



MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Last year, we received federal funds to help support our youth employment program. With those funds, we were able to provide employment for more than 1,000 youth, ages 14-25 throughout two counties.

This year, support for our summer youth employment efforts are being pursued by City staff and we fully expect to be able to offer the same opportunities for our youth as we have in the past. Although, we are making every effort to supplement our summer youth employment program, we will not be able to support the number of young people we were able to employ last year. This year, we will be able to employ approximately 100-120 youth between the ages of 14-17. Applications for employment will be available through Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) during the week of June 14. For more information, please contact 349-9676.

It is imperative that we work together as a community to provide activities and programs that will supplement activities for our youth this summer! Our Parks and Recreation and Public Safety Departments continue to work in tandem to provide programs/activities and employment opportunities for our youth as well as stay attuned to their issues and concerns.

Parks and Recreation Department started their summer programming in June with activities and programs that will include Summer Mini-Camps, Counselor in Training and Future Chefs programs. Additionally, Public Safety's summer fishing program and Youth Academies are designed to help KDPS strengthen relationships between area youth and law enforcement.

Our commitment to positively impacting the quality of life for the youth in our community will always be a priority!

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA VISITS KALAMAZOO

Nearly 5,300 students, faculty and Kalamazoo community welcomed President Barack Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to Kalamazoo during Kalamazoo Central High School's 2010 graduation ceremony.



Photo: Mark Bugnaski-Kalamazoo Gazette

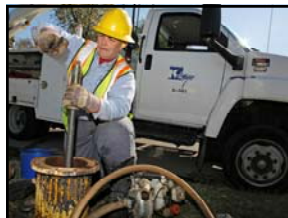
Kalamazoo Central was chosen as a part of the President's **Race to the Top - Commencement Challenge**. The students, faculty and community rallied around the students to help bring President Obama to Kalamazoo, but President Obama was clear about why Kalamazoo Central was chosen during his surprise visit to the students prior to the commencement ceremony.

"We could have come to a lot of high schools... But the truth is what we saw here going on was not only the community coming together with the Promise, not only teachers and principals dedicating themselves but we saw young people who were committed and young people who didn't buy into the whole notion that some how public schools can't be as good as private schools and that only kids from certain backgrounds can succeed in school. You guys didn't buy into those stereotypes that schools can't be diverse and people can't get along and everyone can't be fo-

cused on building a better community and a better country and succeeding individually even as you are giving back. So we came here... because of you!"
[President Obama]



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CITY OF KALAMAZOO JOINS PNC BANK AND "MAKES THE PROMISE TO LEARN"

Wednesday, June 16 is a momentous day for our community!

Kalamazoo has a wealth of summer services to help children and youth continue learning year round! PNC Bank in conjunction with the Children's Television will sponsor the *Mobile Learning Adventure*, a project designed to promote year round learning.

Organizations and vendors from throughout Kalamazoo will be at **Bronson Park** from **11:00am-7:00pm** to provide hands-on learning opportunities for students of all ages. Youth-serving and parent support organizations are invited to join this endeavor to share information, register students for summer programs and engage them in hands-on activities.

Filling the *opportunity* gap will contribute to narrowing the *achievement* gap!

Organizations and vendors interested in participating in this event should contact Sari Deters, sdeters@kcis.us or 337-1601 for more information.



Fresh Produce, Plants & Flowers
Baked Goods, Fresh Meat & Hand Made Crafts

CITY OF KALAMAZOO FARMERS' MARKET May 1 - November 20 7:00am - 2:00pm

or until the last seller leaves the Market

May & November
Saturdays Only

June - October
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

1204 Bank Street between Lake Street and Stockbridge Avenue
Farmers' Market (337-8899) Parks & Recreation (337-8191)
www.kalamazoocity.org



SUPPORT FRIENDS OF RECREATION ON MATCH DAY IN BRONSON PARK JUNE 23, 2010 11:00AM-6:00PM



The Kalamazoo Community Foundation is celebrating its 85th birthday this year and has given Kalamazoo's nonprofit community 85,000 reasons to celebrate with them on Match Day!

