



# THE LINK

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## Community Meeting Notice

**Due to Maundy Thursday services at Linden Baptist Church our regularly scheduled meeting for April 21st has been moved to Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 pm**

## 2011-2012 Bolling Heights Community Link Slate of Officers Announced

Julie Sherbo, President  
Jon Hulsey, Vice President  
Alyssa Pelham, Secretary  
Ginger Stone, Treasurer

### Board Members

Joan Tierney	Beth Miratsky
Mark Sherbo	Sheryl Wagaman
Marie Perry	Karen Farris
Jean Vinson	Fran Herring

**Interested in volunteering for your community? Contact Julie Sherbo (436-3070) for information on the BHCL Board or various committees, i.e., Newsletter, Special Events, Block Watch, Beautification and History.**



## Newsletter Ideas?

Contact

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436-3070

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**THANK YOU** to NNI (Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.) who prints our newsletter and is responsible for assisting neighborhoods, community leaders and businesses in the Northland. ([www.nni.org](http://www.nni.org)). One of the best ways to show our appreciation is through volunteering our time when NNI needs assistance at the many community events it sponsors throughout the year and through donations. Let's help out when we can!

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Well, it looks as if Spring may really be here at last. As the flowers bud and the grass returns to green, I hope many of our residents take this opportunity to spruce up their properties. This is the season of new beginnings and what better place to start than our own neighborhood. I hope many of you will be able to take advantage of the free yard waste disposal opportunity at the end of this month.

I am very happy to see new residents moving into our neighborhood and several residents are in the process of making some major renovations to their homes and property. It is so exciting to see changes that benefit our entire community - like the new street lights that have been installed. Our streets are looking brighter at night which not only welcomes visitors to our neighborhood, but also deters from crime. Don't forget you can do your part by turning your outdoor lights on from dusk to dawn.

Debbie Hulsey has volunteered to create a Bolling Heights Community Link page on Facebook. If you currently are a Facebook member, be sure to watch for this new page. We hope to keep everyone updated on our happenings. A big thanks to Debbie for volunteering to take on this project.

Our Community Meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, April 21st at Linden Baptist Church, but that day is also Maundy Thursday and the church will be having services that evening. They have graciously allowed us to reschedule our meeting for Thursday, May 5th. I hope you will be able to attend this meeting and visit with our special guest Barry McCullough, Gladstone Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. McCullough will be installing our 2011-12 officers and board members that evening. And, as always wonderful refreshments will be served.

*Julie Sherbo, President*

### May Day Baskets - A Bolling Heights Tradition



For the past several years members of the BHCL have delivered May Baskets to our elderly and shut-in residents. We have discovered the recipients are excited not only to get the May Basket, but to also have the opportunity of visit with someone.

Our Special Projects Committee is once again busy assembling these special baskets. If you are interested in helping with this project and/or the deliveries, please contact Ginger Stone at 468-7260. We are hoping to have more help with deliveries, so we will be able to visit with those receiving the May Baskets.

If you have a neighbor you would like to receive a May Basket, please call Julie Sherbo at 436-3070 to have them added to the list.

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### **Shop Gladstone!**

Looking for an electrician or plumber? Need to buy party supplies for a special birthday? Gladstone residents can now shop locally for all your needs by using a new service called ShopQA. With Shop QA you can go to one central location on the City website to search for local businesses. You will have the ability to print out coupons, see menus, ask questions, determine store hours, join mailing lists, find business locations, “follow” local business and receive exclusive info on upcoming events and enewsletters. Not sure if your need can be filled by a local business? Just search the list of categories for a particular type of business to see what businesses can meet your need.

As a business owner, you can promote your local business. Businesses have the ability to display information such as new merchandise/services, offer coupons, job openings and other news. ShopQA provides businesses with a website if they do not have one or it can link to any existing business website.

To learn more about ShopQA or begin using it, visit [www.gladstone.mo.us](http://www.gladstone.mo.us) and click on the business directory on the left-hand column



On behalf of the residents of Bolling Heights, I would like to thank **Chris Reeves** for serving as the Editor of The Link for the past five years. Chris has decided it is time for her to pursue other interest and is resigning from the Bolling Heights Community Link Board and as Editor of the Link. We wish Chris the best and look forward to seeing her at our Community Meetings.

*Julie Sherbo, BHCL President*

### **Better to Give than to Receive**



This letter was received from Oakwood Manor School Counselor, Roberta Rigazzi, thanking the Bolling Heights Community for the generosity and kindness shown to our adopted family during the Christmas Holiday.

Thanks to all of our Bolling Heights residents who made the holiday special for our “Community Family”.

Oakwood Manor Elementary  
5900 N. Flora  
Gladstone, MO 64119

Dear friends,

I want to thank all of you in the Bolling Heights Community Link for your kindness and generosity at Christmas. The family was thrilled with all the wonderful presents. When the father picked up the presents at school, he was so overwhelmed that his eyes filled with tears.

With the times being what they are, you really made a family's Christmas dreams come true.

Again, thank you so much and have a great year.

