

COMING ATTRACTIONS

May:

- Monthly meeting: May 11, 2006 Police Chief Epperson
- Churchill Grove Garage Sales: May 6
- Welsh School's 75 Anniversary: May 19
- Edgewater Garage Sales: May 20

June:

- Monthly meeting: June 8, 2006
- Ice Cream Social: June 10 Brown's Park 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- Klehm's Garden Fair: June 2, 3 and 4

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.

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WELSH SCHOOL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2006

Please join staff, students and alumni for Welsh School's 75th Anniversary Celebration
Schedule of Events:

9:00 am Parade

Welsh school will parade down Custer Avenue, to Willows on Main Retirement Home and back. Students will be dressed in costumes/clothing depicting important events of the decades of the schools existence. Please park your lawn chair on Custer Avenue and cheer us on!

4:00pm Welsh Open House

The public is invited to come and see the decade-by-decade displays in each classroom, view the photo albums and scrapbooks of Welsh history and see the premiere of the Welsh School Documentary.

5:30pm Anniversary Celebration

Representatives of the city of Rockford and the state of Illinois will give a few brief remarks.

6:00-8:00pm

School Dance (current Welsh students only)

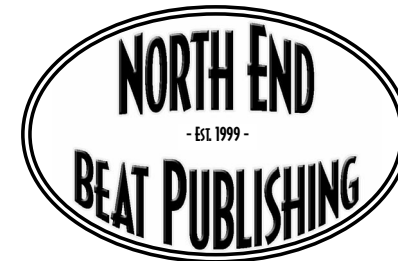
6:00-8:00pm Alumni Reunion

On the front lawn of the school there will be tents and tables set up with refreshments and entertainment for former Welsh students and teachers. All adult alumni are welcome. Come take a stroll down memory lane!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Being the 2005 winner of the "America in Bloom" contest carries a certain cachet about it. Just think—we beat out St. Paul, MN and Riverside, CA. That says much about our community spirit and single-mindedness. But our job isn't over. The city is enrolled in the "Communities in Bloom" International Beautification competition. We must meld together once again and do what is expected of first place winners. We did it last year—beating out all comers—and NESNA will again do its part this year to insure that Rockford will win this contest, also. Our grants have been written and won. Our Boulevard is glorious with tulips, daffodils and other springtime flowers. The ground has been prepared and is waiting for the annuals chosen by the Beautification committee to be planted.

There is no doubt that the Boulevard is our "piece de résistance" but our duties are not done just because the end caps have been planted. We need to keep our own properties and beyond in competition shape again this year. With that in mind, we are proposing the following campaign to "Clean Up Your Block". This means that your weekly yard work does NOT stop at your lot lines. Check your curb areas and pick up or clean up any litter and debris that might have accumulated in the gutters. Get the leftovers from the winter snows the street sweepers might have missed and keep the storm drains free of trash.

Be a good neighbor. Pick up litter that has made its way onto your neighbor's yard. One Saturday morning my dogs were barking at someone outside the house. It was a neighbor from two blocks down sweeping up broken glass from the middle of the street. I know of three times when NESNA members have driven up and down Fulton picking up bags full of refuse and another member walked that route on a weekly basis picking up trash. Sadly, he has moved out of the neighborhood. One of our biggest problems is the trash put out before Wed. and/or garbage cans and recycle bins left out for days at a time after pick-up. If there are serious concerns with a piece of property on your block, call 987-5566 and bring the problem to the City's attention.

I am confident that NESNA residents will do their part again this year to make sure the "America in Bloom" award will stay right here in the Forest City. This is a win/win situation. Rockford will gain notoriety and our neighborhood will shine! Deb

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please keep Saturday afternoon, June 10, open for a good old-fashioned Ice Cream Social. It will be held at Brown's Park from 1:00 – 3:00 pm and will feature sundaes with various toppings sure to please the pickiest eaters! All NESNA residents are invited but we ask that an adult accompany children. There is a good chance that a clown might be making an appearance like the Bunny did at the Egg Hunt. You never know.....

BOOK CLUB

Pearl Buck's *The Good Earth* is this month's selection. Due to a scheduling glitch, May's Book Club meeting will be held on June 4, at 6:00 pm. Elizabeth Powers at 1501 Custer will host this month's meeting. Please feel free to join us at any time. You can always find out which book will be read for month right here.

SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Therese Moncelle is this year's NESNA member in charge of the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement program. Her phone number is 968-2583 and you can get information on signing up from her. Or you can call the Public Works department 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.

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. The city comes out and checks your property and tells you how many squares need to be replaced. You decide how many squares you want do, write a check and send the check and form into the City. After the work is done, you will receive a check from NESNA for half of your total cost. Call Therese for answers to your questions about the 50/50 sidewalks.

KLEHM'S GARDEN FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA

"ANYTHING and EVERYTHING" for the garden Friday, June 4: 5:00—8:00 Saturday, June 5, and Sunday, June 6: 9:00—4:00.

If you've never attended this Garden Fair, you're in for a real treat. There's something for the entire family plus plenty of fun, food and of course, shopping. Over 100 vendors will be offering an incredible selection of garden related items including: perennials, annuals, herbs, wildflowers, aquatic plants, bird-baths, garden art, landscaping materials, furniture, ponds, birdhouses, antique garden items, copper sprinklers, gourmet edibles, botanicals, grills, outdoor living items, and ...so much more!

SPRING CLEAN-UP

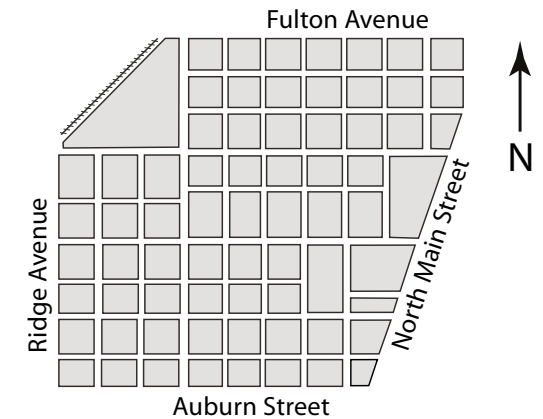
Thanks to all who showed up for the Neighborhood Clean-Up Day. There were several new faces that joined us and much was accomplished that morning. The boulevard got a spring touch-up and the parks and Fulton Street were targeted as well.

One of our board members shared this at our last meeting and I want to pass it along. About once a week a mom and dad bring their little one to William's Park. They also bring a garbage bag with them. While one parent watches the child and pushes the swing, etc., the other parent is going around the park with the garbage bag picking up trash and littler. What a great idea! We all could do that—take a bag along as we go on our walks through the neighborhood.

And speaking of bags, don't forget that you need to clean up after your dog. We are hearing complaints about dog dirt being left on people's yards and property. As a dog owner, you are required to comply with City Ordinance 1989-116 sec. 5--16:

- Dogs must be leashed or fenced at all times
 - You must clean up after your pet, carrying a bag for this purpose whenever you are off your own property
- In case you have forgotten, the fine for this ranges from \$25 to \$500! That's a lot of money to pay because you didn't take a bag with you on your walk.

Neighborhood Boundaries



NOTICE!

Delivery of the newsletter has changed. Members are receiving theirs via US Postal service. We are no longer delivering door-to-door. If you would like one and are not a member, you can pick one up at Pinnons Meats or Stop-N-Go. Please spread the word. Or go online at www.northendsquare.com where it can be downloaded as a pdf.