

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

A new addition to the newsletter is the Meet Your Neighbor section. Any neighbor may be featured but preference is given to those who have volunteered or made a positive contribution to the neighborhood. If you would like to suggest a neighbor, call me at 969-9683. This month's selection is the NESNA Newsletter Editor Doug Schroder.

### How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

Overall I have lived in four different houses in the Square spanning 24 of my 41 years.

### Why is your name so familiar?

Maybe from my past affiliations with the NESNA. I served as vice-president in '97 and '99, and as president in '98 and 2000. During which time I organized the pizza kit fundraiser for our sidewalk fix-it program. Not only did some sidewalks get fixed, but I got to drive around for awhile with the smell of pizza that lingered after the deliveries were made.

### Is it true that you have recently completed an educational program?

Yes. This past fall I completed my Associate's degree classes in Graphic Arts Technology at RVC. That degree entails the production printing processes.

The Dislocated Worker's Program helped me to accomplish that feat. They paid for all of my books and tuition.

### Do you have any hobbies or favorite past time activities?

I like to keep up with what's going on with the Lightning and Icehogs. It would be great to have a large showing for the upcoming North End Day at the Icehogs game on March 13th.

I have been doing some digital art with my new-found computer skills. This past summer at the Winnebago Co. Fair a poster I created took first in the Miscellaneous Division of Fine Art.

### What are you reading or watching on the television?

My main reading comes from newspapers and magazines. Studies consumed most of my reading for the past two years. Television viewing consists of reruns or sports.

### Favorite restaurant you would recommend...specific meal?

Buffet type restaurants, because you can get a variety of items. Der Rathskeller serves a killer rubeen omelette on the weekends.

### Do you speak a foreign language or have you travelled outside the country?

When I was 17 I spent a summer in Germany as an exchange student. The 3 years of that language I had in high school helped to get me through. I can still speak it a little.

## GARDENING CLASSES

If the snow and blasts of winter wind have you yearning for the coming growing season, it is not too early to sign up for a series of four classes offered by Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Gardens. The classes will be led by experts in their fields and are designed to give the beginning and not-so-new gardener an overview of the basics of gardening. Topics covered include soil preparation, plant choice, turf (grass) establishment and maintenance, and "budget" gardening.

The first session is scheduled for March 14th (5:30-9:00pm) and will be taught by Barbara Larson, a 4-star master gardener and teacher, with dinner included in the cost. The next three classes are as follows: March 21st from 6:30 - 9:00pm; April 9th from 9-12pm; and April 21st from 6:30 - 9:00pm. Cost is \$40 for all four classes or \$10 per class with \$15 for the first.

Upon completion of all four classes, you will receive a Certificate in Home Gardening. For more information, please call Klehm Arboretum (965-8146).

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AT THE MEETING

COME CELEBRATE  
**NORTH END DAY**  
WITH ROCKFORD'S  
VERY OWN... 

SUNDAY MARCH 13TH  
GAME TIME 1:05 P.M.

### DON'T MISS WATCHING:

A LEADER OF THE UHL  
SIX UHL ALL-STARS  
HAMMY AND HAMMER HOG  
THE ELMIRA JACKALS WHUPPIN'

### SEATING:

SECTION 229 RESERVED FOR  
US NORTH ENDERS

### TICKETS:

YOUR CHOICE OF \$7 OR \$10  
CALL DOUG SCHRODER OF  
NESNA AT 243-9832

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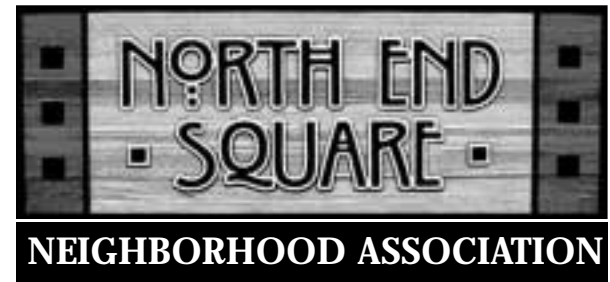
TODD VODNANSKY  
OF THE ICEHOGS\*  
AT 986-6465

\*BE SURE TO MENTION  
YOU ARE A NORTH  
ENDER TO GET YOUR  
GROUP TICKET(S)  
DISCOUNT



THE NORTH END CONSISTS OF THESE FOUR  
NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE  
NORTH END COMMONS  
BUSINESS  
DISTRICT

