

Ivanhoe Neighborhood News

May 2014 * Second Edition

Listen Up Students...

Are you going to be a high school senior when school starts? Or, are you a college student? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions AND if you would like to have a chance to earn money for college expenses, you will want to be sure to come to the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council's offices at 3700 Woodland, Kansas City, Mo. 64109 on Friday, June 6th at 5:00 p.m. to learn about a new and exciting opportunity.

For more information go online to:

<http://incthrives2014.istart.org>

Ivanhoe Park Celebration

You are invited to attend the Ivanhoe Park Celebration and Family Day event to be held **11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 14th at Ivanhoe Park, located at 4300 Brooklyn.**



This event also includes recognizing "Juneteenth" as the oldest national celebration that ended US slavery. In addition, for Father's Day, we will honor men in their role as fathers.

Come and hear our local jazz teaching artist, James and Angela Ward, along with the Ivanhoe afterschool music education youth program. Also, stop by the farmers market vendor tables to learn more about the Ivanhoe Farmers' Market. Refreshments will be served. This event is free to the public.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Neighborhood Monthly Meeting

4th Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
5/17; 6/28; 7/26; 8/23

Committee Meetings

Beautification

3rd Monday at 2 p.m.
5/19; 6/16; 7/21; 8/18

Crime & Safety

3rd Monday at 1 p.m.
5/19; 6/16; 7/21; 8/18

Housing, Economic, Development and Jobs

1st Monday at 6 p.m.
5/5; 6/2; 7/7; 8/4

Youth, Family Life & Education Thursdays before the monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Ivanhoe Board of Directors

4th Monday at 4:30 p.m.
5/19; 6/23; 7/28; 8/25

Grown in Ivanhoe

2nd Tuesdays of the month 5-6:30 p.m.

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"Where there is no vision, the people perish . . ." Proverbs 29:18



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News You Can Use

From UMB Bank:

The first step to buying a home: pre-approval

Imagine walking in to your new house. You moved in a few weeks ago, you've unpacked most of your things, and it's starting to feel like home. But then you wake up from this fantasy and realize you don't know how to make this dream become a reality. We're here to help.

The process of purchasing your first home should be exciting and rewarding knowing you are taking control of your finances by investing in your own home. We want to give you a head start with understanding the process.

First things first. You'll need to shop for a lender. Start with your own bank (a source you trust and believe in) and shop with other lenders as well. You'll want to compare rates, cost associated with the loan and feel comfortable with the lender's service levels before you apply. A good lender will work closely with your specific situation. They will explain the loan and buying process and answer all your questions as a first-time buyer.

The mortgage loan process has changed drastically over the years, so be prepared that the lender will want at least 30 days to get your loan approved and closed. Processing times will vary based on how complex your personal history is to document and verify. We suggest getting a pre-approval letter from your lender before shopping for your new home.

Why do you need a pro-approval letter?

- A pre-approval letter will give your real estate agent a price range to know what homes to include in your search. It outlines the loan amount and terms you are approved for.
- Pre-approval gives you a negotiating advantage. A seller might be more inclined to accept your offer if you have a pre-approval letter, even if you make an offer that's lower than a buyer without a pre-approval. Sellers want the assurance of knowing their buyer can get financing since they are also planning on a home move.
- A pre-approval letter is a stronger option than a pre-qualification letter because the approval is based on verified credit, income and asset data that an underwriter has reviewed and approved. The pre-qualification is based only on the date provided on the loan application that has not been verified or reviewed by an underwriter.

In order to expedite your loan process, here is a list of the documentation to bring to your lender when you have your first meeting for a loan application:

- **Last two years of W-2's and tax returns with all schedules**
- **Most recent paystubs to cover 30 consecutive days**
- **Most recent asset statement to cover 30 days**
- **Additional information may apply based on the type of loan you are applying for**

The home-buying process can be long and complicated. Preparation involved in getting a pre-approval letter is fairly simple and it helps both you and the seller in the long run.

This article is written by Diane Hughes, Sr. Vice President/Director of Mortgage Sales for UMB at 1010 Grand Blvd.



Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council's UMB Cashless Bank Branch

Banking Hours:

1:00-5:00 p.m.,
Wednesday and Thursdays

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Fridays

Location: First Floor
Ivanhoe Neighborhood
Center, 3700 Woodland,
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816.315.7484

Personal Banker:

Sharon Pleasant-Bass

**Notary Services Available*

Upcoming FREE Saturday Financial Education

Workshops:

