

## Bolling Heights Neighborhood on the Move

# The Link



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Neighbors Making a Difference

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## Strive to Thrive

The 2011 Gladstone friendly walking and nutrition challenge has been completed. The final results have yet to be announced, but here is a glimpse of how well our community rose to the challenge.

Week 2:

- **WALKING:**  
3rd Place: Bolling Heights Community Walkers
- **FRUIT/VEGGIE:**  
1st Place: Bolling Heights Community Walkers

Week 3:

- **WALKING:**  
4th Place: Bolling Heights Community Walkers
- **FRUIT/VEGGIE:**  
1st Place: Bolling Heights

Community Walkers

- **TOP INDIVIDUAL WALKER:**

1st Place: Aces Hulsey of Bolling Heights Community Walkers with 1000 minutes

Please check the City of Gladstone website for the final results.

[www.gladstone.mo.us](http://www.gladstone.mo.us)

Congratulations to all of the participants and the true reward is a healthier life-style!



The new food "pyramid" is now a proportion plate. For more information on eating healthy or staying physically active visit the above website or area public health departments.

Clay County Public Health  
[www.clayhealth.com](http://www.clayhealth.com)

## "We Dare To Reach For the Sky"

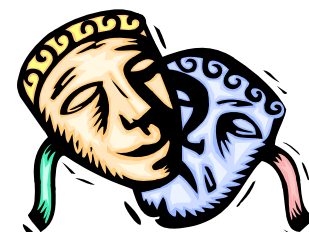
Gladstone Theatre in the Park is excited to present the "Midwest Premier Production" of the new musical *Flyer: The Musical Story of the Wright Brothers*. To excite children and draw them into the story, each night's performance will include a special paper airplane contest with prizes.

Winner of the ASCAP/  
Disney Musical Theatre

Award, *Flyer* is a sweeping and dramatic look into the conflicted lives of the Wright Brothers family. The message of *Flyer* is timeless, as the story is as much about the complex influences that nurture or inhibit potential as it is about a child's dream to fly.

The story of the Wright Brothers is ultimately far less about a plane than

about than about what happens when we dare to reach for that sky! Presented on the Ibsen Stage at the Amphitheatre in Oak Grove Park, July 8, 9, 10, 2011 at 8:30 p.m.



**Newsletter Ideas?**  
Contact **Beth Miratsky**  
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[bethrocksscents@gmail.com](mailto:bethrocksscents@gmail.com)

## A Word from Our President....Julie Sherbo



Summer is officially here and soon we will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – and complaining that it is too hot! However, we can't complain about the weather during our May 21<sup>st</sup> Welcome Summer neighborhood party, it was perfect for our event. We had a great turnout of 50-60 people. It was a great day with a presentation on bike safety from Eric Bunch of BikeWalkKC.com, the Gladstone Public Safety Department was present in full force with a patrol car, fire truck and ambulance, no one left hungry and the kids got to play games and every child went home with a backpack filled with surprises. I want to thank everyone who helped to make this event such a success. We also collected \$200 in donations for the Bruce Bechthold family. We are definitely linking Bolling

Heights together with events like this one.

Our next meeting is Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at Linden Baptist Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Tina Uridge from Clay County Senior Services to tell us about all the services they offer. Even if you are not a senior citizen this will be valuable information to gather for your parents or grandparents. We will also have childcare available, so don't stay home just because you don't have anyone to watch your children.

As you drive down the streets of Bolling Heights, please be very observant of the speed limits and the activity around you. School is out and the children of our neighborhood are out and about playing and riding

their bicycles.

We have had another break in within our neighborhood this month. So once again, I am reminding you to leave your outside house lights on during the night. No criminal was to be caught in the act and illuminating your house and yard is one way to prevent them from choosing your house as their next target.

I will end this communication by thanking everyone for sprucing up their yards with beautiful flowers and plants; and keeping their yards mowed. I have noticed how nice everyone's yards look when I am out walking my miniature schnauzer, Holly. Being in a neighborhood that cares about their property and each other makes me very proud.

## Gladstone Fireworks Ordinance



The City of Gladstone wants to remind Gladstone residents that there is an ordinance that restricts fireworks in the city. The ordinance makes it unlawful to offer for sale, the selling or purchasing, using, igniting, displaying, discharging or possessing of fireworks within the city. The ordinance includes all UN0336 1.4G fireworks, which were formerly called class-C fireworks. The Ordinance also specifies that "fireworks"

does not include toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, or other devices in which paper caps containing twenty-five hundredths grain of explosive compound are used - provided they are so constructed that the hand cannot come into contact with the cap when in place for use.

The City has established a zero tolerance policy regarding fireworks and Director of Public Safety Mike Hasty

has stated the ordinance will be enforced. Enforcement action will include the issuance of court summons, and the confiscation of the fireworks in possession at the time of issuance. In the event of repeat offenders, additional summons will be issued and an arrest could result. The Public Safety Department will be utilizing increased staffing for the holiday period.

