

THE POINTE

Kammerer Home Hosts Next TGIF Social on Sept. 14

Janeen and Jack Kammerer (326-7626) and their magic margarita machine

will host the next monthly TGIF Social Hour, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Friday, Sept. 14, at 1801 NE 83rd St.

Snacks and beverages are welcome.

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

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Ron Rhynerson makes sure the May 5 garage-sale shoppers have enough hot dogs to eat.

Neighbors Plan Alaska Cruise

At least seven families signed up to tour Alaska by ship, train and coach June 5-15, 2013.

They'll see Vancouver, Juneau, Skagway, Denali, and other sites.

Contact **Sandy Nelson** (808-8345, sandykln@sbcglobal.net) to join the group.

One more time . . .

2nd Garage Sale Set: Sept. 21-22

So many neighbors want a second garage sale this year that another is set for 5-9pm Friday, Sept. 21, and all day Sept. 22.

Unsold items can be left at the curb on Monday, Sept. 24, for pickup by Synergy Services, a charity that helps victims of abuse and homelessness.

Contact **Linda Spotts Michael** (436-0339, Linda.Spotts-Michael@mcckc.edu) for information or to help, and tell her if

you need pick-up by Synergy.

The sale is being promoted in newspapers, Craig's List, and Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. website, and with signs.



Kaw Valley Engineering, Inc. soon will vacate the historic building which peers down on a moonscape left by recent brush clearance west of Bridge-Pointe. An unidentified new owner bought the entire tract after efforts to subdivide failed, and has been renovating the building and lot extensively.

Tidying up the neighborhood . . .

Tree Trimming, Dumpster Day Return

Neighbors can dump junk, electronic waste and leftover paint at the third annual Dumpster Day on Oct. 27.

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

The Surplus Exchange will 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. Go to www.surplusexchange.org for more information.

Old paint — but not stain or varnish — will be collected for Oak Park High School's theater department.

For info or to help, contact

Ken Nelson (468-6670, ken-nelson@mclaw.com).

On Nov. 10, branches (less than five inches diameter) and brush which are curbside will be ground up and removed in the second bi-annual Tree Trimming Pick-Up. Contact **Bob Hiatt** (436-5057, nkcbob69@yahoo.com) for more information or to help.

TGIF Summer Socializing . . .



Barry and Sally Waldron and their daughter chat at the June 8 TGIF Social Hour at the pool. At the July 13 TGIF, **Sharon Becker, Bob and Mary Jacoby, Susan Hiatt, Doris Crews and Eillen Godsey** relax on **Bill and Mary Kay Frommelt's** deck.



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BackSnack Buddies . . .

BridgePointe Neighbors Can Again Fight Hunger in School Kids' Homes

BridgePointe educators Bob Hiatt and Lois Gutierrez are again hosting a fundraiser at **7pm, Wednesday, September 26, at the Gutierrez home**, 1804 NE 83rd Street. Neighbors can enjoy wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres and a brief presentation by the Northland Childhood Hunger Initiative (NCHI) and Harvesters Community Food Network. They'll talk about BackSnacks at the nearby elementary schools, Clardy and Gashland, where more than 50 kids don't have enough food at home. **Last year, BridgePointe neighbors donated almost \$4000.** The hosts would like to help even more kids this year.



BackSnacks are packages 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. 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 community groups. Backpacks are filled at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on Thursdays and distributed to schools on Friday. Clardy and Gashland counselor Kristin Kinkade coordinates the program at the neighborhood schools. Empty backpacks are returned on Monday. Dramatic improvement in attendance on Fridays and Mondays – the most often skipped days – has been noticed for BackSnack kids.

At the Gutierrez home, BridgePointers will hear 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.** If you cannot attend the event, you can still help by sending 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 the NCHI (www.feednorthlandkids.org) or Harvesters (www.harvesters.org) websites.

To help make sure enough food and beverage is available, contact Lois at 420-9198 (lois_gayle@msn.com) or Bob at 305-4176 (nkcbob69@yahoo.com) if you can attend.

Another bout with cancer . . .

