

Northland's BEST Newsletter
... two years in a row!

THE POINTE

Ray Home Hosts Next TGIF Social on November 11

Vicki and Danny Ray
will host the next monthly

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

T G I F
Social
Hour,
5:30pm-
7:30pm,
Friday,
Nov. 11,

at 8325 N. Highland.

Snacks and beverages are
welcome.

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



Timberrrrr!

Brandon Mahoney of Illusion Landscaping wields a chainsaw to remove 11 dead pine trees by the swimming pool parking lot and the N. Wayne entrance. The company has cared for

BridgePointe's lawn and shrubbery for several years. Illusion bid \$500 — about \$1,000 lower than the next bid — to do work which was deferred until the swimming pool season ended.

Oktoberfest Set for Oct. 23

A bit of Bavaria will be at the swimming pool area from 1pm to 5pm, Sunday, Oct. 23.

Oktoberfest is coordinated by **Danny and Vicki Ray** (468-9350, dan.jrays@gmail.com) who helped to launch the popular **J-Ray's Restaurant** in

Platte City.

A few neighbors have been brewing beer at home for the event, which will feature bratwurst, buns, and sauerkraut. Tableware will be provided. Neighbors are invited to bring side dishes and desserts.

Got Junk?

Dumpster Day Returns Oct. 29

Find details on page 3.

BackSnack Buddies . . .

Neighbors Give \$4,000 for Hunger Fight

BridgePointe neighbors and friends heard the call to feed hungry young students, and generously have given or pledged nearly \$4,000 so far – enough to feed at least 16 kids for a year on weekends.

A fundraiser hosted by educators **Lois Gutierrez** and **Bob Hiatt** on September 13 drew about 42 neighbors to hear about hunger at the local elementary schools, and how successful the BackSnack program has been working. Neighbors who could not attend sent contributions separately.

Clardy school counselor **Kristin Kinkade** and Gashland counselor **Katy Read** explained that more than 50 students don't have enough to eat on weekends. Michael Short of Northland Childhood Hunger Initiative described the need, and how Harvesters Community Food Network is helping. The agencies were impressed, thrilled and grateful for the strong support from BridgePointe.

Students receive healthy food packages on Fridays and

return the backpacks on Mondays. Attendance on both days – the most skipped days of the week – has improved noticeably.

Harvesters' BackSnacks consist of wholesome food which disadvantaged kids receive on Friday afternoons so they'll have nutritious meals on the weekends. This new



and subtle program already has yielded better school attendance, behavior, and academic achievement, which improves the classroom environment for all students.

More than 30 BridgePointe residents are current or former educators who have seen the needs and effects of poverty on kids.

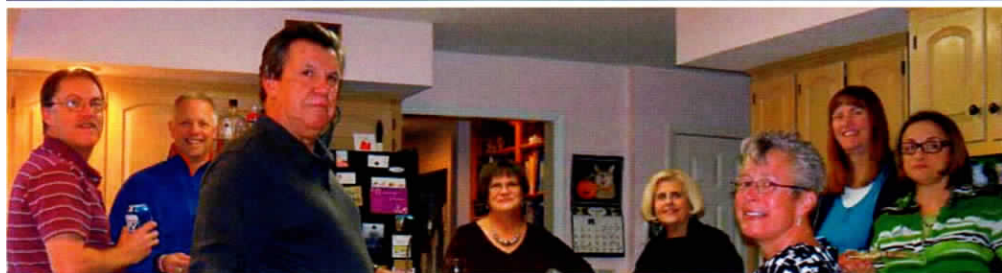
Nationally recognized Harvesters oversees the program and has partnered with area schools, churches, and com-

munity groups. Backpacks are filled at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on Thursdays and distributed to schools on Fridays.

At the **Gutierrez** home, BridgePointers heard about how great the need is and how neighborhoods and communities can support the effort to help give kids a better chance to learn and to break the cycle of poverty. It takes \$200 per year to outfit a BackSnack student and any help is appreciated. Send a tax-deductible check to **Bob or Lois**, payable to the Northland Childhood Hunger Initiative (NCHI).

