

## Bolling Heights Neighborhood on the Move

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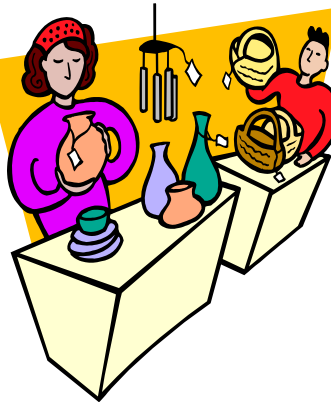
## Fund-Raising Opportunities — Let's Help Out!

### Fund-Raising Opportunities

We have two fund-raising opportunities planned for this Spring that I hope you will put on your calendars now and plan to participate in. The proceeds from these two events help fund our various projects such as our Welcome Bags to new neighbors, and landscaping around our entrance signs, as well as events like our block parties.

First, is the **Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Linden Baptist Church, 611 NE 69<sup>th</sup> Street. We will be serving from 7-11 a.m. and the cost of a ticket is \$5.00.** You may buy a tick-

et at our April 24<sup>th</sup> community gathering or from any board member. We are not



only looking for hungry people to feed, but could also use some help with set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up.

Our second fund-raising effort will be a garage sale. **We will be participating in the City Wide Garage Sale on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.** We are asking Bolling Heights residents to donate gently used items to be sold at our garage sale. All items not sold will be donated to a charity following the garage sale. We will also need volunteers to help work the garage sale throughout the weekend. Please start collecting items now as you do your spring cleaning and hold on to them until closer to the garage sale. If you have any questions regarding either event, please contact Jean Vinson at 816-436-8648.

## Warning about Homemade Bottle Bombs

Gladstone residents need to be on the lookout for so-called "Drano bombs," homemade devices that some may see as a prank, but could seriously injure or even kill someone else. There are various videos posted to YouTube that demonstrate how to assemble these bottle bombs. The devices are usually made in a plastic

soda or sports drink bottle, usually sitting on its side, and as the bottle is tipped to an upright position, Drano and aluminum foil mix inside a bottle creating a chemical reaction with a volatile build-up of gases and subsequently detonates the bottle with a great amount of force, with the chemical substance in the bottle becoming potentially boiling liquid at that point.

While you may be a good citizen and want to pick up a stray plastic bottle, be aware! A number of these bottles have been found recently in Gladstone. The bombs are extremely unstable, and if you see something suspicious, you should immediately call the Gladstone Department of Public Safety.



## A Word from Our President....Julie Sherbo



As I write this article the calendar tells me Spring has arrived, but my eyes are seeing snow fall from the sky! I know we are all ready for Spring and the opportunity to keep our winter coats in our closets.

It is now the end of March and April is just around the corner. **Our next neighborhood gathering will be on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Linden Baptist Church.** We had to move our meeting back one week since our normal meeting date falls on Maundy Thursday this year and the church will be having services that evening. I hope you will be able to join us as we install our 2014-15 officers and board members. If you are interested in being on the board we are always looking for new members who can bring us new ideas on how to reach out to our neighbors. We will also be presenting gift cards to our two holiday lighting contest winners the Willard family and the Vinson family. I hope each of these families will be able to attend and claim their prizes.

Once again, I am so proud to tell whoever will listen that I am proud to live in Bolling Heights. This is really a great community and I want to share with you a few of the reasons why. In December, we adopted a family from Oakwood Manor Elementary School with the hope of providing Christmas gifts for each member of the family. The family we were given consisted of a mother and four children of various ages. The neighbors of Bolling Heights came together and provide more than enough to insure this family had a wonderful experience on Christmas morning. The mother send a note to our group expressing her heartfelt gratitude to us for making sure her children had a great Christmas. We also delivered Christmas gift bags to 38 residents who have been identified as homebound or have reached the elite status of "senior citizen". The gift bags were filled with fresh fruit, some candies, cracker, a Honey Bun and a holiday ornament. In February another delivery team visited 47 residents with a special Valen-

tine treat bags to the same group that received gift bags in December. Our next round of deliveries will be our May Baskets on May Day. If you know of anyone in our neighborhood who is homebound or is a senior citizen, please let me know and I will add them to our list.

All of these projects cost money and to help fund them and our other events we will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Linden Baptist Church. We are looking for volunteers to help cook, serve and clean-up. If you are able to help, please contact Jean Vinson at 816-436-8648. You can buy tickets at our April 24<sup>th</sup> community gathering or from any board member.

I hope you will be able to attend our community gathering on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to learn more about what is happening in your neighborhood.

