

THE LINK

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The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you.

John Southard

He who can give thanks for little will always find he has enough.

Anonymous

A true friend is someone who thinks you are a good egg, even though he knows you are slightly cracked

Bernard Meltzer

Contact Information

Ideas or Comments for the Newsletter?

Contact:

Chris Reeves

436-0250

HALLOWEEN PARADE & BAKE SALE



67th PLACE DRAINAGE PROBLEM UPDATE

(Scott Wingerson's correspondence to JoAnn Whitlock)

Ms. Whitlock,

Thank you for your questions. As of this point we do not have enough information to completely answer your questions, but here is how it normally works:



The City Council approved Wallace Engineering to perform the storm water study. What this study will do is determine the possible options to address the issue. There are a lot of factors that go into a solution, but the starting point is what will work from an engineering standpoint. The study will take between 4-6 months. The starting point is the final contract negotiation and documentation. This usually takes a couple weeks for the consultant to provide the final information.

I am assuming that there will be neighborhood involvement in the study itself. Once the study is complete there will be a cost estimate. Once there is a cost estimate we seek to identify funding that will do the project all at once or in phases. Once funding is achieved, then the project is designed and constructed. How long any of this takes is impossible to predict at this point, but will become clearer as the study progresses.

The next step is to allow Wallace to gather the necessary engineering data, work with our staff to brainstorm possible solutions and then allow us to present those options to the neighborhood. I would guess the next step for the neighborhood is meetings in the late winter or spring.

I am also sending this to Tim Niebergall. Tim is City Engineer and will manage the study process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tim or myself. I hope this helps. If I can provide any more detail, please let me know. Scott

An informal public meeting was held on November 11, 2008 at City Hall where residents affected by this study could speak one on one with the staff and Wallace Engineering.

Home Weatherization Program

The Home Weatherization Program assists homeowners by providing energy conservation services customized to meet their specific needs. Eligible applicants receive a two- to four-hour energy audit performed by a City employee, to determine where energy escapes and the most cost-effective way to correct energy use problems. Residents of Jackson, Clay and Platte counties may apply to receive these services: **Repair or replacement of furnaces and water heaters, duct-work, repair or replacement windows and doors, caulking, weather stripping and installing insulation to sidewalls and attics.** The Department of Natural Resources established and monitors the program criteria. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Kansas City Power & Light, Missouri Gas Energy, Aquila, Ameren UE, and Empire Electric provide funding for the program. To have an application mailed to you, call the Property Preservation Division, (816) 513-3025. Mail the completed application and supporting documents to Neighborhood and Community Services Department, Property Preservation Division, 414 E. 12th St., fourth floor, Kansas City, MO 64106. For more information about this program, call Steve Boniello, Program Manager (816) 513-3047.

Have questions or concerns about the neighborhood? Want to assist?

Call Winnie Estep 436-3271 or Joan Tierney 436-0158

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BOLLING HEIGHTS COMMUNITY LINK THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

Bolling Heights Community Link, volunteers and all who participated in:

Our Luau! What a great time! From the props (Palm Trees, Hawaiian greeter) to the tasty appetizers! Everyone was a sport doing the hula and limbo, even our competitive watermelon seed spitting contest (Even though Louise was possibly cheating!)

80+ Birthday Party—Not as well attended, but thanks again to all who shared this time with us. Julie Sherbo-thanks for the cupcakes and Winnie Estep for the homemade ice cream!

Halloween Parade & Bake Sale—A little blustery, but thanks to those who participated we had a great time. Thanks to our Board and all who spent time baking for the sale (Connie Braun went all out). Harold & Norma Sapp, thanks for the use of your driveway & garage!

Thanks to the **City of Gladstone**—without your help we would never have made it this far! Carolyn Vellar and Richard King for your continued support. Mayor Mark Revenaugh, Alan Napoli, Les Smith, and Chuck Duddy for speaking at our meetings and/or attending our events. Special thanks to Sheila Lillis and Cathy Swenson who judged our Halloween contest this year!

Thanks to the **Beautification Committee, Boy Scout Troop #188, and all volunteers** who helped with the cleanup after the tornado. With teamwork and a specific goal, amazing things can be accomplished!

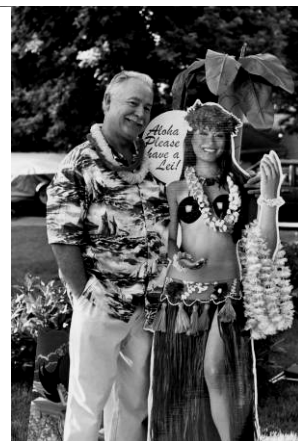
Thanks to **Linden Baptist Church** for allowing us to use your facilities for our meetings!

