



“Volunteering for a better place to live”

HOMESTEAD of Linden Heights



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Hail and Farewell

As many of you know, Dan and Susan Green have moved on to the east side. I've known the Greens for many years. Our kids went to school together. Dan is a real go-getter. He started and presided over the first Orchestra Parents Association booster club at North Kansas City High. When he moved on, I followed as its president. A few years later, he organized and presided over the association that came to be The Homestead of Linden Heights. Now, as history comes around again, I follow. I will be the interim president until elections in June.

I want to thank Dan for all he's done for the neighborhood. Getting this organization off the ground was no easy task. His enthusiasm and dedication have inspired me on numerous occasions to see the fun and sense of accomplishment available in participating in these ventures.

I'm looking forward to following in the trail blazed by Dan. This is a great group of wonderful folks. We have a long, close relationship which bonds us together as a cohesive unit of friends.

Next Board meeting:

Date: April 14, 2011
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Northland Deaf Church

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Remember the Board meeting on the 14th, 7:00 PM at the church. Everyone is welcome, not just the board members. Thank you in advance for your patience as we move ahead into another era of The Homestead of Linden Heights and ... heeeere we go! **Joe Barney, Interim President**

Dan Green



Joe Barney



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Trivia Question:

What is the state Amphibian of Missouri?

Find answer on page 4

Neighborhood Survey

The past year, pictures of our neighbor's homes have been included in the newsletter. Sometimes we drive by a house but don't put a face or a name to the house. As I have talked with the homeowners this year, it has been fascinating to learn how long they have lived in the neighborhood and to learn more about the history of the houses and the people in our neighborhood.

Starting this month, I am asking everyone in the neighborhood to send me an email or call me (816-436-2616). Am interested in the following four items:

1. The approximate age of your home
2. How long you have lived in the neighborhood
3. Why did you purchase a home in this neighborhood
4. Where are you from originally or has Kansas City/Gladstone always been your home?

And I'll give you example of why I purchased this particular home in this neighborhood. When the realtor pulled up in front of this house, I saw the big trees (that used to be here), the yard, the dead end street, but mostly it was the closet in our bedroom. It opens in our bedroom and also opens in what we call the little bedroom. There's no wall in the closet to separate the two rooms. So you can actually walk from one room to the next without going out in the hall. My aunt and uncle used to have a house with a closet like that and the cousins and I had a lot of fun playing and running in and out of that closet. When I saw the closet, I knew my own children would enjoy playing in that closet as well.

So, please, send your stories and the answers to the questions above. Or call me and I'll stop by. Send to patsyl.ferguson@gmail.com or call 816-436-2616.

The results will be announced at the neighborhood picnic or the July newsletter.

Spring Cleanup/Beautification

April 29 through May 1

Friday through Sunday 8am-4pm - Spring Brush Drop Off Public Works, 4000 NE 76th St FREE to Gladstone residents

More information to follow from the Officers of the Neighborhood and the Board of Directors.

Important Dates:

April	Event/Location
5	Art Exhibit Opening Reception. See below
15	Friday, 7pm – Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt for kids 7 years or younger. Registration is required. Last date to register is April 8. Bring your own flashlight and basket. Happy Rock Park \$3. Contact JodyH@gladstone.mo.us or phone 816-423-4087
16	Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in the leisure pool area of the Gladstone Community Center. Saturday, 8:55 or 9:15am ages 4 and younger. 10:25am or 10:45am ages 5 to 7. Last date to register is April 13. \$2 members/\$5 non member. Contact the Gladstone Community Center
17	Palm Sunday
24	Easter

Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Tuesday, April 5, 6pm-8pm. Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N. Holmes. Free admission
Reception features the photography of Cortney Christensen.

If you have not attended one of these, I encourage you to go. It's a nice evening and presentation.

Spring

BEFORE



AFTER



Recipe

No Bake Cherry Cake – Low carb/low fat recipe

Ingredients

- 1 (10 inch) prepared Angel Food Cake
- 1 ½ cups fat free (skim) milk
- 1 cup light sour cream
- 1 pkg. (4 serving size) fat-free/sugar-free Vanilla instant pudding mix
- 1 can (21 ounces) light Cherry Pie filling

Preparation:

- Tear or cut cake into bite-sized pieces; press into a 11x17 inch baking dish (I used a 9x12 and cut back on amounts) .
- Combine milk, sour cream and pudding mix in medium bowl; beat 2 minutes or until thickened. Spread over the cake
- Spoon cherry pie filling evenly over the top of the cake. Chill until ready to serve.

Please submit your favorite recipe to patsyl.ferguson@gmail.com or 816-436-2616 or drop it by 6906 N. Walnut.

Know your Neighbor

Recognize this house? Georgiana Blakesley – Resident since 1956.



Thanks to:

- Chery Besette and Jeremy Roe for the use of the Northland Deaf Church for our board meetings
- Northland Neighborhoods INC for printing the newsletter.
- Milton and Wanda Bashford want to express their appreciation to Dan Green and Bill Chirpich for helping them with their driveways when they could not get to the hospital.

If anyone would like to add a note of thanks, please contact patsyl.ferguson@gmail.com or 816-436-2616.

Answer to the trivia question:

The North American Bullfrog. (I had no idea we had a state amphibian)



Ideas for new features or items of interest you want like to see included in the newsletter are welcome. Please email it to patsyl.ferguson@gmail.com by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next months newsletter.