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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

NIA Nichols Kids Care Food and Healthcare/Household Items Drive

NIA Starkweather House, November 15, 2008 from 9:00am – 4:00pm

Once again the NIA Nichols Kids Care youth based community service group will be reaching out to our Nichols neighbors to help those that are in need in our community. As we all know, times are tough right now for families. Many families in our own Trumbull community are struggling to provide for their families and are turning to organizations like the Trumbull Social Services to help meet basic needs.

In response to this, the Nichols Kids Care youth group is planning to hold a food and healthcare/household items drive on Saturday, November 15th from 9AM – 4PM

at the NIA Starkweather house. We will be collecting non-perishable food items, basic healthcare items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, etc and household products such as paper towels, napkins, toilet paper and tissues. We hope you will stop by the Starkweather house on November 15th, bring a donation and join us for cup of hot chocolate or a glass of apple cider!

If you know of a business in the area that might make a monetary donation or a donation of items, you would like to volunteer, or just have a question/suggestion, please contact Laurie Quatrella at 375-9148.



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19th Annual JINGLE BELL RUN

Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 9:30am

On Saturday, December 6, the NIA will sponsor the 19th annual “Jingle Bell Run”, a 5K road race through the heart of our Nichols community. This race, which is the symbolic start of the holiday season here in Nichols, annually attracts several hundred participants of all ages from around the region.

Trumbull First Selectman Ray Baldwin will also be on hand to help “sound the cannon” at the start of the race. As you are aware, the Jingle Bell Run is one of the primary events on the NIA calendar. Through the generosity of the various race sponsors, as well as the proceeds from those who sign up for the race, the NIA gets generous support for the various activities and facilities which are provided for the benefit of all Nichols residents.

Everyone is invited to participate – by either running, walking, volunteering to help, or cheering the runners as they go by. For information, please visit either the Nichols website (www.nicholsct.org), or the Hi-Tek Racing website (www.hitek racing.com). We look forward to a successful race!



Garden Club News

The NGC will meet Tuesday, November 11th at 7:30pm at the Starkweather House, 1773 Huntington Turnpike, Nichols. Sylvia Nichols will present "Floral Designs" with members' containers and her own flowers. Please bring your favorite container to create a unique arrangement to take home. This evening's hostesses are Rosann Liberatore and Kalli Tsitsipas.

The Nichols Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August. We welcome new members with an interest in gardening and floral design- no experience necessary!

To join, please call our Membership Chair, Eileen Giarniero at 377-6363.

Knit Together

Knitters of all skill levels welcome! Knit together at the Starkweather House the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30pm.

For more information please contact Kristin Faivre at 203-502-8189 or KristinFaivre@gmail.com

Nichols Garden Club Holiday Boutique to be held Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th

Shop when you register for the NIA Jingle Bell Run!

Traditional mailbox covers will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Beautifully decorated wreaths, table arrangements, mantle swags and miniature lighted trees will be available at this year's boutique.

All items are unique and are hand-made by members from donated greens.

To create these decorations, we depend on the generosity of the community- if you know of anyone who is trimming their evergreens or removing an evergreen tree, please call our President, Lee Korzun, at 926-6083 to donate greens.

We will gladly accept the following: spruce, long needle pine, cedar, arbor vitae, boxwood, juniper and balsam.

Nichols Improvement Association Membership Drive Continues...

Our membership drive is in full swing. We hope everyone has received a membership envelope in the mail. If you have not sent in your membership dues please do so soon. Being a member entitles you to this newsletter every month which is filled with the month's social activities as well as community news. As a member of the NIA, The Starkweather Community House and the beautiful 42 acre property that has 5 Pennies Playground, Frog Pond, baseball fields and walking trails are available for you to enjoy. Thanks to all who have sent in their memberships. We are looking forward to a wonderful and eventful 2009.

Your financial support is important to the on-going success of the NIA.

Please consider joining the NIA

Membership Year January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009		
Individual	\$15	Covers one person only
Family	\$50	Covers entire family or visiting grandchildren of members
Contributing	\$100	Covers entire family or visiting grandchildren of members; provides additional support for operating budget
Sustaining	\$150	Provides funding for long term plans and improvements.

Please mail membership to Carrie O'Brien, 14 Carriage Drive, Trumbull CT 06611

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail Address _____

Save-a-Date

Kids Care Food and Healthcare Items Drive

Saturday, November 15th
9:00am - 4:00pm
Starkweather House

Jingle Bell Run

Saturday, December 6th
Registration @ 7:30am
Run begins @ 9:30am
Nichols United Methodist Green

Jingle Bell Jr. Kids Fun Run at the Nichols Green

Saturday, December 6th
9:00am

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 7th
5:00pm
NUMC Green

Bonfire & Carol Singing

Sunday, December 14th
5:00pm
NIA parking lot