



Kanawha City

Community Association

Recapture the Village

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MACCORKLE AVENUE STREETScape

The MacCorkle Avenue Streetscape is moving forward. After the passing of our chief designer, Jeff Miller, we have recently met as a committee with state and local officials to regroup and move forward with a plan to raise funds for a master plan that will provide us with the costs of making the desired changes. We are planning to take one zone and use it as a model for future changes in other zones. We are including the business community for their feedback. We feel it is crucial to cleanup, greenup and help businesses to attract new customers. If you have any desire to be involved or would like to donate funds towards these changes, please let us know your ideas.



KCCA 2011 GOALS

by: Rick Burka

The KCCA Board of Directors met on Thursday, February 3, to hold our annual planning and brainstorming meeting to set up KCCA's priorities going into 2011 as well as new ideas. We again reviewed our long-term, mid-term and short-term goals to be accomplished throughout 2011 and beyond. There is a lot of business activity going on in Kanawha City. This year alone, we will see at least 3 to 5 major projects being completed and/or started. This means more people in the area doing more with Kanawha City businesses. If you, the community, have any ideas on how to either raise additional funds for projects or have an idea that you feel is important and can improve the community, please let us know. Membership will be a big topic in 2011. We still have very low participation by Kanawha City residents and businesses. Our goal will be to determine how to get more Kanawha City residents and businesses to become members so they can know what is going on around Kanawha City. We need everyone's input and help to accomplish our goals for 2011!

YEAGER BRIDGE GATWAY FENCE

The fence and all materials are now paid in full. The last payment on materials was made to the City in January. The next step, Phase II, is to take our landscaping plan that Chuck Denham prepared and get the plants ordered and installed this spring. The businesses around the area have all expressed the willingness to help. This is a positive for the area and will complete the project once Phase II is finished. Good comments have come to us about the new fence. Once the landscaping is in, we will all appreciate a well-kept area for us and our visitors to Charleston! We would like to thank the City for all their efforts on this project as well as Greg Barr, General Manager of WV Parkways.



PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

by: RUSS YOUNG

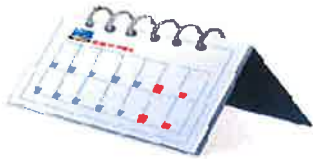


>The Planning & Zoning Committee devoted much time and effort into putting the subject of a Neighborhood Conservation District on the community table for genuine consideration. Following two local meetings of dialogue, the residents within the trial area declined to move forward with the concept. But it was a proactive approach that was well worth the attempt. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated. Thanks especially to city planning director, Dan Vriendt, who provided informational materials and presentations; and to Trish Hatfield of Characteristics who served as meeting facilitator.

>Some time ago, the Planning & Zoning Committee respectfully recommended to Major Danny Jones that Kanawha City resident Jim Lane would make a fine member of the City's Board of Zoning Appeals, when the next appointment became available. Our suggestion was recently accepted and Jim is now serving on the BZA. We know he will do a great job. Thanks to Major Jones for the consideration!

KCCA MEETING

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, March 24. That is the date of our first Kanawha City Community Association community meeting of 2011. It will be held at 7:00 at Horace Mann Middle School. During the meeting, we'll be updating you about ongoing projects and how your getting involved can make positive change for your family and the community as a whole. There will also be an open forum to discuss any issues that need addressed in our community. We look forward to a productive meeting and hope that you will come and lend your support to our efforts to Recapture the Village!



KANAWHA CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (KCBA)

We are excited to have a new chairperson for our business committee. Carrie Cole Frye, branch manager for the Fifth Third Bank here in Kanawha City, has generously agreed to assume that role. She has lots of great ideas, and we're anxious to see where she will lead this committee. If your business has not yet joined KCCA and KCBA, we encourage you to do so soon and be a part of this dynamic organization. KCBA's next order of business is to sponsor a "Business After Hours" get together on Tuesday, March 1, from 6:00 – 8:00, at the Fifth Third Bank location at 4515 MacCorkle Avenue. It is our hope that the Kanawha City business community will get excited about our projects and see what potential the future changes we're planning will have to improve the business climate here in our community. We're going to need everyone's help to meet these goals!

BLOCK PARTIES

by: Danny Baker

In this time of email, social networks and Facebook, it is good to meet face to face to share food, drink and conversation. The neighbors on the 50th block of Staunton Avenue get together and connect with block parties. They even got together in the dead of winter and had a Parka Party. They gathered around a roaring fire pit and shared snacks and hot beverages. It's easy and fun. Pick a place, talk to neighbors in the middle of the block that are interested in having a party in their yard, pick a date and time (the date and time can be changed if it's not a good time for most of your neighbors). Then, circulate an informal flier or memo to all the neighbors on the block inviting them to get together and giving the date and time. Be sure to give the name of the host and their address. Ask neighbors to bring a beverage or a snack to share. Add a phone number to call if they have any questions. At the bottom of the flier, say "See You There!" Remember, you are not alone. God is always near! You are just a few feet away from friends and neighbors who can share both your joys and your sadness. Share your faith and pray for each other. God bless you, your street, Kanawha City and the world we share.