Sincerely,

*Roberta Rigazzi*

Roberta Rigazzi  
Counselor

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### **Gladstone Events—April**

**April 11 Mon. 6-7pm *Smart Start Golf*** For children ages 5-7. Registration begins Feb 21 and ends March 25 or when sessions are full. \$35 423-4087 [JodyH@gladstone.mo.us](mailto:JodyH@gladstone.mo.us); [www.gladstone.mo.us](http://www.gladstone.mo.us)

**April 11 Mon. 7:30pm *Gladstone City Council Reception*** A reception honoring past and present City Council members immediately following the 7:30pm City Council meeting. City Hall Conference Rooms FREE

**April 15 Fri. 7pm *Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt*** For kids 7 years or younger. Registration is required. Register from Feb. 28-Apr.8. Bring your own flashlight and basket. Happy Rock Park \$3 423-4087  
[JodyH@gladstone.mo.us](mailto:JodyH@gladstone.mo.us); [www.gladstone.mo.us](http://www.gladstone.mo.us)

**April 16 Sat. 8:55 or 9:15am Ages 4 & under; 10:25 or 10:45am Ages 5-7 *Underwater Easter Egg Hunt*** Collect eggs hidden throughout the leisure pool area. Registration Feb. 28-Apr. 13 Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N Holmes \$2 Members; \$5 Non-Members 423-4200 [www.gladstonecommunitycenter.com](http://www.gladstonecommunitycenter.com)  
**April 16 Sat. 9:30am *Rain Barrel Workshop*** Register Feb. 28-Apr. 8 at City Hall or by phone. Oak Grove Park (76th & N. Troost) \$65 423-4091

**April 20 Wed. 5pm-6:30pm *Gladstone Chamber After Hours*** Free Networking after a busy day! Assistance League of Kansas City, 6101 N Chestnut FREE Networking 436-4523  
[www.gladstonechamber.com](http://www.gladstonechamber.com)

**April 21 Thurs. 6-10pm *Community Heart Saver CPR Classes*** Classes are limited to 20 students per class. To register for a class email your name, phone number and current email address to [brentf@gladstone.mo.us](mailto:brentf@gladstone.mo.us) . **Registration must be received one week prior to the class date. A CPR Certification will be awarded after completing one class. Fire Station 2, 6569 N. Prospect FREE to Gladstone residents [brentf@gladstone.mo.us](mailto:brentf@gladstone.mo.us)**

**April 23 Sat. 10am *Walk & Wag*** Dog walking and demonstrations. Registration Jan. 31-Apr. 23. Happy Rock Park \$18 by Apr. 22; \$22 at event 423-4085 [www.gladstone.mo.us](http://www.gladstone.mo.us)

**April 28 Thurs. 11:30am-1pm *Gladstone Chamber Luncheon*** Reservations required. Antioch Bible Baptist Church, 800 NE 72nd Street at N. Holmes \$18 members & 1st timers; \$23 non-members 436-4523  
[www.gladstonechamber.com](http://www.gladstonechamber.com)

**April 29-May 1 Fri.-Sun. 8am-4pm *Spring Beautification*** Happy Rock West FREE to Gladstone residents

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**Angel Food Ministries** is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia (between Atlanta and Athens), and has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 45 states.

Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$30 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60. Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing from between \$42 and \$78.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can receive, and there are no applications to complete or qualifications to which participants must adhere. Angel Food Ministries also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program, using the Off-Line Food Stamp Voucher system.

Orders are taken at Faubion United Methodist Church (West entrance) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except when the church office is closed for holidays. If you wish to order through the church, you must do so in person and pay for the food at the time of ordering with either cash or Food Stamps. No checks or credit cards are accepted under any circumstances.

If you are not able to order in person, you may order online at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com). You will collect your food order once a month on Saturday morning. Please contact the church office (816-436-1882) to verify pickup times.

You should bring a large container (box, cooler, or laundry basket) to take your order home. Since much of the food is frozen, Faubion United Methodist Church does not have facilities to keep the food. Therefore, any food not picked up during the pick-up times will be donated to the Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries food pantry.

You can contact Faubion United Methodist Church by calling 816-436-1882 or send an email at [faubionumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faubionumc@sbcglobal.net).

There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications. Everyone is encouraged to participate. If you aren't interested but don't have a way to get to the church to make your payment or pick-up your order one of our neighbors has volunteered to transport you to the church. If you need transportation help, please call Julie or Mark Sherbo at 816-436-3070.



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### Gladstone Public Works

The City of Gladstone offers residents the opportunity to dispose of trash, debris and bulky items during its annual Beautification weekend. Household hazardous waste, commercial waste and yard waste are not accepted during this event. Beautification is usually scheduled for the last weekend in April. Please check the Calendar of Events to confirm the dates and times. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 816-436-5442 or email us at [Public-Works@gladstone.mo.us](mailto:Public-Works@gladstone.mo.us)

In addition to Beautification, the City also offers two yard waste disposal events during the year. At these events, residents may only dispose of grass, leaves, tree limbs and brush. The yard waste disposal events are traditionally scheduled for the first weekend in May and the first weekend in November. Please check the Calendar of Events to confirm the dates and times. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 816-436-5442, or email us at [Public-Works@gladstone.mo.us](mailto:Public-Works@gladstone.mo.us)



### SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, May 21, 2011**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

### **Bolling Heights Welcome Summer Block Party**

**Mark your calendars now and watch for more details closer to the date.**

NNI has created a new meeting to encourage neighborhoods to help each other find solutions to problems. Through our interviews with many neighborhoods in our area, we have noted that communities often times experience similar problems. Why not work together to find solutions.

The Neighborhood Open Forum will meet on the 4th Tuesday of even months (Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., & Dec.).

This newly created meeting will give participants an opportunity to brainstorm solutions in small groups and then share the solutions with the larger group. Topics for future sessions will be selected by participants from topics noted in the SWOT analysis from our neighborhood leader interviews and other areas of interest brought up by participants.