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## REMEMBER SCHOOLS OPEN IN AUGUST

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

#### Mark your calendar National Night Out August 3, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the clubhouse.

This is a nationwide event to show the effectiveness of citizens and police working together to prevent crime. Our local participation will demonstrate that we are really serious about living in a safe community. Strong cooperation with the Lawrence police Department through our Crime Watch Program is a vital part of this. We expect several officers and other city officials to be visiting us that night including the fire department, so let's have a good turnout.

### COMMUNITY MEETING

On Tuesday, August 7th, an all community meeting will be held at 7 P.M. in the Villas clubhouse. This meeting is intended to resolve issues between what the Association insurance covers on each unit and what the unit owner is responsible for. Mike Steffey, Erie insurance agent will cover the Association policy and Larry Bruce, State Farm insurance agent, will cover what should be included in each homeowners policy. Questions will be answered. If you are concerned with any

disparity between coverages that are outlined in the recently distributed RESIDENTIAL MANUAL (gray cover, dated November 2009) this meeting is for you.

### CRIME WATCH

This is why our neighborhood must become more vigilant -

On July 4th we had a break in at 11310 WW Ct., bldg 17. The resident Kristi Ward, watched TV until about 11:00 and then retired. About 12:45 she heard a noise in her living room. She awoke to find an African American youth standing over her in her bedroom. The noise was from 2 other youths trying to take her large TV. They had knocked over the TV stand it was on. They had entered her home via the sunroom window by the front door. About the same time the Morehead's heard running outside their home and saw the three youths running towards 56th St. Then they returned to Winding Wood Ct. and then back to 56th St. where one youth was picked up by a car. Nothing was taken and no one was hurt—just shaken up.

Both households called 911 and the police responded quickly. This incident again brings to mind a few crime watch rules;

1-Keep your outside lights on at night—especially the front door as that is a very dark area.

2-Keep your blinds or window coverings closed at night. It is felt that this occurrence was cased and the large screen TV seen.

3-Keep a land line phone in your bedroom—easier for 911 operator to know the location.

If anyone heard or saw anything prior to or after 12:45 am, please let the police know.

#2 On Friday, July 2nd two of our residents experienced an unpleasant and unwanted social exchange with a non-resident male from a nearby neighborhood.

They met at the bridge repair site on 56th St., after which the young man followed the couple to their residence. Even when they entered their home and secured their locks he continued inappropriate attempts to engage them. Several other VWR residents noticed the apparently odd interactions, leading to a demand that the man leave

our area (to which he complied) and notification was made to the Lawrence Police of the encounters. The police responded promptly and interviewed one of the residents. It was indicated that they have had complaints from elsewhere about the young man who is known by them to be emotionally upset due to personal setbacks. They encourage us to continue notifying immediately if similar circumstances should occur.

Those of our neighbors who intervened in any way should be complimented.

### MAIL BOX MONITORING

With the mailbox vandalism during the week 18–23 July, let's all keep a watch on the boxes in our sections to make sure none of the flags are still up in the evening. If anyone still has mail in their box, please contact them to make sure they don't leave it overnight.

It puts us all at risk if vandals think they have an open invitation to our community. And, no doubt, they always pass the word around. Let's do everything we can to keep from being targeted.

We have received a National Night Out Banner from Tom Ashcraft and you'll see it up very soon on the clubhouse! Nothing like good advertising!

Also, we received several 2010 tee shirts which I'll bring to the clubhouse when we meet at 1PM on Tuesday, August 3rd.

### YOUR LIBRARY

It's summer—time to kick back and enjoy a good book.. Your library at the clubhouse has recently been reorganized and updated. Books are arranged by genre, author and are in alphabetical order.

The library is open on the first Saturday of each month when we have the coffee chat.

Also, the third Saturday of each month when we have the dinner and every Wednesday afternoon. We also have a nice selection of jigsaw puzzles, for those of you who enjoy working them.

This is your library. You have donated all the books and puzzles, so enjoy them.

Any questions or suggestions can be directed to Bob Lafary at 823-6424 or Mary Ann Shearow at 823-1589.

### CONGRATULATIONS

I was married to Natavidad (Natty) Buyoc on June 19 at Sacred Heart Church in Indianapolis.

We had a great week in Branson MO., attending several shows.

We will live at her home in SW Marion county and my son Robert will remain in my condo @11556 Winding Wood Drive. CONGRATS to Charles Ward and Natty.

### THIS AND THAT

Be advised that another walk-around is scheduled for this fall to check what we need to improve on within the Villas.

Our coach lights are in—preparations and scheduling for installation is now in progress. It will be a short while before work begins as we are looking for additional help to install. Volunteers are welcome—contact Jack Morehead for information.

### E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

The e-mail address for Barbara Lucas is being changed as follows:

AS READS:  
barbara.lucas @sbcglobal.net

SHOULD READ;  
Lucas1582@gmail.com

## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

### COFFEE CHAT

*Will be held on the 7th in the clubhouse at 9:00 A.M. Our host will be Dick Mitchell, see you there.*

### AUGUST DINNER

*Our monthly dinner will not be held this month as we will enjoy each other company during the National Night Out on August 3rd.*

### ATTENTION

We are in need of hosts for our September dinner. Interested persons should contact Sue Shimer in the very near future so that we may continue with our tradition.

### CARD GAMES

Card games will be held in the clubhouse on the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th from 1:00 till 5:00 P.M. Come join the fun. In addition, view and utilize our revamped library.

### MENS' BREAKFAST

The men's breakfast will be on the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at Bob Evans on Pendleton Pike. The time is 7:30 A.M.

### SENIOR SAFETY TIPS

Please take a moment and review the list of Senior Safety Tips Presented by the City of Lawrence Crime Watch.

The complete list is listed in your City of Lawrence newsletter inserted in your water bill which you have received or will in the next day or two. This is very good information and we should all adhere to the information provided for our safety.