



# KANAWHA CITY

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## Another Successful Yard Sale

Nearly 130 Kanawha City residents registered and participated in the third annual Kanawha City yard sale.

The weather was perfect and the crowds were great. We've heard from so many of you that this Annual Yard Sale is one of the best events we host and judging by the participation we look forward to next year. Thanks to all of you for participating. We hope you made money and had fun doing it.

## FACELIFTS

Just a shout out to Mason Dental and Syrra Salon for their recent facade updates. Both businesses recently painted the outside of their buildings. Thank you both for the spruce up. Kanawha City noticed and both look inviting and great.



## New Faces, New Places in Kanawha

Cabin Creek Clinics is moving its administrative offices to the long vacant Veterans Affairs Building in Kanawha City. Cabin Creek will still operate their Kanawha City Clinic on MacCorkle Avenue but the organization needed a facility designated exclusively for their administrative staff and for conference space. We are excited for the expansion and happy to see this great building put back to good use. Welcome Cabin Creek and thank you.



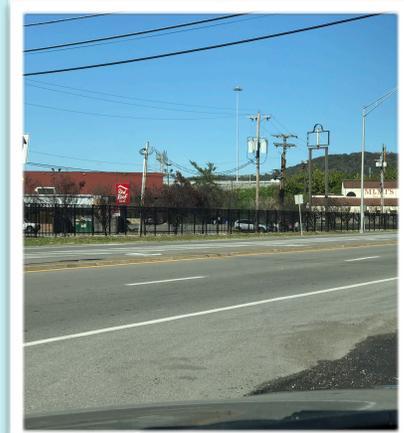
Quantum Sport is also expanding and has purchased the General Glass building off of MacCorkle Avenue. Quantum Sport is a hidden gem in Kanawha City and the owner, Aaron Woods, has developed one of the finest indoor sports facilities in Charleston. His efforts have contributed greatly to cleaning up that section of Kanawha City. We welcome the expansion and look forward to watching General Glass repurposed. And Thank you Aaron Woods. Your efforts are helping transform a challenged Kanawha City neighborhood.



## 2018 KANAWHA CITY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

On tap for 2018 is a modest replanting project in front of the wrought iron fence across from Mimi's. Several years ago KCCA was successful securing money to erect the wrought iron fence.

The goal was to discourage vagrants from using the area as a spot for drug activity. Now the neglected grass in front of the fence has become a place for the homeless to hide. We are in the process of securing estimates from some of our local landscaping companies to remove the unkempt grass and plant the area with perennials that will make the view coming off of the Interstate and along MacCorkle Avenue more inviting.



## Crime Prevention Activity Planned

A group of 25-30 citizen volunteers, led by the Kanawha City Community Association, is now organized to rescue and clear the Riverbank area and overgrown State Highway property vagrants have been using as shelter areas. The idea behind the project is to clear the area so these folks will move out and move on.

The civilian rescue project will take several months but the first crew will meet behind the IHOP parking area at 9am-2pm November 14th. Work is also scheduled November 18th 9am-2pm, November 28th 9am-2pm and December 1st 9am-2pm. To participate contact Rick Burka: [rburka111@gmail.com](mailto:rburka111@gmail.com)

A big thank you to Councilman and KCCA President Rick Burka, the City of Charleston, the WV Department of Highways and business owners for green lighting this Kanawha City rescue effort.

## Abandoned Property Being Addressed

The Kanawha City Community Association is taking an active role with the City of Charleston to identify abandoned and neglected property. The new law passed by the Legislature will make it easier for Charleston and other municipalities to shorten the time these properties sit idle.

Our goal is to find people who can rehab property for single-family use when possible, and tear down when the property is too far-gone. To get that process started, the Kanawha City Community Association plans to send a letter of encouragement to property owners we can find. After that we'll turn the process over to the City for the next steps in converting property to more productive use.

## NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION APP AVAILABLE

There is a free app, Nextdoor, you can download that will provide a private social network for you and your neighbors to help you stay informed with urgent alerts and crime updates. Several areas in Kanawha City are already using it with good success.



## Sports Events Provide Merchant Opportunities

With many sporting events coming to Charleston this fall the Convention and Visitor Bureau is offering KC businesses an opportunity to participate in offering discounts to make visiting athletes and fans feel welcome in our city and particularly to Kanawha City.

The program is simple. Participating merchants will provide a special offer for players, coaches, fans, etc. and the CVB will list the offer on a dedicated page on its website. When the event is in town CVB will push the page out through social media channels to encourage teams and fans to patronize those businesses. All the customers have to do is show a badge, ticket, wristband or some other kind of identification associated with the event to receive the offer. There are no coupons to collect.

This is a cost-effective way for merchants to encourage visitors associated with sporting events to get out and sample what Kanawha City offers. What is offered is up to the merchant. Just let CVB know and it will include the offer in the online materials.

Please call CVB at 304-444-4165 if you have any questions or just send an email to Samantha Carney at [samantha.carney@charlestonwv.com](mailto:samantha.carney@charlestonwv.com).

Below is a list of upcoming sporting events that CVB will be focusing on:

### 2017

WVSSAC Volleyball, November 10 – 11  
 NJCAA Women's Division II National Championship, November 15-19  
 WVSSAC Cheerleading, December 9

### 2018

MEC Basketball Championships, March 1-3  
 WVSSAC Girls Basketball, Mar 7 - 10  
 WVSSAC Boys Basketball, March 14 - 17  
 WVSSAC Tennis, May 10- 12  
 WVSSAC Track, May 18 – 19  
 WVSSAC Baseball, May 31-June 2, 2018  
 USA BOXING Junior Olympics, June 25 - 30  
 SportsFEST August 17 - 19

## Don't Miss the Deadline for Youth Basketball

[www.kcybl.net](http://www.kcybl.net)

Kindergarten – 8th grade (Boys and Girls)

Registrations going on now and anyone can register online.

Like us on our Facebook page for additional information. Looking for businesses to sponsor teams.

Contact Chad Robinson for additional information. [chad@wvcsi.com](mailto:chad@wvcsi.com)  
 304-389-7373

## **KCCA Welcomes New Board Members**

At the Annual KCCA Community meeting nominations were made and new board members were elected. We welcome City Councilman Bruce King, Jon Mani, Chad Robinson, and John Giroir.

This year our new officers will be Rick Burka, President; James Young, Vice-President; Pam Burka, Secretary; and Kimberly Henderson, Treasurer.

## **KCCA Membership is Growing**

The Kanawha City Community Association is pleased to report that our membership has grown to 550 including residents and businesses. Thank you. Your support for the improvements we are trying to make to our neighborhoods is appreciated.

Our goal is to make Kanawha City the most desirable place to live, work, learn and play in Charleston. If you know anyone who would like to join us and become a member, please have them contact Martina Huson at 304-545-4934 or husonm@aol.com. Also, coming soon, an electronic membership payment option through PayPal.