

Northland's BEST Newsletter
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THE POINTE

On Sept. 9 . . .

Carroll's Host Next TGIF Social

The next monthly TGIF Social Hour will be 5:30-7:30pm, Friday, Sept. 9, hosted by **Janet and Rich Carroll** (468-4525) at 8321 N. Highland.

Snacks and beverages are welcome.

Hosts are needed for Oct. 14 and Nov. 11. Call **John Azodi** (436-1114, ja-zodi@kc.rr.com) to help.



Puttering Around . . .

With moral support from **Ron and Linda Jones**, and son **Brian Adam, Lewis Adam** putts in the eighth annual Bridge-Pointe golf tournament at Hodge Park on Aug. 13. **Linda** had the women's longest drive.

BackSnack Buddies . . .

Neighbors Fight Kids' Hunger

BridgePointe educators **Bob Hiatt** and **Lois Gutierrez** are welcoming all neighbors to a fundraiser they will host at 7pm, Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 1804 NE 83rd St.

Neighbors can enjoy wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, and learn about the BackSnacks program at Clardy and Gashland elementary schools, where more than 50 kids don't have enough food at home on weekends.

Harvesters Community Food Network provides food to 3,900 hungry Northland kids. School

attendance, behavior and academic performance improve dramatically when kids can get backpacks of nutritious food on Friday afternoons.

A year's BackSnacks costs \$200 per student. Checks to the "Northland Child Hunger Initiative" can be sent to **Bob** or **Lois**.

Find more info at www.feednorthlandkids.org and www.harvesters.org. To RSVP or donate call **Bob** at 305-4176 (nkcbob69@yahoo.com) or **Lois** at 420-9198 (lois_gayle@msn.com).



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 be a good neighbor . . ."*

Coming and Going . . .

New Neighbors Bring Lots of Youngsters

At least four properties in BridgePointe were sold in recent weeks, bringing new neighbors and lots of kids.

Jason Moburg and **Becky Unruh**, and **Emma**, 8, **Kenton**, 6, **Charlie**, 5, and **Cooper**, 3, moved into 1636 NE 83rd Terr. after **Rusty, Sherri, Ashley** and **Lauren Johnson** moved to Florida. **Jason** is a nursing manager at North Kansas City Hospital's Intensive Care Unit. **Becky** is a nursing manager of Education.

Kevin and **Jennifer**

Keeton, and **Gus**, 5, and **Aurelia**, 3, moved into 8241 N. Woodland, where **Jim** and **Cindy Conway** had lived.

Kevin is a teacher and football coach at Oak Park High School. **Jen** is a project manager at Kansas University Medical Center, and a doctoral student of Missouri University higher education.

Rodney and **Amy McNeall**, and **Ryan**, 15, **Connor**, 12, **Caleb**, 10, and **Brody**, 3, moved into 8234 N. Flora, where **Janine Randazzo** lived. **Rodney** is pastor of Gashland

United Methodist Church. **Amy** is a substitute teacher and freelance media buyer and planner.

Janine Randazzo moved two doors southward to 8226 N. Flora, where **Virginia Wempe** had lived. **Virginia** died on July 17, one year after her husband, **Dale Wempe**, died on July 17, 2010.

JST Homes LLC bought the vacant lot at 1905 NE 82nd Terr. from **Will** and **Lori Drambour**, whose home was destroyed by fire on August 31, 2010.



Come and get it . . .

BridgePointe's always popular all-neighbors pool party drew dozens of neighbors of all ages for hamburgers and hotdogs.

Unusually pleasant weather greeted the throng on July 23. Thank **Stacy Long** for coordinating and **Jake Long** for cooking.

Eighth Annual . . .

Golfers Tackle Hodge Park

Jack Kammerer, **Jeff Lee**, **Ray Rhodes**, and **Bob Hiatt** were the winning foursome at the eighth annual golf tourney on Aug. 13.

