

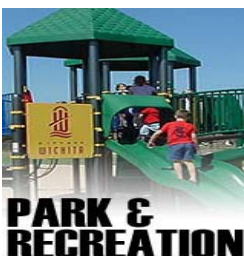
# DISTRICT II NEWS

## New District II Fire Station—Station 20

Great News the fire station is near. District II will have a new fire station located at Kincaid and Greenwich in 2008. The basic design of the facility has been completed and reviewed by the City of Wichita Design Council. The design of stations includes a two bay station, one apparatus (an engine), staffed by four personnel (a Captain and three Firefighters) on each shift. The design of the station



will also allow staff and the number of apparatus to be increased to address future response needs. The main exit for the emergency vehicles and the public parking entrance will be on Greenwich. The entrance to the back of the station and employee parking will be on Kinkaid. The station will also have an 'operations center' attached to it. An operation's center is an area that will be used during the mitigation of larger emergency incidents that might occur in Wichita. This center will also serve as a meeting room. Please stay tuned for information as it becomes available.



A park for District II is also on the horizon. The new park will be located at Greenwich & Central. Council Member Schlapp has worked diligently to get the park moved up in the CIP and has accomplished that by identifying \$100,000 for design work in 2008 and \$2,000,000 for the completion of the project by 2010.

Stay tuned for more information and updates on this development.

# Who should you contact for city services?

Do you know who to contact when you have a concern. You can call the City of Wichita Action Line at 529-9999.

**Environmental Service  
268-8351**

Tall grass & weeds, debris & scattered trash, inoperable and/or abandon vehicles, most salvage & bulky

waste, and animal services.

**Central Inspection  
268-4481**

Parking illegally in required front yard, parking on unsurfaced or improperly surfaced area, R.V.s, boats and trailers improperly located on private property, improperly located "stored" autos on

Private property, working on cars, illegal home occupations, and signs improperly located (on city right-of-way).

**Planning Department  
268-4421**

Zoning cases

**Public Works  
268-4422**

Major construction questions, street sweeping, street maintenance, traffic maintenance, street services, and storm water utilities.

**Police—Patrol East  
688-9331**

*What is a Neighborhood Association vs. a Homeowner's Association?*

**What is a Neighborhood Association?**

Usually a specific issue provides the rallying point for a group of neighbors to come together with the idea of forming a Neighborhood Association. A strong neighborhood is a valuable tool in maintaining healthy communities. Neighborhood organizations bring together people of diverse backgrounds, who share common concerns for their safety, properties, homes and community interests. Neighborhood organizations help City staff and elected officials identify and resolve issues and concerns in a particular area. There is strength in numbers – having a unified voice can make a difference.

**What is a Homeowner Association?**

An HOA is an actual business entity and normally is organized as a "Not for profit" organization. It is subject to all of the same filings that other nonprofit organizations are subject to including annual reports, tax returns and business classification. The mandatory homeowners association is the cornerstone of a planned residential community. It gives continuity to the community, it preserves architectural integrity and it helps to insure the proper upkeep and maintenance of amenities like pools, ponds, waterfalls, fountains, playgrounds and clubhouses.

Mandatory HOAs are a concept of residential home ownership. Purchase of a home in a covenant community brings with it automatic membership in the homeowners association which is governed by documents called "Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions," (CCR) that are part and parcel with the title and purchase of the property. These covenants govern each member's participation in the association including mandatory obligations, financial responsibilities and the assumed commitment to abide by the written rules of the HOA including fence types, roofing materials, paint colors etc.

When properly managed it promotes the "community" concept and helps protect the property values of homes within the community. Homeowners associations make it possible for residents to enjoy amenities in their neighborhood that they may not otherwise have including walking and bike paths and swimming pools (as an example due to affordability or available land). Homeowner associations can help to facilitate communication between residents, improve security and beautification within a planned community.