**HERE IS YOUR MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER FROM THE**



**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**FEBRUARY 2005**

NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1221 CUSTER AVENUE

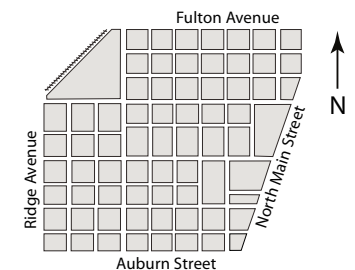
**SPEAKER:**

**COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS  
SGT. MIKE BOOKER AND CARLA REDD**

**REFRESHMENTS: SHAYNA REVER**

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

With our annual membership drive well under way, I would like to thank those who have already contributed - in fact, a number of you have contributed more than \$10 - hooray for you!! Your financial support and words of encouragement for the work the NESNA does are much appreciated

Our goal this year is to have over 200 households join as paying members. Last year we had about 140 paying households, so this is no small effort. We need each and every one of you to encourage a friend or neighbor to contribute to a great cause. If we have 200 or more households contribute, this membership drive can take the place of our fundraising effort this year. Just think, no raffle tickets, candy bars, or pizza kits to sell. So, please, mail your ten dollar check to the NESNA at P.O. Box 993 Rockford, IL 61105.

A strong neighborhood association is an asset to the entire neighborhood. For many of us, our home is our largest investment. Working together to not only maintain but strengthen our asset is a win-win situation for all of us.

Last month I asked for input regarding your thoughts and visions for the neighborhood. I did receive a number of exciting ideas...including a story telling event and thoughts of forming a sports team. I thought both of these were terrific ideas. What do you think? If you are interested in forming a baseball team (those 16 and older), please contact Mike Diventi. If you think the story telling event sounds like a great way to get to know your neighbors better, let me know.

See you Thursday, February 10th at 7:00pm at the Third Presbyterian Church at 1221 Custer Ave.

Margie Veitch

**Property Committee**

Property committee will be meeting February 22nd at 7:00pm at Therese Moncelle's house (1623 Grant St.). Therese and Liz Powers will be co-chairing this committee and invite everyone to attend the first meeting to discuss plans for the 2005 year.

**THE NORTH END BOOK CLUB**

We will be meeting Sunday, February 20th at 6:00 pm at Deb's house (1605 Yonge St.). The book up for discussion is D. D. Dunn's Binder Twine 'n Band-aids - a hilarious collection of stories about life on a small, run-down farm in western Illinois in the sixties. Everyone is welcome!

**SKATE CO. SKATE PARTY**

Mark your calendar for February 13th from 6-8:30 pm! Bring your Valentine and good humor to our annual Skate Co. Skate Party. There is no fee to residents and skates and roller blades are available. Kids must be supervised. See you there Mike and Kari!

**AROUND THE SQUARE**

*Snow Removal Reminders:*

- Park cars in the garage or alley to avoid getting plowed in or having snow piles in front of your house.
- Please shovel your sidewalks as a courtesy to walkers, joggers, mail and newspaper carriers.

*Community Service Numbers*

- Alderman Bill Timm . . . . .962-7592
- Alderman John Beck . . . . .961-1954
- Graffiti Hotline . . . . .961-3243
- Police Non-Emergency . . . . .987-5800
- County Animal Control . . . . .877-3073
- City Neighborhood Standards Section . . .987-5566
- Mayor Doug Scott . . . . .987-5590
- Community Services Officer Carol Redd .987-8274

**WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

- Henry and Marjorie Hughes at 2011 Bruner St.
- Edward Jones at 1902 Bruner St.
- John and Cira Guevara at 1914 N. Church
- Charles Hunt at 1933 Latham St.
- Michael Ware at 1904 Pierce St.
- Sarah Decker at 2324 Grant Ave.
- Aniceto Leon at 2014 Yonge St.
- Isaac Brown at 1503 Auburn St.

These names and addresses are found in the Rockford Register Star with the real estate transactions. If you are a renter and new to the neighborhood, contact Doug Schroder (243-9832) and you too can be included in the next newsletter.

**Happy Valentines Day!**

**MARCH MEETING:**

Alderman's Forum. Come hear what the candidates have to say. Submit questions to Margie Veitch.

**NESNA 2005 Membership Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: NESNA  
 P.O. Box 993  
 Rockford, IL 61105-0993  
 OR  
 Simply turn in this form with your \$10 at any one of the neighborhood meetings

Check any one of the boxes to show the areas where you are interested in helping:

- Membership Drive
- Property Committee
- Garden Walk
- Beautification
- Picnic
- Garage Sale
- Fundraiser