Childhood hunger is a national problem, as recently reported on national and local TV and newspapers, and is evident even in the Northland. More than 3,900 elementary aged students in the Northland, including those at Clardy and Gashland, are considered "food insecure."

For more information, check www.feednorthlandkids.org or www.harvesters.org websites. Contact **Lois** at 420-9198 (lois_gayle@msn.com)



Paul Link, Brian McCrary, hosts Irv and Sharon Becker, Cheryl Brockman, April McCrary, Joanne Link and Mary Wilkins enjoy the Oct. 14 TGIF Social Hour.

POINSETTIA SALE

**2011 Assistance League® of Kansas City
Heartland Auxiliary
Poinsettia Order Form
A chapter of National Assistance League®**

Customer's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **E-Mail** _____

Return or mail to ALKC Member by Oct 27

Please make your check payable to: Assistance League® of Kansas City or ALKC

	RED	WHITE	PINK	TOTAL # OF PLANTS		AMOUNT DUE
# OF LARGE PLANTS (8")				(large plants)	#OF LARGE PLANTS X \$22	\$
# OF SMALL PLANTS (6 1/2")				(small plants)	#OF SMALL PLANTS X \$12	\$
					GRAND TOTAL	\$

The customer may tear off and retain this portion of the form for tax purposes
The Assistance League® of Kansas City is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization. A portion of your purchase is tax deductible in the following amounts:
Large plant (8") tax deduction...\$9.50 Small plant (6 1/2") tax deduction...\$5.75
Large plants _____ Small plants _____ My total charitable contribution is \$ _____

Your plants will be delivered from November 21st - November 28th

Past proceeds have benefited these philanthropic programs for foster families, or families in need, who have children in Clay/Platte schools.

Backpacks and school supplies to over 200 children

Piano lessons using a Braille reader, a musically gifted child

Shoes for the school gym program

Eyeglasses

Tutoring

Driver's training

Beds and linens

Numerous special requests of assistance from school counselors

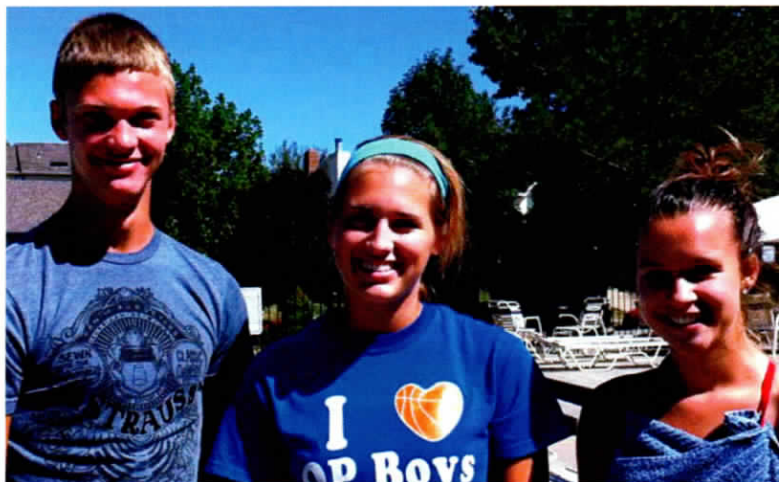
Many of the families have participated in the BackSnack program that Harvesters (and BridgePointe) promotes.

*THANKS
BRIDGEPOINTE*

Thank you for your support in recognizing the need in our community.

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Assistance League Auxiliary member



All in a Day's Work . . .

Jacob Johnson, Lunden Michel and Addison Rohrs, the primary lifeguards in the first year of a contract with Northland Pool Management, quickly handled some overcrowding and behavior challenges

at the beginning of the season, and a few days of closing at the end due to the citywide concern about cryptosporidium illness. But overall they assured another fun and successful year at the pool.

Garage Sales, Part II . . .

Families Sell, Donate Surplus

At least 17 families had garage sales on Oct. 7 and 8, following successful sales on May 6 and 7. Most families said they want to see semi-annual sales again, as was

done until a few years ago.