Match Day is a very special event designed to help nonprofit organizations like the *Friends of Recreation/Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment* to build the endowment fund established for our benefit at the Community Foundation.

Match Day is June 23 in **Bronson Park** and the Community Foundation will match each dollar donated to the Friends of Recreation/Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment with 50 cents that will be available for us to use immediately. There is \$85,000 in match dollars available!

On Match Day, residents are invited to come to the park anytime between **11:00am-6:00pm** and make a donation to the Friends of Recreation/Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment. Donations must be made in person and can be made by cash, check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express).

Residents can come to the park and donate anytime throughout the day, but are encouraged to come early, because while donations will be accepted all day, they will only be matched until the \$85,000 is exhausted!

For complete Match Day details, including information about maximum donations, how gifts will be receipted and Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit eligibility, please visit the Kalamazoo Community Foundation's Web site at www.kalfound.org

SAVE THE DATE



FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010

For more information or sponsorship details, visit www.kalamazoocity.org/docs/FOR_Golf2010 or call 337-8191



CITYLINK Ideas & Features

CITYLINK is a monthly, internal publication generated by the City Manager's Office that will feature information regarding the organization. Please contact the editor, Alfrelynn Roberts robertsa@kalamazoocity.org or 337-8362, with questions or comments.

BURR OAK PLANTED IN BRONSON PARK FOR 2010 ARBOR DAY



City Commissioners, staff and residents took part in the traditional planting of a tree in celebration of Arbor Day.

Since 1872, Arbor Day individuals and groups have been encouraged to plant and care for trees in communities throughout the country.

This year, Commissioner David Anderson (Commission liaison to the City's Environmental Concerns Committee) and Parks and Recreation Chairperson Garry Lee McCormick alongside City staff were on hand to help plant a Burr Oak tree in Bronson Park during the annual Arbor Day celebration.



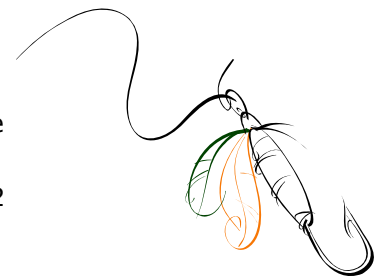
KDPS MENTORS YOUTH THROUGH SUMMER FISHING PROGRAM

Throughout the summer, Kalamazoo Public Safety Community Policing Unit will host the [2nd Annual Youth Fishing Program](#).

Public Safety aspires to continue its efforts to foster new relationships with young residents through a non-traditional approach. Youth will gain skills, knowledge and experience in fishing while building relationships with Public Safety Officers. In addition to being introduced to inland lake fishing at local lakes, area youth will take a trip to Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery.

This program is scheduled for [every Wednesday, June 30 through August 25, 9:00am until 12:00 noon](#).

For further information please contact Community Policing Officer David Juday, 337-8932 or Judayd@kalamazoocity.org



CITY OF KALAMAZOO AND DOULGASS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SPONSORS

KALAMAZOO'S FINEST 2010 CELEBRITY SOFTBALL GAME

Kalamazoo

Law Enforcement Community

VS.

Kalamazoo's Finest Pro-Athletes

(featuring Greg Jennings, TJ Duckett and others)

Mayors' Riverfront Park Sunday, June 27, 2010

4:00pm (Gates Open)
4:30pm (Clergy Game)
5:15pm (Mascot Game)
6:00pm (First Pitch)

Admission
\$5 per person

For more information and tickets, call 343-6187



KDPS TO BEGIN SUMMER CURFEW ENFORCEMENT



The Curfew Enforcement Program is designed to discourage curfew violations and reduce criminal activity commonly associated with these offenses. Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS) will work alongside the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office and the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Office to help enforce the curfew ordinance that prohibits youth to be out on the streets after 10:00pm for youth 12 and under and after midnight for youth under 13-16 years old. Violators will be returned to their parents who will be alerted about the criminal penalties for allowing their children to be out roaming the streets of Kalamazoo after curfew hours.

