

District IV Neighborhood News

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McCormick Neighborhood Association considering expanding boundaries

McCormick Neighborhood Association is currently in the process of revitalizing their neighborhood association. McCormick has been conducting bi-monthly meetings over the last few years and with an average attendance of six people.

The association has been working with the Neighborhood Assistant for District IV to attract new members. McCormick Neighborhood Association was provided with a list of the registered voters that lived in the boundaries of the area they are considering expanding to. Those new boundaries would incorporate K-42 on the west to Kellogg on the north to McLean on the east and then May on the south. The last meeting they conducted there was approximately thirty people in attendance.

In June they will conduct a special meeting to plan the general meeting in August. At the August meeting they will hold elections for the executive committee

and review the current by-laws of the organization.

This meeting will also coincide with the summer fair that is currently being planned for August 22, 2005.

If any other neighborhood associations would like help in revitalizing their organization please feel free to contact Brandon Kauffman at 303-8007. The voter registration list is a great way to market your neighborhood association to people in your respective areas that are actively engaged in their community. People who vote are more than likely willing to become involved in community affairs.

This method has worked for the McCormick Neighborhood Association and could also help your neighborhood association.



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District IV Neighborhood Breakfast

Council Member Gray has initiated a breakfast for anyone in District IV to attend. The breakfast is on the second Saturday of the month at Diane's Breakfast and Brunch, which is located at 31st and Seneca, next to the Quik Trip.

All residence in District IV are invited to attend the breakfast.

It is an informal breakfast and allows people the time to ask

Council Member Gray about any issues that are before the City Council or present any problems affecting their neighborhood.

The breakfast start at 9 am, please join and participate in the discussions.



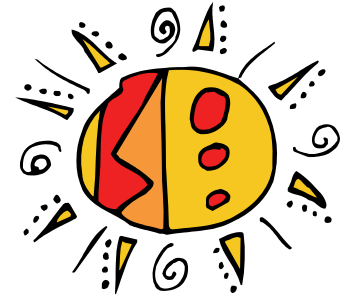


Osage Spray Park Grand Opening

The Osage Spray Park grand opening is scheduled for July 23, 2005 at 10:00 am. The spray park will have a number of water features for the kids of all ages to enjoy.

City officials will be present to dedicate the spray park and officially open for the community to enjoy. The spray park cost \$400,000 for design and construction and is replacing the pool that the City of Wichita closed a couple of years ago.

Please join community and neighborhood residents to celebrate the grand opening of the Osage Spray park on July 23, 2005 at 10:00 am.



Water Bill Payments

Water Bill Payments are now being accepted at your Neighborhood City Hall. A drop box is located outside of the Stanley-Aley Neighborhood City Hall located at 1749 S Martinson. Payments are accepted in check or money order form only as the Neighborhood City Hall does not have the capabilities of accepting cash payments.

Stanley-Aley Neighborhood City Hall Closure

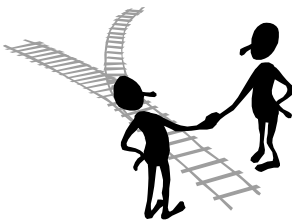
Stanley Aley Neighborhood City Hall will be closing during the summer months of June, and July. Due to school construction for the bond project that was passed by voters Stanley Aley NCH will be closing for the summer. The Neighborhood City Hall officially closed on May 27, 2005. The Neighborhood City Hall is planned to reopen on the 1st of August.

District Advisory Board Meetings will consequently be moved to a new location during this transition time.

The District Advisory Board meetings will now be held at Lionel Alford Branch library for the months of July and August. Lionel Alford Branch Library is located at 3447 S Meridian near 235 and Meridian.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the closing of the Neighborhood City Hall please contact us at 303-8007.

Interested in Forming a New Neighborhood Association?



Contact your Neighborhood Assistant if you are interested in forming a Neighborhood Association.

Forming a neighborhood association is a valuable tool for protecting your neighborhood and also solving many of the area problems by working together. By utilizing available resources neighbors can join together to create a preferred vision for their neighborhood and develop a plan to reach those goals.

So why organize your neighborhood? Some of the following points are valid

arguments for forming a neighborhood association:

A unified neighborhood is a strong force in maintaining healthy communities.

Neighborhood organizations bring together people of diverse backgrounds, with common concerns for safety, properties, homes and community interests.

