



Neighbors united for a better community

# Northaven Hills Neighborhood News July - August 2015



## Neighborhood picnic is planned for September 26 at 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar now to join your Northaven Hills neighbors on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for a picnic in the cul-de-sac on 67<sup>th</sup> Street between Euclid and Garfield (see map below).



Bring your family, a covered dish or dessert, your own drinks and lawn chairs, and enjoy a picnic dinner with your neighbors. Hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, water, plates, flatware and napkins will be provided.

Watch for more picnic news in the September newsletter. Save the date for the picnic and a chance to get to know your neighbors.



**July 4, 2015**  
**Happy 239<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**America!**



## Northaven Hills Calendar

- Thursday, July 9  
**Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m.  
6715 N. Michigan
- Thursday, August 13  
**Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m.  
6721 N. Garfield
- Thursday, September 10  
**Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m.  
6729 N. Garfield
- Saturday, September 26  
**Neighborhood Picnic**, 5:00 p.m.  
Cul-de-sac at N. Euclid and N.E. 67<sup>th</sup> Street

Neighborhood meetings are held four times a year at Fairview Christian Church, 1800 N.E. 65<sup>th</sup> Street – use west parking lot and entrance. All Northaven Hills residents and friends are invited to attend.

## Northaven Hills Board of Directors

**Joe Day,**  
**President**  
6717 N. Garfield  
816-255-2493  
**Kaye Noland,**  
**Vice President**  
6740 N. Euclid  
816-459-9995  
**Clyde Williams**  
**Treasurer**  
6736 N. Euclid  
816-453-0481  
**Juanita Pritchard**  
**Secretary**  
6713 N. Garfield  
816-452-6538

**Sarah Day**  
6717 N. Garfield  
816-255-2493  
**Robin Carroll**  
6715 N. Michigan  
816-454-5274  
**Doris Dietrich**  
6717 N. Michigan  
816-452-0244  
**Carol Elkins, Newsletter**  
6721 N. Garfield  
816-452-3709  
**Anna Hensley, Events**  
6729 N. Garfield  
816-452-1210  
**Tom Pritchard**  
6713 N. Garfield  
816-452-6538



## "It takes a village..."

In a "Parenting" article in the June 8, 2015, edition of *The Kansas City Star*, Jim Cosgrove discussed the importance of knowing your neighbors. He related a conversation with a young man in Mexico who said, "I hear that in the U.S. you can live next door to people for 20 years and never speak to them. Is that really true?" Cosgrove replied, "Sad, but true."

This conversation caught my attention as it illustrates a reason behind the effort to create neighborhood organizations and promote a sense of community in Gladstone. Cosgrove's article also emphasized the value of block parties where "...even if the conversations hover around mundane subjects...you might not only learn something, you just might enjoy yourself."

You probably have heard the quotation, "...it takes a village to raise a child." It takes a lot of things to raise a child but living in a "village" where people look out for their neighbors – and their children – is the kind of community the quotation is talking about. I've lived in Northaven Hills for 43 years and as a divorced, working mother of two girls, without any family members living nearby, our lives would have been difficult at times without the support and friendship of our Northaven Hills neighbors, who remain dear friends to this day.

Neighbors helping neighbors is the glue that holds a community together, and creates that valuable "village."

How many of you are acquainted with your next door neighbors? If you are, good for you! If not, why not get acquainted? Northaven Hills' picnic, coming in September, is an opportunity to meet your neighbors. And who knows, "...you just might enjoy yourself."

Carol Elkins, Editor



## June Report

06-30-15 - 6700 block N. Euclid - parking violation

06-13-15 - Antioch Middle School\* - Suspicious persons.

Persons were gone prior to officer's arrival and school was found to be secure.

\*Antioch Middle School is in the geographical area of Northaven Hills but any criminal activity at the school is generally not reported in the newsletter.

If you have questions about activity in the neighborhood or Gladstone Public Safety policies and issues, a Public Safety officer will be present at neighborhood meetings to answer questions and discuss any issues that may arise.

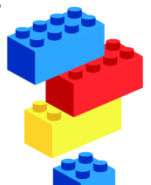
## Northaven Hills Services Exchange, Announcements and News Items

If you have a business, talent or service that you would like to advertise in the newsletter, or a personal announcement such as birth, birthday, anniversary, graduation, bereavement or other, please contact Carol Elkins at 816-452-3709 or [northaven3news@gmail.com](mailto:northaven3news@gmail.com) to add your item to the newsletter.

If you have a topic or concern you would like to see discussed in the newsletter please send an email to the address above. We appreciate your feedback.

## LEGO day camp at Gladstone's Community Center

The LEGO day camps, led by Play-Well TEKologies, will be held July 27 – July 31 for children 5 to 12 years old. Children who register will be placed in age-appropriate workshops. For more information and to register call 816-423-4200.





