

NICHOLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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VOLUNTEERS COMING TOGETHER FOR THE
BETTERMENT OF OUR NICHOLS COMMUNITY

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE HEART OF THE NICHOLS FARMS HISTORIC DISTRICT, NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Valentine's Day Skating Party

Sunday, February 11th
at
Frog Pond



Come join your Nichols neighbors for this wonderful family event.

If Mother Nature permits this year, and the ice is safe for skating, the annual Valentine's Skating Party will be held Sunday, February 11th at 3pm at Frog Pond.

Look for the Mickey Mouse Skating Party Flag flying from the NIA front porch alerting skaters that the ice is safe.

Please park in the upper parking area only.

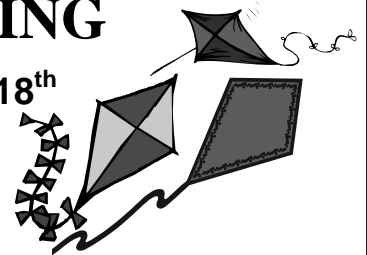


Families should be prepared with shovels and brooms if there is any snow cover.

Remember, the lights are now on for evening skating.

KITE FLYING

Sunday, March 18th
2pm
NIA GROUNDS



Come out and celebrate the beginnings of spring with some kite flying. Bring your kids and enjoy the outdoors as you watch your kite soar! So, hope for some breezes and come out to join your neighbors in this fun activity, held in the front pasture by the Gazebo.

NICHOLS' GARDEN CLUB NEWS



The Nichols Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, February 13th, 2007 at 7:30pm at Starkweather House.

The speaker is Karen Bussolini, photographer and co-author of the book

"Designing with Elegant Silvers", a striking plant for every garden.

Refreshments will be prepared by Kathy Donahue, Jeff Gedney and Patty Kustom.

Members won't want to miss this meeting, to gain new ideas for enhancing our gardens!

NIA Mailing List

For those of you who have not updated your membership for the 2007 Calendar year - this will be your last News Letter Mailing. Please renew as soon as possible so that you will continue to receive the NIA Newsletter uninterrupted.

The NIA wishes to thank Paul Trueax of Pepperidge farms for his donation to the JBR of cookies and snacks for the runners.

NIA Nichols Kids Care Update

The NIA Nichols Kids Care youth community service group ran a warm clothing drive in November collecting over 80 large boxes of coats, hats, gloves, sweaters and other articles of warm clothing. We thought it might be nice to share with you some of the comments of thanks we received through letters sent to us.

Mercy Learning Center - Bridgeport, CT We are truly grateful to the members of the NIA for organizing a warm clothing drive and for including Mercy Learning Center as a recipient of these gifts. Your generous donation of 25 large boxes of coats, outerwear and sweaters have been received with sincere gratitude. Please be assured that your thoughtfulness and generosity towards our mission is a true blessing to us, and needless to say overwhelming to our women and their families as well.

Community Chest - Bridgeport, CT On behalf of the visitors from the Community Closet and the attendees from Project Homeless Connect, I thank you for the generous donation of clothes, coats and other warm winter wear. Poverty and homelessness may never touch you, but we must all take responsibility and participate in the solution of these two plagues in our region. Your donation will help provide the homeless with the essentials for winter we often take for granted...Thank you for giving us quality clothing to make our homeless folks feel special even if it is just for a day.

Many thanks to all of the young people, parents and member families who donated their time, effort and clothes to this event. It is something we can all be proud of!

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Sunday, February 11th
VALENTINE' SKATING PARTY
3PM
FROG POND

Friday, March 2nd
FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES
6:30PM
STARKWEATHER HOUSE

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Support the Flag on the Village Green

The NIA is looking for a member to underwrite the cost of a flag to be raised on the flagpole on the Village Green. The flag is ceremoniously raised and dedicated each year on Memorial Day. The cost of the flag is approximately \$325.00 and will typically last from spring through the beginning of winter. Please consider underwriting a flag so that we may guarantee that a flag will fly proudly over the Village of Nichols.

Help Wanted!

The NIA is looking for a few good people who want to become involved with their community. We current have the positions of Treasurer, Activities Chair and Hospitality chair open.

The Activities chair helps coordinate the activities of the NIA and work as a liaison between the various event chairpersons and the NIA Executive Board.

The Hospitality Chair hosts the general membership meeting, annual picnic and the bonfire.

The Treasurer for the NIA should be someone who is good with numbers and/or has an accounting or financial background.

Volunteers are also needed to help coordinate and/or co-chair the NIA Christmas Tree Lighting and the Christmas Bonfire/Sing Along.

To volunteer for these positions please call Fred Palmieri at 378-6331.

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