

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 Lyle and Arlene Syverson. Lyle is currently serving as the NESNA secretary.

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? What attracted you to the North End Square? Where had you previously lived? Do you have family in the Rockford area? We have lived on Yonge Street just over a year. We were attracted to the North End Square in search of affordable housing. We moved from Skyrise Apartments (Main near Whitman) where we lived for seven years. We have no relatives in Rockford.

Hobbies or favorite past time activities (for both you and Arlene)? Projects currently in the works or during the winter months? Lyle's hobbies include flower gardening and tinkering with Apple II and Mac computers. Arlene's activities include leading a Bible study at Skyrise Apartments, sewing, and cooking.

Interesting life experiences that you would care to share? A winter camping trip to Big Bend National Park forty years ago. We woke up each morning to the sound of roosters crowing in Mexico just across the Rio Grande River. The glow of striped Casa Grande Mountain from the late afternoon sun. The thirteen mile horseback ride to the South Rim... where you could "look" into the wilderness as far as the day after tomorrow. The horses were furnished by the guides... Lyle rode Roanie, Arlene rode Nugget, five year old Mark rode Freckles.

I have to ask if a return trip is in the works? We have thought about a Spring trip to Big Bend National Park... that is when the desert plants bloom. But then there are so many other interesting places.

Favorite restaurant you would recommend...specific meal? How about a Rockford location you like to spend time?

We don't have a favorite restaurant at this time. Not easy to find a place that serves low fat, low salt meals! A favorite place is the Recreation Trail along the Rock River. Lyle and Arlene Syverson

Do you and Arlene participate in the CHIP program? No... we just modify regular recipes.

Does Arlene have any specialties that she prepares that you would care to share?

We have signed up for refreshments for the January NESNA meeting. We plan to serve Norwegian Christmas Bread rather than cookies. (Based on a recipe brought from Norway by my Great Grandmother when she emigrated from Norway as a young widow with her two year old daughter.)

What sewing does Arlene do?

A wide variety of items... clothes, bow ties, a shoe hanger for the closet to name a few.

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NORTH END ICEHOGS OUTING

On Sunday, March 13th, 2005 everyone is invited to a group outing for all four neighborhoods (Churchill's Grove, Edgewater, North End Square, Signal Hill) and the business district (North End Commons) to see Rockford's play-off-bound hockey team, our very own Icehogs.

A section of the upper North end of the MetroCentre has been specially reserved for us *North Enders* in this matchup against the Elmira Jackals.

Team owner Dr. Kris Tumilowicz is a long time resident of the North End and has been active in the Churchill's Grove neighborhood. Come show your support for Dr. T and his team. Tickets are \$7 or \$10 (depending on how far away from the action you want to be). Call Doug Schroder at 243-9832 to get yours. Game time is 1:05pm.

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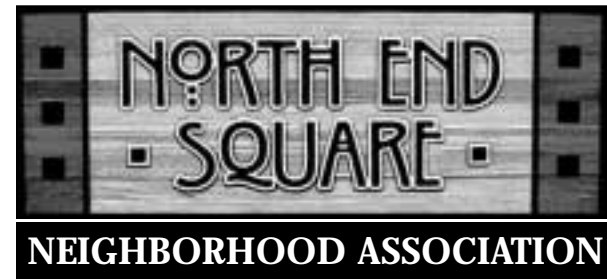
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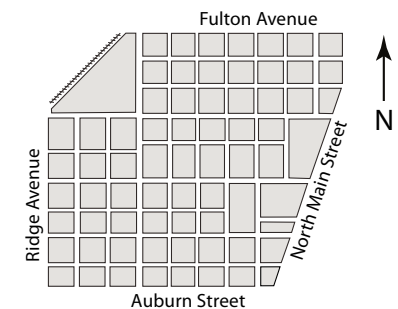
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am excited to be welcoming some new faces to the list of NESNA officers this year. Mike Diventi, a long-time member and beautification enthusiast has kindly volunteered to serve as our vice-president. Lyle Syverson, a more recent resident but immediately eager participant, has signed on as acting secretary. Doug Schroder, another long-time member who has just finished his schooling, has agreed to serve as newsletter editor. Chuck Thomas and I are returning as treasurer and president, respectively. I am honored to be serving again as president this year and look forward to working with these gentlemen.

