



MacCorkle Avenue Banners To Be Installed

By Rick Burka

“Kanawha City” banners for 26 MacCorkle Avenue light polls have been ordered and installation by city workers is expected to be completed in March.

The new banners, primarily a result of Jeff Oskin, Vice President/Administrator at CAMC Memorial, and other CAMC folks donating their time and resources to help KCCA with the project, should make MacCorkle Avenue more appealing to those driving along the corridor.

The design represents a combination of what Kanawha City is about. It includes bikes, animals, people, trees, work, and lots of color. We offered several options in designs that went out to the public for vote. The selected design’s colors and images also dovetail with the new KCCA logo.



Kanawha City Grill Goes Mobile

Fusion Teriyaki Grill has begun mobile lunchtime service to rotating downtown locations and Northgate Business Park using the colorful new truck pictured above. Days and times for each location can be found on the grill’s Facebook page.

Pocket Park Space Sought

By Kimberly Henderson

Kanawha City Community Association wants to help you create some green space in your neighborhood to play, visit, relax and enjoy the fresh air! Pocket Parks are a popular new trend in urban areas where space is limited. Providing much needed greenspace, the pocket parks are just large enough for a playground and places for people to sit, relax, read and enjoy their neighbors. They fit well on vacant lots or around monuments and can increase the value of nearby homes.

KCCA is seeking possible locations in Kanawha City. To suggest a location or to join in the pocket park effort, please contact Kimberly Henderson at 304.344.0323. Whether it’s a small space suited for a Pocket Park or, even better, a larger space, all ideas are appreciated! KCCA will not be purchasing land, but will work with others to make the idea a reality.



42nd Street Renovation Project Underway

An extensive renovation of the 42nd Street on the river side of MacCorkle Avenue to the Cottage Lane, as shown above, began on February 27th and is due to be finished by May 27th. The work, estimated at approximately \$200,000, will install new drains, sidewalks, curbs, asphalt, and landscaping, including a water garden.

participants. It's also a fun day, and a chance to visit with friends and neighbors while welcoming bargain hunters to our neighborhoods.

So get registered early to participate and have your location featured on a yard sales map. Contact KCCAYardSale@aol.com and we'll get you set up early so you can concentrate on what you want to sell this year. Plans include area retailers and businesses again participating in a scavenger hunt that will showcase big savings and free gifts for the winners. Along with our residents, our businesses are the heart of our community. We thank them in advance for their participation and look forward to announcing the big prizes for the winners.

Kanawha City Bicycle Day Returns

May 21st will be Kanawha City Bicycle Day as KCCA's second annual celebration of Kanawha City's bikeability wheels into view from noon to 3pm at 57th Street.

New this year - free bicycle spring tune-ups by professionals to get riders ready for the 2017 season. For the kids, the bike/trike/wagon decoration competition and parade reappears. Some decoration material will be available. A cash prize will be awarded to the best bicycle design and decoration. Look also for face painting, balloon art making and food trucks. Plans include fire safety demonstrations with the Charleston Fire Department's Safety City and participation by members of Charleston Police Department's bike patrol.



At the end of the day, everyone is invited to join in a community bike ride to celebrate Kanawha City being one of the most walkable and bike rideable areas of Charleston. We're famous for it - proud of it - and happy to share it.

Thanks in advance to our area businesses and retailers for their generous support and sponsorship of Kanawha City Bicycle Day. We couldn't do it without you.

So mark it down and SAVE THE DATE. This vintage community event is for kids, families and bicycle fans of all ages. To pre-register for the bicycle parade, contact KanawhaCityinfo@gmail.com or call 681.265.9254.

Third Annual Kanawha City Yard Sale Set

Kanawha City's third annual community yard sale comes alive Saturday, September 30th from 8 am to 3 pm. SAVE THE DATE. It is a great neighborhood event with lots of



Neighborhood Watch Groups Helping Protect Kanawha City

By Julie B. Ashworth

My home was burglarized in March of 2014. Later that year I attended a community meeting held after a Foodland (now Piggly Wiggly) worker was attacked and robbed. At the meeting I told of my experience and spoke with Sgt. Paul Perdue, newly appointed to Community Services. I told him I had contacted my neighbors about starting a neighborhood group.

