

June 2011  
Second Edition

# Ivanhoe Neighborhood News



## Urban Demonstration Garden Groundbreaking

On April 12, 2011, residents gathered at the vacant lot located on the corner of 37th and Woodland to celebrate the groundbreaking for the Ivanhoe

Neighborhood Urban Demonstration Garden. The garden, made possible by the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council, the Ivanhoe Healthy Kids Initiative, and the Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City is not only a hands-on tool to help educate the Ivanhoe community in urban food gardening, but it is also a way to address the neighborhood's food desert issues by providing residents with fresh, affordable fruits and vegetables.

Those participating in the celebration included (pictured below) Scott Burnett, Jackson County Legislator; Alan Young, Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council President; Marlin Bates, University Missouri Extension Horticulture Specialist; Gisela Pursel, Master Gardener of Greater Kansas City; Melba Curles, 3rd District Council Representative; John Sharp, 6th District Council Representative; Beth Gottstein, 4th District Council Representative; and Jermaine Reed, 3rd District Council Representative. Also, participating in the Ground Breaking Ceremony were Lela Williams, Ivanhoe resident, and youth participants in the Ivanhoe Healthy Lifestyles 2011 class.



### 2011 Kansas City Urban Farms & Gardens Tours

The Ivanhoe Scouts Sprouts Garden and the Urban Demonstration Garden, 37th & Woodland, are included in this year's KC Urban Farms & Garden Tour. This tour showcases over 30 gardens and urban farms across the city. Please show your support by purchasing a ticket and by stopping by on Sunday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the live music by A.J. Young, food demonstrations, and to see the *Grown in Ivanhoe* Farm Stand. You will also have an opportunity to talk with Kansas City Missouri Master Gardeners. Free shuttle for Ivanhoe residents only, call the Ivanhoe office for tickets.

### IVANHOE MEETING SCHEDULE

**Monthly Neighborhood Meeting,**  
Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

June 25, July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 24

#### COMMITTEES:

Beautification Committee

Mondays at 2:00

June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19

Crime & Safety Committee

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19

Housing/Economic/Jobs Committee

Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27

Board of Directors

Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

June 27, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26

Youth/Family/Education

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

June 22, July 20, Aug. 24, Sept. 21

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## ***Ivanhoe Board News***

### ***Friends of Ivanhoe Luncheon***



The Ivanhoe Board of Directors were pleased to host a cadre of highly distinguished guests at the April 21, 2011 *Friends of Ivanhoe* Luncheon. The guest list included: Thomas Brown, Marion Buie, Jay Hodges, Sonja Nave, Antoine Richardson, James M. Stacy, Terry Ward, Travis Yeargans and Mayor Elect Sylvester “Sly” James. *Friends of Ivanhoe* luncheons are held by the board to increase the awareness of Ivanhoe’s history, accomplishments, plans for the future, and most importantly, to grow the number of “*Friends of Ivanhoe.*”

### **Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council Board Retreat**

Since 2002, the Ivanhoe Board has actively worked to increase its capacity to provide more dynamic, effective leadership in order to make sure that the goals set by neighborhood residents, in 2000, are met.

To this end, over the years, the Ivanhoe Board has participated in a number of board development activities including training, visioning and strategic planning. This year, the Ivanhoe Board will hold a retreat in June with the focus on completing its succession plan and firming up strategic priorities. Karen Boyd will serve as facilitator.

### **What is the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council?**

*The Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council is a 501[c][3], not-for-profit neighborhood improvement organization composed of all of the good people that live in the Ivanhoe neighborhood and a growing number of partners committed to the accomplishment of Ivanhoe’s vision of becoming a truly thriving community.*

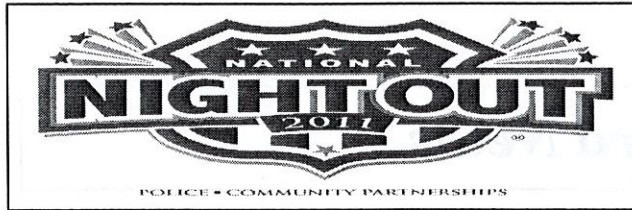
### **What does Ivanhoe do?**

*We have several committees that address all of the major areas required to change lives and revitalize a center-city community, including cleanliness, beauty, capacity building, housing, economic development, jobs and enrichment programs and advocacy for families, youth, and senior citizens.*

### **How can you help?**

*We need you to become involved by volunteering, assisting with clerical tasks, helping with the many programs we offer, making sure you are a good neighbor, and help by paying monthly membership dues.*





KANSAS CITY COMMUNITY PARTNERS have joined together to plan National Night Out Against Crime. The 2011 Night Out Against Crime will be held Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at Swope Park from 6:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.

