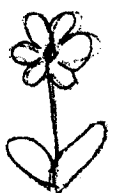


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SWIMMING POOL SCOOP

Dear Neighbors,

Greetings from the Graeler Park Swim Club. The pool board and I are very excited about the coming season. At our annual meeting these several changes were approved for the 1979 season and everyone should have received this information at their home. Following is a brief summary:

- A. The family membership dues are \$110.00. However, anyone paying prior to April 1st, was able to join at a reduced rate of \$100.00. (Approximately 40 members took advantage of this benefit, which helped to eliminate a cash flow problem for the club.)
- B. A single head of household membership (with no children) was approved along with couples over 45 years of age (with no children at home) at 50% of the regular membership rate. (There have been 13 of these memberships.)
- C. The initiation fee is now only \$25.00, payable the first year.

Speaking of memberships, there seems to be some confusion regarding partial annual payment of dues. This only applies to people that are new members or to people that are moving away prior to the end of the season. Also, I might add that all prior years members are obligated to pay the total annual dues irregardless of what time during the summer they decide to join.

Mrs. Erma Reis has again accepted the responsibility as Membership Chairperson. Those seeking membership can call her at 567-3529.

Mr. Tom Comer has graciously agreed to serve for another year as Swim Team Representative to the West County Conference. I'm sure that he would be pleased to have help in this endeavor. Anyone interested in helping Tom, please call 432-2797.

The lifeblood of our club is the willingness of the members to volunteer their time and help. This not only reduces the operational costs, but also develops a sense of pride in what can be accomplished when we all work together. If you would be able to donate any skill to get the pool ready for the summer, work with the swim team, or help with a fund raising activity, please call me at 432-5153 and I'll have the proper individual get in touch with you.

In closing, I would like to thank Mary Beth, Ann and Karen Berk as well as Randy Holley, Richie Reis and Donny Schutz for their help in distributing the flyers. Without your help, we could not have gotten them all delivered.

Sincerely,

JACK HOLLEY
President
Graeler Park Swim Club

UP COMING EVENTS

GRAELER PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - OPEN MEETING

All residents of Graeler Park are cordially invited to attend the May 23 meeting of the Graeler Park Community Association. The meeting will be held to nominate and elect Association officers for the ensuing year. Your ideas, suggestions, and comments will be invited. See you at the Pool at 8:00 p.m., May 23.

Jan Benavides, President

GPCA DUES COLLECTION TIME

Association Council persons will visit each residence during the month of May to collect \$3.00 annual dues. These monies are collected to provide:

1. Cost of electricity and maintenance of street lights at two subdivision entrances.
2. Cost of publishing community newsletters.
3. Portion of social event refreshments cost and outside speaker meetings.
4. Traffic circle maintenance.

In order to carry on these and other community activities, we must have your cooperation.

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

Date: Saturday, May 12 (Rain Date - May 19)

Time: 10 till 4

Place: Graeler Park Swim Pool Parking Lot

Everyone bring your own tables and sell your own goodies. A donation of 10% of your profit is requested for the Graeler Park Assn. Signs will be put up and an ad will be run in the paper. Everyone can have a good time and there will be no inconvenience of early or late shoppers at your home.

For anyone who wishes to donate any items to the GPCA table or if you'd like to donate bake goods, call 569-2856. This is a great way to help out the C.P.C. Assn.

If you have nothing to sell come on down anyway and shop. GPCA T-shirts will be on sale for \$6.00. Profit on these will go to the swimming pool.

T-SHIRT SALE

Orders are now being taken for Graeler Park Swim Club T-Shirts. The shirts are a blend of polyester and cotton, white with blue arm and neck bands and blue lettering. The T-shirts can be ordered in children's sizes at \$6.00 ea. and in adult sizes at \$6.50 ea. (A 5% discount is offered for family orders of 3 or more shirts.) Samples can be seen at the Trash-N-Treasure Sale on May 12th. Profits of this sale will be used to help defray swim club operating costs. Be in style and support our swim club. Phone Jan Benavides at 569-0074.

BRIDGE CLUB ANYONE?

How about getting together for bridge? If you're interested, call Dave Moratz at 567-3151.

RACQUET BALL ANYONE?

If bridge isn't your thing perhaps racquet ball is. Leo Dugo would like to get a couples league together. Give him a call - 567-5099.

CRIME BLOCKERS

A few weeks ago Graeler Park residents had the opportunity to participate in the Crime Blocker program. A St. Louis County Policeman gave instructions on how to cut down on crime in our own area. With the rising crime rate, we need to become more aware of ways to help ourselves keep safe and also help our neighbor. A few guidelines were given with one of the best security prevention methods being to KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS and help each other by watching property. This in itself will help greatly to cut down on some of our burglaries and vandalism!

