

THE POINTE

Baumgartner Home Hosts Oct. 10 Social

Susan and Nick Baumgartner (468-0040) will host the next TGIF Social Hour at 8233 N. Flora on Friday, October 10, 5:30pm.

Since June 3, 2005, adults have been socializing monthly at different homes.



TGIF...

Howard Wilkins, John Brockman, Sharon Becker, Jeff Baack, Linda Spotts Michael and Mary Wilkins enjoyed the hospitality of the Spotts Michael home at the Sept. 12 TGIF Social Hour.

Something's Brewing...

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

4th Oktoberfest Brings Family Fun on Oct. 19

The fourth annual Oktoberfest walk chalk and bubbles. Yard celebration is set for Sunday, Oct. 19, 1-5pm, in the swimming pool parking lot. games, including bocci and horseshoes, also will be provided.

Neighbors are welcome to bring — or just sample — home-brewed beer, and to bring Bavarian fare to share.

Brats, hot dogs, buns and sauerkraut will be provided.

Kids will have plenty of side-



If foul weather arrives, the festivities will move to the home of event sponsors **Danny and Vicki Ray**, 8325 N. Highland. Contact them at 468-9350, dray9108@sbcglobal.net for information or to offer help.

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

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Two Families Come to the Neighborhood

Two properties have changed hands in recent weeks, bringing two new households to BridgePointe for neighbors to welcome.

Tucker

David Tucker and his daughter **Alyssia Tucker**, 7, recently moved into the house formerly occupied by the **James** family at NE 82nd Terrace. **David**, a project manager for International Glazing

Contractor, likes outdoor sports, playing hockey and coaching kids' hockey. **Alyssia** is a second grader at Clardy School. She likes figure skating and outdoor sports. They attend Abundant Life Baptist Church.

DeVaul-Fetters

Jeff and Amanda DeVaul-Fetters now live at 8328 N. Flora, where **Landis** and **Shelly Lynch** were. They're

originally from this area and glad to be back. **Jeff** teaches Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) classes at Park University and University of Missouri – Kansas City. **Amanda** has a Ph.D. in Social Psychology and conducts research and program evaluations for the United Way of Greater Kansas City. Reach them at 785-477-8729, devaulfetters@gmail.com.

Neighbors Boost Backsnack Program

Nearly 25 people, mostly BridgePointe neighbors, gathered on August 26 at the **Gutierrez** home to learn about the Backsnack program for nearby elementary school kids who can't get enough to eat at home.

The tales were enough to make you cry. But the tales also showed how those kids become able to learn more -- better for them, their

classmates and teachers.

Backpacks with nutritious food are given to select needy students on Fridays, and returned on Mondays for refills, to bridge the days between school meals. Sadly, nearly one in five Northland kids -- totaling 3,200 -- is eligible. So far, 2,930 students, including 75 at Clardy and Gashland schools, participate.

The **Gutierrez** friends' generosity has raised nearly \$4,000 so far. All of it will go to schools in the North Kansas City District, which covers most of southern Clay County. But more money is needed.

Funds are managed by the

Feed Northland Kids group, which also serves other districts in Clay and Platte Counties, in cooperation with Harvesters -- The Community Food Network.

Besides hostess **Lois Gutierrez**, presenters on August 26 included the principal and a counselor at Clardy School, the director of Feed Northland Kids, and a Harvesters representative.

You still can join your friends in this valuable project by making a check payable to "Feed Northland Kids" and sending it to 1804 NE 83rd St., Kansas City, MO 64118, where **Chris and Lois Gutierrez** will make sure it reaches Feed Northland Kids to go to North Kansas City District schools.

Learn more about the program at: <http://www.feednorthlandkids.org/>



Concrete Slab Finishes Full Work Schedule

A noisy jackhammer broke up that darn #*% @&\$ toe-stubbing concrete slab by the baby pool in September.

Contractor Concrete Proz removed about 180 square feet of concrete and rebar, replaced with concrete and half-inch rebar, and pinned the new slab to existing concrete to prevent the problem from recurring.

The \$1,900 project was one of many to improve and beautify the swimming pool area this year. The new pergola got fresh stain before the season started.

Plumbing repairs fixed the water heater, and restored the outdoor shower. Improved lighting and security cameras enhanced both appearance and safety.



TGIF Again . . .

Curtis Stock, Tom Lowman, Jerry Crews, Brian McCrary, and John Brockman joined the fun at the Sept. 12 TGIF Social Hour at the Spotts Michael home

The Big Idea . . . Packages Get Larger Boxes

New mailboxes are sprouting next to existing pods, offering safekeeping for large packages.

Rather than putting them on doorsteps, where they could be swiped, letter carriers will put packages in a large bin, and put the key to the bin in the recipient's small mailbox.



Photo by Linda Van Dyke

Use Your Keys, Please . . . Crooks Like Easy Access to Unlocked Cars



Unlocked vehicles in the area invited several thefts in September, including some in BridgePointe, according to Kansas City police officer **Rick Cartwright**. Crooks mostly swipe electronics – including GPS devices and garage-door openers, he says.

The best defense is to lock

cars which are outside locked garages. Thieves usually test doors and, if locked, move on to the next car.

For more information, contact **Rick Cartwright**, Community Interaction Officer –Shoal Creek Station, at Richard.Cartwright@kcpd.org

Got Junk?

Dumpster Day Returns Oct. 25

Neighbors can dump junk, electronic waste and leftover paint at this year's second Dumpster Day on Oct. 25, starting at 8am and continuing until the dumpster is full.

A city dumpster will be in the swimming pool parking lot by 8am. Volunteers are welcome to help unload cars.

Dumpster Day earlier this year (on April 12) was so successful that the dumpster was filled and closed before 11am, so come early.

The Surplus Exchange has been invited to collect computers, monitors, TVs, printers and other large items for a modest fee (\$5 to \$20). Smaller stuff — keyboards, CD players, PDAs, and peripherals — are free. For more information go to www.surplusexchange.org.

Old paint — but not stain or varnish — will be collected for Oak Park High School's theatre department. For info, contact **Ken Nelson** (468-6670, kennel-son@mclaw.com).

Poor Plot, Great Cast . . .

New Directories Coming Soon

The new neighborhood directory may not win any critic's award as a page turner, but it will be chock full of useful information when distributed in a few weeks.

The first edition since 2008 will describe the neighborhood, its events, activities and rules, and will name the many people who make it happen.

Besides names, addresses, and home phone numbers, the directory will have cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

New yellow pages will have "The Best of BridgePointe," a list of vendors, contractors, merchants and professionals recommended by your neighbors.

Advertisers paid the entire cost of printing.

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In the know . . .

Block Captains' Handbooks Get Updated Info



Linda Van Dyke

Neighbors can count on their Block Captains for vital information, thanks to updated handbooks prepared by coordinator **Linda Van Dyke**. First issued in

2006, the books needed new data. Now they list projects and events coordinators, pool rules, covenants and restrictions, and lots of other reference information.

If you want to organize a block party, have a private gathering at the pool, get a calendar, or learn about the neighborhood generally, ask your Block Captain.