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Homes Association THE POINTE

Gutierrez Home Hosts December TGIF Social Hour

Lois and Chris Gutierrez, (420-9198) will host the next

monthly TGIF Social Hour, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Friday, December 9 at 1804 NE 83rd St. Snacks and beverages are welcome.

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Open for business. . .

Janet Carroll, Danny Ray, Harley Marolt, Vicki Ray and Don Meier put a new beverage and food service counter to the test at the Oktoberfest on October 23.

For only about \$40, Danny built the covered bar with mostly scrap materials as a permanent but movable facility for social activities at the swimming pool.

Wait and See . . .

Deck Project Moves Cautiously

Removing the wooden deck at the BridgePointe pool was imminent after rotten lumber was found under the 25-year-old structure a few days before opening day in May. For safety the deck was closed throughout the swim season.

Landscape Chair Bob Hiatt arranged with Illusion Landscaping to provide demolition equipment on November 19 for about \$500. Volunteers were

invited to help, saving the Association thousands of dollars.

The next step is uncertain. Association President Brian McCrary, a civil engineer, says the slope of the ground will dictate whether a concrete slab can replace the old wooden deck. A new wood deck is too costly.

Other options: Extend the deck eastward toward NE 83rd St., or simply fence the west edge of the concrete deck.

Neighbors Shed Junk on Dumpster Day

Dozens of neighbors unloaded plenty of rubbish with help from lots of volunteers at the second annual Dumpster Day on October 29.

They filled a huge dumpster, provided by the City of Kansas City for \$55, with junk. And Oak Park High School's theater people recovered all the unwanted paint they can store and use.

A festive team effort enjoyed perfect, crisp autumn weather.

Help came from, in no particular order, **Reneé Holmes, Dave Mecklenburg, Peter Levin, Randy McManus, Jack Kammerer, Rich Carroll, Bob Siedler, Dennis and Kathy Eckard, Bobby and Cassie Stompoly, Rachel and Peyton Galloway, Brenda**

and Sean Galloway, Jake Long, Mike and Jennifer Griffith, Bob Hiatt, Chris Johnson, Mary Wilkens, Ron Rhynerson, John and Bini Hamilton, Randy Wheat, Josh and Jill Dickson, Eillen Godsey, Allen Shields, Cheryl Winkelbauer, Chris Cesena, Ken and Joyce Hal-

ford, Maria Araiza, Jeff Gibbs, Harley Marolt, Jeff Baack, Johnson Nguyen, John Azodi, Dale Meek, Melody Salyer, Paul Link, Sandy Nelson, Leslie Armstrong, Danny Ray, Nick Baumgartner, Phil Feeney, Irv Becker, Linda Spotts Michael and Brian McCrary.



Jacob Long, Ron Rhynerson, Harley Marolt, Bob Siedler and Rich Carroll await the next carload of junk to heave into a dumpster at the pool parking lot. Plenty of neighbors helped on Dumpster Day.

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Oktoberfest Brings Food, Fun, Sun to BridgePointe Pool

About 30 neighbors enjoyed a bit of Bavaria at the Oktoberfest at the pool parking lot on October 23.

Danny and Vicki Ray coordinated the event, which featured bratwurst, buns, sauerkraut, potluck side dishes, and several gallons of beer brewed at home by neighbors. Many watched a Chiefs football game outdoors, basking on a perfect sunny afternoon.



Cookie Merchants . . .

Entrepreneurial Girl Scout Daisies **Ashlyn Griffith** and **Hannah Griffith**, and **Peyton and Brenda Galloway**, and **Rachel Galloway** recruited helpers **Jennifer, Ava, William, Blake, and** to corner the Dumpster Day market for cookie sales on October 29.

Seeing the Light . . .

Kammerer Leans on City

Driving across N. Oak Trafficway on NE Barry Road is faster each morning now, thanks to former Association president **Jack Kammerer**. He told The Kansas City Star that the traffic light stayed green only eight to ten seconds at a time in the morning, allowing just a few cars to clear the intersection at rush hour. The Star's Watchdog column reported on November 7 that the city extended green time during the 6:30 to 9am period.

Santa by the Hour . . .

BBQ Baron For Hire

Jolly **Larry Cockerel** (436-2846, lrc2054@sbcglobal.net) sells great barbeque, and donates 10% (\$43 so far) to the neighborhood's U.S. flag fund. Now you can hire him to appear at events as Santa Claus.

Hat trick!

The Pointe Wins Third Newsletter Award

For the third year in a row, BridgePointe's neighborhood newspaper, *The Pointe*, has been recognized as the best neighborhood newsletter in the Northland in a competition sponsored by Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. ("NNI").

Competition began only three year ago. BridgePointe won all three contests. The award was presented October 28 at NNI's annual awards fundraising breakfast, attended by hundreds of Northland neighborhood leaders and scores of elected officials.

The Pointe is the product of dozens of BridgePointe neighbors who submit news,

information, ideas and photographs, and who assemble, print, and circulate it several times a year. To submit ideas and information, contact **Ken**

Nelson at 468-6670 or kennel-son@mclaw.com.

The Pointe supplements other media in BridgePointe.

An active e-mail network is maintained by **Mike Power**. Sign up to receive breaking news by contacting him at mjpower@kc.rr.com.

More current news and photographs can be found at a Facebook group page administered by **Brenda Galloway**.

Curtis Stock, at curtis@curtisstock.com, provides a dedicated website, www.kcbridgepointe.com/hoa, which has a calendar and other reference information.



BridgePointe Social Events for 2011

November 18, Friday, 7-11:30pm, Kitchen Table Poker, hosted by (TBA).

December 9, Friday, 5:30-7:30pm, TGIF Social Hour, hosted by **Lois and Chris Gutierrez**, (420-9198) at 1804 NE 83rd St.

December 30, Friday, 7-11:30pm, Kitchen Table Poker, hosted by (TBA).

Mark Your Calendar Now . . .

All-Neighbors Annual Meeting Set: Jan. 9, 2012, Clardy School

Anything Goes!

Local Kids Shine in Oak Park Musical

BridgePointe kids strutted their stuff in a stunning musical comedy, *Anything Goes*, in Oak Park High School's theater November 10-12.

The show was about a cruise ship's wacky antics.

Alex Stompoly, son of **Bobby Stompoly**, played an aristocrat. **Thomas Baack**, son of **Tammy and Jeff Baack**, was the captain. **Mi-**

chael Halford, son of **Ken and Joyce Halford**, was a goofy gangster.

Janet Meier, daughter of **Don and Judy Meier**, was in the orchestra. **Blair McClure**, daughter, of **Scott and Carolyn McClure**,

worked on the props crew. **Jake Strickland**, son of **Terri and Brian Scheetz**, was a singing sailor.



Don and Judy Meier and Tammy and Jeff Baack savor German food and beverages on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at Oktoberfest on October 23.

The Pointe

Leaf, Brush Pick-Up Set for Nov. 30

As many as 20 sacks of leaves or bundles of brush can be collected by Kansas City trucks on November 30. Set bags curbside by 7am. Use paper sacks only, and no duct tape. Wrap 4'x2' bundles with twine. For missed pick-ups, call 3-1-1. Get more info at www.kcmo.org/trash.