

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 Doug (243-9832). This month's selection is the new NESNA President Mike Diventi.

How long have you lived in the neighborhood?
I've lived in my house since 1999. However, my first apartment was around the corner on Latham St. in the early 1970's.

Why is your name familiar?
I was beautification committee chairman in 2002 & 2003.

What other organizations are you currently involved with?

I'm a member of Diversity Mens' Garden Club. We worked with the design and implementation of Muldoon Grove at Crusader Clinic on West State St. We try to do one volunteer project each year.

What projects are you working on now?
Along with working at Home Depot full time I am working with another contractor to start a plumbing and electrical contracting business.

Do you have any hobbies or pastimes?
My house and gardens are my passions. I'm a workaholic and I consider them both as my hobby.

What are you reading or watching on t.v.?
I don't have time to read but I try to watch the news and "Wheel" in the early evening.

Favorite restaurant?
We frequent Pino's On Main but prefer any of our fine restaurants on this side of town.

Have you traveled outside the country or do you speak any foreign languages?

I lived in southern New Mexico for ten years so I picked up a little Spanish. We went to Puerto Rico last year. I was not impressed. Our Harrison Ave. is better than their interstate system. We have a whole lot to be thankful for (that we're not) in this country.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION

We are pleased to announce our participation in the NATIONAL AMERICA IN BLOOM contest this year. All Huffman gardeners and all interested parties are asked to attend a meeting to be held at Mike Diventi's house, 1512 Yonge St. Sunday, March 13, at 2:00pm to discuss plans and strategies.

This is an extremely important meeting as we will be competing on a local and national level. Please plan to attend. The meeting should last a couple hours. Call Mike at 961-1104 to leave a message that you will attend. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. – Deb Seyler, Beautification Chair –

MAYORAL CANDIDATES FORUM

March 23 at 7:00 pm -Sponsored by the Neighborhood Network, the topic of the mayoral forum will be Rockford Neighborhoods. The doors will open at Patriot's Gateway, 615 S. 5th St., at 6:00 pm with a presentation by the Neighborhood Network at 6:45 pm. The facility is handicap accessible.

APRIL EVENTS CALENDER

NESNA Neighborhood Cleanup - April 16 at 8:00 am
Please reserve the date and plan on lending a hand for an hour or more (dare we hope?) to give our neighborhood a spring spruce up. Many hands make a lighter load. We'll meet at Kari's house, 1523 Huffman Blvd. for morning donuts and to collect equipment and start to pick up the neighborhood and blvd.

NESNA Garage Sale - April 30. The NESNA is once again sponsoring a neighborhood-wide garage sale. Application forms will be included in the April newsletter.

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ICEHOGS OUTING

Tickets are still available for the North End Day, Sunday, March 13 at 1:05pm. Tickets will be available at the meeting on March 10th, or to get them ahead of time call me, Doug Schroder at 243-9832, and I will deliver them right to your door. Prices are \$7 or \$10.

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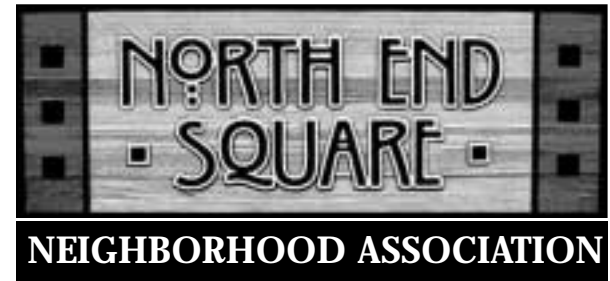
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MARCH 2005

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH
7:00PM**

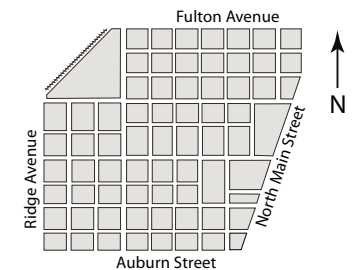
THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1221 CUSTER AVENUE

**FEATURED EVENT:
ALDERMANIC FORUM**

REFRESHMENTS: MARTHA GRAY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I want to begin by telling everyone how grateful I am; grateful for having had the opportunity to serve as the NESNA president for the past 15 months. So many of you contribute so much to the organization. I have truly enjoyed getting to know you and working together with a common goal in mind: the continued improvement of the neighborhood.

