



The Viewpoint

September, 2014

Join Us For National Night Out

Please join your neighbors for the Resource Center Open House on Tuesday, October 7 from 6-8 p.m. for family fun. Hot dogs, sides, desserts, and refreshments will be provided. Enjoy activities for kids, local demonstrations, local resource information booths, music and more!

This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. National Night Out represents the kind of spirit, energy and determination needed to help keep our neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

If you would like to host an information table, perform an artistic demonstration or volunteer, call Kara Roll (530) 200-1677 or email mosesstudio@yahoo.com.



Alert Center Renamed Resource Center

To better reflect the services being provided, the building's

new name compliments Kathleen Countryman's new title as Resource Specialist. Kathleen continues working to support the neighborhood and residents. As a specialist, she helps facilitate the Capitol View Stiff Station Neighborhood Association meetings, various activities such as street clean-ups, and National Night Out events to boost neighbor-to-neighbor and neighbor-to-city staff relations. She is here for our wellbeing and can be reached at (501) 372-3856 or email kcountryman@littlerock.org.

Harvey serve to protect the health, welfare, and safety of our neighborhood by combating blight. We can do our part as residents to ensure we are meeting, if not exceeding codes and regulations. For questions or to phone in a report, call (501) 372-3856.

Community Oriented Police Patrol (C.O.P.P) Bike Officer Kelley Crace, stationed in our neighborhood, responds to criminal activity in addition to helping residents and providing assistance at every opportunity. Officer Crace provides car break in and residential burglary reports during neighborhood association meetings. He keeps us up to date on public safety messages and how we can support the suppression of criminal activity where we live.

Keeping our city beautiful and working to improve our quality of life, Code Enforcement Officers Toney Moore and Chris

New Chief of Police attends September CVSSNA Meeting

Little Rock Police Department's new Chief of Police, Kenton Buckner, attended the September 8, 2014 meeting to ask for our patience and engagement. "It's a good city with opportunities to improve", said Chief Buckner. Although he is only two months on the job and considers himself to be in orientation, he came ready with a five-tiered approach for running the operation. With the fifth tier being community involvement, he stressed that "An effective police strategy involves a collaborative approach". He went on to advocate preventative measures beginning in the home where, "there is no substitute for parenting." The floor was opened for questions, comments, and suggestions. For more LRPD information visit <http://www.littlerock.org/citydepartments/police/>.

Upcoming City Board of Director, Ward 3 Election

Thank you to Stacy Hurst who served 11 years as our representative at City Hall. With Director Hurst's term coming to an end soon, Kathy Webb and Geoffrey Yamauchi are currently running for the position. We asked the candidates to share a little about themselves. The General election will be November 4, 2014.

From Kathy Webb

Hi. I'm Kathy Webb. I'm running for the City Board of Directors, Ward 3, and appreciate this opportunity to communicate with you.

Like you, I love this city and the neighborhoods that make up this Ward. While I came here as a kid with my family, I chose to return as an adult and make my life here. As the co-owner of a small business for many years, I got to know our city and its positive attributes and not so positive. I learned how to make a payroll, and deal with the issues we face in our government and our daily lives-public safety, quality of life, infrastructure and more. Through my volunteer work with the Arkansas Foodbank, the Clinton Museum Store, the Arkansas Affiliate of Komen for the Cure, and other organizations, I became an enthusiastic supporter of our city, and sought ways to become even more involved in making Little Rock a better place to live. In 2006, I was elected to represent much of midtown, including CVSS, in the Arkansas legislature. I worked with you on issues important to you, from helping connect you to funding sources for the Rose Creek project, to advocating for the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, to sponsoring the bill that created a program for city street and infrastructure improvements. I served as the first woman in Arkansas history to Co-Chair Joint Budget, where I worked with colleagues from both parties and the Executive branch to produce a conservative budget that met the needs of our state. In 2012, prior to being term limited, TALK BUSINESS listed me as the Most Effective Member of the House.

