

COMING ATTRACTIONS

April:

- . No monthly meeting this month
- . Easter egg hunt: April 8, 2006 Huffman Park
10 am—12 noon Rain date: 4-15-06
- . Neighborhood spring clean-up: April 22
- . Neighborhood Garage Sales: April 29
- . Book Club: April, 30

May:

- . Monthly meeting: May 11, 2006
- . Churchill Grove Garage Sales: May 6

June:

- . Monthly meeting: June 8, 2006
- . Ice Cream Social

SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Again this year, the City is offering the 50/50 Sidewalk replacement program. This is a terrific way to increase your property values as well as provide your neighbors with safe, smooth walks not just patches of cracked or heaved up cement.

Here's how it works. The City offers to pay half the cost of the new squares. Each square averages out to be around \$90 of which you would pay \$45. You decide how many squares you want to replace. You can call 962-8777 and be directed to the NESNA person that will be in charge of the 50/50 Sidewalks this year. Or you can call Public Works and deal directly with the City. That number is 962-7592. You can also go online to the City website at www.ci.rockford.il.us and put in a request that way.

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NESNA WEBSITE

Go to www.northendsquare to get past newsletters or to find out more about us.

GARAGE SALES

The date for this year's neighborhood garage sale is April 29. Fill out the form in this newsletter and mail it and your \$5 to the address listed. That covers the cost of advertisements that NESNA will place in the Register Star as well as the printing of the other various forms of advertisement. All profits from sales belong to the seller. By the way, Churchill Grove's sale date is May 6 so mark your calendars.

RECYCLE MATERIALS

This information is taken from the Rockford website concerning recycling after questions were brought up about recycling at our last month's meeting:

Each household is furnished with a recycling bin. Aluminum and tin cans, glass jars and bottles, aerosol cans, coded plastics #1--#7 and 6 and 12 pack rings will be accepted. All containers should be rinsed, caps removed and placed loosely in a bin. If you have excess recyclables, they may be placed in a paper bag and set next to the bin. Newspapers should be placed in a paper bag and set on top of the bin. Paper, magazines and phone books should be placed in a paper bag and set next to the bin. Cardboard and paperboard must be flattened and bundled with string or twine, not wire. The bundles should be no larger than two feet by two feet. These also should be set next to the recycling bin. Recyclables will be collected on your regular garbage day.



THE EASTER BUNNY RELAXES WITH FRIENDS AT THE EASTER EGG HUNT AT HUFFMAN PARK, SATURDAY APRIL 8.



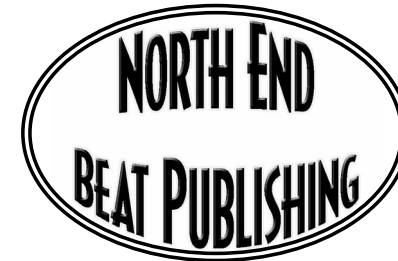
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SUN: CLOSED

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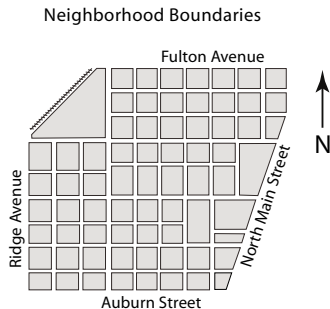
PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Now that spring is officially here, we can start looking forward to longer days, outdoor activities, spring flowers and warm weather. With nice weather, we tend to be outside more, working in our yards, raking and fertilizing the grass, planting flowers and taking care of home improvements. We begin to see more of our neighbors now that our winter hibernation is over. Along with the tantalizing smell of barbecues come neighborly conversations over backyard fences.

Unfortunately, the warmer weather brings out the seamier side of urban living with graffiti, vandalism and theft. Panhandlers have already been going door-to-door in the NESNA neighborhood. Don't fall for their tales of woe. If you have any suspicions about anything or anyone that looks unfamiliar to you, CALL THE POLICE. Officer Anderson told us at last month's meeting that he only received TWO calls last month but knew of multiple incidents that happened in the NESNA confines. He wants to help and encourages us to call upon him. His number is 987-8275.

This is our neighborhood. We have chosen to live here; raise our families here; establish our lives here. It is up to us to see that the NESNA area remains the lovely, safe and friendly neighborhood that we moved into and we will accept nothing else. This past year has seen some of our strongest supporters of NESNA move out of the neighborhood. It is time for us to step forward and fill their vacancies. This means becoming a member of NESNA, taking part in the various committees and governing boards, coming to the monthly meetings with questions and concerns as well as supporting the various activities planned. After all, that's what being a neighborhood is all about!

Deb



MEMBER COMMENTS

This is the second newsletter to be mailed out to NESNA members. There have been varying responses to the newsletter being mailed. Most of the comments have been positive but there are concerns about non-members being informed of what is happening in the community. Residents that are not members can get the newsletter one of three ways. They can join the Association and have it mailed to them. They can pick a copy up at one of the local businesses or they can read/download it from the NESNA website at www.thenorthendsquare.com.

As for information about NESNA activities, again, check the website. It's on the lefthand side of the homepage. We will try to put out information on the listserv, also. There will be flyers sent out about the activities such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Ice Cream Social, etc. and reverse 911 will go out to all residents with a published telephone number. Got any other suggestions? Give us a call.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Due to scheduling conflicts with the Presbyterian Church, we have had to put our quilt show on hold for right now. We hope to be able to hold the show later this summer or early fall. Our next activity will be an ice cream social held at Brown's Park. Keep watching here for date and time for this fun and delicious gathering.

BOOK CLUB

This month's Book Club will be reading *The Dogs Who Came to Stay* by George Pritcher. Book Club is held on the last Sunday of each month. April's meeting will be Sunday, the 30th, at 6:00 pm. Hosting this month's meeting will be Therese Moncelle at 1623 Grant. We are always looking for new members and encourage anyone who loves to read and enjoys lively discussions plus great food to join us.

MONTHLY MEETING CANCELLED

Our April NESNA meeting has been cancelled. Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting would be held on Thursday, April 13. That is Maundy Thursday signifying the beginning of the Holy Easter weekend and there will be a church service that night. We will meet again in May.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Neighborhood Clean-Up Day is Saturday, April 22. We will be meeting at 1605 Yonge Street at 8:30 and are usually finished around noon. There will be coffee, juice and donuts to help fuel us on our way. Bring gardening gloves if you have them and any rakes or other implements you think you might use. We will be providing orange plastic bags for the trash. In the past, the areas that have been targeted for clean up are Williams and Brown's Parks, Fulton Ave. and down the Boulevard..

SPRING CLEANING

As we begin our Spring-cleaning, deciding what old furniture and knickknacks can go, what contents of closets don't fit anymore or other household items that take up space and are never used, please be reminded of the various charity organizations in our community that will gladly accept your donations. The following organizations listed will take donations and some will even pick up your contributions:

- . Rockford Rescue Mission
- . Salvation Army
- . Goodwill
- . St. Elizabeth's
- . Project Welcome Home

This would be a great thing to do with your used but nice leftovers from your garage sale. You know what they say—one man's junk is another man's treasure....

NESNA 2006 Garage Sale Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

List items for sale: _____

Send to: NESNA
Attn: Jim Powers/Garage Sale
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