Dennis the Mailman Feels the Love

After successfully battling prostate cancer, BridgePointe's chatty, smiley and much-beloved letter carrier, **Dennis Shaul**, now suffers



Dennis Shaul

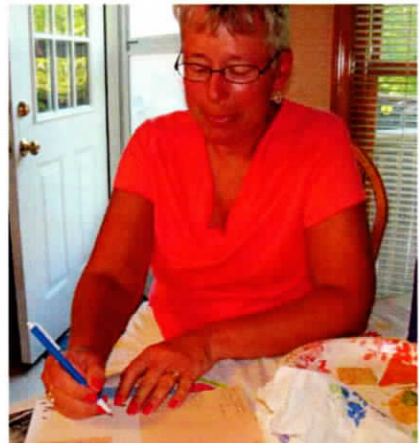
from pancreatic cancer.

Neighbors **Marcie and Linda Van Dyke** collected greeting cards, wishing him happy birthday on July 12 and showing that his many fans are pulling for him.

On July 17, the day before treatment resumed, he was surprised to find a stack of cards on a mail station which had a poster saying "A lot of 'BridgePointe' love is being delivered to you today"

Many neighbors sent cards directly to his home, 3809 NW 60th St., Kansas City, MO 64151-2773 — by U.S. Mail, of course.

Despite the sad news and renewed treatment, he continues plying his route and spreading mirth freely.



April McCrary signs one of the many thinking-of-you cards which neighbors mailed to letter carrier **Dennis Shaul**, who has cancer again.

A bump, or two, in the road . . .

Speed Limit Cut on NE 82nd Ter.

Residents on NE 82nd Terr., mostly from the nearby Dolce Vita neighborhood, recently petitioned the City of Kansas City for traffic devices to reduce speed.

The City quickly installed two speed bumps over the objections of BridgePointe Homes Association's Board of Directors.

In 2003, a city-sponsored traffic study showed no need for speed control beyond the existing stop signs. And there was concern for emergency-vehicle access to BridgePointe and damage to cars.

Board Member **Scott McClure** unsuccessfully argued that the City's rules preclude installation without a new traffic study.

He managed, however, to get both speed

bumps put in Dolce Vita, west of N. Flora, rather than in BridgePointe.



BridgePointe Social Events for 2012

September 14 Friday, 5:30-7:30pm, TGIF Social Hour, hosted by **Janeen and Jack Kammerer**, (326-7626) at 1801 NE 83rd St.

September 21, Friday, Pre-Garage Sale, call **Linda Spotts Michael** (436-0339) for information or to help.

September 22, Saturday, 8am-5pm, Garage Sale, call **Linda Spotts Michael** (436-0339) for information or to help.

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

October 12, Friday, 5:30-7:30pm, TGIF Social Hour, hosted by **Eillen and Dick Godsey** (569-2243) at 1643 NE 83rd Terr.

October 21, 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 26, Friday, 7-11:30pm, Kitchen Table Poker, hosted by **(TBA)**.

October 27, Saturday, 8am-3pm, Dumpster Day, call **Ken Nelson** (468-6670) for information or to help.

November 9, Friday, 5:30-7:30pm, TGIF Social Hour, hosted by **(TBA)**.

November 10, Saturday, 8am-3pm, Yard-Waste Clean-Up Day, call **Bob Hiatt**, (436-5057) for information or to help.

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

December 14, Friday, 5:30-7:30pm, TGIF Social Hour, hosted by **Danny and Vicki Ray** (468-9350) at 8325 N. Highland.

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

Start brewing . . .

Oktoberfest Brings Autumn Fun to Pool

Last's year's first Oktoberfest was such a hit that it returns on Sunday, Oct. 21, 1-5pm, in the swimming pool parking lot. Neighbors are welcome to be provided. bring — or just sample — home-brewed beer, and to bring Bavarian fare to share. Brats, buns and sauerkraut will

Contact **Danny and Vicki Ray** (468-9350, dray9108-@sbcglobal.net) for information or to help.



Say 'So-Long' To Summer

Stifling heat couldn't keep Ashlyn Spotts, Brooklyn Parrish, Cheryl Brockman and Hanna Parrish from the July 4 parade. Bill Millican and Jake Long got even more heat as pool-party grill masters on July 21.