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For more information please contact Jessie Jefferson at 816.921.661 or email: [jjeffers@incthives.org](mailto:jjeffers@incthives.org)

### Purge Your Home Of ABOP

ANTIFREEZE ▪ BATTERIES ▪ OIL ▪ PAINT

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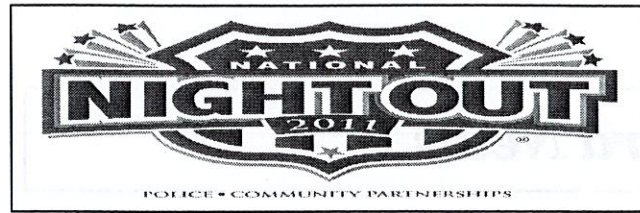
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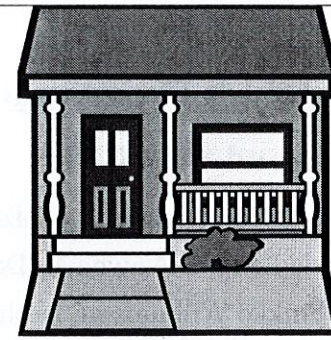
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### **“Weatherization Sunday” coming soon to a Church near you!**

The Green Impact Zone is working with ambassadors from area Churches to help members apply for the Zone's Weatherization Assistance Program. Weatherizing your home can help keep you cool in the summer and warm in the winter, while using energy more efficiently and saving money. Arletha Manlove, Workforce Development Ombudsman for the Green Impact Zone reports that the first Weatherization Sunday will be held at Christian Fellowship, 4509 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo on Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Watch for more locations and dates to be announced in the coming weeks, or call 816.936.8811 to apply.

### **Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries (MLM) 2011 Congregation Servant Event**

MLM worked with the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council to identify low-income elderly and disabled homeowners in need of help with minor home repairs. On May 7, 2011, more than 75 members of local Lutheran churches assisted these residents, participating churches included: Bethany, Holy Cross, Immanuel, Kaw Prairie, Lord of Life, Ruskin Heights, Atonement, St. Marks, and Trinity. Special thanks to Thaddeus Hill for recruiting Macedonia Baptist Church men who joined with MLM volunteers in repairing the homes. Also, 50 KU nurses painted homes. Overall, more than 150 volunteers participated.

A total of 19 homes were repaired: houses painted—14; installation of light fixtures—6; installation of door locks—9; re-hung doors—4; rebuilt steps—4; wheel chair ramp—1; rebuilt decks—2; electrical repairs—7; and installation of smoke alarms—13. Total cost for materials—\$3,500.

Special thanks and God's blessings to MLM for repairing more than 100 homes for seniors over the past 5 years.

### **Ivanhoe Home Repair Programs**

Ivanhoe Minor Home Repair Manager, Lester Bass reports that the Minor Home Repair Program is near the projected target of 30 homes. “We are reviewing our budget before we proceed with repairing any more homes at this time,” Mr. Bass reports.

The Ivanhoe Minor Home Repair Program is for residents who meet the program's eligibility guidelines. Funding is provided through the City of Kansas City Missouri's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

#### **Ivanhoe Rental Revitalization Program**

Landlords who own property within Ivanhoe's boundaries, 31st Street to Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd, Prospect to Paseo Blvd., are eligible to apply for this program, also funded with CDBG dollars from the City.

#### **BRITE TIF Program**

Residents who live within Ivanhoe's Northwest Quadrant (31st to 39th Street, Paseo to Michigan) are eligible to participate in this program funded through the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Commission. Income guidelines apply for this program.

Stop by the Ivanhoe office, 3700 Woodland, to pick up an application for these programs. If you have questions or need assistance completing the application, contact a member of the Ivanhoe Development Programs staff, Lester Bass, Phyllis Ray, or Walt May at 816.921.6611.



