

King Community Fair Set

Volunteers to help plaza residents

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 16, residents of the Plaza Townhomes at 5802 N. Michigan will get a helping hand thanks to volunteers from the Community Energy Project, North/Northeast Business Association, AmeriCorps, the Nothing Is Impossible group and Sylvia Evans, Plaza Townhomes resident coordinator.

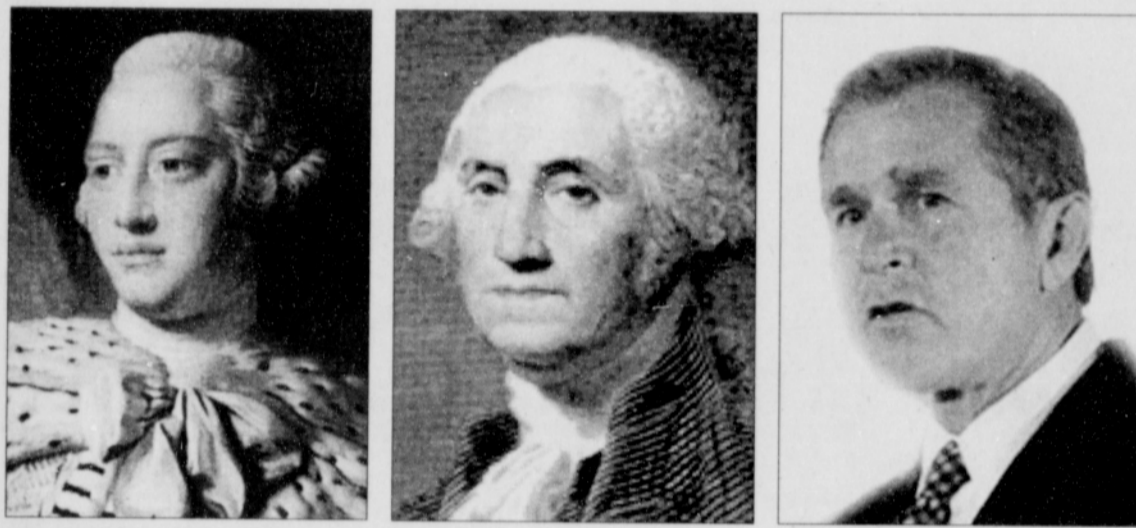
Seniors and disabled residents will have weatherization kits installed and receive lead testing. Weatherization workshops, including free weatherization kits, will be offered to all other residents. Volunteers will make in-

sulation door sweeps, to keep the cold outside where it belongs.

Child safety-seat inspections, community resource information, dental screenings and referrals also will be available. There's lots of fun scheduled for kids, including a puppet show and an arts and crafts project.

Meanwhile, the Community Garden, which helps feed the 200 or more residents, will get a makeover. Protective covers will be built in an effort to prevent freeway pollution of the housing garden boxes.

Volunteers and residents will build and install bookshelves to house a new ESL library as well. Plaza Townhomes includes many immigrant families and AmeriCorps is sponsoring a book drive to support the English as a Second Language tutoring program.



Three Georges in American History: (from left) King George III of England (colonial ruler before the American Revolution), George Washington (1st president of the U.S.) and George W. Bush (the 43rd U.S. president).

Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution

"I am sure that most of you have read that arresting little story from the pen of Washington Irving entitled 'Rip Van Winkle.' The one thing that we usually remember about the story is that Rip Van Winkle slept twenty years. But there is another point in that little story that is almost completely overlooked. It was the sign in the end, from which Rip went up in the mountain for his long sleep.

"When Rip Van Winkle went up into the mountain, the sign had a picture of King George the Third of England. When he came down twenty years later the sign had a picture of George Washington, the first president of the United States. When Rip Van Winkle looked up at the picture of George Washington—and looking at the picture he was amazed—he was completely lost. He knew not who he was.

"And this reveals to us that the most striking thing about the story of Rip Van Winkle is not merely that Rip slept twenty years, but that he slept through a revolution. While he was peacefully snoring up in the mountain a revolution was taking place that at points would change the course of history—and Rip knew nothing about it. He was asleep. Yes, he slept through a revolution. And one of the great liabilities of life is that all too many people find themselves living amid a great period of social change, and yet they fail to develop the new attitudes, the new mental responses, that the new situation demands. They end up sleeping through a revolution.

"There can be no gainsaying of the fact that a great revolution is taking place in the world today. In a sense it is a triple revolution: that is, a technological revolution, with the impact of automation and cybernation; then there is a revolution in weaponry, with the emergence of atomic and nuclear weapons of warfare; then there is a human rights revolution, with the freedom explosion that is taking place all over the world. Yes, we do live in a period where changes are taking place. And there is still the voice crying through the vista of time saying, 'Behold, I make all things new; former things are passed away.'"



— Excerpt from "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" by Martin Luther King, Jr. To see the full speech go to http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/publications/sermons/680331.000_Remaining_Awake.html

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