Second place: **Jerry Crews**, **Mary Kay Frommelt**, **Bill Frommelt**, and **Chris Johnson**. **Bill** also had men's longest drive, and shared closest-to-pin honors with **Ray**. **Linda Jones** had the women's longest drive.

Thank **Brian McCrary**, **Dale** and **Adam Meek**, **Jake** and **Stacy Long**, and **Susan Hiatt** for meal set-up and cooking.

Thank **Bob Hiatt** for coordinating and obtaining prizes.



Amid heart-wrenching tsunami destruction, Indonesians endure. **Chris Michael** has been there to document and photograph how they do it.

What a Summer Vacation!

Michael Tours Indonesia

Chris Michael, son of **Linda and John Michael**, has been working on the far side of the world with support from the National Geographic Society. As a Wyoming University student photographer, he has been documenting the changes in

cultural and physical geography since the 2004 tsunami in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

He arrived on July 21, taking thousands of photos and interviewing natives.

Read his blog at <http://rebuildingbandaace.tumblr.com/>.

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Cryptosporidium? Safety Concerns Close Pool for Days

As a precaution, BridgePointe's pool closed for a week to "super-chlorinate" the water after reports around the Kansas City metropolitan area of a contagious parasite, cryptosporidium.

No instances were found in BridgePointe, and the Health Department did not order the closing. But numerous other area pools ended their seasons early to protect swimmers.

Symptoms include many days of cramps and diarrhea.

More than 30 cases in Johnson County, Kansas, and a few in Liberty, prompted sudden closures. With only a day's notice, there was no opportunity to communicate with neighbors in advance of the Aug. 27 closing.

Upon consulting the pool management company and health reports, the Association's board members concluded the pool could open for the final Labor Day weekend after a second "super-chlorination" of the pool. Still, infants in swim diapers were not permitted in the water.

Buy Larry's BBQ to Support U.S. Flags

Larry Cockerel, is selling his award-winning barbequed meats to neighbors. Until April 2012, he'll donate 10% of the proceeds to pay for U.S. flags on lampposts.

For custom cooking, contact him at lrc2054@sbcglobal.net or 436-2846.

BridgePointe Social Events for 2011

September 5, Monday, noon to 8pm, Pool Closing, celebrated with hot dogs and soft drinks, call **Ken Nelson** (468-6670) for information or to help.

September 9, Friday, 5:30-7:30pm, TGIF Social Hour, hosted by **Janet and Rich Carroll** (468-4525) at 8321 N. Highland.

September 30, Friday, 7-11:30pm, Kitchen Table Poker, hosted by **Jack Kammerer** (326-7626).

October 8, Saturday, Garage Sales, call **Linda Spotts Michael** (436-0339) for information or to help.

October 14, Friday, 5:30-7:30pm, TGIF Social Hour, hosted by (TBA).

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 (TBA).

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).

Contact **John Azodi**, jazodi@kc.rr.com or 436-1114, to become a host.

Busy Month . . .

October Brings Garage Sale, Dumpster Day, Oktoberfest

Some events are worth repeating, like garage sales and Dumpster Day. And Oktoberfest, a new, hopefully annual, event, is set for Oct. 23.

After a successful garage sales promotion in May, **Linda Spotts Michael** (436-0339), is coordinating another for Saturday, Oct. 8.

And, if you can't sell it, you can dump it at the second annual Dumpster Day, Oct. 29.

Neighbors can discard items which are too big for regular trash pick-up in a dumpster at the swimming pool parking lot.

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. **Ken Nelson**, (kennelson@mclaw.com or 468-6670) is coordinating.

Between those events is Oktoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 23, coordinated by **Danny and Vicki Ray** (468-9350), 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 and typical Oktoberfest fare in the pool parking lot.



Hosts Needed for Oct. 14, Nov. 11 TGIF Socials

Monthly TGIF Socials have moved to different homes for six years. Hosts are needed for Oct. 14 and Nov. 11. Contact **John Azodi**, jazodi@kc.rr.com or 436-1114 to help.