Julie Sherbo,  
Board President

## Bolling Heights: Make Your Yards Beautiful!



It is that time of year again. Our volunteers will be out in full swing to find those beautiful Bolling Heights yards. So pull out those gloves and garden hoses. Make your trip to the local store to pick out your

flowers and mulch and watch your garden grow! Every month, starting in May until Fall, our volunteers will search, scour, hunt, inspect, and award a ***Yard of The Month!*** Could it be your yard?





## Join the conversation!

Over the next 20 years, the older adult population in the Kansas City region will increase by 90 percent. Clay County will experience a 95 percent increase. During the past year, Kansas City's first-ring suburbs started to prepare for this demographic shift, and the city of Gladstone is actively involved in this work.

To advance the concepts of *communities for all ages* — particularly in response to the anticipated increase of Gladstone residents ages 65 and older — the city of Gladstone, in partnership with the First Suburbs Coalition and KC Communities for All Ages, is developing measures to improve the quality of life and opportunities for healthy living for older adults, as well as address the interests of residents of all ages.

Join other Gladstone residents to discuss your ideas to enhance transportation, housing, communication and information, public outdoor spaces and building, social participation and inclusion, civic participation and employment, and community health services in our community — and in our region.

### Our Future, Our Community

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

light dinner 5:30 p.m. | discussion 6–7:30 p.m.

Gladstone City Hall, 7010 North Holmes

**Interested? Contact Alan Napoli, [alann@gladstone.mo.us](mailto:alann@gladstone.mo.us) or 816/436-2200.**

We are looking for a wide variety of ages (20–90), so encourage grandparents, parents, adult children and grandchildren to participate. Gladstone, along with three other first-ring suburbs, is currently participating in a pilot project to develop a checklist of desired characteristics for successful Communities for All Ages.

As a first-ring suburb resident, your input will offer a valuable perspective on characteristics that are important for Gladstone to be a city that is a great place to grow up and grow old.



KC Communities for All Ages is an initiative of the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), with major funding from the Pfizer Foundation in partnership with Grantmakers In Aging, with local funding from the Jewish Heritage Foundation and the W.J. Brace Charitable Trust, Bank of America, Trustee. KCC has joined with the First Suburbs Coalition to lead the development of practical tools for cities in the Kansas City region.



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## This 'n That...

- ⇒ Have a new neighbor? We want to welcome them to our neighborhood! Please contact Jean Vinson at 816-436-8648.
- ⇒ Gadstone Farmer's Market is set to open on May 3rd! Market hours are 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Wednesday and 7:00 am to Noon on Saturday. The address of the market is 7117 N. Prospect at the Gladstone Hy-Vee, easily found at NE 72nd Street and N. Prospect Avenue
- ⇒ One our board members, Jason Russell is working with St. Charles Catholic church on some landscaping and gardening projects on their property. Jason is a hard worker and fast learner, but needs someone to mentor him on "how to make his garden grow". If you have some spare time and gardening knowledge you will be wiling to share with Jason, please contact him at 816-876-4092.



- ⇒ Join in the Fun! BHCL and Bowling! If you are interested in joining a Bolling Heights group in a bowling league at Gladstone Bowl, please contact Jason Russell at 816-876-4092. For league information, visit Gladstone Bowl's website <http://www.gladstonebowl.com/>

- ⇒ Emerald Ash Borer Update: The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has continued to be found in Missouri in areas surrounding Gladstone. The entire State of Missouri is now under quarantine. This means that no firewood or other wood products are to be exported out of the State of Missouri.

- ⇒ Linden Baptist Church will have teams on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with trucks and trailers that will be available to load and haul unwanted items from homes; it needs to be free of broken glass and other items that might harm those loading, and be in an area that is easily accessible for loading. There is a small fee for the disposal of tires and they will not accept appliances containing freon. Contact Stephen Mattingly, Associate Pastor/Director of Student Ministries, at his office 816 436-3660 ext. 202 or cell phone 816 582-1973 to make arrangements.
- ⇒ It's storm season again, and that means damage to roofs. After storms have passed through, storm chasing roofers, primarily from out of state will swarm affected cities and neighborhoods and Gladstone is no exception. Please do not fall prey to these storm chasers. Be cautious of door knockers who bring unsolicited offering estimates on roofing work. There are many storm chasing roofers, but there are as many or more local longtime greater Kansas City area roofers, and even local Gladstone roofing businesses, which have served Gladstone for years and will for years to come.



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and businesses in the Northland. (www.nni.org) One of the best ways to show our appreciation is through volunteering our time

when NNI needs assistance at the many community events it sponsors throughout the year and through donations. Let's help out when we can!