When you answer your door - check the stranger's identity. Consider a through-the-door viewer. Never leave a stranger near your open door. He can follow you in or tamper with the door for easy entry later. When leaving your home - double lock all exterior doors making sure one of the locks is a deadlock, one which can't be pried. Also lock all windows. Don't make it easy to tell no one is home. Leave a radio going and lights on. A burglar observing our neighborhood will be looking for a pattern that tells him who is away - don't provide that pattern! And always - if you see ANYTHING suspicious - call the police. If you see a slowly prowling car, take its license number.

Many residents may not be aware that there is a curfew law in St. Louis County for children through the age of 16. Curfew hours are Sun.-Thurs. 11:00 and Friday and Saturday till 12:00. The best security for Graeler Park is PREVENTION. Lets take action against offenders and make Graeler Park a better place to live in!

SPRING IS SPRUCE-UP TIME!

Springtime in Graeler Park brings us out of our warm, cozy homes and back into the world of outdoors. Take a look around! Has the winter wind and snow blown some extra trash into your yard? Has the bitter cold left a young tree or shrub dead and brown on your lawn? Does your front door beg for a clean, quick, fresh coat of paint? Have you left your trash and rubbish containers in full view of passers-by because it has been too cold to carry them to the rear of your house? Do the snow tire ruts on your front lawn need a little tamping down and a handful of grass seed?

Graeler Park is due for a Spring cleaning. Let's all be good neighbors and do our share!

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you wish to contribute an item of news, have something to sell or a lost and found, please contact your councilperson or Debbie Dugo, Newsletter Editor, 567-5099.

Hey Kids! Why not enter the Summer Newsletter Cover Contest! This issue's cover was done by Mandy Dugo, Age 8. Rules are simple. Just let your imagination run wild. Entries must be on a sheet of bonded typing paper and submitted no later than May 30 to Debbie Dugo, 5 Media Drive. Win a MacDonald's gift certificate.

DOGS BOTHER JOGGERS!

Now that spring is here people are starting to jog. We've been having reports that we have so many dogs in Graeler Park running loose that people are afraid to jog or walk around in fear of getting bit or chased by a dog. So let's keep our dogs chained or pinned up.

We have also had reports of dogs barking late at night. If your dog is the kind to bark a lot, bring them into your house before going to bed so they won't disturb those around you.

We all enjoy our pets so let's try to make it so our neighbors don't dislike them. Keep your pets in their proper places.

WELCOME TO NEW NEIGHBORS

George Allen, 36 Gandy Drive

Ann and Ben Stahl and their sons, Benji (10 yrs.) and John (6 yrs.),
30 Gandy Drive.

MARRIED

John Norton, son of Phil and Jane Norton, and Ana Blanco were married on March 24th in Alajuela, Costa Rica. They are living in Texas where John is a geo-physist with Citgo Oil Co. in exploration.

Pam Norton will be studying archeology at the University of Vera Cruz, Mexico this summer.

MISC

Mark your calendar now-----Sunday afternoon, May 20th - St. Richards Spring carnival.

Come see me at the disco stand---featuring "THE DISCO APRON" valued at more than \$60.00. Erma - 567-3529.

DIRT WANTED

A load of dirt wanted - Call Carl Reis 567-3529.

FOR SALE:

G.E. Refrigerator - 567-5099.

LOST:

Small white poodle. Female. 432-4160.

GRAELER PARK EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt was a big success. I'd like to thank all of my friends and neighbors who helped dye the 348 eggs. I could never have done it alone. A special thanks to the "Cat Lady" and of course the "Easter Bunny"!

Debbie Dugo

BABYSITTERS

Leah Bondjuk	16	42 Graeler Drive	432-4999
Stephanie Bondjuk	14	42 Graeler Drive	432-4999
Nancy Corkery	15	61 Graeler Drive	432-6860
Nancy Creighton	12	34 Gandy Drive	569-0074
Tom Creighton	15	34 Gandy Drive	569-0074
Randy Holley	14	63 Graeler Drive	432-5153
Leslie Howell	14	11103 Queensway	872-7132
Mike Hubler	13	19 Graeler Drive	872-9354
Bob Hubler	11	19 Graeler Drive	872-9354
Karen Hutton	14		872-3338
Brad Immekus	13	9 Media Court	432-5342
Becky Johnson	12	16 Media Drive	569-2856
Lisa Johnson	15	3 Laurelwood	872-9230
Mary Kleinschmidt	14	16 Montauk Court	432-1266
Patti O'Brien	17	1 Media Drive	872-9159
Amy O'Conner	14	39 Montauk	569-1063
Susan Robinson	15	3 Media Drive	872-7814
Kristi Veihman	13	11 Media Drive	872-7074
Lori Veihman	16	11 Media Drive	872-7074

ODD JOBS AND YARD WORK

Mike & Bob Hubler		19 Graeler Drive	872-9354
Sam Malek		13 Graeler Drive	432-4160
Richard Reis		1 Gandy Drive	567-3529

Anyone interested in being added to these lists - please contact your councilperson or Debbie Dugo - 567-5099.