



Neighbors united for a better community

# Northaven Hills Neighborhood News March – May 2019

## Here's where we are . . .

It has been a seven and a half year run since the first issue of Northaven Hills Neighborhood News in November 2011. Now that our group has been dissolved I am going to miss writing the newsletter and publishing what I hope has been helpful information for the neighbors. I plan to continue the newsletter on an occasional basis but it will no longer be monthly or near-monthly.

I would like to give a big thanks to everyone who served on the Northaven Hills Board of Directors. They volunteered many hours to the group. Their efforts in obtaining new street lights for the neighborhood, organizing and setting up picnics, meetings and speakers, ice cream socials, free painting of house numbers on curbs, fund-raising garage sales, publishing a monthly newsletter and planning and providing prizes for the Christmas decorations contests allowed us to interact with neighbors and make new friends in the neighborhood. But in the absence of new volunteers to help with these activities, board members felt it was time to retire.



The remainder of monies in the Northaven Hills Neighborhood Group treasury, approximately \$150, was donated to Synergy Services (\$50 to purchase diapers and wipes) and to a special fund for needy students organized by the teachers at Meadowbrook Elementary School (\$100). This fund allows teachers to buy an article of clothing or other item that a student clearly needs immediately, such as a pair of gloves in cold weather. Synergy Services provides refuge, programs and services at the new facility at 46<sup>th</sup> Street and N.E. Antioch Road for children who are temporarily homeless due to family disruptions.

*Carol Elkins, Editor*

## FREE\* Bulky Trash Drop-Off April 26, 27, 28

The bulky trash three-day event will be held at Happy Rock Park West, 7600 N.E. Antioch Road, for Gladstone residents only. Volunteers will be available to assist you from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday, April 26 through 28.

Proof of residency will be required. No Freon containing appliances will be accepted. \*There will be a nominal charge for tires.

This is an opportunity to start your spring deep cleaning by taking your bulky items, such as computers, bicycles, or other large, bulky trash to the Park. Hint: it's a good idea to get there early as traffic may back up later in the day.



## FREE Spring Brush Drop-Off May 3, 4, 5

Gladstone's free brush drop-off event will be held on Friday, May 3, through Sunday, May 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Gladstone Public Works Facility, 4000 N.E. 76<sup>th</sup> Street (just north of Happy Rock Park). This event is for brush and yard waste only. All containers, including bags, must be emptied.



The event is for Gladstone residents only. Proof of residency is required.



## Advice from Gladstone Public Safety

### Safety

We no longer receive reports of activity in our neighborhood from Gladstone Public Safety.

But members of Public Safety who have attended our meetings, picnics and ice cream socials gave some very good advice on how to stay safe and avoid crime:

- ❖ If you park your car on the street or in your driveway always keep the doors locked. Public Safety reports that theft from cars has always involved *unlocked* cars.
- ❖ Garage doors should be kept closed unless you are in the garage or working within sight of the open garage doors. Be sure your garage doors are closed at night. If you see an open garage door at night call your neighbor or if unable to reach them, call Public Safety and report it.
- ❖ If you are working in your back yard keep the front door locked. If you are working in the front yard keep the back door locked. Doors should be kept locked during the day as well as at night. Unlocked doors invite theft.
- ❖ If you see something or someone in the neighborhood that causes you alarm or suspicion, call Public Safety and report it.
- ❖ Neighbors looking out for neighbors is what “community” is all about.



## Don't forget to vote on April 2

The ballot for Gladstone's city election on April 2 poses this question:

**“Shall the City of Gladstone, Missouri impose a one-half of one percent (1/2%) General City Sales Tax to improve Police and Fire facilities, maintain public services, and recruit and retain Public Safety personnel?”**



To see Frequently Asked Questions – and answers – about the tax proposal visit Gladstone's website at <http://www.gladstone.mo.us/documents/news/2019/20190305091440.pdf>.

## Jerry Nolte will attend Northaven 2's Meeting on Thursday, March 21

You are invited to have a conversation with Jerry Nolte, Clay County Commissioner, at the Northaven 2 neighborhood meeting on Thursday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. at Fairview Christian Church, 1800 N.E. 65<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt at Happy Rock Park on April 12



The City of Gladstone is sponsoring a Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 12 starting at 7:00 p.m. at Happy Rock Park, 76<sup>th</sup> and N.E. Antioch Road.