KDPS is slated to begin curfew enforcement on June 17. Last year, KDPS apprehended 44 curfew violators and understands that by discouraging juveniles from violating Kalamazoo's ordinance helps neighborhood quality of life issues and reduces the potential of violent criminal activity from and against our youth.

The City's Curfew Ordinance is available online, <http://ecode360.com/?custId=KA2666>. Anyone who may have information about curfew violators is asked to contact Public Safety at 337-8994 or Silent Observer at 343-2100 or www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS . . .

PUBLIC SERVICE started to install equipment to replace the old, inefficient 'west' chiller at City Hall. The chiller replacement is being made possible through ARRA funding and is expected to be completed by the end of May

Architectural drawings have been completed for the **METRO TRANSIT** office administrative office expansion. The 2,500 square foot addition will include a formal board room. Care is being taken to relocate existing trees on the building's north side. Project is 80% federal and 20% state funded



ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT A Sunrise Rotary fundraiser for Veterans Memorial Rose Park was held in May. The multi-collaborative effort includes Northside and riverfront clean-up, spearheaded by Habitat for Humanity and AmeriCorps

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT The City of Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority hosted a Neighborhood Stabilization Program Community Partner Meeting in April to discuss the \$15 million NSP2 granted to the area for neighborhood, non-profit and faith-based organizations working to improve housing and neighborhoods in Kalamazoo

CITY HALL TREASURY OFFICE TO UNDERGO RENOVATIONS

The City of Kalamazoo Treasury Office will undergo a major renovation in order to combine all customer service and billing operations for the City. This cost cutting move approved in the 2010 Budget will co-locate the Public Services customer service office and the Treasury Office.

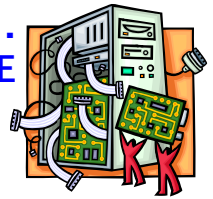
On May 24, 2010, the Treasury Office at City Hall was temporarily relocated to Public Services-Stockbridge. While renovations are underway, all tax and utility customer service and billing operations will be handled at the Stockbridge location (415 Stockbridge Avenue). Office hours will remain the same, Monday - Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

The Treasury office at City Hall will reopen Monday, August 9, 2010. At that time, all tax and utility customer service and billing operations will relocate to City Hall (241 W. South Street, 1st Floor).

For more information, visit www.kalamazoo.org or contact the Treasury Office, 337-8036 or Public Services, 337-8808.



I.T. HELP DESK . . . AT YOUR SERVICE



The e-Waste Epidemic

On average, people in the United States throw away 300 - 400 million electronic items each year, which equates to about 70% of toxic waste found in landfills. Many electronic items are considered e-waste, but with an estimated 140 million wireless phones retired each year in the US, phones are a large part of the problem.

Wireless Recycling Stats

One mobile phone contaminates 40,000 gallons of water. Mobile phones and their batteries contain toxic materials, such as arsenic, lead, and zinc, which can contaminate soil and groundwater if improperly disposed.

The energy saved by recycling even one mobile phone is enough to power a laptop for 44 hours. Mining the gold needed for the circuit board of a single mobile phone generates an estimated 220 pounds of waste.

e-Cycle: The Corporate Wireless Recycling Company

Organizations have a personal and professional responsibility to dispose of their wireless devices safely and properly. Collection drives and other wireless recycling programs are great for individuals, but **e-Cycle** serves the varied wireless recycling needs of corporations and organizations including data security and buyback services, as well as environmental compliance. e-Cycle is the chosen partner for thousands of organizations, including the City of Kalamazoo, which provides a simple program to address these issues.



For questions regarding the new password police, contact the **HelpDesk**, 337-8400 or HelpDesk@kalamazoo.org

RECENT RETIREES, NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

RECENT RETIREES

Richard Beardslee, General Superintendent
30 Years of Service (*Public Services-Harrison*)

Henry Caulder, Vehicle Operations Supervisor
9 Years of Service (*Metro Transit*)

Gregory Hatter, Detective
33 Years of Service (*Public Safety*)

Roberta Narlock, Procurement Coordinator
22 Years of Service (*Public Safety*)

Wil Roland, Water Services Program Manager
26 Years of Service (*Public Services-Harrison*)

