

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### March:

- \*Sales tax proposal: March 9, 2006
- \*Huffman Gardeners planning session: March 22, 2006

### April:

- \*Monthly meeting: April 13, 2006
- \*Easter egg hunt: April 8, 2006 Huffman Park
- \*Neighborhood spring clean-up: April 22
- \*Neighborhood Garage Sales: April 29

### May:

- \*Monthly meeting: May 11, 2006
- \*Quilt show

## SAFETY FIRST

Do you know if a sex offender lives near you? You could find out if you used the Sex Offenders Website at [www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us). Better to be safe than sorry.

## SPRING ROAST BEEF DINNER

Third Presbyterian Church will be holding their Spring Roast Beef Dinner on March 25 from 5-7PM.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children (ages 5-10). Call the church at 962-7889 to get tickets.

## 2006 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: DEB SEYLER . . . . .962-8777  
VICE PRES.: BOB REVER . . . . .962-6268  
SECRETARY: MARY ENGLUND . . . . .965-2239  
TREASURER: LIZ POWERS . . . . .968-1395  
EDITOR: DOUG SCHRODER . . . . .243-9832

## NESNA WEBSITE

Go to [www.northendsquare](http://www.northendsquare) to get past newsletters or to find out more about us.

## BOOK CLUB

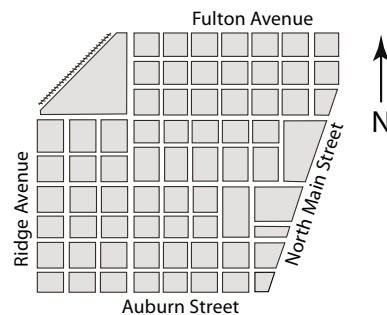
We have changed the date of the Book Club to the fourth Sunday of the month due to scheduling conflicts. The book for March is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. The location for next month's meeting has not yet been determined. Please call 962-8777 after March 4 for April's location.

## 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.

Neighborhood Boundaries

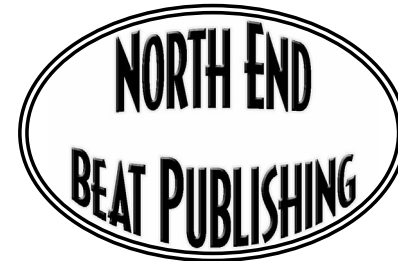


## TIN WHISTLE CLOSING

The Tin Whistle as we know it will be closing. The last day will be March 31. Current owner Phyllis Stone is closing shop so that she may travel with her husband. The business is for sale, and a couple of interested parties have put bids in, but nothing is final as of yet. Let's hope the store can continue.

There will be the last St. Patrick's Day activities at The Tin Whistle on March 11.

Thanks Phyllis, for all you have done for the north end!



## Graphic Design and Layout

*Flyers, Newsletters, Ads, Business Cards, Letterheads, Business Forms, Posters, Picture Restoration, Invitations, Personalized Greeting Cards, Booklets, Banners and MORE!*

Call Doug at 243-9832

Proudly designing and producing this newsletter since January 2005.

WORKING TO IMPROVE OUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The current NESNA board is contemplating some radical changes for our Association in order to meet the needs of our ever-changing constituency. Change is necessary to keep a vital neighborhood functioning. If you don't change, you become stagnant—like waters in a pond that never get circulated.

One of these changes is the newsletter. After much discussion, we have decided that we will no longer be hand delivering the monthly newsletters to everyone in the neighborhood. We will be mailing out newsletters to those of you that have joined NESNA. 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 website. Members receive renewal notices by mail so there is no need to run the membership form for months at a time. Since we have about 1200 households in our neighborhood and about 200 members, you can see what a difference budget-wise this will make for us even with the postage.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you that has had anything to do with the distribution of the newsletter month after month after month in the heat or the snow, the freezing cold or driving rain. Just like the mail carriers, you were out delivering the newsletters. How discouraging it must have been to be delivering a current newsletter only to see the past issues down in the bushes, still under the mat or in other neglected areas knowing the new issue in your hand would soon join the old ones. But for everyone that ignored their newsletters, there were 10 or 20 people that were looking forward to the monthly news. And they thank you as well.

