

THE POINTE

Godsey Home Hosts June 12 TGIF Social

Eillen and Gideon Godsey (437-8278) will host the next TGIF Social Hour at 1634 NE 83rd Terr. on Friday, June 12, at 5:30pm.

Since June 2005, grown-ups have met monthly with snacks and beverages at dozens of different homes.

Bridge Pointe Homes
TGIF
HAPPY HOUR
HERE!
FRIDAY 5:30-7:30pm

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

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A sure sign of spring is when Illusion Landscaping arrives with equipment, this time to remove overgrown bushes east of the swimming pool area. Landscape Chair Frank Tittone says

the bushes became unsightly, unmanageable and unsafe. New landscaping there, and improvements at the nearby NE 83rd St. entry sign, are among many changes he's overseen recently.

You be the judge . . .

6th BBQ Showdown: May 23

BridgePointe will be the best-smelling neighborhood in the Northland on Saturday, May 23.

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** (436-2846, lrc2054@sbcglobal.net) for info or to help — or to order some of his renowned BBQ catering service.



Honor the Class of '15!

Readers are invited to send graduates' digital photos, parents' names, accomplishments and plans

for the future to **Ken Nelson** (468-6670, kennelson@mclaw.com, to publish in *The Pointe*.

Two New Block Captains Sign Up

Graden Snow (436-7588) of 1909 NE 82nd Terr. is taking a turn to succeed long-time Block Captain **Laura Johnson** in the southeast part of BridgePointe.

Meanwhile, **Al Neal** (436-7598,) of 1907 NE 83rd St., succeeds **Chad Brantley** as Block Captain in the eastern block of NE 83rd St.



The second annual Egg Hunt in the area around the swimming pool drew plenty of cute young hunters on

March 28. Thank **Kristy Cofer** and **Stacy Long** for organizing the popular new event.



Cindy and David Slagenweit, Don and Judy Meier, Tammy Baack, Paul Link, Bob and Irene Seidler and Judy Hanson were among doz-

ens of neighbors dining on March 30 at the first BridgePointe night at a new eatery, The Draft Pick, enjoying free appetizers and drink discounts.

No passes for a few ... Nearly All Dues Have Been Paid

All but 14 of 201 households are current in paying the \$280 annual dues, says **Treasurer Linda Spotts Michael**.

Block Captains and **Linda and Marcie Van Dyke** distributed swimming pool passes recently.

Neighbors who do not have a pass should ask Block Captains or, if delinquent, pay dues to get a pass.



Brian McCrary, Bob Hiatt, Danny Ray, Paul Link, Danny Henson, Vicki Ray, Donna Power, Susan Hiatt, Kattie Henson and Marcie

Van Dyke, who hosted with **Linda Van Dyke**, gathered with other neighbors on April 10 for the TGIF Social Hour.

If it works on the fridge . . .

Posting Flyers on Mailboxes to Remind About Activities

Notices appearing on mailbox pods have been helpful to inform about lost pets, neighborhood events, and offers of mowing service. But unsightly tape marks are left behind, requiring new paint.

Finally, the obvious solution arrives: Put notices in clear plastic weatherproof sleeves, and affix with magnets which won't deface the paint.

Block Captain Coordinator **Linda Van Dyke** has assembled a group of Block Captains and other volunteers to tend to the flyers on all 20 pods, replacing old notices with new ones.

Now, simply checking the mail can inform and remind about news that might have been missed on the e-mail network, Facebook or in this newsletter.

The plan is for flyers to be distributed as e-mail attachments, which can be printed and posted quickly and easily. Of course, anyone else who wants to post a flyer can use the sleeves.

For more information, or to suggest ideas about this new communications plan, contact **Ken Nelson** (468-6670, ken-nelson@mclaw.com).



Weatherproof plastic sleeves, held by magnets, protect flyers on mailboxes.

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Show me the money . . .

Jeannine Ross shows what garage sales are all about on May 2 at her sale at 8357 N. Highland. The always popular event drew shoppers

from near and far to help neighbors turn their unneeded stuff into cash. Thank **Linda Spotts Michael** for organizing the event again.

Prices soar . . .

Real Estate Signs Sprout More This Year

If you think you're seeing more for-sale signs in BridgePointe now than before, you're right.

Rising prices, low interest rates, growing demand, fewer foreclosures, smaller inventory, and changing demographics all contribute to more people listing homes, says neighbor and realtor **Curtis Stock**.

BridgePointe's low turnover rate (3% last year, 2.5% in 2013) may be changing. Already this year, one home is sold, four are under contract, and two more are for sale.

The average listing price this year is \$201,186, compared to \$194,133 last year, and \$189,860 in 2013.

Average sale price last year was \$193,879, compared to \$184,100 in 2013.

A more remarkable measure of real estate activity is the number of days that properties are on the market before sale.

In 2013, the average for sold houses was 156 days on the market. In 2014, the average was 86 days. For the properties under contract this year, the average is 13 days.

Besides the factors driving the market generally, after a long slump, many features favor BridgePointe particularly.

Active homes association, mature trees, and new park trails are attractive qualities.

BridgePointe also benefits from easy access to highways, shopping, and dining.



Besides having high quality schools, it's one of only three neighborhoods in the Oak Park High School area which has a swimming pool. Both of the others charge annual dues which are more than BridgePointe's \$280: Stonebrooke, \$310, and Maple Park Place, \$550.



Look out below!

Bob Siedler keeps working while the unaware Dumpster Day brigade assembles below him. **John Azodi, Al Neal, Jerry Crews, Dale Meek, Brian McCrary, Danny Ray, Irv Becker, Bob Hiatt, Matt Ryan, Jack Kammerer, and Tom Lowman** and other volunteers helped dozens of neighbors unload junk and

heave it into the city-provided dumpster, which was full by 10:30am on May 9. Electronic waste was collected by The Surplus Exchange for responsible disposal. Partially full paint cans were donated to the Oak Park High School Theatre Department to paint stage sets for theatrical productions.