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NEWSLETTER

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

NIA 18TH ANNUAL JINGLE BELL RUN

Saturday, December 1, 9:30am
Nichols United Methodist Green

Join us for this holiday tradition

Event Schedule

8:00 – 9:15am Registration
9:15am Jingle Bell Jr. – Kids Fun Run
9:30am 5K Race Start
Post race Awards Ceremony

\$17.00 Pre-registration until November 30

\$20.00 Race Day

Early packet pick-up at NIA Starkweather House
- Friday, November 30, 5:00–8:00pm

T-shirts to all pre-registered and first 150 on race day

Jingle Bell Jr. – Kids Fun Run

Kids Fun Run is FREE! One lap around the Green,
Jingle Bells for the kids as well!

A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

- Duchess
- Vazzy's
- Ken Martin & Associates
- HiTek Racing
- Nichols United Methodist Church



For more information:
www.hitekcracing.com/JingleBellRun
or
Marty Schaivone at
mrunningproductions@yahoo.com

NIA Membership Drive

Our membership drive is off to a great start. If you have not sent in your membership dues please do so soon.

Your participation in the NIA and your financial support are instrumental in our continued success. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks to all that have sent in their memberships, we are looking forward to a wonderful and eventful 2008.

NIA Nichols Kids Care Warm Clothing Drive

Youth And Parent Volunteers Needed

Our youth community service group, Nichols Kids Care, will be holding the Second Annual Warm Clothing Drive on Friday, November 16, 4:00–7:00pm and Saturday, November 17, 10:00am–3:00pm at the NIA Starkweather house.

We will be collecting new or slightly used CLEAN coats, hats, gloves, fleeces, sweaters, warm pants and gently used shoes/boots for cold weather use (no used sneakers, please). We are looking for both youth and parent volunteers from the community to help us with this effort. Last year we delivered over 80 boxes of clothes to area agencies to distribute to needy families. The letters of appreciation we received made us realize how much joy a gesture of this kind can bring to people and how fortunate we are to be able to share with the less fortunate.

Please take the time to bring us all of those things in your closets you are no longer using to give to those who will put them to good use. And please join in helping us, we know you and your family will feel good about it. If you can donate boxes for packing the items, please let us know. Drivers are also needed to make deliveries.

PLEASE BRING CLOTHING DONATIONS DURING COLLECTION HOURS ONLY.

To volunteer or if you have any questions, please call Laurie Quatrella at 375-9148.

Christmas Musical Pageant

The Nichols community is invited to attend a musical pageant, *The Best Gift of All* by Richard Mauldin on Sunday, December 9 at 3:00pm. The Nichols United Methodist Church will present this Christmas drama and music for your enjoyment and enlightenment. Please invite your friends and family to come and celebrate the 'reason for the season'. Refreshments will be served following the program. Additional information is available at 375-5817 (NUMC).



Happy Thanksgiving

A Season of Nichols Traditions

The holiday season will soon be upon us again and the village of Nichols will be alive with activity. NIA events start on Saturday December 1 with the 18th annual Jingle Bell 5K Run. This is the NIA's largest annual fund-raising event, so please come and run or walk or just support the participants.

The Nichols Garden Club is holding their 4th Annual Holiday Boutique at the Starkweather House on December 7 & 8. This boutique features a variety of holiday decorations. Once again this year, the Nichols Garden Club will place holiday swags on the street signs in the village of Nichols.

Join us for the annual Christmas Tree lighting on the village green starting at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 2. This is the best Christmas Tree in the area. So please invite your friends and come and enjoy the illumination, the carols, and the surprises.

The annual bonfire and carol singing is scheduled for Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.. If you have not attended the bonfire in the past, you must come out for this fantastic spectacle, which is supervised by the Nichols Fire Department. Hot chocolate and goodies are always provided.

Last but definitely not least is the Christmas Eve luminaria display. It is always a wonderful surprise to new residents and visitors as they travel through the village on Christmas Eve to see it all lit up. This tradition goes back a good long while.

