

Summer 2009

Fairmont Neighborhood

FAIRMONT NEWS

New, NEW, New!

This winter we sustained water damage at our old location on West Main making the building no longer inhabitable by the Neighborhood Association. After a few months of floating about, we landed at our *NEW* location on Douglas Avenue. We are excited to be in the "old Station 5" building on the corner of Douglas and North! This new building offers tons of space for an office, meeting room, recreation room, kitchen and more! We are getting settled into the new space and you should expect to see renovations and changes over the next few years to make the building "our own".

We have been meeting at the new location since May and hope you will attend one of our upcoming events? Monthly meetings of the Neighborhood Watch are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. We have many representatives from Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety present at Neighborhood Watch to take any questions and for you

to report your crime prevention concerns. Our Community Policing Officer Greg Magnan is always on hand to help with residents needs.

We are not having a meeting on August 11th, instead will be meeting at our annual National Night Out against crime celebration. Please join us for an Open House celebration during our National Night Out gathering on August 4th at 6pm. Information on National Night Out is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Please become an active member in our neighborhood and help to keep our homes safe and our neighborhood beautiful? We hope to hear from you at our *NEW* phone number if you have any questions?

NEW Phone #: 345-3395
NEW email address:
FairmontNeighbor@att.net,
NEW address is 619 Douglas Ave,
Our website remains the same at
www.FairmontNeighborhood.org

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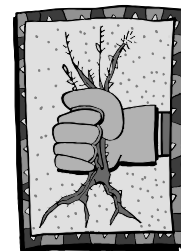
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Free! Help Available

YOU Summer Youth are available to help you with outside projects in your yard. They can remove brush, rake, help clean up, and more! They are available Monday through Friday from 8am until

noon. To schedule their help, please call us and let us know when the crew leader can call you or come by to see that needs to be done. Call us at our new phone, 345-3395 and leave your name



and number. Youth are out working daily, please look for them in your area.

Protect Yourself & Your Home

As reported recently by NewsChannel 3, we have seen a Citywide increase in crime. Since this time last year, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety is reporting a 30% increase in home break-ins. We hope you will take a few simple steps in hopes of avoiding a break in.

Officer Greg Magran, Fairmont's Community Policing Officer reminds us how we can help prevent being the next victim.

- Always lock your doors and close your windows while not at home.
- Don't leave expensive items that are easy to steal (**LAPTOP COMPUTERS**) next to your windows.
- At night after parking your vehicles, don't leave expensive items in plain sight within the passenger compartment.

• **Call public Safety** when you are visited by unknown guests who claim they are looking for someone or say they have the wrong house. Many times (not always) these are folks "scouting out" the area to see if you are home. We like to at least get these individuals identified.

• Don't be fooled by the weary traveler going door to door with the red gas can, claiming that he is out of gas and needs only a few bucks.... It's hogwash! You can always refer him to Public Safety!

• **Always call the police** if you think there is something suspicious going on. Remember it doesn't have to be you as the victim to call the police... The more watchful eyes the better.

• If approached by a stranger for cash, tell them you don't have any! If someone needs help, refer them to the Gospel Mission.

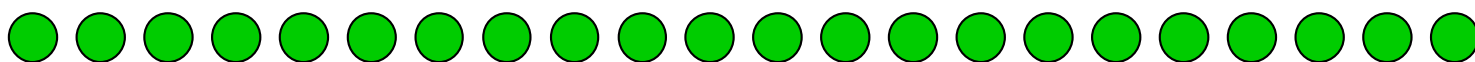
• Do NOT let anyone have your cans or bottles! If you give your returnables to them, they will come back when you are not home and help themselves to more than just bottles!

Students, this information is for you, too! If you have any questions, please call the neighborhood center at 345-3395. Public Safety Non-Emergency number is 337-8994 and Greg can be reached at 337-8312.

Remember, call in ALL suspicious activity to help prevent crime!



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our neighborhood by choice.



New Computers Soon!

