Kalamazoo Eastside Neighborhood Association  (KENA)
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Newsletter for June & July 2018

Mission
To improve and enhance the physical, social and economic environment of the Eastside section of the City of Kalamazoo, Michi-
gan to the ends that the community may have a more pleasant, attractive, safe and convenient place to live and work; And that the City of Kalamazoo will prosper by having a first-rate community in its Eastside.

Hours Open: Mon.-Thurs., 11am—4pm


From the Desk of the Director
Your support is needed now! It is vital to make the Kalamazoo Eastside Neighborhood Association the organi-
zation you need it to be – an association that best serves YOUR needs!
KENA works for you by convening other eastside residents to discuss common interests and concerns, develop common goals and deliver cooperative community action. We do this with your support. And it is with your sup-
port that we will be able to continue to support our residents, assist with resolving issues and empower everyone to raise the quality of life to the level every eastside resident aspires to achieve.
Your support with assist us with maintaining our building to keep – and improve our computer lab that serves eastside residents, keep our office equipment working to ensure residents are able to fax and make copies when needed as well as allowing us to produce hard copies of our quarterly newsletter on demand.
Enable us to hire staff to facilitate outreach and increase our ability to address resident concerns
Your gift of time will positively impact resident’s lives today and for many years to come. You will be helping fan the flames of the spirit of the community and help us continue to work towards having a safe, vibrant and beautiful neighborhood for generations to come!

Our current goals are to:
Continue to encourage youth opportunities by being in regular communications and supporting organizations that serve our youth here on the Eastside.
Continue to work on revitalizing our E. Main corridor and supporting our small businesses while finding ways to attract more family-friendly businesses to our side of town
Attract a more diverse leadership in our board of directors
Set annual fundraising goals
Have an annual evaluation of our fund development plan
Have annual evaluations on how the neighborhood association is doing implementing our programs
Our current budget of $50,000 goes to support the following activities:

Keeping the building open and staffed for you and the following activities:
Our 2018 programs:
National Night Out – Annual Open House – Summer Feeding Program – Fresh Foods Initiatives - Harvest Fest – Annual meeting; Board elections
We are currently supporting:
Eastside Youth Strong – Summer Youth Employment – Small Houses project –Pocket Park Initiative – Easel Summer Science Camp – Building Blocks Continuation activities – Support of the revitaliza-
tion of Rockwell Park – the Development of a Pocket Park on the corner of E. Michigan & Phelps – and whatever activities residents want to see happen this year.

Please let us know where you can help out by calling the office and thank you for supporting your neighborhood!
## June 2018

### Calendar

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**Eastside Residents! Notice on the 2nd Tuesday of every month:**

6:00 - 6:30 pm Eastside Neighborhood Watch  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Kalamazoo Eastside Neighborhood Association Bd Meeting  
Meetings are open to all residents, bring your questions, concerns, and good ideas!  
Location: 1301 E. Main  
Call: 269-381-0700

**St. Mary’s Summer Classic Drive-In**

Free Entry and admission to see the cars  
Classic Cars * Food * Music * Family Fun  
Blessings of Cars @3pm  
Date: June 3rd, 2018  
Time: 2-6 pm  
Location: St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 939 Charlotte Ave. Kalamazoo

**About Summer Food Service Program**


The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was created to ensure that children, 18 & younger, in our neighborhoods could continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs. The SFSP, also known as Meet Up and Eat Up, is operated at the local level by program Sponsors and is administered in Michigan by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Health and Nutrition Services.

**Dates:** June 25th to August 16th (except for July 4th)  
**Days of the week:** Monday to Friday  
**Time:** 12:30-1pm
Eastside Small Homes
A community of affordable small homes is being developed on properties at East Michigan and Foresman. The area has an attractive combination of natural wooded areas close to the downtown urban core. Each small home will range between 600 - 1,000 square feet, allowing for one or two bedrooms, bathroom, full basement and garage. Homeowners will benefit from the energy efficient, or net-zero design, intended to minimize energy consumption and save on future utility bills for homeowners.