At-A-Glance Calendar

Events for Ivanhoe Youth AND Parents

*These events are designed for the entire family and we encourage and request your participation.*

**Summer Youth Activities Program**

**PARENTS, register your child NOW for the Ivanhoe Summer Youth Activities Program!**

**Summer program date:**  
**6/20-8/5 Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Grades: 5th-8th Grades (entering these grades for the 2011-2012 school year)**

Upcoming Events

**6/18 Ivanhoe Park Celebration & Family Day, 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 4300 Brooklyn**

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**6/25 Ground-Breaking Celebration for Jim Nutter Park Improvements, 2:00 p.m., 3700 Woodland**

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**7/23 Summer Youth Celebration & Amazing PACE, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 3700 Woodland**

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**8/12 Back to School/ Safe Summer Nights, 5:00 p.m., 3700 Woodland**

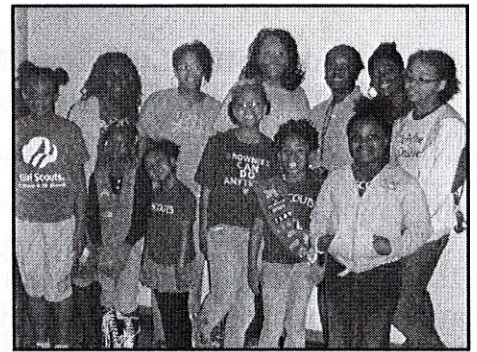
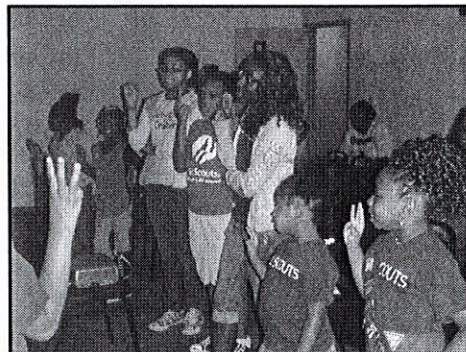
**Ivanhoe Positive Alternatives Programs**

**We Are Proud Of YOU!**

Congratulations to Jasmine Banks, Armon Broadway, Faizion Campbell, Dasia Graves, Carlos Liner, Makayla Long, DeVawna McDonald, Day Newman, Deiontae Williamson, Denikko Williamson, Deshiya Williamson, McKenzie Powell, McKayla Powell, and Evan Scott who just completed the Healthy Lifestyles 2011 Experiential Learning Program! Master Gardeners Barbara Johnson and Ingrid Pelger along with Yolanda Young taught a five-week nutrition and gardening program using lessons from "Eating from the Garden" curriculum. The nutrition and plant science lessons, as well as the hands-on education, reinforced the students ability to plant fruit and vegetables in raised bed and containers. Thanks to Lala Kumar, MG Horticulture Specialist, and to Margaret May, Ivanhoe Executive Director, for funding the container project.

**SCOUTING:**

***New Responsibilities, New Adventures***



Bridging is an important step for girls in Scouting. A Bridging Ceremony was held on Saturday, May 21st at Macedonia Baptist Church to honor girls in Ivanhoe Troops 3630 and 3631, who transitioned from one level of Girl Scouts to another.

Congratulations to Dasia Graves, Aaliyah Cann, Olivia Richardson, and Nia Scott for their achievement! We salute the honorees and all of the girls in the troops for their achievements throughout the year. A special thank you to leaders Fredericka Poindexter-Scott, Sequita Richardson, Debra Higgs, Leah Solomon, Yvonne McFedders, and Phyllis Brown for their dedication to the program.





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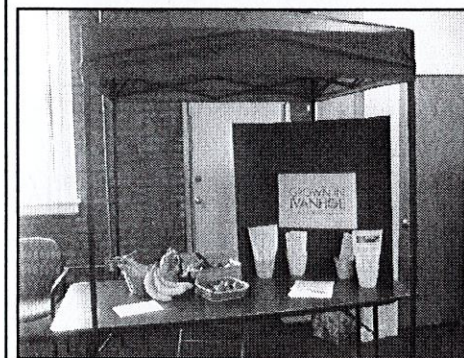
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## Upcoming Fun for the Entire Family!