At his suggestion, I went door to door in the 5000 to 5600 blocks of Noyes, Staunton, Virginia and Kanawha avenues talking to residents. We had Kanawha City's first Neighborhood Watch meeting in August 2014.

We organized block captains to facilitate communication with people on their respective blocks. We had monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings through February 2015, but ultimately decided that was more frequent than needed. We now meet quarterly at 6 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of March, June, September and December at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 5502 Noyes Avenue.

In December we hold an Appreciate Your Police meeting and feed the police officers that help us so much. We also participate in the National Night Out on Crime every August, usually on a Tuesday night. Last year we joined with other Kanawha City Neighborhood Watch groups for a cook out, games and plain old getting-to-know-you socializing between the community and police officers, as well as fire fighters and others.

Our Neighborhood Watch group encompasses the 5000 – 5600 blocks (including 50th street) of Noyes, Staunton, Virginia and Kanawha Avenues. Anyone from that area interested in joining us can contact me at jrowash@gmail.com with their e-mail address and other contact information and I will add them to our e-mail notification list. Or, they can show up at our quarterly meeting at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 5502 Noyes Avenue in Kanawha City.

[Other Kanawha City Neighborhood Watch groups and their leaders are: 35th Street to 41st, Molly Greene (mgreene@citynet.net) Kanawha Estates, Pam Pressler (pampressler@suddenlink.com); Washington Avenue between 37th and 39th Street, Debbie Parsons (Eleanor030@hotmail.com); and 4400 blocks of Noyes, Staunton and Virginia avenues, Grant Thompkins (getompkins@gmail.com). Anyone wanting to start a Neighborhood Watch group in another area of Kanawha City should contact Sgt. Paul Perdue at paul.perdue@charlestonwvpolice.org.]



Kanawha City New and Renewed Businesses

KCCA SETS 2017 GOALS

By Ditty Markham

KCCA board members meet in January to assess progress and set long and short-term goals for the association. Those goals fall into four categories:

- **Achieve**—things that we want for Kanawha City, but do not have;
- **Avoid**---things that we have in Kanawha City, but do not want;
- **Eliminate**---things that we have in Kanawha City and want to get rid of; and,
- **Preserve**---things that we have in Kanawha City and want to keep.

Possible goals suggested by the Board or by KCCA members at the annual membership meetings are considered. Those ideas are listed in one of the above categories and voted on by the board members (two selections per category per member). The items receiving the most marks are discussed below.

- 1) The annual bike event was highly popular, as was the community yard sale. The 2017 Bike Event will be May 21 and the Yard Sale will be September 30. **SAVE THE DATES.** Volunteers are needed to help plan and organize both of these fun events. If interested in participating in the Bike Event, please call Samuel Butzer at 304-807-0224. For the Yard Sale, contact Nancy Guthrie or James Young, chairs, at KanawhaCityInfo@gmail.com.
- 2) There is a need for a coffee shop or other gathering place in Kanawha City, a neighborhood hub “where everybody knows your name,” with Wi-Fi and a good cup of coffee. If you have ideas on how this could be accomplished, please contact Nancy Guthrie, Ditty Markham or Rick Burka who are championing this goal.
- 3) Kanawha City lacks green space. We are looking for small plots of land that could be identified for plantings and benches, or perhaps a playground for children. If you know of any spaces that might be available, please let us know. Longtime Kanawha City residents might want to consider donating land to the city in their wills specifically for this purpose. Kimberly Henderson is leading this effort.
- 4) The road marking between the 58th Street stop light and Bob Evans going east are somewhat confusing and seem to force traffic to merge unnecessarily. Roland Huson and Rick Burka will work to get the marking in that section of the highway clarified.
- 5) Empty storefronts and blank walls present opportunities for public art and other exhibits that will convey a thriving community. We are hoping property owners will agree to allow displays of public art or other exhibits. Nancy Guthrie, Ditty Markham, Rich Chapman, Rick Burka, and Russ Young will be working on this project.
- 6) Coordination and expansion of Kanawha City’s garden clubs to help in improving the esthetics of Kanawha City by planting flowers, holding contests, and recognizing businesses and homeowners who maintain, update and improve their properties. Nancy Guthrie, Martina Huson, and Ditty Markham will lead this effort.
- 7) Improvement of timely communication with KCCA members will include emails sent regularly to members to keep them up to date on criminal activity, community activities and KCCA activities and meetings.
- 8) KCCA seeks to increase its business and residential membership base by 50 % in 2017. Kimberly Henderson will be leading the membership drive.
- 9) Communication with our constituency through publications will be enhanced in 2017. Roland Huson has agreed to edit the thrice yearly newsletter; Walter Ice will update the website regularly; and Jason Elliott will be in charge of our Facebook posts.

