

Northridge News

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Quarterly

Dear Neighbors of Northridge:

Welcome to the second edition of the Northridge News. We hope everyone has survived the cold arctic winter winds and that you're looking forward to the green grass and bright flowers of spring. Speaking of Spring, we look forward to the annual homeowners picnic which is scheduled for June 5th. The Association will forward more information later. We hope to see you then!

Tom and Michelle Randall & Steve and Jana Finnegan

Think Spring!

Newly Planted Trees and Shrubs May Need Supplemental Water

Did you plant any new trees and shrubs this year? If so, you may need to lend a helping hose of water, according to Julie Evenson, Landscape designer with Country Landscapes. It takes these new plantings most of the season to get root systems firmly established. During this process, they need a good supply of moisture - not too much and not too little.

Trees and shrubs prefer to get a good soaking, then dry a bit before more watering, rather than getting a small amount of water daily. If more than seven to ten days pass without adequate rainfall, new plantings may need supplemental watering. Place the hose within the spread of the plant's branches and allow a slow trickle of water to soak into the soil. On larger trees and shrubs, the hose may need to be moved to several locations within the plant canopy to provide sufficient water.

Spread a layer of mulch around the base of the plant, starting two or three inches out from the trunk and filling most of the area under the spread of branches. This mulch helps to conserve moisture and acts as a barrier to cut down or eliminate weed growth. It also insures that damaging lawn mowers and weed whips will keep their distance, allowing the plant trunk to escape nasty nicks and bruises. If you have specific questions about plants and their care, give Julie a call.

A special thanks to Julie at Country Landscapes

In the News

We salute our neighbor, Gary Thompson, and the key role he played in bringing Tim Floyd to Iowa State University as Head Basketball Coach. Good Luck Coach Floyd! Our most sincere Thanks, Gary!

ODDS 'N' ENDS

The following individuals have expressed an interest in the categories listed below.

Babysitters

Erin Maysent -
Pooja Kanwar -
Christina Bitz -
Ryan Haynes -
Manisha Gadia -

Adult sitter for evenings and weekends - Panzy Heintz

Pet/House Sitting

Pooja Kanwar -
Ryan Haynes -
Manisha Gadia -

Handyman/Carpentry

Dan Johnson
Delbert Johnson -

Lawn Care/Snow Removal

Andy Maysent -
Garrett Burrier -
Ryan Haynes -
Adam Finnegan -

House Cleaning

Ryan Haynes -
Professional House Cleaners:
Pansy Heintz -
Sharon Ingebritson -

Typing, Fax Service, Copies

Jana Finnegan -

If you missed the opportunity to fill out this questionnaire, feel free to do so at this time and return to Tom Randall at _____ if you or any family member is interested in providing any of the following services. These lists will begin publication in the next newsletter.

Babysitting-Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Age** _____
Pet/Housesitting-Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Age** _____
Mowing-Name _____ **Phone** _____
Car Pooling-Name _____ **Destination** _____ **Phone** _____
Piano Lessons/Misc **Name** _____ **Phone** _____
Snow Shoveling-Name _____ **Phone** _____
House Cleaning (Teens Welcome)-Name _____ **Phone** _____
Tutoring-Name _____ **Age** _____ **Subjects** _____
Handyman/Carpentry-Name _____ **Phone** _____
Painting/Wallpaper-Name _____ **Phone** _____
Other-Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Service** _____

Household Tips from Tom

- To keep cheese from drying out, wrap it in a cloth dampened with vinegar (it's a grandma method and still a good idea).
- A little Vanilla poured on a piece of cotton and placed in the refrigerator will eliminate odors.
- Cardboard tubes (from paper toweling and toilet paper) are very handy storage containers for extension cords.
- Clean inside coffee pot by slicing a lemon into pot of cold water; let come to a boil and keep boiling until surface can be cleaned with cloth and made to look like new.

Tom Randall, Century 21

Luminaria '94 - The process will begin in September for Luminaria '94. If you are interested in being a street chairperson please contact Jana Finnegan, _____. The goal for next year is to have a chairperson on every street and cul-de-sac to ease the order taking and delivery process.

Jana Finnegan, Chairperson, Luminary Committee

Homeowner's Association Board Members

Carroll D. Marty, Pres.

Dick Cunningham

Pauline Cummings

Steve Finnegan

Glenn Bastiaans

Lost and Found - A silver spoon was left at last year's picnic, please call Karen Stephenson at _____ if you think it may be yours. It will be at this years picnic for identification as well.

Ridgetop Circle Block Party, is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th, at 5:00 p.m. for neighbors with a Ridgetop Circle address. We will once again barbecue in the parking area of the circle. Mark your calendars for an entertaining evening!

Neighborhood Additions

Welcome to **Kelsy Baughman**

Born April 1, 1994

to Dr. Matthew and Cindy Baughman

Kelsy was 7 lbs. 3 oz., 19" long

Spring is here and that means time to think about gatherings at **Moore Park**. You can call 239-5360 for reservations. Price for reserving the park is \$5.00/hr. Park hours are 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

And, a **warm welcome to all the new neighbors** who have moved in since the first of the year. We hope you will feel at right at home in Northridge and if you need anything, please don't hesitate to call on any of the board members, Tom Randall, or Jana Finnegan. New neighbors include:

Rohit & Susan Trivedi

Richard Vigil & Susan Cross

Dan & Connie Johnson

Steve & Randy Peters

David & Melonia Torres

James & Lori Dooley

Michael & Monika Pate

David & Pamela Staff

Ahmad & Rebecca Abu-Hawash

Skidhar Ramaswami/Ramaskid

Michael & Kim Gaul

Notes from the Pres

The board has set up a Green Area Development Committee, to help lay out a long range plan for the current and future green areas. We hope to accomplish better looking green areas and a better all around plan for the new ones that are being developed. Current members of the committee are Tom Harrington, Michael Gaul, Ginny Huntington, Ellen Janke, and Larry Pedigo. If you have any ideas or suggestions give one of these members, or myself, a call.

There are some new walking paths in the green area between Greenwood and Sycamore and north of Sycamore. I believe that every child with rollerblades has already made good use of these new paths.

I have seen a lot of new landscaping going in this spring. I want to complement all of you that are doing such a great job on your lawns and landscaping, it makes the whole Northridge area look great. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the picnic on June 5th.

Carroll Marty, President of the Board.

Please don't limit yourself to the titles we have provided. Please use the "Other" heading for any services you are willing to provide or any services you are in need of so we can assist you.

Community Garage Sale - If there is any interest in a community garage sale this summer, please call Jana Finnegan at .

This newsletter is provided to you courtesy of your neighbors:

Tom & Michelle Randall

Century 21 American Dream Realty

Jana Finnegan

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Steve Finnegan

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