Synergy Services, Inc., sponsor of Synergy House and SafeHaven, collected leftovers on Oct. 9 to support anti-violence programs.

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By Popular Demand . . . Dumpster Day Returns Oct. 29 To Parking Lot

The second annual Dumpster Day is set for 8am, Saturday, Oct. 29, at the swimming pool parking lot.

Neighbors can discard junk and trash, including items which are too big for regular trash-pick-up. Yard waste, though, cannot be accepted.

Volunteers will be needed to staff the dumpster, to assure only

neighbors use it, and that unacceptable materials (hazardous waste, tires, etc.) are not deposited. Contact coordinator **Ken Nelson** at kennelson@mclaw.com



or 468-6670.

Like last year, old paint — but not stain or varnish — will be collected for the Oak Park High School theater department, which also wants assorted hardware (screws, nuts, door handles, door knobs, hinges, but not nails.)

Unlike last year, though, electronic waste (computers, TVs, etc.) cannot be collected. The Surplus Exchange (472-0444, www.surplusexchange.org) collected such materials last year, but is unable to provide a truck and staff this time. Electronics and office furniture still can be taken to its facility at 518 Sante Fe.

NKC Iron and Metal also is unable to collect scrap this year.

BridgePointe Social Events for 2011

October 23, Sunday, 1-5pm, Oktoberfest in BridgePointe at the swimming pool parking lot; call **Danny and Vicki Ray** (468-9350) for information or to help.

October 28, Friday, 7-11:30pm, Kitchen Table Poker, hosted by (TBA).

October 29, Saturday, 8am-3pm, Dumpster Day, call **Ken Nelson** (468-6670) for information or to help.

November 11, Friday, 5:30-7:30pm, TGIF Social Hour, hosted by **Danny and Vicki Ray** (468-9350) at 8325 N. Highland

November 12, Saturday, 8am-3pm, Yard-Waste Clean-Up Day, call **Bob Hiatt**, (436-5057) for information or to help.

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).

Say Hi! to New Neighbors . . .

Four Couples Move into BridgePointe

The parade of new neighbors continues. Four couples arrived recently.

Gideon and Eillen Godsey now live at 1634 NE 83rd Terr., where **Mindy and Ed Doyle** had lived. **Eillen** is retired from Missouri Southern State University in Joplin. **Gideon** is retired from the Jasper County Prosecutor's Office, also in Joplin. They can be reached at 569-2243 and godssey-fam@hotmail.com. They have a son, **Matthew**, who lives in Phoenix. Their daughter, **Sarah**, lives in Maryland.

Ashley Lackey returns to BridgePointe after growing up in the neighborhood. Her mother, **Joy Bartholomew**, stills lives in the neighborhood on N. Highland. **Ashley** and her husband, **Kyle**, now

live at 1422 NE 83rd St., where **Angel Pernice** had resided across the street from the swimming pool. They can be reached at 816-674-5153 and at Ashley-Lackey@yahoo.com. **Ashley** works in real estate management. **Kyle** owns his own photography company which can be found on the internet at FocusPhotoAndVideo.com.

Randy and Tammy Hackler live next to **Ashley and Kyle**, at 1426 NE 83rd St., where **Scott and Amanda Campbell's** family lived until the Air Force transferred **Scott** to Florida. **Randy and Tammy** can be reached at Hackler.Tammy@yahoo.com and 816-569-2633. They like golf.

Steve Bingham and Michelle Croce moved into 1609 NE 82rd Terrace, where

the **Alm** family had lived. **Steve** works at Cerner. **Michelle** works at DST Systems. They can be reached at subpop-star@gmail.com and 214-8669.

These newcomers' arrivals follow the sales of four other properties since July after nearly no home purchases in BridgePointe during the prior two years.

Leaf, Brush Pick-Up Set for Nov. 2 and 30

As many as 20 sacks of leaves or bundles of brush can be collected by Kansas City trucks on Nov. 2 and 30. Set bags curbside by 7am. Use paper sacks only, and no duct tape. Wrap 4'x2' bundles with twine. If trucks miss a pick-up, call 3-1-1. Get more info at www.kcmo.org/trash.