If interested in working on one or more of these objectives, please get in touch with us at KanawhaCityInfo@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed: Kanawha City Needs Your Ideas and Participation

As shown elsewhere in this newsletter, KCCA has a wide variety of projects and events planned. Your participation is needed. While the idea of volunteering may seem a little overwhelming to some, the truth is that you can give valuable assistance with a very small time commitment, even as little as a couple of hours. And, it is a great way to meet more neighbors and get to know your neighborhood better. And have fun.

Various improvements and activities promoted by KCCA have included:

- Welcome sign on MacCorkle Avenue across from CAMC Memorial
- 57th Street bike railhead
- Median flowers and plantings on MacCorkle Avenue
- Improving MacCorkle Avenue lighting
- Fencing and landscaping along 65th Street
- Plantings around 50th Street and the railroad
- Fencing and landscaping along MacCorkle Avenue at Yeager Bridge
- Community-wide events such as the Bike Rodeo, First Responders Tribute, Village Yard Sale, and Elk River Flood Relief Fundraising

Circle below any on-going Kanawha City activities in which you would like to participate.

- Kanawha City Yard Sale
- Kanawha City Bicycling Event
- Redesigning MacCorkle Avenue to make it safer, greener and more pleasant
- Coordinating with city and state officials on Kanawha City improvements and concerns
- Maintaining good communication and coordination with Charleston police
- Neighborhood Watch
- Lions Club

All KCCA members are invited and encouraged to participate in KCCA committees, which include: Beautification, Business, Crime & Housing, Planning & Zoning, Communication, and MacCorkle Redesign. If interested, e-mail KanawhaCityInfo@gmail.com.

2017 KCCA Officers and Board Members Elected; Vacancy Announced

KCCA's 2017 officers are Rick Burka, 6534 Roosevelt Avenue, President; Russ Young, 5533 Washington Avenue, Vice-President; Kim Andrews, 5206 Washington Avenue, Treasurer; and, Pam Burka, 6534 Roosevelt Avenue, Secretary.

Other board members for 2017 are: Kayla Addison, 3601 MacCorkle Avenue; Dan Baker, 5012 Staunton Avenue; Sam Butzer, 6507 Roosevelt Avenue; Rich Chapman, 3909 Staunton Avenue; Nancy Guthrie, 5300 Kanawha Avenue; Kimberly Henderson, 2909 Beverly Drive; Walter Ice, 5514 Staunton Avenue; Martina Huson, 6556 Roosevelt Avenue; Roland Huson, 6556 Roosevelt Avenue; Ditty Markham, 104 50th Street; Janeene Whanger-Foster, 107 50th Street; and, James Young, 5011 Noyes Avenue.

City Council Members from Kanawha City are ex officio board members of the board. They are: Ward 16, Bobby Reishman; Ward 17, Rusty Webb; Ward 18, Rick Burka; and, Ward 20, Mike Clowser.

There is a vacancy on the board. If interested, please e-mail KanawhaCityInfo@gmail.com.



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