When my husband and I moved into the neighborhood, we had three members in our family. Now we have five and realize that we have outgrown our cozy bungalow. Because our new home is not within the NESNA neighborhood boundaries, this month's meeting will be my last as president. Mike Diventi has kindly stepped up from his vice president position and will serve as president.

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

Respectfully,
Margie Veitch

ALDERMANIC CANDIDATE FORUM

Come show your support of the candidates and the issues! Candidates from the 9 and the 12 wards will be available to meet and answer questions during the March 10th aldermanic candidate forum at the Third Presbyterian Church (1221 Custer Ave.)

Do you have any questions addressing Rockford neighborhood issues? Please send your forum questions to veitchworld@yahoo.com or call Margie at 969-9683.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The next property committee meeting will be at Liz Powers' house, 1501 Custer Ave., March 22 at 7:00pm. We will be finalizing the details of the April 16 Neighborhood Cleanup.

SPRING ROAST BEEF DINNER

Sat. March 12, Third Presbyterian Church, 5 - 7pm. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. Call Shirley Storsveen at 698-8025.

THE NORTH END BOOK CLUB

We will be meeting Sunday, March 13 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!

CIRCUIT BREAKER - Obtaining Form IL-1363 Application

In order to apply for Circuit Breaker grant, license plate discount or help for drugs, Senior Care or Pharmaceutical Assistance with Rx Buying discounts, 2004 IL-1363 should be completed. Forms can be obtained at the Public Libraries, The State of Illinois Building on Wyman St. or at Northern Illinois Area on Aging. Forms can also be obtained through Web site at www.state.il.us/aging or call 1-800-624-2459 or 1-800-544-5304 TTY.

Who is eligible? Seniors 65 years of age or older or 16 years of age or older and totally disabled. A widow, who was 63 or 64 years of age before the death of her spouse (if spouse was receiving or was eligible for benefits). Income guidelines are based on 2004 income. One person household income should be no more than \$21,218. Married couples should be no more than \$28,480. Additional qualified residents, who live in the same household, no more than \$35,740.

What is new in 2004? If you receive Pharmaceutical Assistance drug coverage card, you will automatically be enrolled in the Illinois Rx Buying Club. You may use your Pharmaceutical Assistance card to obtain Illinois Rx Buying Club discounts on drugs not covered by Pharmaceutical Assistance.

Renewing your drug coverage? Apply by March 31 to avoid a break in your coverage. Your current coverage will end on June 30, 2005. New applicants have until Dec. 31, 2005 to apply. If you wish to get your benefits faster, apply on the internet www.state.il.us/aging. For more information and assistance, call ILLINOIS AREA ON AGING (NIAAA) AT 226-4901. NIAAA is located at Rockford Plaza - 2576 Charles St. in Rockford.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Roberto Guerra at 1905 Price St.
Joanne Carner at 2108 Burton 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.

BENEFIT DINNER

Natasha Rossato, 18 year old daughter of NESNA members Mark and Stephanie Rossato, broke her back in a snow skiing accident and will require extensive therapy.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Boylan, Pinnon's or from Carl & Judy Rossato at 968-5438. Pasta dinner benefit will be March 19, 4-10 PM, at the Venetian Club, 2180 Elmwood Road. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

2005 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

NESNA's like the Marine's. We need a few more good men (and women). Our 2005 Membership Drive has been successful, but we need more of you to join and renew. Here's an overview of our status:

*Number of 2005 Members: 108

a. 97 of these are old members, renewing their memberships

b. 11 of these are new members who have never before belonged to NESNA (welcome!)

*Dues collected: \$1,260 (That's \$180 more than we'd expect for 108 members at \$10 each, representing additional donations sent in by renewing members as a vote of confidence in NESNA.)

*87 of our former members have not yet renewed their membership.

We hope the above 87 former members will soon renew, and that new residents in the neighborhood will join. This will eliminate our need for an annual fundraiser, preserving our most valuable resource -- volunteer manhours. North End Square has a proud and enduring reputation -- the Cadillac of neighborhood associations! Please become part of that tradition!

- Jim Powers, 968-1395 -

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