Hope you can join us at all our traditional holiday events!

Save-a-Date

JINGLE BELL RUN & JINGLE BELL JR - KIDS FUN RUN

Saturday, December 1, 9:30am
Registration starting at 8:00am, NUMC

Nichols Garden Club Holiday Boutique

Friday, December 7, Noon–8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 8, 9:00am–2:00pm
Starkweather House

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 2, 5:00pm
NUMC Green

Luminaria Sale

Saturday, December 8, 10:00am–4:00pm
Sunday, December 9, 10:00am–4:00pm
Starkweather House

Bonfire & Carol Singing

Sunday, December 16, 5:00pm
NIA Parking Lot

Garden Club News

The Nichols Garden Club will meet at Nichols TRINITY CHURCH HALL on Tuesday, November 13. The business meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Immediately following the meeting please join us for a:

Candlestick Design Workshop

Just in time for the holidays, Kymrie Zaslow will share fun ideas on how to transform a simple accessory, a candlestick, into a wonderful floral design. Cost for the workshop is \$20.

Looking For Greens

We're planning to make our traditional mailbox cover and need greens. If you are trimming or taking down a "Christmas" tree, we would like the greens/branches. Please call Lee at 926-6083

Holiday Boutique

The Nichols Garden Club is planning their holiday boutique on Friday, December 7 from noon–8:00pm, and Saturday, December 8 from 9:0am –2:00pm. The boutique will feature the traditional mailbox covers made of fresh greens. The mailbox covers have been a historic Nichols tradition for more than 25 years. In addition, the boutique will feature decorated wreaths, table arrangements and lighted and decorated table top trees. Please direct inquiries to Lee at 926-6083.

Interested in becoming a new member? Please call Betty at 203-386-9895.

Harvest Wine and Cheese Party Update

A large crowd thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Harvest Wine and Cheese Party held on Saturday, October 20, partaking in a wide variety of wines from around the world.

Many thanks to all who helped out, and especially to Laurie Quatrella, who decorated the Starkweather House and prepared the tasty hors d'oeuvres. Laurie was one the key forces who helped get our wine tasting series started, and her idea has blossomed into a semi-annual event which Nichols residents happily look forward to every few months.

Watch future newsletters for the next wine tasting event, and make plans to attend for an enjoyable evening with your Nichols neighbors.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The gazebo looks beautiful and full of color. Thanks to Joanna and Victor Chaves and Peppers Landscaping for their donation to making the gazebo ready for Fall.

Christmas Tree and Mailbox Swag Sale!

Back by popular demand, beautiful Christmas trees will be offered for sale on the NIA grounds adjacent to the gazebo. Proceeds benefit "Save Nichols" and the NIA community.

In addition, this year we have included roping and a "Nichols Tradition" – mailbox swags for your holiday decorating. And of course, the pony rides for the kids! Look for our opening on December 1, the weekend of the Jingle Bell Run. Stop by early as we sold out last year.

For further details on our trees or a pre-order of the mailbox swags, please call 659-1652.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Joe Potvin at 380-9362 or Carmine Defoe at 378-7542.

Luminaria Sale

Become part of the Nichols tradition to light the luminaria at dusk on Christmas Eve. The "Christmas Fires" are something to behold. People come from near and far to view this beautiful event.

Luminaria will be sold to Nichols residents from 10:00am–4:00pm on Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9 at the Starkweather House. The cost to NIA members is \$2/dozen and \$3/dozen to non-members.

If you would like to purchase an order of six or more dozen luminaria, please fill out the form below and mail it to the Starkweather house by December 3.

Volunteers are needed to work 1-1/2 hour shifts during the sale. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Rana Hilinski at 378-9401.

Luminaria Order for Six or More Dozen

PLEASE PRINT

NAME

ADDRESS

ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

Please order me _____ dozen luminaria

Enclose No Payment Now