Pocket Place Celebrates Nature, Art & Culture
The “Pocket Place” will be shared space around the homes. It will include a walking path, native plantings and art elements – connecting neighborhood residents to high quality natural environments, opportunities for environmental learning and opportunities for residents to contribute to the design of the space. There will be an Eastside welcome sign created by a local artist, a labyrinth with entry arbor and high canopy shade trees, landscaped berms for interest and activity, a walking path, native and annual plantings, and spaces for rotating art in collaboration with local partners & artists.

Free! Eastside Walk-About the Neighborhood
Taking care of yourself is a big deal and walking is an easy way to start! Anyone interested in walking around the Eastside is welcome to join! This walk will include the beauty of Sherwood Park, an outside view of the first “Tiny Home” in Kalamazoo, and more.

Date: Every other Tuesday, June 12th & 26th
Time: 10 to 10:45am
Location: 1301 East Main, Eastside Neighborhood Association
Call: 269-381-0700

E-Net Coalition Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month, June 21st, 12:30pm to 2pm,
Location: St. Mary’s, Fr. Bart Hall, 939 Charlotte
E-net: A coalition including residents, individuals, churches, businesses, agencies, organizations and all those passionate about making the Eastside Neighborhood a great place to live, work and play.

Come share your voice and bring your talents as activities continue to enhance the quality of life in the Eastside. Check out the Sherwood Park Spruce up day! June 16th see page 6
Eastside Youth Strong (formerly the Kalamazoo Center for Youth & Community) is offering the Eastside Arts and Science Experiential Learning (EASEL) 2018 summer program for Eastside youth in grades 1st - 5th grade. Class is limited to 20 Eastside youth and is filling up fast.

EASEL will be held:

June 25 – August 3, 2018
Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm,
at the Eastside Neighborhood Association, 1301 East Main, lower level.

Call Sam Lealofi, Executive Director at 269-615-8092,

A Free summer experience for 8th, 9th & 10 graders

All Things Possible (ATP) is a middle to high school summer transition program designed to eliminate skills gaps from the "summer slide". ATP aims to accelerate learning by preparing participants for success in high school, and beyond, by exposing them to various academically enriching opportunities through hands on, experiential learning. The successful completion of this program will earn participants a voucher to take drivers education!

Contact Chad Wendt
Youth Development Coordinator
wendtc@kalamazoocity.org or call 269-337-8042

Days: Monday-Friday
Dates: June 18th – August 17th
Time: 9am-5pm
Free Transportation from 4 locations.
1. New Horizon Village: 2400 St. Albans Way
2. Lacrone Park: 535 Patterson
3. Hispanic American Council El CONCILIO 930 Lake St.
Transportation will be available to Nature Center Eastside Residents!

Considering starting a business? Many people want to be their own boss, turning a passion, hobby or great idea into a business of their own. It’s something many people think about doing, but few actually do. This is because starting your own business can often be a daunting task, but with a little bit of guidance & expertise it doesn’t have to be. The City of Kalamazoo believes in you and has invested in hiring Kalamazoo native Dwayne Powell, Jr. to help develop your business.

Dwayne is proud to have been born and raised on the Eastside. Dwayne brings his passion for the Kalamazoo community and business development to his new position with the City of Kalamazoo as the Neighborhood Business Coordinator.

He is wholeheartedly dedicated to the economic renaissance of Kalamazoo’s urban neighborhoods and commercial districts. His aim is to partner with local neighborhood and business leaders to drive the creation of new jobs through business development. If you are interested in starting a business, be sure to give him a call at (269) 337-8810 or email him at powelld@kalamazoocity.org

Transportation will be available to Nature Center

Spend your summer having fun outside!

My First Nature Camp: Age 3 with parent or guardian
Half-day sampler camps - make your child's first camp experience memorable & fun!

Junior Naturalist Camp: Ages 4-5
This half day camp provides the chance to discover the wonders of KNC — with no grown-ups allowed!

