



Southwest Village Neighborhood Association

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QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

August 1, 5-9 pm
National Night Out - Southwest
Community Church

August 8, 7 pm
Ice Cream Social - Wildwood
Park

August 12, 9 am
District IV Breakfast

September 9, 9 am
District IV Breakfast

September 12, 7 pm
Neighborhood Meeting

October 10, 7 pm
Neighborhood Meeting

October 14, 9 am
District IV Breakfast

FUTURE EVENTS

November 11, 9 am
District IV Breakfast

November 14, 7 pm
Neighborhood Meeting

*Meetings are the
2nd Tuesday of each Month
Southwest Community
Church,
3214 S. Edwards*

National Night Out August 1st

A community National Night Out will be held August 1st, from 5 until 9 PM or so at the Southwest Community Church, 3214 South Edwards Street. The event this year is being co-hosted by the Southwest Village Neighborhood Association and the Southwest Community Church. Hamburgers and all beef hot dogs hot off the grill along with the fixings, chips and soft drinks are free. The air-conditioned fellowship hall and other facilities will be available for those that want to escape insects, heat and possible rain. Or if you should like, indoor games (cards) or just visit and get to know your neighbors. For the young and young at heart we will have karaoke, the moonwalk and possibly a full feature cartoon in the sanctuary. This is all free and everyone in the Southwest Village Neighborhood Association area is invited, so come and enjoy an evening out with your family and neighbors and make some new friends. Please RSVP by calling 943-8251 and leave a message as to how many will be there..

Also, we would like to have a board member come and visit each block party to address any concerns you might have. If you could let us know when and where your party will be we will make it by. You can email us at swvna@yahoo.com.

Ice Cream Social on August 8th

Southwest Village Neighborhood Association would like to invite you to attend our Ice Cream Social on August 8th at 7pm at Wildwood Park. We will have games and activities for the kids. Our Community Police Officers and Firemen from Fire station 12. Our guest speaker will be Miss Kansas Michelle Walthers.

The Ice Cream will be provided by Schwans. We are hoping to have live entertainment and are looking for local, family friendly talent who would be interested in performing for this event. If you know of anyone please contact one of the board members. Hope to see you there!

Letter From the President:

Hi Neighbors! August will be a busy month in your Neighborhood. Just checkout the articles about the National Night Out and our Ice Cream Social in this newsletter! I hope to see you all at these events.

Your Neighborhood Association is strictly a volunteer organization. The Board Members, your neighbors who deliver this newsletter and those who organize and plan everything from the Christmas Party, collecting goodies for our troops on Veterans Day, the Ice Cream Social and the Cleanup Day are all volunteers. Nothing happens without our volunteers. We need each other's help to make our Neighborhood a better place to live.

We did not have our annual Cleanup this spring because of the lack of volunteers. The City of Wichita will provide the trash trucks, skids and even the drivers free of charge, BUT only if we have enough volunteers to make the cleanup successful. Is there anyone who would like to help on next year's cleanup?

Also, would you like to have your newsletter a little sooner? Volunteer to help deliver them to the houses in your area. We are running short of deliverers because of people moving, health reasons, etc. See the article later in this newsletter.

Get involved...volunteer...come to your meetings...let's make our neighborhood better.
What do you think of our new logo??

Be safe out there!

Thanks,

Dick Kovich, President

Trash Service Update

We have reached our first discount level for a quarterly rate of \$48.99. The more contracts we receive, the greater the discount. If you would like to fill out a contract but do not have one you can email rtsa@krustybean.com, you will receive an automated response with the Residential Trash Service form as an attachment. If you do not have access to email just call one of the board members and we will get you a copy. Remember; send the completed and SIGNED form to SWVNA, 3254 S Custer, Wichita, KS 67217.

Free Doughnuts!!!!

Get a FREE dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts for every dozen you buy.

We have punch cards that are good for 10 dozen FREE doughnuts: you buy a dozen and get a dozen free. Each punch card costs \$10, of which \$5 goes directly to our neighborhood association. These cards are good until 2008, so you have plenty of time to use them. You can purchase your card at any of our monthly Neighborhood meetings or by calling Tabitha Lehman at 942-8634.

