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To laugh often and much;

To win the respect of
intelligent people and the
affection of children;

To earn the appreciation
of honest critics and
endure the betrayal of
false friends;

To appreciate beauty, to
find the best in others;

To leave the world a bit
better, whether by a
healthy child, a garden
patch or a redeemed
social condition;

To know even one life has
breathed easier because
you have lived.

This is to have succeeded.
Bessie Stanley

Newsletter
Ideas/Articles?
Contact
Chris Reeves
436-0250

No Meeting in July, but... Mark Your Calendars 2nd Bolling Heights Luau!

When: August 15th 4:00-7:00 PM

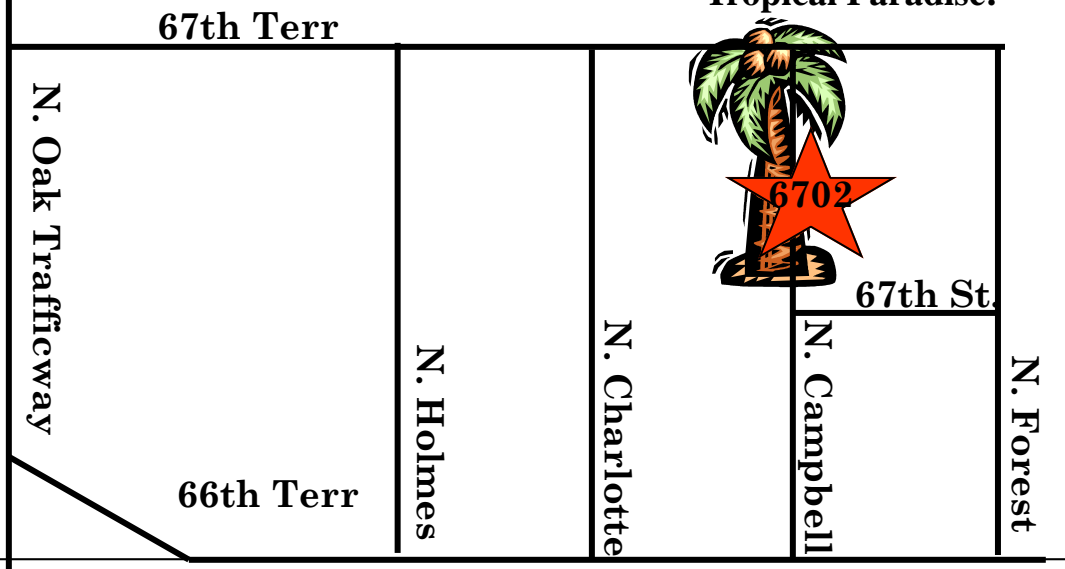
Where: 6702 N. Campbell
(Winnie Estep's)

Food, games and, of course, the hula! Those who attended last year, know it's the best! Please come by and say "hi". Meet your neighbors and have an enjoyable day in the sun! Luau attire welcome, but not required. Watermelon seed spitting, water balloons and more! If you received this newsletter, you live in Bolling Heights! Bring your lawn chairs and have a relaxing day. Friends and family are all welcome! **DOOR PRIZE**

CANCELLED IN CASE OF RAIN!



Map to Bolling Heights
Tropical Paradise!



Recipe of the Month

Butter Pecan Cake *(Marilyn Estep)*



One of the best things about attending meetings at Winnie Estep's house is the great desserts served. Quite an incentive to attend meetings!

Thanks to Winnie for sharing this with us!

Ingredients:

- 1) Betty Crocker Butter Pecan cake mix
- 2) 4 eggs
- 3) 3/4 cup of vegetable oil
- 4) 1 can Betty Crocker Pecan frosting*

* **Yes, the frosting goes IN the cake!**

- 5) 1 cup milk

Combine the above; Beat for 3-4 minutes. Bake in greased & floured Bundt pan at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes.



Walking School Bus Volunteer Coordinator Training

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

North Kansas City Community Center, 1999 Iron (at Armour), NKC, MO

Get the skills you need to organize, motivate and effectively start Walking School Bus routes in your neighborhood. Network with others interested in changing the habits of a generation! Imagine more kids walking to school in safe and fun groups with caring adults, developing great new habits and new, stronger relationships. The course will be brought to the area by PedNet in cooperation with MODOT Safe Routes To School program.

Missouri participants will be eligible to receive a \$1500.00 mini-grant for their school to start a Walking School Bus program.

Register online at www.pednet.org/workshops; Check www.bridgingthegap.org for details and directions.