Explorers Camp: Grades 1-3
Spend all day exploring the forests, prairies and ponds of KNC with new friends and cool counselors!

Wild Child Camp: Grades 4-5
Practice outdoor skills and live out wild adventures all day, or choose a week with an overnight campout!

Adventure Camp: Grades 6-8
Go wild with wildlife and learn skills for a lifetime of outdoor adventures. Choose day camps or weeklong treks.

Teen Camp: Grades 9-12
Join the Counselor in Training program or become a Field Research Apprentice with adventure hikes and camping trips.

Don't miss Family Camp August 25 & Mud Fest August 26!
Register online today at www.KNCCamp.org
Building Blocks
Summer Spruce-Up
June 16, 2018
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sherwood Park, Eastside Neighborhood

Volunteer with us from 9a to 12p as we spruce up the Eastside of Kalamazoo. Volunteer alongside fellow community members and then celebrate with great food, cold brews, and summer fun! Afterward, join us for a picnic-style celebration from 12p to 3p. Can you only make it to the first half of the event or the second half? No worries, join us for either one!

Volunteers will be provided with food and beverages. If time won’t allow volunteering and you want to be at the picnic, food may be purchased for a nominal fee.

For more information: Call (269) 823-3484 Email: Info@BBKazoo.org
Register online: http://www.bbkazoo.org/summer-spruce-up

Kalamazoo Dept of Public Safety will be conducting a Spring/Summer Clean-up in the Eastside. Residents and Volunteers are welcome to participate in “Eastside Pride”. Date & Time to be announced on Facebook, signs, or electronic flyers.
Jesus Loves Kzoo will again be offering grill sites throughout the city on the week of July 8th - 13th. The week will start with an event in Bronson Park on Sunday, July 8 and culminate on Friday, July 13th with a block party at La-Crone Park on Kalamazoo's Northside.

The Eastside grill sites that for the week are as follows:

- **Monday, July 9 (5:30-8 pm)** Pavilion Estates (Comstock) - 6830 E. N Ave, Kalamazoo 49048
- **Tuesday, July 10 (5:30-8 pm)** E. Main & Fairbanks - 1511 E. Main St, Kalamazoo 49048
- **Wednesday, July 11 (5:30-8 pm)** New Village Park - 2400 S. Albans Way, Kalamazoo 49048
- **Thursday, July 12 (5:30-8 pm)** Comstock Village Apt (Comstock) - 5437 E. H Ave, Kalamazoo 49048

Come out and join us for a meal, fun, games and fellowship. These are all FREE events.
“HOT SPOT” confidential forms are available at:
Eastside Neighborhood Association, 1301 E. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI or call 269-381-0700

Board of Directors
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Executive Director
Pat Taylor

Advertise in KENA's Newsletter!
The Kalamazoo Eastside Neighborhood Association would like to invite you to expand your business exposure and audience base by advertising with us!
It costs as little as $35/month to feature your name and service/business. 100% of this fee goes back into KENA’s mission and your neighborhood!
We can assist in putting together an advertisement, and can answer and questions you may have about the process.

Call us with any inquires at 269-381-0700

1/2 page ad is $100
1/4 page ad is $50

Hold Your Celebration at the Neighborhood Association!
Our building is available to rent for wedding showers, baby showers, birthday parties and family celebrations of all kinds. Make your event more special, while supporting good work in the Eastside Neighborhood. We have very reasonable rates

Call us with any inquires at 269-381-0700

Full Service Office and Computer Lab
Working on your resume? Looking for a job? Need to look up something on the internet or do some homework? Or computer lab is free to use! We are also a Michigan Works Worksearch site!
Need a fax machine? A photocopy? Do you need the services of a Notary Public? It’s all right here.
Stop in during business hours (Monday-Thursday, 11:00-4:00) or call for more info.

This newsletter is meant to bring the latest information to residents.
Please call, write, or stop by to share your thoughts and interests in this newsletter as it grows with the neighborhood!

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