see some new faces as well.

Make plans now to attend our next **SGNA** General Meeting — Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m., at the LETC — when our guest speaker will be Steve Gradert from the Public Defender's Office. With his years of experience he should have lots of information to share with us about how his office functions.

February Meeting Aimee Geist, Education Coordinator at the Ulrich Museum, told us about "Senior Wednesdays." This joint venture coordinated by the local museums; the Wichita Public Library, City Arts, the Sedgwick County Zoo, and the Water Center, provides an opportunity to learn about art, animals, health, history and your environment, as well as enjoy concerts and participate in activities for little or no cost. (I heard something about donuts and lunches too.) This great program makes me wish I were retired so I could attend.

Change of Location Due to the closing of **MOR** restaurant on West Street, Sharon Fearey will now be available to meet with residents on the 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Evergreen City Hall at 2700 N. Woodland. I hear donuts may also be involved!

Beat 49 Update **fic@M** Morris was unable to be with us for the February meeting. However, there have been some incidents in the neighborhood that are worthy of note: (1) Theft of a credit card application and social security card from a home on Friar, (2) Broken window on Woodrow; (3) Telephone scam where someone calls and says you have been selected to receive money; and (4) a pair of very aggressive vacuum cleaner sales persons. **Reminders**

(1) don't leave doors unlocked, (2) stand your ground if someone tries to enter your home and you don't want them there or they make you feel uncomfortable; (3) beware of callers saying you have won something, (4) don't give out personal or credit card information except to trusted sources, and (5) call 911 if something seems suspicious.

Upcoming Events

- March 21** –SGNA General Meeting— Steve Gradert - Public Defender's Office
- April 18** –SGNA General Meeting— Pam McCutcheon - The Clutter Cutter
- April 20-22** - SGNA Garage Sales
- May 6** - Neighborhood Clean-Up
- May 16** –SGNA General Meeting— Sharon Fearey - District 6 Councilwoman
- June 20** – SGNA General Meeting – Trees for Life and SGNA elections.
- July** -- SGNA General Meeting – Center for Human Functioning (Wichita Domes)
- August** – National Night Out

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.
- **Reminders** 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.

Neighborhood Notes

From Berle Willis (SGNA Vice President)

I think you will enjoy our SGNA General Meeting March 21st. MrSteve Gradert is a Public Defender in the Federal Court. Steve will give us an idea of how and why he became a lawyer. Steve will talk about some of the famous and also humorous cases he has worked on.

We also have a bonus speaker this month. I convinced my exercise instructor from Health Strategies to come speak on the benefits of maintaining strength. Don't panic, she is just going to talk about exercise. No sweat!! See ya there.

The Wall

By Roger Tennyson

This is just a little update on the progress of our committee to get a noise abatement wall installed along I-235 and K-96 bordering our neighborhood along the north and west. The committee has worked hard over the last year to find good information on the issue at hand. We are sorry to say that in September of 2005 our Committee chairperson Mark Voges moved from the neighborhood.

KDOT informed us that before the new Northwest Expressway can be built, K-96 between Meridian and I-135 must become a 6 lane highway. Our next step is to write a proposal to present to our City Council regarding the current need for noise abatement due to the traffic that has increased since the last Noise Abatement Study in the year 1976. KDOT has told us in the past that a noise abatement wall would only be considered if other work was being planned for this segment of the highway. If we are going to get the wall, now is the time.

If you are interested in helping with this committee please call me at 838-5598 after 6pm.

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Special Spring Break Activities: Exploration Place

Monday, March 20 - Saturday, March 27

Spend your spring break at Exploration Place during fun activities each day — including a finale of the “domino wizard” and world-record holder, Robert Specá’s domino topple of 10,000 dominoes! Watch our Web site for details about each day.

March 20, 1 - 3 p.m.: Kansas Archaeology Day — with WSU’s Dr. Hughes (who helped us restore the Kellogg mammoth tusk)

March 21, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Sand Castle Building Competition

March 22, Raytheon MathMovesU Day

March 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Our Best Friends — a day of dog-related activities

March 24, noon - 5 p.m., Domino Topple Part I

March 25, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Domino Topple Part II

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From Your Fourth District County Commissioner

In late January the Sedgwick County Commissioners held their yearly retreat to discuss matters they felt would be of importance in the near and distant future. There were many issues discussed including Workforce Development, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council findings, Visioneering update, affordable airfares, the arena, Homeland Defense Center, Cultural Funding including Cowtown and Exploration Place, Casino issues and solid waste. That's a lot of ground to cover in a few short hours. But I have to admit, I really got a lot out of this session. The retreat is an open meeting, so all five commissioners can get together and speak freely on issues that at times can get complicated.

I have been on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council since I took office last year, and there have been many heated debates over the building of a new jail vs. implementing alternative programs to keep folks out of the jail. After many months of discussions and researching, it has been made pretty clear that both a new jail and alternative programs will have to be done for a long-range solution. The Commission has approved for the preliminary design of the jail addition, and also to start figuring out which alternative programs could be started immediately to help alleviate the overcrowding of the jail, which is an immediate concern. Some of the alternatives we are looking into are a day reporting facility, mental health diversion and court, District drug court, pre-trial services expansion, court case flow analysis, and approved release process. Of course all these programs will take some time to initiate, and of course have a cost associated with them, but overall, for a long-term solution, I believe we are on the right track.

On the Workforce Development part of our session, we discussed the importance of Technical education and training and how the Sedgwick County Technical Education and Training Authority plays a role. There have been quite a few different agencies providing training over the years and the goal is to develop an education facility and delivery system that is easier for both employers and students to access. I believe we have a lot of work to do for that end result and I worry that some elements of vocational education are being ignored. I will continue to voice these concerns as we move forward with any plans.

I have appreciated all the emails and calls I get from you and hope you will continue to relay your concerns with me. My email is lburntnet@sedgwick.gov (my name has two t's at the end, but our email only allows for 1!), or call me at 660-9300.

Commissioner Lucy Burnnett

Neighborhood Projects

By Terry Weatherson

During the January SGNA board meeting we discussed possible projects to enhance the neighborhood and here are three that floated to the top.

The Pond has been enhanced greatly by trimming the trees, installing two picnic tables, installing drip irrigation for the 20 new trees, the sidewalk and bench, and stocking with fish.

1. Rock the Banks. When the ground is wet the banks are muddy and slippery so rocks would improve the safety and also improve the looks of the pond.

2. Fishing Dock. A small fishing dock would also enhance the looks and appeal of the pond.

3. Pedestrian Bridge north of the existing one. Our pedestrian bridge at Woodrow and 37th links the two sides of our neighborhood for walkers, joggers and bikers. If we had another pedestrian bridge at the north end of the Woodrow canal then perhaps it would encourage more walking, jogging and biking. All of these projects would make this neighborhood a nicer more desirable place to live.

I have contacted Scott Lindebak with City of Wichita Storm Water Maintenance about these projects. Scott maintains both the pond and Woodrow canal. He told me that SGNA does not need City Engineering's approval for the rock or dock but would need elevation approval on the bridge.

If you have ideas or suggestions e-mail me at recrider2@juno.com.

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