## Welcome Summer Party

The Welcome Summer Party was a big success. It started out slow, but with the help of the kids going and getting their friends it turned out great. The day started with a bike safety presentation facilitated by Eric Bunch of BikeWalkKC. The Gladstone Public Safety Department were able to attend with a patrol car, fire truck and ambulance and gave the in attendance tours of the vehicles and equipment. We played several games and lunch was provided. There were around 50 people in



attendance and everyone seemed to have fun. We received donations from Hy-Vee - \$25.00 gift card to purchase food items; four pool passes for the Gladstone Municipal Pool and five passes from Airzone. The passes were used as prizes for some

of the games. Each child received a neon color mesh backpack with the following items inside: a Bolling Heights custom made water bottle, a squirt gun, a compass, a bubble wand, a balloon and video rental coupons from Family Video.



Pictures courtesy of Bolling Heights Community Facebook page administrated by Deb Hulsey. Thanks Deb!!!

## Fundraiser for Bolling Heights Community

A fundraiser will be going on during the month of July to help raise funds for Bolling Heights Community. These funds help support the various activities and projects for our community throughout the year. Board Member Beth Miratsky is a Scentsy Consultant and will be donating a percentage of the sales to the Bolling Heights

Community. Scentsy products are a safe alternative to scented candles. The warmers melt and warm the wax releasing the fragrance into the air which means open flames. This makes your home safer for you, your family and pets. There are a variety of scent products available for your home, car, or anywhere.

If you are able to support this fundraiser in any way, please contact Beth Miratsky, 816-210-6054, or [bethrocksscentsy@gmail.com](mailto:bethrocksscentsy@gmail.com). If you are interested in purchasing items online, visit [bethrocks.scentsy.us](http://bethrocks.scentsy.us). There will be a display at the July 21 community meeting.

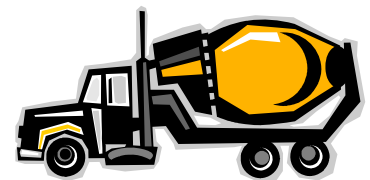


## Gravel Driveway Replacement Grant

The purpose of this grant is to enhance Gladstone's current housing stock within organized neighborhoods through the replacement of existing gravel driveways

with concrete driveways meeting Gladstone's specifications. Residents of Bolling Heights who have gravel driveways may apply for grant funding up to

\$3,000.00. More detailed information and applications will be available from the City of Gladstone after the 1st of July.



**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) 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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## **This 'n That...**

- ⇒ The City of Gladstone Mayor and City Council cordially invite you to attend a reception honoring former Mayor Les Smith for his service and dedication to the City of Gladstone and the Northland Community. July 7, 2011 4:00 to 6:00pm (special presentations at 5:15pm) Gladstone Community Center , 6901 North Holmes, Gladstone, Missouri 64118
- ⇒ Single Source Trash Collection Staff Report: The Staff Report presented to City Council is available for viewing on the City of Gladstone Web Site [http://www.gladstone.mo.us/news/2011/staff\\_report.php](http://www.gladstone.mo.us/news/2011/staff_report.php)
- ⇒ The City of Gladstone has introduced a Citizens Online Police Reporting System. Visit <http://www.gladstone.mo.us/coplogic/start-report.html> for more information
- ⇒ The City of Gladstone will host a safe public fireworks display for all residents. This event will take place at Oak Grove Park, NE 76th Street and N. Troost on July 4, 2011. There will be an Independence Day Concert beginning at 8:00 PM followed by the fireworks display at approximately 9:50 PM. Concessions and lawn seating will be available.
- ⇒ Every Wednesday is Gladstone Farmers Market, 2-6pm, 70th & N. Locust Purchase fresh products from local vendors!
- ⇒ July 30 is Night Out Against Crime. 6 pm at Oak Grove Park (76th & N. Troost) For more info, call 423-4085.
- ⇒ The next Bolling Heights Community Meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2011 at Linden Baptist Church at 7 pm.
- ⇒ The yard of the month for July is Chris Reeves, 6705 N Campbell. Congratulations Chris on you beautiful yard!!!
- ⇒ Help keep your neighborhood safe! Keep your porch lights or other exterior lights on at night.
- ⇒ Have a new neighbor? We want to welcome them to our neighborhood! Please contact Jean Vinson at 816-436-8648.
- ⇒ Have a fun and safe summer!!!

## **A Note from the Editor...**



It is an honor and pleasure to be the new editor of the Bolling Heights Community Link newsletter "The Link". These are hard shoes to fill as Chris Reeves has done a magnificent job for many years! When I first decided to tackle this challenge, I wasn't fully

aware that I am not only the editor-in-chief, but also the creative director, photo director, and news director! Whew! But I have never been known to give up, therefore I am fully committed to this task and hope to bring you useful information about our community and

our city of Gladstone. I am proud to have moved into this community in September of 2009 and am dedicated to do all I can to help Bolling Heights be solidified as one of the greatest places to live in all of Gladstone.

Beth :-)