



# NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION

*Historic Linden Neighborhood*

A Caring Community in the Heart of Gladstone

March 2010 Issue

## LINDEN NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Linden Baptist Church

March 16, 2010—7 PM

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Gladstone Mayor Carol Rudi, Speaker

'Update on Village Center and  
Challenges Facing First Tier Suburbs'

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Plan to Attend!

## Neighborhood Officers:

Charles Dobbs, President, 436-6157

John Burris, Vice-President

Freida Cain, Treasurer

Louise Maddox, Secretary



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## March

16 - Neighborhood Meeting

Speaker: Mayor Rudi

Linden Baptist Church @ 7 PM

## April

6 - Board Meeting

Linden Baptist Church @ 7 PM

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Art Show @ Community Center

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20 - Neighborhood Meeting

Linden Baptist Church @ 7 PM

Election of Board

Speaker: Alan Napoli - Codes

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31-May 2—Spring Beautification

(Bulky Trash Items)

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## May

1—Farmers Market Opens!

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4 - Board Meeting

Linden Baptist Church @ 7 PM

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7,8, 9—Free Spring Cleanup

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21-22—Neighborhood Fundraiser-

Garage Sale/Bake Sale

## BY-LAWS CHANGE

At the March 2 meeting of the Board of Linden Neighborhood Connection, a vote was taken to change the By-Laws.

### As previously stated:

Article Seven, Section 6: Terms of office: 50% of the Officers and the Board of Directors shall hold office for a term of one (1) year and 50% shall hold office for a term of two (2) years for which he/she is elected or appointed and until his/her Successor has been elected or appointed to take office.

### As voted on and approved at the March 2 Board meeting:

Article Seven, Section 6: Terms of Office: The Officers and the Board of Directors shall hold office for a term of two (2) years for which he/she is elected or appointed and until his/her Successor has been elected or appointed to take office. No term limit will apply to either Officers or the Board of Directors.

As a result of this, we will submit in writing to the general membership a copy of this for approval at the March 16 meeting. This is as stated in the By-Laws of Linden Neighborhood Connection.

## HELP WANTED!

As we approach spring ... at least the calendar says spring is near ... we want to encourage you our neighbors to be aware of opportunities to improve and strengthen our neighborhood this year.

FIRST—Would you consider becoming part of our neighborhood group? Does it take time? Yes, on the average, our Board and other neighbors give 1 to 2 hours a month. Is that too much to ask for a safer and better place to live? I think not.

We invite you to attend our Board and/or our general meetings to get a feel of what we are trying to accomplish. We continue to focus on improving our relationship with City personnel by inviting many of the department heads to our meetings where they explain their roles in protecting, repairing and improving our neighborhood. As we have done this, many of you have had questions and/or concerns about streets, drainage issues, our park, and the impact of the downtown Village concept to our area and for the most part, they have answered our concerns directly.

SECOND—In April we will be electing Officers and Board members for the next year and we would like to see more people become involved.

THIRD—Last year many of us met to develop and implement a three-year project plan for our neighborhood. The question was asked: "If I could fix just one thing in our neighborhood, what would that be?"

These meetings resulted in a blueprint of action for our neighborhood. Things we feel need to be corrected, implemented or resolved. They are arranged by priority. Some examples are:

High Priority—Neighborhood Identity—We want people to know where Linden is because Linden played a unique role in the early days of Gladstone. Next month we will introduce our identity project.

Medium Priority—Promote neighborhood beautification. Together let's look for ways to improve the appearance of our neighborhood. Follow-up article coming in this Spring.

Low Priority—Increase street lights, curbs and sidewalks in our area. This has a low priority only because of cost and time needed to implement. We all want better streets, curbs, sidewalks and lighting. The City is more apt to listen when we come as a unified neighborhood group rather than as individuals.

As you see, much has happened this last year, but much more can be done this next year if we all work together. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

*Charles Dobbs, President*



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