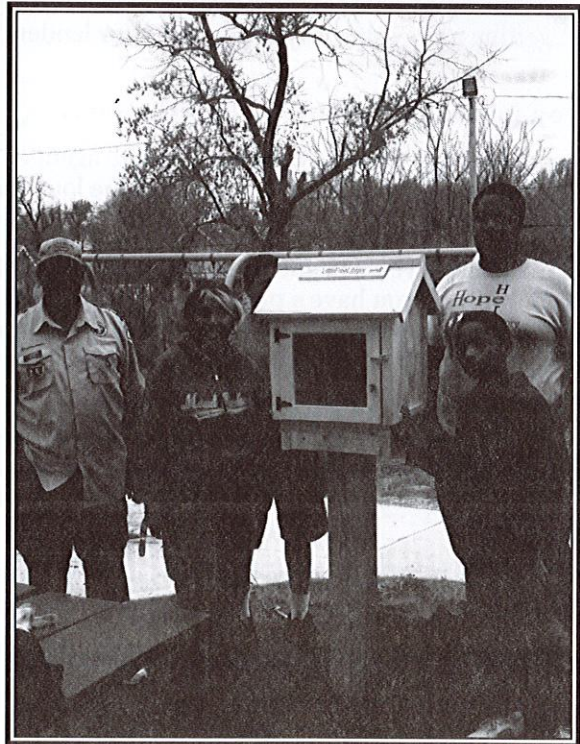
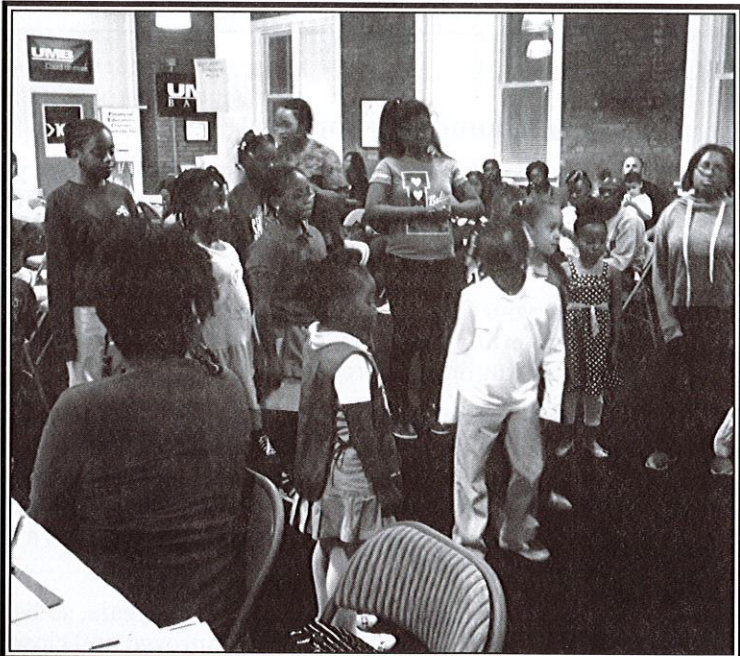
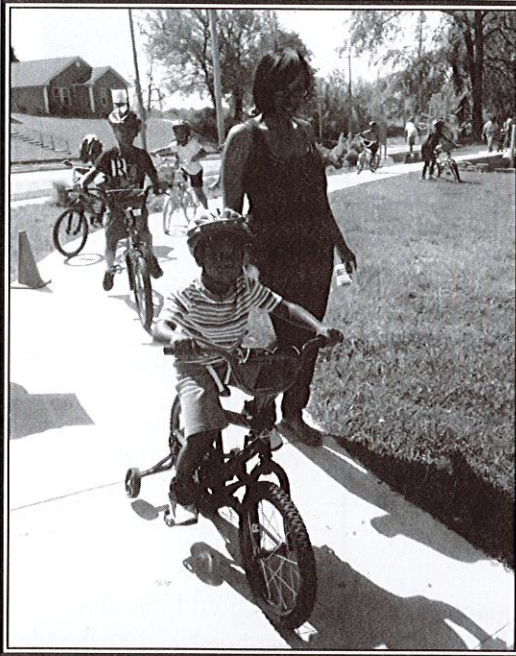
12:30—1:30 p.m.

*(childcare available upon
request)*

Date	Class
6/28	Rejuvenating your Retirement
7/26	Estate Planning and Beneficiary Deeds
8/23	Understanding Foreclosure and Home Assistance