**The 10th Annual Ivanhoe Park Celebration & Family Day** will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at Ivanhoe Park, 43rd & Brooklyn from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Please come out to help us celebrate ten years of working together to change this formerly crime-infested neighborhood park (Brooklyn Park) into a place where wholesome, positive, family-type activities now take place.

In remembrance, reflection, and in of honor of Juneteenth, Father's Day, and the park's remarkable transformation, the theme for the day will be: "Hope, History & Heritage." This event will feature Free food and prizes, kickball games, a plant walk, a quilting-corner for kids, information booths (open for non-profit organizations and others), a BIG, Giant slide, and fellowship and fun for all. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair and join us at 12:30 for the program and entertainment!

**Ivanhoe Youth Celebration & Amazing PACE (Physical Activity Challenge Event)** will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council office, 3700 Woodland. From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) children will move from location to location (along Woodland) to participate in a physical activity challenges — such as jump rope or running through tires — and once completed they will receive a stamp, then move on to the next challenge event. Volunteers will monitor the children along the route to ensure safety. Stamps can be redeemed for prizes. The challenge will end at the Nutter Ivanhoe Center at 12:00 noon with a FREE concert, FREE food and lots of FUN! Sponsors along the route will share information and help with the fun. Call the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council for more information.



## The Grown in Ivanhoe Project

The *Grown in Ivanhoe* Project is an innovative effort to address the food desert issues in the Ivanhoe community by empowering residents with the education and tools needed to grow and sell their own produce.

This unique effort takes a three-pronged approach to food access which includes the Scout's Sprouts initiative, the *Grown in Ivanhoe* brand, and the Ivanhoe Farmer's Market.

If you live in Ivanhoe and would like to learn to grow food, or if you already have a garden and are interested in selling what you grow, we would love to provide you with your very own *Grown in Ivanhoe* Farm Stand (pictured above) and help you to become a voice for food equality in this city.

Please contact Dina Newman at the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council, 816.921.6611, if you would like to be a part of this exciting, new adventure!




The Ivanhoe Healthy Kids Initiatives goals are implemented to address childhood obesity issues by advocating for policy, barrier, and environmental change in the Ivanhoe neighborhood.

- ◆ 32% of all children and adolescents ages 2-19 are obese or overweight
- ◆ Children from low-income families are twice as likely to be overweight
- ◆ Obesity rates are 52% higher in neighborhoods with only corner store-type stores versus only supermarkets
- ◆ Obese children are twice as likely to die before the age of 55 compared to healthy-weight children

### Ivanhoe Healthy Kids Goals:


- ◆ Community Gardening and Urban Agriculture
- ◆ Improve our parks and park programming so that our children will want to go out to play
- ◆ Organize the community around healthy eating and active living goals
- ◆ Work with faith-based organizations to establish healthy, fresh, and affordable food outlets





Join the  
Silver Foxes  
for Card  
Games,  
Exercise and

Lots of Fun! Wednesdays  
from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at  
the Nutter Ivanhoe



## Ivanhoe Neighborhood News You Can Use

For the first ever Ivanhoe Neighborhood Cookbook is underway and Committee Chairperson, Sharon Bass, is seeking volunteers to be a part of the Cookbook Committee. If you are interested in being on the committee or submitting a recipe please contact Ms. Bass at the Nutter Ivanhoe

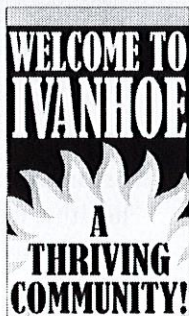
### Adopt A Block Program

The City has started a new program "Adopt a Block" to improve codes enforcement on vacant houses and lots. A number of Ivanhoe Block Contacts have volunteered to assist with this program which will speed up the abatement process. These volunteers will make note of addresses with tall weeds and excess trash and, then, submit the information to the City. The City will send a notification to the owner of the property. Should the owner not take prompt action in abating the problem, the City will abate the problem and send the bill to the owner. Block Contact volunteers are: Sharon Bass, Gregory Echols, Jewel Gilkes, Stephany Irving, Betty Jackson, Francine Nelson, Peggy Jones, Sue McGee, and Lela Williams.

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