

"Facilitating business retention, expansion, and new business growth on Kalamazoo's Northside"



A Word from the President

As we approach the end of my second year as president of the Northside Business Association, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments. In fiscal year 2007-2008, we conducted four quarterly membership meetings with programs that were very informative and gave each of us a new perspective on our community. We also had an incredibly well attended Holiday Party at Longjohn's Floral. Each of these venues allowed us to share fellowship with each other to further the goal of making the north side a great place to do business. Northside Business Association also provided the connective tissue to promote business amongst our members, which ultimately makes the north side a much stronger community economically.

Our Public Safety Community Policing Officers have become an integral part of our process by keeping us informed of major and sometimes not so major happenings. Our dedicated officers,

David Juday and Brandon Reardon continue to work in the north side in a proactive way.

And, we recently celebrated the construction and grand unveiling of our new public safety station and training center located on the corner of Park and North Streets. This new facility is a great addition to the north side, providing a visible and prominent statement about our commitment to a healthy and safe community.

Businesses have come and gone and our membership has changed because of it, but despite change, we have remained strong and stable. The members of NBA and the residents of the north side have shown great commitment to their community through support of future redevelopment of LaCrone Park. To further that redevelopment, NBA adopted, for the second year, LaCrone Park for an annual spring clean-up. Thanks to many of our members for their

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NBA Annual Meeting

Douglass Community Association

Boys & Girls Club

**Kalamazoo Public Library—
Alma Powell Branch**

**Spring Clean-up at
LaCrone Park—Highlights**

Thursday, June 12, 2008

12:00 noon

**Douglass Community
Association**

1000 W. Paterson

Lunch Cost \$7

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support by providing breakfast snacks, juice, water and a luncheon barbeque.

NBA continues to work with governmental entities to address the concerns of the business community as they relate to infrastructure, roads, land use planning, and business growth.

Special thanks go out to: Keystone Community Bank, Citizens Credit Union, Wright Coating, Enterprise Center, Longjohn's Floral, Checker Motors, Adams Outdoor Advertising, LaSalle Bank and some that may have been forgotten, for their sponsorships throughout the year. Agencies that have worked with us and provided volunteers include, The Kalamazoo Deacons Conference, Kid Biz, The Kalamazoo justice community, and of course our own business community.

The Northside Business Association does not have a paid staff and is strictly run by the efforts of its volunteer board which you elect every year at our annual meeting. My thanks go out to our board members for their tireless efforts to keep this organization on track and for providing the leadership to continue to do its good work for the north side business community. My personal thanks goes to the board and particularly Sherri Douglas (board secretary) who keeps all of us on track with meeting minutes, meeting notices and much, much more. Thank you to all who continue to support me as President of Northside Business Association. I look forward to my continued work with NBA.

Amy Remmert
President, NBA

NBA Pride Award MacKenzie's Bakery



*The **Northside Pride Award** is given periodically to a business that has made improvements to their building or grounds to enhance the overall look of the north side.*

*This month, we are honoring **MacKenzie's Bakery** for the recent addition to their facility on Harrison St. This new addition will house their corporate office and is also their new location for their pastry kitchen. Congratulations go to John MacKenzie for his commitment to the neighborhood.*



DON'T MISS!!

**Kalamazoo's Finest
Celebrity
Softball Game**

**Kalamazoo Area Leaders
vs.
Kalamazoo's Finest
Pro Athletes**

Friday, June 27
Mayor's Riverfront Park
Homer Stryker Field

Admission \$5.00

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