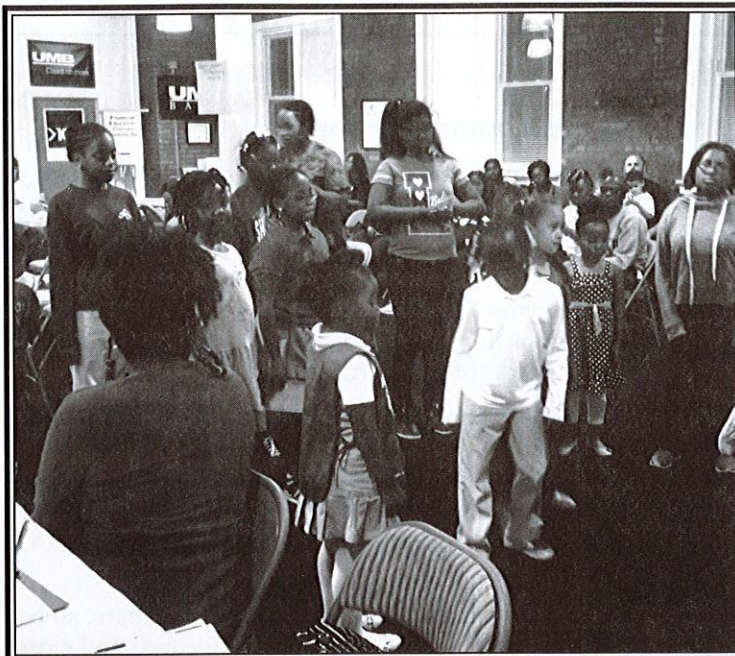
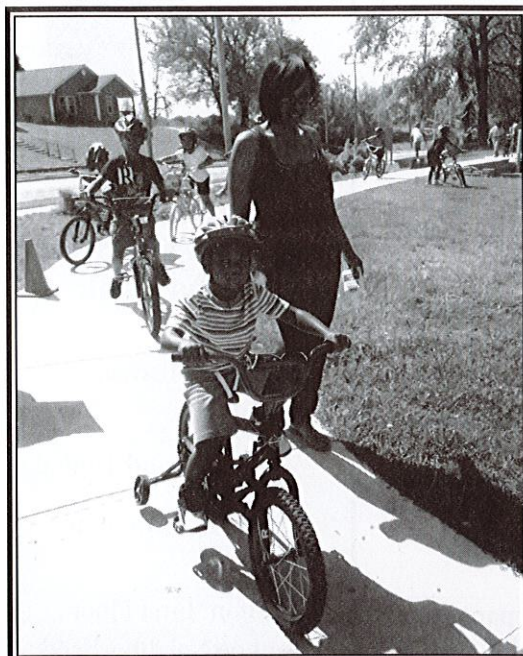
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Youth in Action



A few photos from our various Positive Alternatives Programs, including the Bike Rodeo, Healthy Lifestyles, Boy Scouts with the Little Free Library, Ivanhoe Music Program, and Girl Scouts. Thanks to the parents who make sure that their children are involved and many thanks to the dedicated leaders, teachers, volunteers, funders and partner organizations for their generous support and time!

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We are an organization working on bringing families, as homeowners, back to the Ivanhoe community.

Our mission is to provide excellent and affordable housing in your neighborhood.

We currently have remodeled homes for sale on Prospect, Brooklyn Ave. and Montgall

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Steven Gher 816-812-9949

Sgher@mpghomes.com

www.mpghomes.com

"Rebuilding Your Community"

Ivanhoe Minor Home Repair Program Update

Minor Home Repair Specialist, Lester Bass, reports that as

of April 30th, the

2013/14 Minor Home Repair contract

ended and all documents are being submitted for close out.

You may pick up an application at the front desk at the Ivanhoe Center for the upcoming contract period, which will take place in June. If you have questions, call Lester Bass at 816.921.6611.



Join Big Brothers Big Sisters



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Greater Kansas City

Big Brothers Big Sisters has teamed up with the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council. If you think BBBS sounds like a good fit for you or your child, contact Laura Hambrecht to sign up or to ask questions. 816-237-9319

Beneficiary Deed Program

⇒ We provide beneficiary deed services for senior homeowners over the age of 60 in KCMO (Jackson County)

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⇒ \$24 fee to record the deed

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Calendar Events for Ivanhoe Youth AND Parents

College Coaching for Middle and High School Youth

5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 30

Wednesday, July 2

Monday, July 7

Friday, July 11

Monday, July 14

Friday, July 18

Cooking Matters for Teens

Tues., July 1, 11 am-1pm

Tues., July 8, 11 am-1pm

Tues., July 15, 11am-1pm

Tues., July 22, 11 am-1pm

Tues., July 29, 10:30 am -
2:30 pm

Swope Corridor Renaissance Summer Academic Camp

Now enrolling children
grades 1-6 for free summer
classes Monday-Friday,
7:30 a.m.—6 p.m. at
Macedonia Baptist Church.
Call 816-363-3819 or
register online at:
upperroomprogram.org

Little Free Library

Come and see our first
Ivanhoe Little Free Library
located in Jim Nutter Park.
This structure makes it
possible to share free
books. Thanks to our
volunteers, Troop 1014,
Pack 4014 and Alan Young
for their help in installing
the structure. (see pictures
on page 4)

Jackson County
COMBAT

Save a life. Save a neighborhood.

