

March 2011
First Edition

Ivanhoe Meeting Schedule

Monthly Neighborhood Meeting

Saturday 2:00 p.m.

April 16, May 14, June 25

Board of Directors

Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

April 25, May 23, June 27

Committees:

Beautification

Tuesday 2:00 p.m., April 19

Monday 2:00 p.m.

May 16, June 20

Crime & Safety

Tuesday 2:00 p.m., April 19

Monday 1:00 p.m.

May 16, June 20

Housing/Economic/Jobs

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

April 26, May 24, June 28

Youth/Family/Education

Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

April 13, May 11, June 22

Ivanhoe Neighborhood News

KANSAS CITY EARNINGS TAX

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- * The earnings tax is a 1 percent tax on wages and salaries the City collects from people who live and work in Kansas City and on net profits of businesses and the self-employed doing business in Kansas City. About 50 percent of this revenue comes from people who live outside Kansas City.
- * The earnings tax raises about \$200 million annually, or about 40% of all the City's general fund revenue.
- * The tax pays for police and fire protection, trash collection, weed control, dangerous buildings removal, care of parks, street repairs, health care programs care of parks and recreations centers and more. If the earnings tax is eliminated these services will be either cut or, possibly eliminated.
- * The tax is not levied on social security, unemployment benefits, worker's compensation, IRAS or other retirement income or disability payments.
- * This is not a new tax. It dates back to 1963 when voters approved a half-percent tax to improve basic services. Voters increased the tax to 1 percent in 1970, mostly for additional police officers and citywide trash collection service.

VOTE on Tuesday, April 5, 2011

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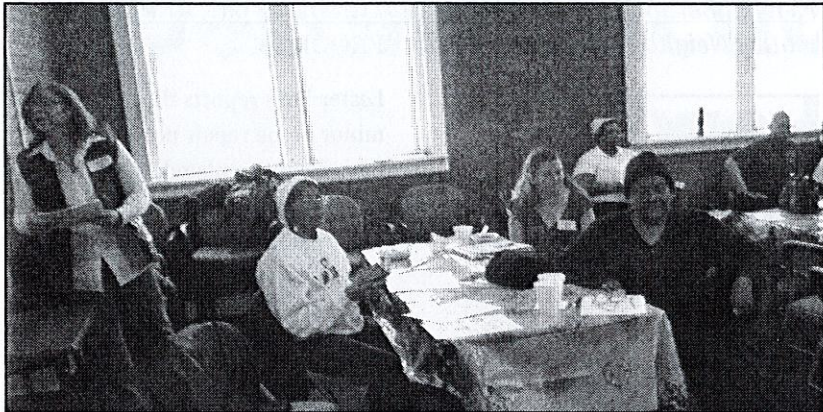
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Ivanhoe Information Day and Unveiling of Jim Nutter Park Sign



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RENTAL REVITALIZATION

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If you are interested in the Minor Home Repair Program, please call the office and ask for Lester, 921-6611.

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This agreement is an open invitation for everyone involved to honor Ivanhoe (means "Gracious Gift from God") and to provide an opportunity for all of us to benefit.

At every opportunity a commitment will be requested of each person who is a recipient of services or resources and of service providers who benefit from the community development efforts within Ivanhoe.

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Deconstruction Training Two-Day Workshop

Classroom and on-the-job sessions will cover:

- Safety
- Tools
- Equipment
- Job-site layout
- Sequence of work
- Deconstruction techniques
- Layered materials
- Debris handling and recycling
- Maximizing salvage values
- Handling and shipping
- Bid preparation

If you are a contractor interested in diversifying your income stream, this free workshop is for you!

This training is brought to you by:



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April 14 & 15

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Habitat ReStore,
4701 Deramus Ave., Kansas City, Mo., 64120**

RSVP to Victoria Ogier at vogier@marc.org
or 816-701-8308 by Friday, April 8.

The City of Kansas City, Mo., and partners will be issuing requests for proposals for the deconstruction of several homes in the city. In order for bids to be considered, contractors must complete this two-day training and be on the city's certified demolition list. To learn how to be included on the list, please contact Nate Pare at Nate.Pare@kcmo.org.

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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.

4/12 First day for *Healthy Lifestyles 2011* Experiential Learning Sessions, 4:00 p.m.

Ground-breaking Ceremony at 3644 Woodland for urban demonstration garden, 5:00 p.m.

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5/14 *Healthy Lifestyles 2011* graduation ceremony

Macedonia Baptist Church service day project at Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council 2:00 p.m. Monthly meeting

Public launch and blessing of "The Grown in Ivanhoe Project"

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Upcoming Events...

June 2011

Ivanhoe Park Celebration (Juneteenth Event)

Nutter Park ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration of new playground equipment

Annual city-wide urban demonstration garden tour

Ivanhoe Positive Alternatives Programs

Ivanhoe Heat 12 and Under Division Baseball

The Heat had a 7-week season playing in the Della Lamb Winter Basketball League. The team ended up with a record of 1-5 and though it doesn't appear that there were successes, there were several successes that Coach Walter May is proud of.