I do want to thank Kay Veit (former secretary), Chris Anthon (past newsletter editor) and Frances Anthon (property committee chair), for their years of dedication and service. We greatly appreciate their commitment to the neighborhood.

Now is a great time for some new folks to become more involved. If you would like to volunteer with the neighborhood association, give me a call and we can discuss your interests and the available openings to ensure a good fit.

Beginning a new year is an exciting time, a time to evaluate priorities and re-establish goals. In other words, a time to hear from you! Please let me know your thoughts and visions for the neighborhood. My email address is veitchworld@yahoo.com and phone number is 969-9683. Or, if you would rather speak with me in person, plan on attending the first NESNA meeting of the new year January 13th at 7:00p.m. at the Third Presbyterian Church at 1221 Custer Avenue.

Happy New Year,
Margie Veitch

*Newsletter Carriers from 2004 that need to be thanked yet: Ed Monahan, Marge Kriene and Larry Cook. Your services to the neighborhood are greatly appreciated.

THE NORTH END BOOK CLUB

We will be meeting at 6:00pm January 16th at Margie's house. The book up for discussion is Alexandra Fuller's Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight. The story is a touching memoir of a girl growing up in Africa in the 1970s. Everyone is welcome - hope to see you, Therese!

SKATE CO. SKATE PARTY

Traditionally, the four surrounding neighborhood associations chip in and reserve the Skate Co. roller skating rink for a night of skating and socializing. Mark your calendar for February 13th from 6:30 - 8:30pm. There is no fee to residents and skates and rollerblades are available. Simply bring your good humor and come out and meet other adventurous neighbors. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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 you house.

Please shovel your sidewalks as a courtesy to walkers, joggers, mail and newspaper carriers.

City of Rockford Neighborhood Standards Department:

To issue a complaint of problems on a neighbors private property, call 987-5566. Various types of non-structural issues include:

Abandoned or inoperable vehicles
Garbage near garages, houses, buildings, or curbs, and
Outside storage of oversized vehicles or boats.

The City of Rockford Building Department:

If you have complaints about the condition of a home, garage, or building near you, you may register an anonymous complaint at 987-5550.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Karen LaMont at 2021 Grant St.
Wendy Zovitowski at 2105 Latham St.
Robert Hauser at 1708 Huffman Blvd.
Delicia Loyd at 1712 Yonge St.
Ronald Torrisi and Tonia Kennedy-Torrisi at 2230 Custer Ave.
Marta Aguilar at 1601 Ridge Ave.
David Olson at 2019 Barton
John and Julianna Peterman at 2117 N. Court St.
Jeffery and Denise Koltz at 2020 Grant 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.

New addition to the neighborhood:

Jack Nicholas Harris born on Dec.17, 2004 to Nick & Chrissy Harris 2015 Bruner Street

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLE:

Christmas trees will not be picked up with the garbage! So **do not** set them out for curb-side pick up. What could you do instead?

Recycle the tree. The Park District has set aside space at various parks throughout the city where you can drop off the old tannenbaum to be ground and used as mulch. The mulch is free for anyone to pick up and take home for their own use.

NEED TO GET RID OF SOME STUFF?

There is a place to get rid of your useable clutter and someone who can benefit from it. Freecycle is a web resource that matches people who need things to people who are trying to get rid of things. There is one at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Rockford-Freecycle/>

Note: Hey kids! Know something about computers? Mike DiVenti could use some help with operating his. Call 961-1104.

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 Picnic
 Property Committee Garage Sale
 Garden Walk Fundraiser
 Beautification