

“Facilitating business retention, expansion, and new business growth on Kalamazoo’s Northside”



The grand unveiling of the new Fire Training compound on Nazareth Road. The fire fighter is Marty Meyer, Fire Chief, who has since retired. His last job was to run a fire simulation in their new training tower. Marty is in full gear and it was the last fire he fought. The project was a multi-jurisdictional fundraising effort in Kalamazoo County and facilities will be used by all units in Kalamazoo County.

A Word from the President

The last few years have seen major transitions in the landscape of the Northside Neighborhood. The City of Kalamazoo, Northside Association for Community Development, Northside Economic Potential Group, and private developers and businesses have chosen to put their money to good use by investing in their neighborhood. Just look for yourself at the number of projects that have been completed. And this is not all. Chase Bank, Susihya Restaurant and Fosters Grill, the site of the fall quarterly NBA meeting are all examples.

Development will continue and improvements to businesses will be made. Look for more to come, including a major renovation of LaCrone Park scheduled to happen sometime in late 2009 or early 2010. A grant from the



Kalamazoo Community Foundation was just recently confirmed for that project. And grant submission to other foundations will soon be under way.

Northside . . . where change happens!

Amy Rimmert
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**NBA Fall
General Membership Meeting**

**Changing Environment
in the Workplace
and
Public Safety
Update**

**September 24, 2008
12:00 noon**

Charlie Foster’s
(Formerly District 211)

Lunch Cost \$7

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A small sample of the improvements made on the Northside in the last year: Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway Grand Opening; a community garden; Farm N Garden property improvements; Water Park; Mackenzie's Bakery expansion; Jack Coombs riverfront trail.