Since 2012, I've been Executive Director of the AR Hunger Relief Alliance. I've volunteered as a Member of the UAMS College of Medicine Board of Visitors, the Board of Trustees at First United Methodist Church, and the Plaza Heights Neighborhood Association, helping write grants to improve our neighborhood. Currently, I serve on the Clinton National Airport Board of Commissioners.

As your Ward 3 Director, I'll put my experience, my ability to get results, and my commitment to hard work to work for you. Working to improve public safety will be my number 1 priority. Making sure we continue to promote smart economic development, improve infrastructure, and pursue projects that improve quality of life will be additional priorities. I'll study our city budget and know where your dollars are being spent, and insist on financial accountability for your money. Like many, I've been both pleased and frustrated with city government. I'll be responsive to your needs and will be your advocate.

Please visit our website, or email me at kathywebb14@gmail.com for additional information. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to have your vote November 4.

From Geoffrey Paul Yamauchi

I was born December 20, 1970, in Los Angeles, CA. At the age of 4, my family and I moved to Little Rock. Throughout my early years, I was educated in the Little Rock public schools, graduating from Little Rock Central High School in 1989. After high school, I attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, graduating in 1994 with a degree in communications with a heavy emphasis on advertising and public relations.

Following college, I worked for Martin & Martin Advertising, The Communications Group and Merck Pharmaceuticals. Resigning from Merck I decided to work in a more patient-centric field, choosing sales of medical equipment. I currently work for Habibis Durable Medical Equipment, where I provide services for pediatric patients with special needs.

In my latest position, I have applied myself to increasing efficiency, lowering costs and increasing the bottom line wherever possible, without sacrificing care. The result has been a 300% rise in sales and a significant lowering of expenditures.

In 2003, Mayor Jim Dailey appointed me to the Project Progress Committee, where we oversaw the expenditure of \$69 million bond, which I am delighted to say, we allocated in such a way that we came in on-time and under budget, allowing us to apply the interest to other projects, such as, the particulate vents for the fire departments.

I was later tapped by City Manager Bruce Moore to help with the revenue task force. At this point, my interest in our city and its well being, rose dramatically; I knew then that I could make a difference.

Three factors really drove home my decision to run for the Little Rock Board of Directors:

1. Stacy Hurst chose to relinquish her seat.
2. My attempts to donate a baseball scoreboard and to have the city build a speed-bump ran into a brick wall, with no established protocol for accepting gifts or donations of that sort.
3. I CAN make a difference and I CAN improve Little Rock

I need and appreciate your vote on November 4, 2014. Together we CAN make a difference!

**Don't forget
to Vote
Nov. 4**





Capitol View Stiff Station Neighborhood Association

Neighbors working together to help improve our neighborhood. Let's get to know each other, and help others learn how our city works. Everyone who lives in or who runs a business

We meet on the second Monday of each month at the CVSS Resource Center located at 2715 W 7th Street. Our next meeting is scheduled on October 13 (Columbus Day) from 7-8 p.m. For more neighborhood association information, check out www.cvssna.org or find us on Facebook.

in the Capitol View and Stiff Station neighborhoods of Little Rock, Arkansas is welcome and encouraged to join.

Become a CVSSNA Member

Active participants and supportive memberships do improve our neighborhood quality of life. Paid dues support materials to combat graffiti, support signage, help finance neighborhood events such as National Night Out, and the printing of this newsletter- not to mention the untapped possibilities!

Members are able to vote on issues before the CVSSNA. We invite you to attend the monthly meetings, be an active neighbor, provide suggestions, and hear what is going on in our community.

Capitol View Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Membership Enrollment	
___ Individual (\$10 per household)	___ Business (\$35)
___ Associate (\$50)	
___ New Membership	___ Renewing Membership
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone: _____	Email: _____

Please mail dues to:
CVSSNA Membership, 424 Rosetta, Little Rock, AR 72205.

Dues and Donations can also be paid with a credit card or debit card via PayPal at www.cvssna.org. A \$1 processing fee applies. For more information visit www.cvssna.org/join

Hospitality

Each monthly neighborhood association meeting closes with hospitality provided by residents who volunteer to share food and refreshments. Bart Patton brought this version of "mom's" Chicken Spaghetti to the August meeting. If you have a favorite recipe to bring to the next meeting, contact our Hospitality Committee Chair at bart.patton@gmail.com.

