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Crawford Home Hosts Next TGIF Social on May 12

Laura and Terry Crawford (914-8351) will host the next TGIF Social Hour at 1605 NE 83rd St. on Friday, May 12, at 5:30pm.

Volunteer hosts still are needed for July 14 and November 11. To take a turn, contact **Christi Smith**, 645-0550, jcrsmith@sbcglobal.net.



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*"To have good neighbors,
be a good neighbor . . ."*

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Photo by Jacob Long

Neighborhood kids gather on a chilly April 1 morning before dashing around the swimming pool area for the fourth annual egg hunt. They also enjoyed snacks and sidewalk chalk, coordinated by **Stacy Long**.

Activities Sprout Like Flowers in May

May will be the neighborhood's busiest month so far this year. Details are inside, but here's a quick summary.

Garage Sales

The presale is set for 5-9pm, Friday, May 5, followed by the main Saturday sales, 8am-5pm, May 6. Synergy Center will collect donations curbside at 7am, Tuesday, May 9. **Bob Hiatt** is in charge.

Shuffleboard Tournament

Friendly competition is hosted by **Vicki and Danny Ray** from 6 to 9pm, Thursday, May 18, at 8325 N. Highland.

Barbeque Showdown

Cooking starts at noon, din-

ing at 5pm, Saturday, May 20, in the pool parking lot, coordinated by **Larry Cockerel**.

Pool Clean-Up

After sweeping, cleaning and generally getting the pool ready on the afternoon of Saturday, May 20, volunteers can enjoy barbeque in the parking lot. **Matt Ryan** coordinates.

Dumpster Day

This popular event, handled by **Bob Hiatt**, starts at 8am Saturday, May 27, so neighbors can dump their junk.

Pool Opening

Free hot dogs and soft drinks around noon help to launch the pool season, which starts at 10am, Saturday, May 27. **Ken Nelson** helps with that.

Rescue via Facebook: Powell Saves Owl — With Neighbors' Help

A young great horned owl owes its life to four alert, caring BridgePointe neighbors, an animal clinic, and the neighborhood Facebook page which brought them together.

It started on April 10 when **Wes Powell**, on his way to work, spotted an injured owl which had dragged itself across Troost Avenue near 77th Street. **Wes** called his wife, **Beth**, also an animal lover. She raced to the site, where she found the bird crouched in the grass. It was alert and aware, but couldn't fly. She spent more than an hour watching him, trying with her cell phone to reach anyone who could help.

Calls to wildlife centers, veterinarians, even Oak Park High School, found no one. Desperate, she posted her plea on BridgePointe's Facebook page, *Bridgepointe HOA*, which now has photos and video of the adventure.

Within minutes, neighbor **Elissa Nadelback Taibi**, whom **Beth** didn't know, suggested calling the Gladstone Animal Clinic.

Veterinarian **Andrew Rambo** took charge as soon as he answered the phone. He asked about feather type, color, size, head shape and eye color, so



Photo by Beth Powell

he could identify the type of bird. **Dr. Rambo** adamantly warned about the extreme risk of picking up a potentially ferocious owl with gigantic talons.

Then **Steve Bingham**, another neighbor and Facebook fan, surfaced. **Beth** didn't know him, either, even though they live on the same street, NE 82nd Terrace. After texting each other, **Steve** arrived. Wearing gloves, and holding a blanket and a box, they approached the owl.

Steve covered the owl's face with the blanket to blind him. Keeping eyes on the bird's gigantic talons, **Steve** scooped him up. **Beth** slid the box underneath and closed the lid.

At the clinic, **Dr. Rambo** wore thick gloves to hold the bird tightly by the legs. An injured leg would be X-

rayed. The bird was transferred to Lakeside Nature Center (lakesidenaturecenter.org) for enough time to heal and to mature.

The x-rays came back normal, so the guess is that the owl either left, or fell out of, his nest too soon. His flight feathers didn't appear to have grown completely, so he couldn't fly yet.

Two days later, a Lakeside worker called **Beth** to see if she and **Wes** wanted to find the bird's nest and parents, and to release him. They walked the field where the owl was first seen, and saw the parents flying nearby.

They discovered the owl had a sibling running around in a backyard near the woods. They petted the owl, and released him safely back to his family.

Shuffleboard Tourney to Raise Cash for U.S. Flags

This year's second Shuffleboard Tournament will be at 6:30pm, Thursday, May 18, at 8325 N. Highland, hosted by **Vicki and Danny Ray**.

