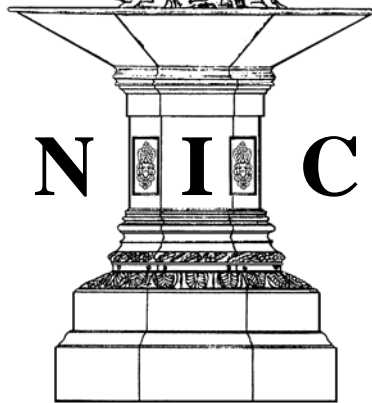




## NICHOLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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# N I C H O L S N E W S L E T T E R

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 Family Picnic 2006

**Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm**

(Rain date September 10<sup>th</sup>)

### Activities Include:

- 4:00-6:00:** Safari Rides  
**4:30-5:15:** Nick Moriello the Magician  
**5:00:** Bar-B-Q is served  
**5:30:** Polar Pete's - Ice Cream

### Picnic Menu Includes:

- Hamburgers & Hot Dogs  
Homemade salads & side dishes  
Beverages  
Ice Cream

Each Family is asked to bring a picnic side dish that serves 8-10 people. Please include a serving utensil with your dish. Perishable side dishes must be brought in a cooler with ice. The NIA will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, drinks, rolls, plates, cups, napkins and eating utensils.

Reservations are requested by September 6<sup>th</sup>. Call the NIA office at 375-3611 **ext.2** and leave a message with your name, the number of adults and children attending.

**Volunteers are needed to:** set up (3pm), prepare beverages, man the grills, and clean up (7pm). If you are interested in volunteering please contact Scott Thornton at 375-4364.

**Please join us for this wonderful event and take advantage of the opportunity to get to know some of your fellow Nichols neighbors or to catch up with some old friends!**

## **NIA Summer Camp 2006 a Big Hit**

The 2006 N.I.A. Summer Camp was an extraordinary success. The two four-day sessions were held August 7-10 and 14-17 at Nichols United Methodist Church and on N.I.A. grounds for about 100 campers. Children ages 3 to 5 enjoyed specialized sessions that included art projects, an Eric Carle theme week, music and craft classes, a live concert with Tom Weber and an end-of-camp magic show. Meanwhile, the six- and seven-year-old campers built and launched a rocket, became C.S.I.-ready forensic scientists, and got up close and personal with live animals. Budding artists spent their mornings creating beautiful paintings and crafts, including a summer snow globe and underwater diorama. Future sports stars were out on the field and at Trumbull's Sports Zone fine-tuning their baseball, soccer and lacrosse skills. In fact, so many kids enjoyed the first week of camp, their parents signed them up for the second!

Thank you to all the teachers who participated in the program: Dana Boord and Melanie Massi both Trumbull teachers; the wonderful Kristen Learnard, an N.I.A. camp teaching veteran; Maggie Birch, a crafting expert from Redding; Coach Couto and Coach Rojas from the Sports Zone. Also, thanks to the instructors from Mad Science, All About Art and Party Animalz. And a special thank you goes out to Katie Clyons and Alison Zajac for filling-in at the very last minute to rescuing our science class!