Questions to Steve Petrehn at Bridging The Gap, steve.petrehn@bridgingthegap.org 816-561-1087, ext 111

Facebook & Twitter Come to Gladstone!

These accounts will be used to post information of interest for residents and others interested in Gladstone!

They will also serve as a way to communicate emergency situations to our residents.

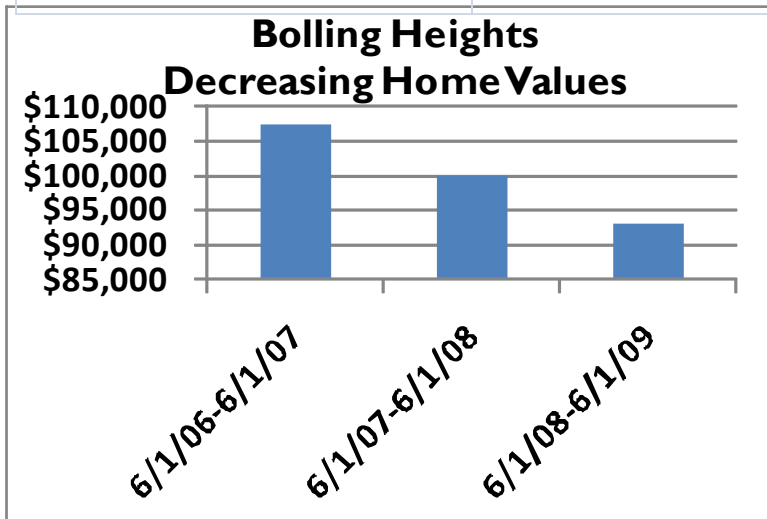
You can set a Twitter account

to follow on your web enabled cell phone. In the event of an emergency you will be informed. You can find Gladstone's pages by logging into your account and searching for **gladstonemo**.

Information is being posted on a regular basis so log on today to stay in touch.



Bolling Heights Home Sales*	June 1, 2006 to June 1, 2007	June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2008	June 1, 2008 to June 1, 2009
Avg # of Homes Sold	19	17	11
Minimum Sales Price	\$69,000	\$57,500	\$60,000
Maximum Sales Price	\$131,900	\$127,950	\$121,000
Avg # Bedrooms	3	3	3
Avg # Baths	1	1	1
Avg Sq. Ft.	1,000	1,115	1339
Days on the Market	68	63	72
Average Sales Price	\$107,358	\$100,091	\$93,105



Currently, we have a home on the market in Bolling Heights for \$40,000; Unbelievably, less than I paid for my house in 1988. Home sales in Bolling Heights, as with the national market, have slowed drastically in the last couple of years.

The number of homes sold has gone from 19 to 11, with a reduction in the average sales price of \$14,253.

With this in mind, it is more important than ever that we all do our part to keep our property values up.

**Source—MLS*

Codes Enforcement, although unpopular, is necessary!

It helps keep our neighborhood looking its best and the value of our properties from declining further. We know in these hard economic times, not all of our neighbors can afford to maintain their homes in the manner they would like, however, simple things can be done — Cleaning of siding or painting, if necessary; keeping newspapers picked up, and trash cans put away, mowing and eliminating weeds on fences are just a few. Those who need assistance in these areas, please feel free to contact us for help. If we are unable to assist, we will do all we can to find the appropriate agencies or volunteers who can.

Let's keep our community looking its best!

Chris Reeves

If you need assistance, please contact Ron Murphy, Beautification Committee—436-3261



NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME “KICKOFF”

When: Saturday, August 1st
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Oak Grove Park
76th & N. Troost

The purpose of this event is to provide crime prevention education and help build positive relationships between communities and the police.

Ident-a-child will be offered by Clay County Sheriff's Department and Save-a-child.

Ident-a-senior will be offered by Humana, Inc.

Free Food! Hot dogs, chips, pop, snow cones, cotton candy and ice cream

Entertainment! Classic-rock music by Midnight Station; Clowns, face painting & more!

Special Attractions! KCMO Helicopter Unit, KCMO Canine Unit, KCMO Equestrian Unit

Door Prizes!

Drainage Update

A phased approach will be used to remedy the drainage problem in Bolling Heights. We have been informed by City Staff that \$125,000 has been identified for use on Phase I of the project.

This Phase should be completed within a year, depending on easement acquisitions.



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**Any concerns,
questions or
suggestions,
please give us
a call.**



Home of the Month!

Robert & Rosalie Jenkins
**Thanks for doing your part to
beautify the neighborhood!**