Ivanhoe Positive Alternatives

(A drug, Crime and Violence Prevention Program)

Ivanhoe Neighborhood to Host an Urban Youth-Centered Panel Discussion

Kansas City, MO—The Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council presented “Where’s the R.U.S.H.” - Recovering Unity, Safety and Harmony within our families and community.

This all-ages event invited innovative ideas and constructive viewpoints to combat the impact of underage drinking. The event, held Thursday, May 22nd at the Robert J Mohart Multipurpose Center (3200 Wayne, KCMO), provided an opportunity to come together to investigate viable options for positive alternatives.

There was a panel discussion that was open to public participation and interactive activity booths that offered a “youth-friendly non-alcoholic” happy hour.

The event was put on in partnership with SAMHSA, First Call, the City of Kansas City, MO and Jackson County Combat.

Ivanhoe Heat Basketball Team



The Ivanhoe Heat Basketball Team had a very successful season. From the beginning, both Coach Walter May and Coach Larry Sanders’ plan was to teach more than just the physical skills needed for basketball, but to also teach social and life skills. As Coach Sanders said, “Our main goal was to teach how to win at life.”

Practices consisted of an initial ‘team time’ where each student would make a statement about themselves, talk about what motivated them, and things they had learned. For those who requested prayer, this was a time that the coaches would offer it. Afterwards, they would then run their physical fitness drills and scrimmages.

The athletes participated in intramural games with other athletes at the Linwood Y. They were always excited on game days. Right before the games, presenters from various organizations would either share drug and bully prevention tips and encouraging words.

The end-of-the-year celebration was on March 31st. Each player stood up and reflected what they had learned during the season. It was a proud moment for parents and coaches to hear the responses: “I learned... how to be a better basketball player; that to play you need to really have fun; about respect; that you don’t give up on yourself in the middle of game; that you should only be a follower when you are following someone good.”

Veteran Coach Walter May said this was one of the best seasons he had coached.



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IVANHOE FARMERS' MARKET

- CELEBRATING OUR 3rd SEASON -

Thank you to all of our friends and neighbors who have come out to Ivanhoe Farmers' Market to buy locally-grown produce and artisan-crafted items the last two years! Thanks to your support, we are continuing to grow, so this year, we'll have more for you than ever before!

MORE VENDORS! We already have five produce vendors and one craft vendor lined up for your shopping enjoyment this year, and hope to have even more before opening day.

MORE MUSIC! Come for the veggies – stay for the music. We're working on a great lineup of artists to provide market entertainment this season.

MORE ENTERTAINMENT! Thanks to feedback from our customers and community members, we have some wonderful new ideas about how to have a great time while we're at market!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OPENING DAY ON JUNE 20th at 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Nutter Ivanhoe Neighborhood Center, 3700 Woodland!

If you haven't come out to market yet, this season will be full of new reasons to stop by and say hi, chat with your neighbors, and buy locally-grown organic produce, but here are a few to get you started:

ORGANIC PRODUCE – all of our vendors use growing methods free of chemical pesticides and herbicides, ensuring your family gets the healthiest food possible.

LOCAL PRODUCE – all of our vendors grow right here in the urban core and many grow right here in Ivanhoe. Veggies from Ivanhoe Farmers' Market are as fresh as if you grew them yourself.

LOCAL VENDORS – when we spend our money in our community, we help grow our community's economy, so every dollar you spend at Ivanhoe helps grow Ivanhoe's economy.

We're also recruiting more information from our Ivanhoe neighbors.

Please stop by the Center at 3700 Woodland and fill out a quick survey to help us keep improving!

For updates throughout the season, follow us on Facebook or Twitter and find us on the Grown In Ivanhoe website under "Farmers' Market".

Facebook.com/IvanhoeFarmersMarket

Twitter: @IvanhoeFarm2Mkt

http://GrownInIvanhoe.org/farmers-market

The Grown in Ivanhoe Project is funded by the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City and in part by Greater Kansas City LISC

Lots Of Love

The Lots of Love Project addresses vacant lot usage by repurposing the land for physical activity opportunities



(Let's Play Lot!); Safe and fun places for meetings (Meet & Greet Lots); And for edible landscapes (Green Lots).

In partnership with Sean Starowitz and his team of amazing and creative worker-bees, two vacant lots in the Ivanhoe Neighborhood are in the process of becoming beautiful new "Lots of Love".

Grand openings will take place in the immediate future, so stay tuned for the dates/times.

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Join the Silver Foxes
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p.m.

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Stroke Association*

¿Nuevo en el barrio? Nos alegramos que está aquí! Ofrecemos programas para familias y jóvenes, actividades de jardinería y reparaciones menores de la casa para los residentes de Ivanhoe. Visítenos en la oficina en Woodland 3700 para obtener más información.

Are you new to the neighborhood? We welcome you! We offer youth and family programs, gardening activities and minor home repair. For more information, stop by our offices at 3700 Woodland.

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