Thanks to all our friends and neighbors who have resided in Bolling Heights for many years, from as early as the 1950's. You keep our history alive and make our neighborhood a special place to live. We also welcome all new residents! It's great to see young singles, couples, and children moving in. You add the energy and ideas to keep our neighborhood going strong!

We can use everyone's help to keep our community strong. You don't have to commit monthly, weekly or attend every single meeting. Help comes in all forms. Pitching in once a year with clean-up efforts or a special event would be appreciated by all, plus what a great way to meet your neighbors! Please contact Winnie at 436-3271 or Joan at 436-0158 if you can assist in any way!

Chris Reeves

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All America City Food Drive

The City of Gladstone is sponsoring an “All America City Food Drive” to benefit the Northland Christmas Store a 501 c 3 organization made up of local churches and civic groups. Each year the Northland Christmas Store serves over 1,000 deserving northland families during the holiday season by providing them with groceries and children’s gifts.

A serious need has arisen for non-perishable food items necessary to provide those Northland Christmas Store clients with groceries for the holiday season. The City of Gladstone was designated an All America City for several reasons, one being our community spirit and the willingness of our residents to get involved in worthy causes. This invitation is open to all residents, businesses, civic groups and churches.

Become a part of this exciting effort by bringing non-perishable food items to the Gladstone Community Center, located at 6901 N. Holmes, Gladstone, MO 64118 or Gladstone City Hall located at 7010 N Holmes, Gladstone, MO 64118 November 10th through the 25th. Let’s show the Kansas City Metropolitan area that Gladstone is truly an All America City.

Gladstone Community Center hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Gladstone City Hall hours of operation are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For further information contact the Gladstone Parks & Recreation office at 423-4091.



Light up the Neighborhood!

Get into the spirit of the holidays by decorating your homes for our 3rd Annual Bolling Heights Community Link Holiday Decorating Contest.

Participants must reside within Bolling Heights. Homes will be judged on their creativity, lighting, and overall “Holiday Spirit”. Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place! **Judging by the Special Projects Committee will take place the week before Christmas.** Winners will be contacted and announced at the Neighborhood Meeting and recognized in The Link.

Candle in the Window



Placing a candle in the window year-round has traditionally signaled loyalty to family members serving in war. Around Christmas time, though, such candles take on another meaning by reminding others of the warmth of family, hearth and home.

Join us by placing a candle in your window (electric or battery operated) to show support for our troops and the warmth of family, hearth and home in Bolling Heights.



HALLOWEEN HOME OF THE MONTH!

Congratulations to our winners of the Halloween “Home of the Month”! Jasmine and Mike McPheeters had a great light display and plenty of pumpkins to add to the décor. We appreciate your creativity and for getting Bolling Heights into the Halloween spirit!

WOMAN OF WORTH AWARD

Sponsored by Heartland OWL

We are pleased to announce that our Bolling Heights Community Link President, Winnie Estep, has won a Woman of Worth award for her hard work and involvement in our community. Judging was based on:

Creation of an innovative project or program

Motivated others to be involved

Affected the lives of others

Helped others to help themselves

Has shown she is reliable and supportive

Demonstrated an ability to overcome obstacles

Exhibited a commitment to volunteer work

Demonstrated high ethical & professional standards

Winnie was honored at a luncheon held on October 11th at Lidia's.

Thanks to Winnie for all she does for our community and thanks to Richard King for nominating Winnie for this prestigious award.



PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

The end of another year is approaching with a new year to begin with opportunities of meeting new friends, working with new ideas, and working together to better our community. We have moved forward with many issues since our organization was formed in 2006. All homeowner residents and temporary residents are cordially invited to attend all activities and meetings. The Board members and committee members volunteer their time with sincere efforts to ensure a better neighborhood for our families.

Residents can make a difference in their community by supporting the neighborhood planned activities and meetings. The Link newsletter is delivered to your door by a resident volunteer with updated information on activities and meetings. Thanks to all residents who have participated in any way to make our neighborhood a proud place to call home. Your interest and concern are appreciated. The Board of Directors of the BHCL wish each one of you happy holidays! With caring thoughts

Winnie Estep, President

The City of Gladstone will host the 3rd Future Leaders Academy beginning in January, 2009. These classes will be held at city hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will meet twice a month with completion scheduled for April, 2009. **Application below.** Completed applications should be returned to Richard King at city hall no later than January 5, 2009.

Any questions, please contact Richard King 436-2200 or e-mail richardk@gladstone.mo.us.

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