

Next Meeting:
7 - 8:30 p.m. *Oct*
Thu, ~~Nov~~ 18
Franklin School

Northwest Neighborhood

Autumn 2007



Green Leaves of Autumn, Association Business and Franklin Park Rejuvenation

Thursday, October 18. The state, county and city governments are doing it. Businesses are looking at the issue, too, with new interest. Panelists will provide us with low-cost options we can consider so future generations will know the same garden of green we call planet Earth.

Thursday, January 24. The first meeting of the year covers association business issues, to include the election of officers. We will also look at forming a committee to develop a Master Plan for Franklin Park and at developing an advertising program to raise funds for the Neighborhood Association.

Thursday, April 24. Early in 2008, the direction of several area transportation projects will be clearer. We will hear from government and business representatives, as well as members of neighboring neighborhood associations, where the impact of these projects will also be felt.

People, planet and profits are in the sustainability balance


by Leonard Bauhs

"Sustainability" is a new term you will hear when discussing the impact of our lifestyles on the earth and climate. Our choice of cars, lightbulbs and recycling practices affect the ability of the earth to remain healthy. Our choices also have social and economic considerations, but the environmental impacts are most easily gauged and evaluated.



We can measure sustainability as it applies to our day-to-day lives in a variety of ways. These can then be rolled up into a "carbon footprint", or the amount of carbon that a lifestyle pumps into the atmosphere. Gas mileage and commute, size and style of house, type of light bulbs and grocery bags, recycling and composting practices, even regular sources of drinking water all contribute to a lifestyle and to our carbon footprint.

In a series of eight articles, the autumn newsletter will give you information and measures that will let you look at your own impact on the earth, society and economy.

Wanted! 
Three households
to test the \$avings
of new CFL bulbs.
Attend Thursday's
meeting for details.

Thursday's meeting will continue this investigation into sustainability. A panel of area professionals will discuss aspects of the issue and answer your questions in a surprisingly interactive forum.

Plus, there will be freebies like never before!

"We shouldn't underestimate voluntary efforts by citizens to cut carbon emissions. The public surprised the 'experts' 30 years ago when it embraced recycling."

(Note: Excerpt from Kiplinger's business magazine in September)