We lost our computers for public use when the neighborhood center had water damage this winter. We have been informed that we will be getting new computers within the next month. These new computers are going to have wireless internet access and word processing

programs. Come use the neighborhood computers to surf the web or get help updating your resume. Any neighborhood resident is invited to come by and use them!
Please call us at 345-3395 for more details and to find out when they are up and running!

National Night Out Against Crime 2009

It's that time of year again for us to get together to help stop crime!

National Night Out 2009

**Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00pm
at the NEW Neighborhood Center
at 619 Douglas Ave.**

Join your neighbors and friends as we enjoy a meal together and embrace crime prevention efforts.

There will be fun for the kids, tours of the new Neighborhood Center, visiting with neighbors, information from Public Safety, and much more!

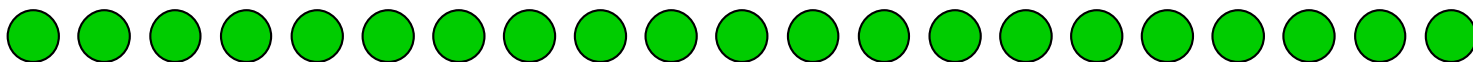


National Night out is a Nation Wide event where people gather to embrace crime and drug prevention. More information on NNO can be found at their website at:

www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/

Hope to see you there!

We will provide hot dogs and drinks, and hope you can please bring a bag of chips or "dish" to pass such as potato salad, fruit or dessert - (if you can!)
Please come even if you don't have an item to pass!



☺ We would love to hear your suggestions for this newsletter.

☺ If you would like to receive this electronically, please email us at:
FairmontNeighbor@att.net.

☺ Have an idea for the neighborhood? Share it with us by calling or emailing, or by attending a Board meeting!

Curbside Recycling **CHANGES!**

All areas in our neighborhood are now on Monday!



Monthly Large Trash Pickup **CHANGES!**

All areas of the neighborhood are now on the 4th Monday of each month

Holiday Open House and Board Elections will be held on December 8th. Please consider a position on our Board of Directors? We need volunteers to fill vital positions to be able to continue to help in the neighborhood.

Thanks to the 2009 Board!

Joy, Jason, Brian, Reyna, Jake, Aaron, and all the others who regularly attend meetings and help with the Neighborhood Association!

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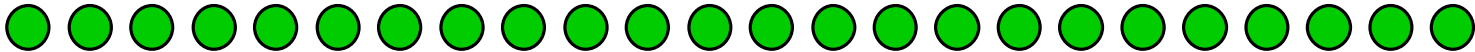
Building Blocks 2009

We recently wrapped up another successful year of Building Blocks in our neighborhood. Program participants enjoyed help from their neighbors to complete exterior home improvements paid for through generous grant donations! Folks enjoyed putting up new fences, painting, fixing windows, new front doors, yard improvements, planting trees, flowers, and shrubs, and more! Look for their efforts on Douglas from Summit to Alamo and on Alamo from Douglas to Denner. We enjoyed having these neighbors get to know each other and lend a hand on one another's projects.



Advertise with us!
 Reasonable Rates,
 Great exposure!
 Call 345-3395 for details.

Thank you Building Blocks of Kalamazoo for your continued funding, Jake Tenharmel for again acting as project supervisor, and all the neighbors who participated in this years project making it a success!



Contact Information

Abandoned/Junk Vehicles 337-8312
 Animal Control 383-8775
 Central City Parking violations 342-6383
 Inspection Services 337-8026
 Blight/ below code interior
 Silent Observer 343-2100
 Curb lawn/Trash Violations 337-8221
 KVET suspected drug activity 337-8880
 Broken Street Light 1-800-477-5050
 Public Services: 337-8215

Public Works Potholes/ branches in street 337-8002
 YWCA Domestic Assault 385-3587
 Public Safety Non-emergency 337-8994
 Community Policing Officer 337-8312
 Metro Transit 337-8222
FAIRMONT Neigh. Office 345-3395
 Computer use/Neighborhood
 concerns/Building Blocks/etc
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