Very Informative and it Works!

Click on the site below and enter your address, and a map will pop up with your house as the small icon of a house... and red, blue, yellow and green squares surrounding your entire neighborhood.

Schools will also be marked with an icon

When you click on the squares, a picture of a person will appear with an address and the description of the crime he or she had committed, and the distance from you.

You may be really shocked at how many criminals live in your neighborhood! This site was developed by John Walsh from "Americas Most Wanted". <http://www.familywatchdog.us/>



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Alert

One of our Southwest Village Neighborhood officers has seen this man recently trying to sell APEX security systems in our neighborhood.

According to APEX this man is an imposter and is looking for information on your security system for your home! He has a uniform and badge but is not from APEX. Here is a quote from the APEX company website: www.apexalarmco.com/

June 2006 WARNING - BEWARE! June 2006

Apex Security, Inc. has recently been contacted by law enforcement informing us that there have been incidents where a "door to door" salesman has been attempting to sell alarm systems using the familiar Honeywell name (equipment mfg.) and introducing themselves as APEX ALARM or using some similar name.

Apex Security, Inc. does NOT market security systems door to door and we have no field reps or salesmen authorized to do so. If you want security equipment or information from Apex Security, you must contact us directly.

BEWARE OF ANY DOOR-TO-DOOR ALARM SALESMAN - particularly one asking about your home security status. **DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY INFORMATION! REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE.**

Police Getting Teeth Into Saw Swiping

Someone Stole See's Saw.

Harold See's saw was last seen sitting on the seat of his car. Someone slipped stealthily into the car sometime between 3 p.m. Saturday and early Sunday to steal the saw.

See, seeing his saw was swiped, summoned police who said they'd seek a solution. See's saw is worth \$140, See said.

If you see See's saw signal See or send it to him at 1848 N. Ash. *Taken from Wichita paper sometime back.*

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 ne for the. These were usually simple wooden frames. In place of a set of box-springs, they would weave rope through the width and length of the bed creating a kind of net. The mattress was then placed on top of this rope. Well, 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!

Help! Help! Help!

Deliverers are needed! We need you to walk your street about 4 times a year! You usually have about a two-week time period to get the newsletters out to your neighbors. The following streets are in need of a deliverer!

North of 31st: Richmond - 31st to Wildwood, Cul-de-sacs off Richmond - (Richmond Ct., Sunnybrook, Southgate & 30th street), 27th, Anita, Dallas, & Crawford.
South of 31st: McComas, Sheridan, Mt. Carmel, Edwards, Richmond, Cul-de-sacs off Richmond -(32nd, & 33rd from Richmond to Meridian)

If you live on one of these streets and can help, please call Karen Engquist at 942-1391. If you do not live on one of these streets, like to walk and would like to help, please call Karen Engquist at 942-1391!

This is your neighborhood & your newsletter; please help us get them out!

The SWVNA Website

We are constantly updating and changing information on our website so don't forget to check it out! www.simplyneighbors.com

City of Wichita

District IV Neighborhood Breakfast

Please join City Council Member Paul Gray and Neighborhood and Business leaders for breakfast. Come in and discuss issues that concern you or just have breakfast and chat with your neighbors. (Sorry, you have to buy your own breakfast.). We meet at 9:00 am on the second Saturday of every month at Dianne's Breakfast and Brunch on the southeast corner of 31st and Seneca (adjacent to Quick Trip). So, mark these dates on your calendar: August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th and December 9th.

Confused About the Election?

August 1st is the Primary election for Sedgwick County; November 7th will be the General election. Many offices will be on this ballot that will effect our area...including Governor, Lt. Governor, State Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, District Court Judges, Secretary of State, State Representatives, State Treasurer, US Representative and Precinct Committeeman and Woman for both the Democrat and Republican parties.

There have been many changes made this year to the precinct boundaries as well as the polling locations. Because of this, there will be confusion as to where you are supposed to go to vote. I strongly urge to you find out your precinct and polling location before Election Day!