"Success is measured by the boys getting better, which they did. I believe this was a good season and a good learning experience for me and the boys. We had good turnouts at practices and plenty of parental support on game days." The team celebrated the end of their season with a Special Ceremony and chili dinner.



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Scouting

Ivanhoe Cub Scout Pack 4014 held their Blue and Gold Banquet on February 28th at the Neighborhood Center. Nineteen Cub Scouts were eligible for receiving either a Bobcat or Webelos award.

Ivanhoe residents Francine Nelson and Lela Williams spoke to the scouts about the importance of being their best and how to succeed in life by never giving up. In honor of Black History month, Cedric R. Saunders, The Storyteller, gave a special rendition and impersonation of Frederick Douglass.



Ivanhoe Cub Scout Pack 4014 stand and salute the flag at the Blue & Gold Banquet

Scouts' Sprouts

Ivanhoe Boy and Girl Scouts can learn more about growing fruits and vegetables as they participate in the "Scouts' Sprouts" project. The raised garden beds in Jim Nutter Park and the fruit orchard on 3624 Highland, planted by Eagle Scout Alex Young and Troop 24 will provide the scouts with the space and opportunity that is needed to plant, maintain, and prepare the produce for sharing and marketing.

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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Experiential Learning is an approach that allows students a time to reflect upon their own ideas, exercise voice and choice, and make decisions that affect project outcomes and the general learning process (also called project-based learning). Children "learn by doing" as they are encouraged to set goals, make plans, and reflect upon their experiences.

The 2011 experiential learning course, *Healthy Lifestyles*, will be in session each Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 p.m. beginning April 12th and ending May 12th. Children in 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade are encouraged to participate. The goal for this garden project is to increase physical activity, gardening knowledge, consumption of fruits and vegetables, and to encourage healthier food choices. A graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 14th at the Nutter Ivanhoe Neighborhood Center.

Ivanhoe Healthy Kids... "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Hearts, Healthy Futures"

The Ivanhoe Healthy Kids Initiatives is a four-year plan to develop and implement strategies to reduce childhood obesity and promote healthy living and active lifestyles. We believe by addressing issues that effect the entire family— issues like playground accessibility and eating fresh vegetables and fruit, we build a generational legacy of good health and strong communities.

On April 12, 2011 please plan to lend your support to the ground breaking ceremony on the corner of 37th & Woodland. The Master Gardeners of Kansas City will be planting a large demonstration garden filled with a large variety of vegetables and fruit, to be made available to you, the residents. This event will also be the kick-off for the children's Healthy Lifestyles 2011 program. The children will be involved with planting and growing of the garden.

May 14th will be a very busy day for friends and families of Ivanhoe and we want you to be a part of this exciting day. "The Grown in Ivanhoe" project will be officially launched and members of Macedonia Baptist Church will participate in a service project as well. We anticipate both the local press and dignitaries to attend this event.

On this day, our Healthy Lifestyles participants will have their graduation ceremony and celebration event.

The Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council was approved to receive a grant from CVS Drug Stores through Boundless Playgrounds to add new playground equipment to Jim Nutter Park! The equipment is designed to be accessible for all children, including those who may be in a wheelchair. We are very excited and grateful for this opportunity!



FREE Books for parents and children available at the Ivanhoe Kids Corner, located at the Center. Call Yolanda Young with your questions at 816.921.6611

Youth Employment/Job Opportunity

The Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control is recruiting 17 year olds to assist in tobacco compliance checks at retail establishments. This may be a great opportunity for after school or summer employment for Ivanhoe Youth. The payment is \$12/hour. Please call Yolanda Young at 816.921.6611 if interested.

Kid-Friendly Recipe

English Muffin Mini Pizza

1. Cut muffin in half
2. Spread a little tomato sauce for spaghetti sauce on one half
3. Add some shredded mozzarella cheese
4. Top with a little broccoli and/or spinach
5. Put in toaster oven until cheese melts (about 1-2 min.) and Enjoy!

CREATING CLEAN AND SAFE BLOCKS

Block Contract Training

Block training, by invitation, will be held in April. By working together, we help to create a safe community. By doing our part, we personally help everyone and improve neighborhood livability. We're all in this together! Call Jessie Jefferson at 921.6611 to schedule a block meeting.

2011 Dumpster Information

Beginning in May, Ivanhoe will provide two dumpsters each month. One will be for leaves and brush, the other for trash. Dumpsters are provided for Ivanhoe residents only (proof of residency required). Call Jessie Jefferson for dumpster locations at 816.921.6611.

AS AN INDIVIDUAL

- Know your neighbors; walk in the neighborhood
- Get involved with youth and support their positive development
- Take responsibility for your children's actions
- Make sure property is well lit; turn on your front porch light at night
- Trim bushes and trees to eliminate potential hiding places for burglars
- Lock car doors to prevent auto theft; don't leave a running car unattended

AS A BLOCK OR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

- Organize block meetings/watch groups to help monitor crime and conditions of the block
- Set safety goals for the block and neighborhood
- Encourage residents to make their homes and blocks safe
- Organize and participate in clean-ups
- Work with neighbors to help property owners with properties that have begun to deteriorate
- Work as a partner with the city and the police to prevent and alleviate safety problems.

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