Neighborhood organization help City staff and elected officials

identify and resolve issues and concerns.

There is strength in numbers—having a unified voice can make a difference.

If you are interested in forming a neighborhood association, please contact your area Neighborhood Assistant, Brandon Kauffman, at 303-8008.

Community Spirit Festival

Stanley Aley Neighborhood City Hall will be hosting a community spirit festival on August 22, 2005. The community spirit festival will have a number of activities for kids and adults. The event will take place from 3pm to 8 pm and will be held in conjunction with the "Meet your Teacher" night hosted by Stanley Elementary.

There will be static display of police and fire equipment, activities for kids, and informational booths. The event is open to all residents of the City of Wichita and is primarily targeted to the City Council District IV.

We hope that you are able to join us as we celebrate community in the great City of Wichita. Please mark your calendars for August 22, 2005 and come and enjoy the fun and entertainment.



Neighborhood Patrol Program

The City of Wichita offers a number of programs that give citizens the tools to become actively involved in the betterment of their neighborhoods. One of these tools is the neighborhood patrol program.

The neighborhood patrol program is setup through the City Manager's Office. This program provides the necessary resources for citizens to understand how they can utilize government services to stop blight in their neighborhoods. The program is run annually and when enough applications are

received to do the training a date and time will be setup.

The training focuses on street and personal safety, rules and regulations, identifying suspicious activity, nuisance control and abatement, and other relevant information.

The City of Wichita provides an id badge for those who choose to participate in the program. Individuals who choose to participate in the program must fill out and application that may be mailed or faxed by calling the City Manager's Office at 268-

4351. Individuals will also be required to pass the necessary police background check to do the training program. If you are interested call the City Manger's Office for more information.

Sign up for E-Gov Tools on City of Wichita Website

The City of Wichita recently created a tool for citizens to sign up for email notifications when items of interest are posted on the website. Citizens may now sign up for the new service on the City of Wichita's website.

When individuals sign up they may then choose what types of information they would like to receive. For example, if an individual would like to know when the Council minutes,

District Advisory Board IV agenda and minutes are posted they can click in the bow next to the information they would like to receive. Once that information has been posted, the individual will receive the email notification. You may then click on the link in the email that you receive and it will take you to where the information has been posted.

This tool will increase the com-

munication between government and its citizens and allow for timely access to valuable information. If you are interested in the services please visit the website at www.wichita.gov. On the first page you can sign up by clicking on myWichita.





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Stanley-Aley Neighborhood City Hall is located at Stanley Elementary School at 1749 S Martinson. The Neighborhood City Hall offers a number of opportunities for citizens to connect to city services such as large and small meeting facilities, free internet services, Environmental Health officials, Office of Central Inspection Officials, Community Police, and Park and Recreation officials. Stanley-Aley NCH also houses the monthly District Advisory Board meeting, which gives citizens the opportunity to voice their opinion to their district Council Member on issues of importance. The District IV Advisory Board is held on the first Wednesday of every month and City staff present information regarding various issues concerning citizens in the City of Wichita.

If you have any questions or concerns about your neighborhood please contact Brandon Kauffman at 303-8007 or bkauffman@wichita.gov.

Sign up for Citizens Academy Online

Citizens Academy is an eight-week interactive program geared toward learning about the City of Wichita. Through informative and interactive presentations and interesting tours that focus on City departments, participants will become familiar with the structure and functions of city government.

Graduates of Citizens Academy will gain a greater knowledge of government affairs and will also become more effective citizen leaders. Citizens Academy is held biannually with a session starting in the Spring and one in the Fall.

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: The first three sessions will be held at City Hall, 455 N Main. Later sessions will be held at City facilities throughout the community.

Cost: Free! There is no admission cost or registration fee.

Note: Each class is limited to 70 participants and we must fill every seat. If we receive your application after the class is full and registration is closed, we will reserve a place for you in the next Citizens Academy.

For More Information: Contact Brandon Kauffman at 303-8007 or email bkauffman@wichita.gov.

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Online Signup:

Go to www.wichita.gov

Then click on the City Manager Office on the right hand side of the screen. Then click on Neighborhood Services and on the right hand side you will see Citizens Academy. Click on that and then click on the Citizens Academy Online form. Once you reach this point you may fill out the application and then submit. You will then receive a letter confirming that your name

