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NICHOLS 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

HARVEST WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL

Please join us for our SECOND ANNUAL Harvest Wine and Cheese Social on Saturday October 21st from 7-10pm. Come and join your Nichols neighbors for a glass of wine and see the recent renovations that have taken place at the Starkweather House. The house truly looks BEAUTIFUL thanks to the terrific effort made by Jeff Williams and Mary Beth Thornton.

Admission will be \$10 per person and all proceeds will go to support NIA events including the Halloween Parade, Jingle Bell Run and Christmas Bonfire. We would love to see a BIG turn out for this event – your support is needed and this event is a great way to catch up with your neighbors or perhaps meet new people in our Nichols community.

Please RSVP to Laurie Quatrella at 375-9148.

We look forward to seeing you there!!



Nichols Kids Care/Thanksgiving Warm Clothing Drive

Recently, a youth-based community service group was formed at the NIA called NicholsKidsCare. The mission of this organization is to provide the youth of Nichols with an opportunity to participate in events that will provide assistance to underprivileged children in our community and in neighboring communities. NicholsKidsCare creates a win/win scenario for every child involved. The Nichols' children experience the joy of helping those in need and at the same time children with far less than our kids get some needed assistance. We established this group in response to many of our member's request for activities that appeal to member families with preteen and teenage children as well as younger children.

This summer some Nichols kids got together and held a lemonade stand to raise money to make a donation to one of the underprivileged schools in the Bridgeport Community. Through their effort the group raised \$161.00. We are reviewing some opportunities to put this money to good use and will update you on the outcome in our next newsletter. I would like to thank the following children that participated in the lemonade stand this summer: Chris O'Brien; Emma and Sara Thornton; Zach, Max, Eric and Rachael Bohling; Dan and Allie Quatrella; Jeremy Eckl; Michael, Katie, Virginia and Presley Richardson; and Grace, Caroline and Jack Forster.

The group is open to all member family children who want to participate in NicholsKidsCare. The next event will be a Warm Clothing Drive. Cold weather clothing that is no longer used by our Nichols families will be collected, sorted and delivered to those who desperately need it. The Warm Clothing Drive will be held November 17th through the 19th. A planning meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12th at 6:30pm at the Starkweather House. We are looking for some high school and middle school volunteers to get involved. Please contact Laurie Quatrella at 375-9148 if you would like to become involved.

The group is open to suggestions and input and would like to see NicholsKidsCare really grow over time.
Kids helping kidsIt's a GREAT Thing for EVERYBODY!!!

Annual Halloween Parade & Jack-O-Lantern Contest

Sunday, October 29th 3pm
United Methodist Church
Parking Lot

Come join us for the NIA Annual Halloween Parade. Please meet Mary Beth Thornton in the Nichols United Methodist Church parking lot at 3pm. (park at the NIA) The judging of the children's costumes will take place *before* the parade.

After judging, our Nichols firetruck will lead the ghosts and goblins around the NIA Green to the front lawn, where we will give out prizes and hand out goodie bags to all participants.

If you are bringing a pumpkin to be judged, please tape a label to the bottom with your child's name and age and drop it off in the front room of the NIA House for Mr. and Mrs. Sabo to judge during the parade.

We hope to see all of you there!

JACK-O-LANTERN CONTEST:

All decorated pumpkins should be brought to the NIA House **before** the parade. Name and age should be taped on the bottom of the pumpkin. Our Annual Chairpersons Steve and Barbara Sabo will award prizes in the categories of Silliest, Most Fierce, Most Colorful, Scariest, etc. Thanks go to the Sabos for their gracious annual service!

We also depend on our terrific volunteers to help us out with an hour or so of their time (and WE have FUN too!).

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House Renovations

Renovations of the interior of the Starkweather House are almost complete!

Jeff Williams, a member of our Executive Board, was the general contractor for these extensive renovations. All of the ceilings of the front rooms on the first floor were replaced and new lighting fixtures will soon be installed. All of the floors in the first three rooms, including the foyer, were replaced with beautiful solid oak flooring that has a durable polyurethane finish. The floors are further protected with three large area rugs, that should be rolled up when using the House for parties with small children or activities that might soil them. The entire first floor, including the three meeting rooms, were painted a beautiful colonial gold. The folding chairs will now be stored in the office to maximize room space. The windows in need of replacement were attended to and everything is now in good working order.

We hope that everyone will have the opportunity to visit the Starkweather House and enjoy the renovations- the upcoming Wine and Cheese will be a perfect time to stop by and admire our historic treasure!

Canned Food Drive

We will hold our annual Canned Food Drive beginning the evening of the Wine and Cheese, October 21st. Please drop your canned food off on the side porch of the Starkweather House. Donations will be accepted until the Monday before Thanksgiving, November 13th. Your donations will be distributed to those in need during our Holiday Season.

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Saturday October 21st 7-10pm
HARVEST WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL
STARKWEATHER HOUSE

Sunday October 29th 3pm
HALLOWEEN PARADE
NUMC PARKING LOT TO
STARKWEATHER HOUSE

Saturday, December 2nd
ANNUAL JINGLE BELL RUN
JINGLE BELL JR KID'S FUN RUN
9:00AM
NICHOLS GREEN