3100 MACCORKLE AVENUE WELCOME SIGN

The welcome sign at 3100 MacCorkle Avenue is almost finished. We have a couple of things yet to complete on this project. First, we found that the ironwork that says "Kanawha City" on top of the stone gets lost in the background. We have asked our metal artist to come up with a remedy to make the wording pop out for better visibility. There has been some landscaping done, but we have a bit more to do. The Briars Hills Garden Club (BHGC) has been the instrument in getting this project off the ground. We will be meeting with the club at their next meeting in March to review the work done so far. We wish to thank BHGC and the WV Department of Transportation for all their efforts in making this possible for the community.



KANAWHA CITY LIONS CLUB



Members of the Kanawha City Lions Club recently presented the 2010 Community Service Award to John Carpenter, our Kanawha City Kroger Manager, for all his support to the Kanawha City Lions Club and all the events they sponsored for the year – his help with the annual Hugh O'Brien Leadership Dinner, the annual picnic, Salvation Army bell ringing at Christmas and their broom sales, as well as many other projects. He also helped many other organizations to make our community a better place to live, work, play and shop. We are proud to have a man of his high community standards as a member of our community.

ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES IN KANAWHA CITY

MURADS



Murads at 35th Street, Kanawha City's Family Restaurant and Sports Bar, has been for years the sports fanatic hang out for both young and old. Established in 1988 (formerly Ray's Deli location) Murads at 35th Street has catered to families who like to relax over good food and refreshments, while their children are busy in the video game room targeting to beat every machine they can challenge. Murads serves Charleston's favorites, such as, buffalo wings, hot dogs, home-made chili, charbroiled hamburgers, assorted salads and wraps, a vast array of the original Ray's Deli sandwiches, along with Middle Eastern cuisine like humus and tabouli. Recently, they have replaced almost half of their 35 televisions with flat panel wide-screen television available with HD viewing. March Madness is the event of the year, where every basketball fan can watch all of the tournament games live and simultaneously. Friday Nights have a reputation for being Family Nights, where parents give their children quarters to play and they enjoy having a pleasant evening with friends.

LANYI CUSTOM GOLF

Your Full Service Golf Shop

For you golf enthusiasts, spring is coming, so you better start tuning up your clubs! Lanyi Custom Golf can meet this need for you. Lanny can develop golf clubs that fit YOU. The cost of his custom made clubs is less than half the price of Pro/Line clubs. He also sells accessories, re-grips clubs and repairs clubs for the golfer. He does a great job! His store is located at 5621-S MacCorkle Avenue with the rear entrance off the alley between Hooters and Captain D's. He can be reached at 304-925-4988 or you can also visit his website at www.lanyigolf.com.



Stop by for a visit.

CUSTOM BUSINESS ASSOCIATES



Custom Business was started by Bill Campbell in 1975 to sell office supplies and quickly grew to a full service office supply dealer. They started with 2 employees (Bill and his wife, Jeanenne) and have had as many as 19 employees. Supplies, furniture, rubber stamps, copy service, commercial printing, forms management and so forth are some of the services they offer. They have adapted to the changing market for 36 years. Going from 0 sales to several million, they are doing something RIGHT! With the purchase of Dynamic Graphics, LLC, in South Charleston by Bill Campbell and Denny Alexander in 2002, they also started selling embroidered and silk-screening clothing. Three years ago they developed a complete sign and banner operation inside their store at 5200 MacCorkle Avenue and have been growing ever since. Now they can service and supply any size business with everything from a pencil to a desk to write on to a chair to sit in and everything in between. They have a very experienced staff and a loyal customer base. Their current staff of 10 has a total of 165 years of service with the company. They are the only locally owned, full service office products and printing dealer of their size in the area. They have been great partners with KCCA and we're fortunate to have a business of their integrity in our community.

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN

GEICO

GEICO has opened a new sales office in Kanawha City at 3806 MacCorkle Avenue. With over 40 combined years in the personal lines insurance business, their agents are ready to deliver quality service at the lowest costs available. Along with auto insurance, they have great rates on home, renters, motorcycle, boat and just about anything else that moves you! GEICO has been in business since the 1930's and they are currently the fastest growing major auto insurer in the US. If you need their expertise, you can reach them at 304-344-0555. Welcome to the neighborhood!



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GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

By Simon Knight

When considering ideas for **community** service common ideas may come to mind like cleaning up the neighborhood. The unfortunate reality is that there are many more people who litter than those who may volunteer to pick up trash! **Community** service is so closely tied to volunteerism that many times the two words are interchangeable.

MEMBERSHIP

We had a great response to our membership mailing. If you have not yet joined KCCA, we hope you will come to the community meeting and sign up, or complete the membership application below and send in your dues. We need all the help and support we can get to accomplish the goals we have set in our efforts to "Recapture the Village" and improve life in Kanawha City!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

KANAWHA CITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Yearly Dues – (For the period January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

_____ Business	\$ 100
_____ Non-Profit Organizations	50
_____ Family (2 voting members)	25
_____ Individual	15
Additional Contribution	\$ _____
Total enclosed for KCCA	\$ _____

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