If you have received your voter identification card you will find this information on the card---if you have misplaced the card this information is also available online at www.sedgwickcounty.org/elections. On the website you will find many valuable tools for the election, including candidate listings for each office as well as interactive maps to help locate your polling location as well as your district and precinct. If you do not have access to the Internet you can call the Election office at 660-7100. Please remember that this is a very busy time of year for them, be patient and polite, even if you don't like the information you receive!

If you wish to vote in advance, beginning July 19th you may vote at the Election Commissioners office located at 510 N Main, Suite 101. On July 27th, 28th and 29th there will be advance voting at several locations around Sedgwick County.

We hope this information saves you some frustration on Election Day. Don't forget to VOTE and thank your poll workers!



Your Southwest Village Neighborhood Association boundaries.

If you reside, own property or conduct business in this area, you are a member of our association.

Need To Advertise Your Business in a target area? We can help

We publish the Southwest Village Newsletter, The Riverside Booster, The Midtowner, The Benjamin Hills Monthly Newsletter, La Placita Park Neighborhood News, The 37th Meridian, South Central Progressive, Uptown Neighborhood Newsletter, The Hilltop Newsletter, South City, South Area, Orchard Breeze, Longview, East Mt. Vernon, Schweiter East, Park City Post, North East Heights, Mead and The Valley Journal

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Drivers Needed

The American Red Cross Needs YOU!

Medical Drivers pick up clients aged 60 and over and take them to medically related appointments. Drivers are given a schedule each morning that tells them the time to pick up the patient and the address to where they are going. The client will call when they are finished with their appointment and the dispatcher at the American Red Cross will let the driver know when to go back and pick up the client to return home.

Medical driving hours are from 7:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you choose to work a half day schedule then the hours are from 7:45 - 11:30 a.m. and from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

To "test drive" you will need to be at the American Red Cross by 8:45 in the morning. In order to best understand how the procedures work, it would be good if you could "test drive" for a full day. Volunteers ride along with a driver until they feel comfortable going out on their own.

Good Neighbor Nutrition Drivers pick up a schedule at 9:15 a.m. This schedule tells the names and addresses of program participants who need to be picked up in area neighborhoods and taken to congregate meal sites for a nutritious lunch, conversation and recreation. These participants are aged 60 and over. For people that are temporarily home bound, our drivers deliver a meal to their door. Good Neighbor Nutrition Program driving is from 9:15 until 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. To "test drive" you will need to be at the American Red Cross at 1900 E. Douglas by 8:15 a.m. and should return at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Sound like something you could do?

Call Lois Bohanon at 219-4090 to "Test Drive".

**A mind that has been stretched
will never return to its original
dimension.**



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Senior Wednesdays at the Sedgwick County Historical Museum

Seniors age 55 and over are invited to enjoy a special program at 10:00 am on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The half-price fee of \$2 includes light refreshments before the program and admission to the Museum. Members are admitted free.

July 26 - "African American Migration to Kansas" by Gerald Norwood - a slide talk about the late 19th century settlement of Blacks in Kansas and Wichita.

August 23 - "Chester I. Lewis, Wichita Champion for Civil Rights" by Dr. Gretchen Eick - a slide lecture and exhibit documenting the work of the attorney who led local and national NAACP efforts for racial equality. (More about Chester I. Lewis: Sunday, September 24, 2:00 pm, exhibit reception with guest speaker Dr. Ronald Walters, University of Maryland Professor of Government and Politics and Chet Lewis Mentee.)

September 27 - "Story Quilts" by Ethel Abrahams - a local quilter's show-and-tell of quilts celebrating children, family tradition, and cultural diversity.

October 25 - "Monsters Amuck at Home and Abroad" Bob Walterschied's excerpts from his *King Kung Fu* movie about the karate-chopping giant gorilla and Dr. William Tsutsui's take on the enduring phenomenon of Godzilla, atomic mutant.

For more information please call 265-9314.

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* ANNUAL MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT/ PTA FUNDRAISER *

The **McLean Science and Technology Elementary School** will host its annual "Meet Your Teacher Night" event on Thursday, **August 10th from 6-7:30pm**. The McLean PTA will be offering an affordable family meal provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill. Visit teachers and classrooms after dinner RSVP your number of adult and child dinner reservations and questions to Kathy Darnell at kathydarnell@cox.net.