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ROUND ONE VICTORY

APARTMENT HEARING

The following is from our team fighting against the proposed apartment development.

A big thank you to everyone who worked on the remonstrance and especially to those who showed up at the hearing. Having a lot of people in the room really makes a difference and you came through.

While this victory is sweet, we must be vigilant and stay prepared. The battle is not over. After the hearing, Mike Quinn (R.N. Thompson's attorney) told some people they would put up a "For Sale" sign tomorrow, 8-20-09, and he told others that they would start building section 8 apartments tomorrow. No one knows what the next plan will be, but we can at least try to keep it in alignment with our current community standards and values. We can only do so by staying informed and advocating for ourselves.

For now, we need to continue building community among ourselves, so be sure to tell others how good it has been meeting neighbors you didn't previously know; encourage

them to become part of an active neighborhood association and crime watch committee—and just get out and talk to others.
(Barbara Lucas)

MY VILLAS NEIGHBORS

Representing my community at the hearing yesterday 8-19 was an honor and quite humbling. As I have stated many times, I love my neighborhood, but having you there made me proud to be part of such a wonderful group. I knew from the beginning that you deserved my very best, and that is what I tried to give. Thank you all for being that kind of "family."

There were a few people on the team who incurred some costs, so if anyone wants to help cover their expenses, let me know or just put a few dollars in an envelope in my mailbox or storm door. Mike Wilson, Mike Reeves, and Clyde Gaw have paid for copies of fliers, binding for remonstrance books (for the commissioners), and projector for the hearing. It probably comes to under \$250 total,

but I am sure they would be grateful for any financial assistance you want to provide. (BL)

FROM MIKE WILSON

On behalf of the Winding Ridge Remonstrance Team I wanted to pass along the good news... everyone's efforts yesterday were rewarded with a nearly unanimous MDC vote 8-1, in our favor. And, this is despite the planning staff's support of the apartment development. Needless to say, we're all quite happy with the outcome and support our community received from our elected officials. Equally important is the interest and support from all of you; our efforts yesterday were a product of a great team effort, which includes the entire community. We had, and will continue to have, the greatest impact when we stand together with one voice. So again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the cause.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Thanks to all who participated in our 3rd National Night Out on August 4th. You really made the night a huge success! It was an honor to host a large group of our Lawrence Police and Firemen. They all enjoyed the treats we served and one policeman was heard to comment that the Villas food is the best! What cook doesn't enjoy hearing that!

Mayor Ricketts spoke to us about some of the Lawrence Police Department's current calls and it makes us proud to support such a fine group of men and to know they are looking out for us.

Some of you, along with your neighbors were lucky winners of the door prizes that generous local merchants donated. Be sure to thank them when you visit Kroger's, Costco, Kinko's, Dairy Queen, Mike's Car Wash, Lincoln Square Restaurant, Finish Line, Dunkin Donuts, Fantastic Sam's, Bob Evans and Applebee's.

We had a great turnout and it was fun getting better acquainted. Knowing each other makes it easier to watch out for each other, After all, the Crime Watch Program is really about "neighbors watching out for neighbors".

THANKS TO GOOD NEIGHBORS

Those who help keep our community attractive by picking up trash along 56th St. and along Bogey Dr. Those who are concerned enough about The Villas to spend time on community projects that help us all.

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Our sincere thoughts and prayers go to our friends and neighbors recovering from surgery or illness.

Sue Shimer fell in her home breaking her femur which requires surgery. At this printing we don't know when and how long she will be incapacitated. Recovery is in Castleton Therapy & Nursing Home, 86th & Hague Road.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Francis Moore on the death of her brother, Bennett Collins, age 71 who died on August 5th, He was buried in Fishers, IN

Mary Ann Shearrow and a lady friend completed a 19 day tour of Alaska by ship, bus and train. This was an extensive trip they had planned for a year. Sadly, Mary Ann received news while away that her brother in Ohio had passed away. She was able to finish the trip, but a few days after she returned home, the brother's wife also passed away. Their services will take place later in West Point, New York.. We extend our sympathy.

OUTSIDE LIGHTING

It has been noted that numerous garages do not have the outside lights on. Remember criminals do not like a well lit area so it is important that we keep the area well lighted. For those who have to turn them on each but sometimes forget it would, it would be wish to invest two to three dollars for a small screw in dusk to dawn fixture which will automatically come on eliminating your need to turn them on or off each day.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

COFFEE CHAT

Our coffee chat will be hosted by Kathy Geary, Gerry Surface, Carol Nagel and Teresa Smith. The date is Sep 5, be there. .

CARD GAMES

Card games will be held at the clubhouse from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's breakfast will be on the 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, at Bob Evans on Pendleton Pike, it's the usual time 7:30 AM.

SEPTEMBER DINNER

Our monthly dinner will be held on the 19th and hosted by— Kathy Geary— Gerry Surface—Carol Nagel and Teresa Smith. Call Kathy 252-3413 , or Carol 823-3878 to determine which dish you would like to bring. Our theme is "Fall Bowl Party" , soups and chili.