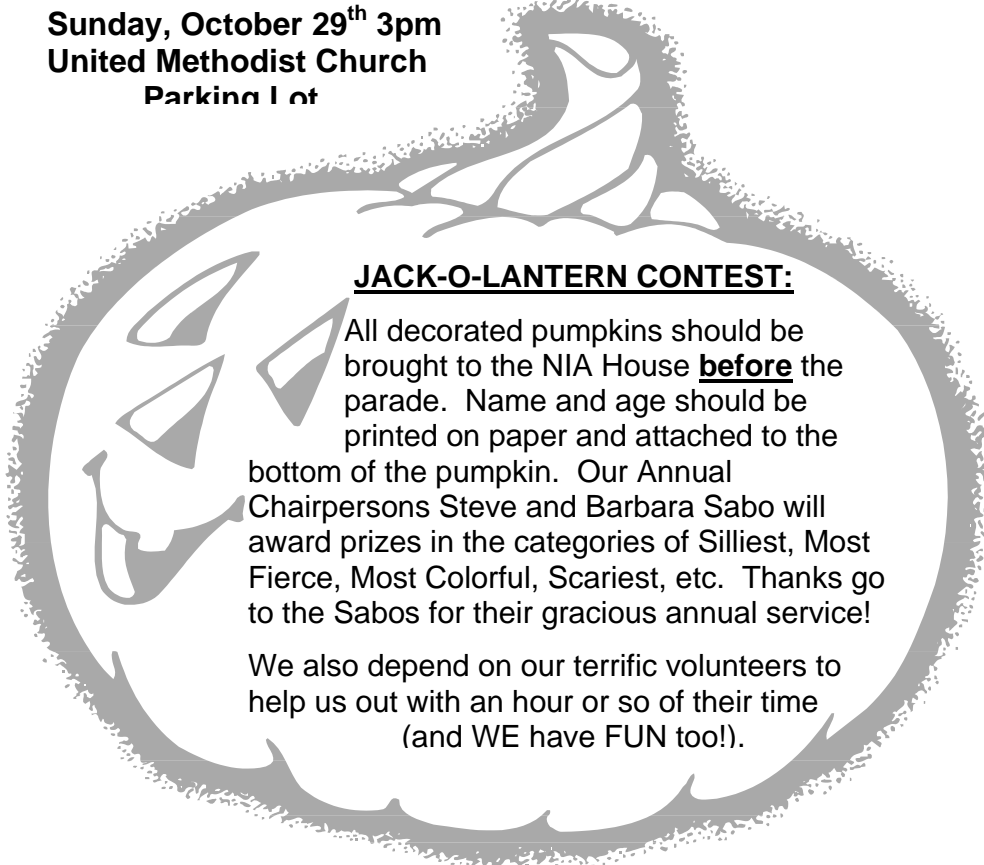
The N.I.A. is also grateful for the help of its fantastic young adult volunteers who provided a safe and engaging environment for campers. These volunteers are great role models for the kids and helped provide a truly enriching experience for the campers. This year's volunteers were: Ariel Braunstein, Sarah Buckwald, Carolyn Clyons, Libby DeLuca, Brendan Donegan, Connor Donegan, Mike Egan, Vanessa Gerardi, Sarah Giblin, Danielle Jawor, Micaela Jawor, Casey Miller, Angela Pia, Meghan Plofkin, Michaela Rafferty, Emma Ryder, Matt Schoenleber, and Sean Upton.

The NIA is extremely grateful to Ailis Martin, this year's volunteer camp coordinator. Ailis stepped into this position to keep this summer camp available to NIA kids. Our hats are off to her for a job well done!!

Have a safe and successful school year. See you next summer!

# Halloween Parade & Jack-O-Lantern Contest

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 3pm  
 United Methodist Church  
 Parking Lot



## JACK-O-LANTERN CONTEST:

All decorated pumpkins should be brought to the NIA House **before** the parade. Name and age should be printed on paper and attached to 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!).

The Nichols Fire Department truck will lead the marchers around the NIA green to the front of the NIA House for awards and refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for Funniest, Prettiest, Most Original, and Scariest in each age group: Infant-Preschool; K-2nd; and 3rd-6th grade.

*Costume design by the children is encouraged and will be taken into account during the judging.*

Please consider donating your time to help make this a fun and exciting event. **Please call Mary Beth Thornton (375-4364) to volunteer.**

## Event Schedule:

3pm Registration and Judging in NUMC Parking Lot. Parade will follow judging. Prizes will be awarded after the parade at the Starkweather House with "Treats" for all participants.

## NIA CONTACTS

<b>NIA OFFICE</b> .....	375-3611
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<b>TREASURER</b>	
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<b>GROUNDS</b>	
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<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
Mark Manton .....	257-3500
<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	
Catherine Kalkstein .....	378-9893
<b>PLAYGROUND</b>	
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## NIA PHOTO CONTEST



Our annual membership drive brochure will be updated and mailed shortly. The brochure typically contains a picture or two that represents Nichols and / or the NIA. This year we would like to open this space up to all our Nichols neighbors - the best picture(s) submitted as part of a photo contest, with the winner getting their picture included in our mailing.

Contest guidelines are follow; Please submit any pictures you have by September 15th (you may submit as many as you would like). If pictures are submitted in digital form (the preferred method) - email them to [mbmanton@charter.net](mailto:mbmanton@charter.net); if in paper form - mail to Mark Manton, 12 Cherrygate Lane. Please include a description of the picture(s), your name and age (we will include age only if a child wins). Please only submit pictures you or your family have taken - no Internet cut & paste pictures, friends pictures, etc. Photo Theme should be pictures that represent the NIA and / or our Nichols Community - beyond that, use your creativity.

Photo winner understands that their picture and their name will be included in the 2007 Annual Mailing. All submissions may be used in future mailings or events as well as being posted on our Web site. If no suitable pictures are submitted - the Board will utilize a picture from its archives. The Board will select the picture it feels best depicts the above noted Theme.  
 Good Luck!

## Harvest Wine and Cheese Social

Please join us for a wine social on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-10pm. Come and join your Nichols neighbors for a glass of wine and some friendly conversation. Admission will be \$10 per person and all proceeds will go to support NIA events, including the Halloween parade, the Christmas Party and Jingle Bell Run.



We would love to see a BIG turn out for this event, - your support is needed and this is a great way to catch up with your neighbors and others in the Nichols community. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share for ten people (optional). RSVP to Laurie Quatrella at 375-9148.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

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