Thank you,  
Deb Seyler

## ICEHOGS OUTING

On Saturday, March 25 there will be a group outing for residents of the Square. Game time is 7:05PM. Call Doug Schroder at 243-9832 for tickets.

## QUILT SHOW

We have had our cookie exchange, skating night and soon the IceHogs' game and the Egg Hunt will be over. We are trying to put a quilt show together for April. I have been told we have an active quilting group in our neighborhood. Wouldn't it be great to see the beautiful pieces they have been working on? As well as heirloom pieces other members have that they'd be will to share with us? My friends recently put on a quilt show at the Winnebago Public Library and I was amazed at the number of pieces they had—over 90!—and the diverse nature of quilts. They just aren't for putting on you beds anymore. They are true works of art. If you would like to help us put this show on or have quilt works to display, please call 962-8777.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Don't be alarmed if you see a big pink bunny roaming the neighborhood on Saturday, April 8. The rabbit is just putting in an early appearance for the NESNA egg hunt. The hunt will be held from 10 am to 12 noon for kids ages 12 and under. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult. For the older kids we'd like to have kite flying. But first we need to see if any of you know how to fly a kite (other than the one your wife is always telling you to go fly.) Please call 962-8777 if kite flying is in your repertoire. As for the pink bunny—if you see him after noon on Saturday—you are on YOUR own there.

## HUFFMAN GARDENS PLANNING MEETING

I don't care what Punxatawny Phil says, winter is on its way OUT. I drive twice a day to Durand and back on Highway 70 and the Canada geese have been migrating since the end of January, the roads have been posted two months early and my houseplants all have new green showing. So it is time for our faithful Huffman Gardeners to start planning once again. This year's Beautification committee is being chaired by Frances Anthon and she will be hosting the meeting at her house--1611 Grant--Wednesday, March 22, from 7 to 8:30.

We have five gardens open due to gardeners moving out of the neighborhood, etc., so are looking for volunteers for those gardens. Please call Frances Anthon at 968-6314 if you have questions or would like a garden.

## SALES TAX PROPOSAL

March's monthly meeting will be geared toward the proposed sales tax. Patrick Zuroski, Capitol Program Manager, and Jim Ryan, the City Administrator, will give a short presentation then have a question and answer period. Be sure to have your questions and concerns ready—these are the guys that will know the answers! Get all the facts and answers to your concerns before you vote "yes" or "no".

## NEWS FROM THE WEB

*This is from an email received on February 12*

Last night our car was vandalized. We have had a series of strange things happening in our alley for several weeks. Starting with garbage cans being dumped and thrown on the vehicles, to last nights incident. All four tires were slashed, the front and rear windows were broken out.

The police were called and informed us that six other cars were vandalized last night in the area.

We have also noticed allot of spray painting on garages and stickers on stop signs and other traffic signs in the area. We are very disturbed by all of this. We are wondering is anyone else had reported similar incidents. We have lived in the neighborhood for 3 years and have not had any problems like this before. Thank you for any information you can pass along.

Amy & Tom McGraw

## NEWS FROM THE WEB II

*This is from an email received on February 11*

GOOD MORNING FOLKS,

I want to share with you another "unique jewel" I discovered in our neighborhood – Wooden Touch, 2409 Latham, 968-6002. It's a cabinet-making shop, run by Ejner Pagh.

Several years ago, when I was doing some remodeling upstairs, I needed a special piece of hardwood cut and shaped, and I went there to see if they could help. I got exactly what I needed, quickly, and at a good price. Last week I went to Ejner to see if he could make a small cabinet for one of those "atomic clocks" which I was giving to a friend. Same results as last time – high-quality product, responsiveness, and good price. If you need some cabinet-making done, it's worth it to go see Ejner. He's a skilled craftsman! (And I love walking into his shop with its aromas of sawdust and hardwood!).

Have you ever considered the number of unique establishments we have in our "Hood" in a four-block area near Main & Fulton?...Olympic Tavern, the clock shop on N. Main, Fisher's Potato Chips, Ejner's Wooden Touch, Latham Tap, and Pinnon's. They are all unique destinations to which customers from all over travel. Take pride! We have a unique neighborhood! And places in our neighborhood are the real deal, NOT Yuppie imitations....Ejner's shop, were it in the "sprawl area" of town would probably be "Cabinets n such". Arggggh!

Jim Powers