For a \$10 entry fee, neigh-

bors can compete for a highly coveted trophy. In less than two years, the thrice-yearly tournaments have raised hundreds of dollars to pay for new U.S. flags on lampposts.

Find Your Fob to Enter Pool . . .

Pool Season Opens May 27

Around noon, May 27, free hot dogs and soft drinks will launch the new swim season at the pool, which opens at 10am. Contact **Ken Nelson** (816-718-3976, ken@nelsonlawkc.com) for information or to help.

Jennifer Keeton (816-377-8638, saltcityjen@gmail.com) is organizing volunteers to close the pool daily for a week. So far, May 28-June 24, and July 16-22, are covered, but she needs people for the other weeks.

New chairs, a new screen for the pergola, and a new wifi connection are being installed for the coming season, in addition to the usual pool prep.



Like last year, no lifeguards will be at the pool. Enter with electronic key fobs, which are being enabled again for neighbors who have paid their annual dues. Lost fobs can be replaced for \$25. Home sellers should give the fobs to buyers.

Dues Increase Builds Needed Cash

Finances show dramatic improvement over last year, thanks to a dues increase. By March 31, income was \$67,738 and expenses were \$6,812, going into the expensive swim season. Badly needed reserves

are approaching \$20,000.

Also at the end of March, 19 of 201 households had not paid annual dues of \$370.

For information, contact Treasurer **Joanne Link** (816-560-9091, jlink2@kc.rr.com).



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New Website: Get What You Want, When You Want It

Stay informed by visiting www.bridgepointekcmo.com.

You can find calendars and news about current events, and lots of reference: Covenants, by-laws, minutes, financials, and 11 years' worth of photos and newsletters. For privacy, some features require a password, available from **Kristy Cofer**, kristycofer78@gmail.com.

Dumpster Day Starts Early on May 27



Arriving early is a good idea for neighbors who want to dump junk on Dumpster Day, which starts at 8am, Saturday, May 27 — but ends as soon as the dumpster is full.

In the past, the dumpster has filled as soon as 10am.

Volunteers are needed to help with unloading junk so traffic can flow smoothly on NE 83rd St. by the pool.

Danny Ray and his pick-up

truck will be collecting from homes of people who need help. Contact him by phone or text at 816-582-5418.

Hazardous waste (tires, car batteries, oil, toxic chemicals, TVs, computers, etc.) and yard waste (brush, grass, branches, etc.) cannot be accepted.

For information, or to volunteer, contact **Bob Hiatt** (nkcbob69@yahoo.com, 816-305-4176).

Spring Garage Sales: May 5-6; But No Pick-Up by Synergy

Garage sales will be in the evening of Friday, May 5, and all day Saturday, May 6.

Small signs at the entries to BridgePointe will advertise the sales.



In the past, Synergy Services collected donations curbside after garage sales but, in February the Synergy thrift store closed, so donations no longer are accepted.

Of course, neighbors can deliver their unsold items to any of the many charitable organizations in the area instead.

For information, or to offer help, contact **Bob Hiatt** (nkcbob69@yahoo.com; 816-305-4176).

Clean-Up Needs Volunteers

With the aroma of the BBQ showdown nearby, and the promise of great chow afterwards, volunteers can help on the afternoon of May 20 to prepare the swimming pool area for the new season, which

opens on May 27.

Sweeping, raking, power washing, furniture moving are needed. Contact **Matt Ryan** (mnryan014@gmail.com, 816-401-3995) for details, or just show up.

You be the judge . . .

8th BBQ Showdown: May 20

BridgePointe will be the best-smelling neighborhood in the Northland on Saturday, May 20.

Any neighbor who wants to show off cooking skills, or just sample the results, can join the fun.

Cooks will receive ribs and chicken to prepare in the pool parking lot.

Cooking starts at noon, dining at 5pm. Diners can bring a

side dish to share, and then decide which neighbor is the best cook.

Contact **Larry Cockerel** (lrc2054@sbcglobal.net, 436-2846) for information or to help — or to order

some of his renowned BBQ catering service.



Honor the Class of '17!

Space permitting, *The Pointe* will publish graduates' accomplishments and honors, post-graduate plans, and parents' names. Send information with digital photos of graduates' faces by e-mail to **Ken Nelson** at ken@nelsonlawkc.com.