Advance registration is requested but the \$5.00 participation fee can be collected at the Park. The event is for children up to five years of age. There will be three categories: 3 years and under, four and 5 year-olds, and 6 and 7 year-olds. Children should bring their own basket and flashlight.



For more information or to register contact Gladstone Parks and Recreation at 816-423-4200.

## Attention All Gladstone Dogs!

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk 'N Wag**  
**Saturday, April 6**  
**Happy Rock Park**  
**8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**



Tell your human to get out the leash and head to Happy Rock Park, 7600 N.E. Antioch Road, to the Walk 'N Wag party on Saturday, April 6.

There will be vendors, doggy bags, walks in the park and dog training sessions to watch. You must have your vaccinations up to date so you can participate and have a wagging' good time.

Tell your human the cost is just \$20 per dog (that's you) and is available until the day before the event. Proceeds from the event go to support the Gladstone Animal Shelter.

For information on how your human can register, woof at them to call City Hall at 816-423-4200 or visit City Hall at 6901 N. Holmes Street.

Register online at [https://www.activityreg.com/selectactivity\\_t2.wcs](https://www.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs) (this is easier to do with hands rather than paws – just sayin').

## Quote of the Day



It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

*Charles Dickens*  
*English writer and social critic*  
1812 - 1870



## Farmers Market

Don't forget, the Farmers Market is observing winter hours for two Wednesdays and a Saturday each month through April 17:

Summer hours will resume in May. Check City of Gladstone's website for summer hours at <https://www.gladstone.mo.us/farmersmarket/>.

The Winter Market is held at The Heights Apartments, 601 N.E. 70th Street, across the street from Gladstone City Hall.



## Falls Prevention Awareness

This article has appeared several times in the newsletter in the past. We have a number of senior citizens in the neighborhood, and *not falling* is one of the best things you can do to protect your health. The article bears repeating.

Statistics show that every year one in three senior citizens will be injured in a fall. Among common hazards in homes are area carpets and floor mats, items placed on stairs, lack of handrails or proper lighting in stairways, lack of night lights in your home, and use of stepladders and step stools.

If you are a senior citizen please get into the habit of thinking "don't fall," take great care and do not *hurry* to do anything. Always use hand rails if available.



## Warning: Beware PC Hackers!

Most of you probably have received a phone call from “Microsoft” telling you that your computer has been infected and they can fix



it for you. This scam has been around for years and years. Microsoft will *never* call you, just like the IRS will *never* telephone you.

Now scammers are doing the same thing in your Microsoft Edge browser. If a pop-up window appears when you first launch your browser telling you to register for your Microsoft account – DON'T DO IT. If you “register” you are giving hackers access to your computer files, passwords, programs – the works.

If you experience a red screen on your computer warning that it has been infected with a virus, and instructing you to call [an 800 number] to have Microsoft remove the virus, DON'T DO IT. This is an online version of the old “Microsoft” phone scam trying to give hackers access to your computer. Remember, Microsoft will *never* call you for access to your computer.

You can be sure there will be future scams. Don't follow online warnings and instructions to give someone access to your computer. Check it out with a computer service or a friend who is computer-savvy.



## Chef's Corner

### Chip Beef Dip

An old-fashioned dip -- delicious hot or cold!

- 1 8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 tbsps. half-and-half
- Dash Worcestershire sauce
- 1 package dried “chip” beef, or any thinly sliced beef sandwich meat, chopped
- 2 tbsps. chopped red pepper
- 3 or 4 chopped green onions
- English walnuts, chopped (optional)

Hot: Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Stir the above ingredients and place in a baking dish. Top with English walnuts and bake 15 minutes. Serve warm with corn chips or crackers.

Cold: Use same procedure except refrigerate instead of bake. Best made ahead of time and chilled thoroughly. If mixture is too thick, thin with half-and-half.

*Recipe submitted by Carol Elkins.*



Do you have a question or concern about the neighborhood or the newsletter? Please send your comments to Carol Elkins, newsletter editor, at northaven3news@gmail.com, or call 816-452-3709.