## Gladstone is on the move

Gladstone has a number of remodeling and new construction projects underway: Across from



City Hall are The Heights Linden Square apartments; the Innovation Center at 69<sup>th</sup> and N. Oak is under construction; changes coming to Meadowbrook Shopping Center on N.E. Antioch Road are a new Popeye's and a new Dunkin' Donuts; a senior living center is under construction on 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, just east of Hy-Vee; and a renovation of the Kendallwood Apartments at Antioch Road and N.E. Kendallwood Parkway is on the drawing board.

## The newsletter is online



Volunteers have had challenges to delivering the newsletter this year due to the weather: icy sidewalks, cold, rain, more rain, and what is forecast to be an extremely hot summer ahead. If you



do not receive the newsletter via email and weather prevents home delivery, you can find the newsletter on Gladstone's public website.

A link to the newsletter pdf file can be found online at [http://www.gladstone.mo.us/CommunityDev/Neighborhoods/Northaven\\_Hills.php](http://www.gladstone.mo.us/CommunityDev/Neighborhoods/Northaven_Hills.php).



You need Adobe Reader on your computer to view the newsletter pdf file. Obtain a FREE download of Adobe Reader from the official Adobe website at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

## Dog days of August



## Editorial

### Can I still eat for \$31.50 a week?

In the July 2013 issue of Northaven Hills Newsletter I reported on a *Kansas City Star* article about a local charity opining that one person could buy groceries for one week for no more than \$31.50.

I decided to take that challenge. My strategy was to start as though I had an empty kitchen and to buy a combination of dairy and other protein, fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, beans, grains and cereals.

The result of my 2013 shopping spree at a local discount grocery was that I spent \$31.12 including tax. For that amount I was able to buy a gallon of milk, eggs, cottage cheese, whole wheat bread, oatmeal, corn meal, pinto beans, rice, a ham steak, canned tuna, carrots, fresh broccoli, canned spinach and green beans, oranges, raisins, canola oil and salt.

The same groceries from the same local discount grocery were purchased today for \$34.61. That is \$3.49 more, or roughly an **11 percent increase** over the 2013 prices.



*Carol Elkins, Editor*

### Advertise your garage sale for FREE

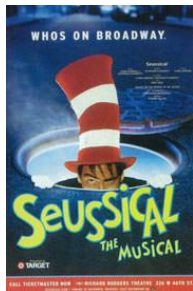


If you are a resident of Northaven Hills neighborhood, send the dates, hours and address of your garage sale to [northaven3news@gmail.com](mailto:northaven3news@gmail.com) and an ad will appear in the next issue. The newsletter is generally distributed once a month so as much lead time as possible will be helpful.

You can find information on current garage sales in Gladstone on the City of Gladstone's public website at <http://www.gladstone.mo.us/e-Services/GarageSales.php>.



## Gladstone Theater in the Park



### "Seussical"

August 7, 8, 9  
8:30 p.m.

"Seussical" the musical is coming to Oak Grove Park on August 7, 8 and 9. The production starts at 8:30 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic dinner for your family to enjoy before the production. There will also be concession stands at the park. Oak Grove Park is located at N.E. 70<sup>th</sup> and N. Troost.



### A request from Gladstone dogs to their humans

Don't forget that during hot weather we need plenty of fresh water to drink and shade to rest in when we are in the yard.

We think we always want to go with you in the car, but please remember, we are dogs and don't think ahead. We suffer waiting in a hot car where we can get really sick from the heat, or worse, even with the windows cracked. We will be safer at home where we can sleep until you get back.

We'll be happy to wait in the car when nice, cool, fall weather arrives, because barkin' at everyone who walks by is a tail-waggin' good time.

## Quote of the Day

"Come with me.... To the library. Books and summertime go together."

Lisa Schroeder  
American author of  
books for kids and teens  
1967 --



## Chef's Corner

### Six Cup Salad "Summertime cool"

- 1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 cup seedless white or red grapes, halved
- 1 cup mandarin oranges, drained and cut into chunks
- 1 cup sweetened coconut, such as Angel Flake®
- 1 cup small marshmallows
- 1 cup sour cream

Mix all ingredients, cover and refrigerate until thickened.

*Recipe submitted by Carol Elkins*



## Northland Shepherd's Center (NSC) and The Salvation Army

... are holding a senior wellness and resource health fair, "Dog Days of Summer," Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 5306 N. Oak Trafficway.

NSC, who is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year serving 60-years-plus adults by assisting them to be able to remain in their homes and continue to be active, is in need of volunteers. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity and would like more information contact Brenda Dunn at 816-452-4536 or by email at [Brenda@northlandsc.org](mailto:Brenda@northlandsc.org).



Reproduced by NNI. Information and views expressed may not represent the position of NNI.

Do you have a question or concern about the neighborhood? Please send news items or your suggestions for the newsletter to Carol Elkins, newsletter editor, at [northaven3news@gmail.com](mailto:northaven3news@gmail.com), or call 816-452-3709.