"Mom's" Chicken Spaghetti		
2	Cans 12.5 oz	Chicken (with broth) (I usually get the Tyson or Wal-Mart canned chicken.)
16	Oz	Rotini or bow-tie pasta
1	4 oz	Diced pimentos (with juice)
1		Onion, chopped (I use about 1 1/2 tbsp. onion flakes.)
1		Bell pepper, chopped (I probably use closer to 1/2 bell pepper.)
1	Tsp	Salt
1	Tsp	Black pepper
2	Tsp	Garlic powder (I use closer to 1 1/2 tsp.)
2	Cans	Cream of chicken soup
1	Can	Cream of mushroom soup
1	4.25 oz	Sliced black olives (juice drained)
1	Can	Original Ro-tel (I use Mild.)
4	Cups	Grated cheese

Cook pasta and drain. Mix all ingredients. Put in lightly greased pan. Bake at 350° for 30-40 minutes. (Makes two 9x13 pans. Can be frozen for later.)

CVSSNA Representatives

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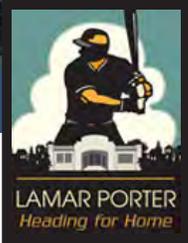
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Join Us!



Lamar Porter Field Rehab Update

The Lamar Porter Revitalization Committee is working with general contractor Kinco Constructors, LLC for the Lamar Porter Complex construction project. The project will address security issues, structurally stabilize the complex and provide grandstand and grounds improvements. Additional stadium and field improvements include stadium waterproofing, field irrigation, a new bull pen, and hardware replacement.

One of the driving forces for people to rally behind the field improvements is the intent to host large tournaments for high school and Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI). RBI is a recreational summer program for 13 to 18 year old boys and girls in which all players bat and no player is on the bench for two innings in a row.

When built, Lamar Porter was the only complex in the state with electric lights. Teams from all over the state came to enjoy Lamar Porter's modern day facilities. Renovations will insure that the complex continues to illuminate the neighborhood providing youth in Arkansas a special place to enjoy recreational sports for the next hundred years. The Lamar Porter Revitalization Committee is accepting donations toward the project. If you wish to give visit www.lamarportercomplex.com.

For more information contact Bob Hamilton at 501-247-6144 or rfh112@icloud.com.

Little Rock Bike/Ped Coordinator Jeremy Lewno - Support "Complete Streets"

The City of Little Rock's planning commission unanimously passed a Complete Streets policy and it will go before the City Board of Directors very soon. Complete Streets are streets designed for all users and make it easier to cross the street, walk to shops, bicycle to work, and allow buses to run on time. By adopting a Complete Streets policy, communities direct their transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right of way to enable safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation. Little Rock will join over 600 communities by adopting such a policy. Please contact your ward director in support of this measure.

The Woodruff Community Garden

Garden Coordinator Anita Southard shared treats at the September CVSSNA meeting made with fresh tomatoes and peppers from this year's garden harvest. She also provided bundt cake topped with her homemade fig sauce. All of these were compliments of the 7th and Brown Street shared plots. Residents of Capital View and Stiff Station can become annual members for \$25. Members are provided access to the garden, shed, and tools.

Everyone shares in general maintenance including workdays scheduled two days a month. Feel free to stop by the garden when you see the gardeners working, especially on Saturdays. Most

members prefer mornings in the summer but will begin working later as the weather cools down. Most plots are shared, making gardening manageable as well as a great place for beginners to learn. Plants raised in shared plots include okra, broccoli, squash, greens, potatoes, sweet potatoes, blueberries, blackberries and more.

Some labor intensive projects coming up this fall include building a major drain through the garden to reduce the effects of flooding and new borders for some of the plots. They welcome help from anyone in the neighborhood. Contact woodruffgarden@yahoo.com for more information.



Safety Message

If you have a vehicle with a remote control alarm button, keep it by your bedside instead of hanging on a hook by the door. If ever needed, you will be ready to draw attention to your home that could alert your neighbors or use it as a possible deterrent for unwanted activity at night.