

NORTHTOWN REPORT



The Official Newsletter of the City of North Kansas City Missouri

SPRING 2005

Vote April 5, 2005

The General Election for the City of North Kansas City will be on Tuesday, April 5, 2005. The hours for casting your ballot are 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Following is a list of candidates:

Mayor

Gene Bruns

Danny Shipp

City Councilman, Ward 1

James A. Martino

City Councilman, Ward 2

Elizabeth Hall

City Councilman, Ward 3

Chris Richards

Joseph Koppe

City Councilman, Ward 4

Bettie Miller

City Collector

Jay Brewer

City Treasurer

Louis Weber

Ron Ball



The polling place for all Wards is the North Kansas City Community Center.

If you need information about an absentee ballot, call the Clay County Election Board, 415-8683.

Voter parking is available on the west side of the building in the circle drive. Look for voter parking signs.

Message from the Mayor

The City has undertaken many capital improvements in the past few years, some of which are presently underway. At the same time, the City has also been proactive in its attempt to change zoning in areas of our City to encourage additional commercial development. Examples of zoning changes include zoning changes from industrial to commercial at the east end of Armour Road. When it was rumored that a party was considering the purchase of one of the motels to use for warehousing and another party was planning to turn the empty Payless property into storage, the City purchased certain properties. The Payless property was purchased and leased to Sutherlands Lumber. The City has also purchased the former Mo-Kan property located behind Burger King and the vacant Conagra Mill. Buildings on both properties will be demolished to provide land for commercial uses. The zoning change was made to allow present uses to be conforming. All property east of I-29 & I-35,



with the exception of ADM Milling and the rail yards, is now zoned Commercial.

In addition the City recently purchased 400, 408 and 410 Armour Road after realizing that the property might be sold, with developers considering tearing down or doing away with the theater. Most studies of older downtown areas are encouraging keeping and renovating the old theaters as an asset that helps create foot traffic for other retail in the area. The City's plan for the building is to bring the facility up to code, keep its present retail, put offices above the card and flower shops, renovate the theater and expand on programs for the theater. The City also continues to purchase land for future parks, designing those parks for flood control, services and recreation.

Special Note to Residents

Enclosed is an information article from Chief Glenn Ladd on the Paseo Bridge closing. I would like to add something we residents will have to deal with in the coming months. We will have more traffic on all of our streets during rush hour periods when the bridge closes. Everyone will be sharing the pain of inconvenience. We recommend avoiding being on the road during rush hour if you do not have to be and if possible, schedule shopping and other appointments between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. North Kansas City is the main community that all traffic moves through north of the river to get around the metro area.



Spring and Great Music is in the Air

The Friday in the Park Concert Series and Saturday Jazz Jams are ready to strike-up beginning in May. Friday in the Park features top area bands at the Macken Park Gazebo each Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. May through September. The Saturday Jazz Jam uses Town Square, 321 Armour Rd., as the venue for local and national artists, who create a more spontaneous mix of jazz from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. At the Friday concerts, free prize drawings and other fun activities complement music, fresh air and the stage's backdrop of scenic bluffs. Performances are sponsored by area businesses in conjunction with the Federation of Musicians' Trust Fund and the City of North Kansas City. Businesses wishing to support the local arts while receiving positive exposure are encouraged to call City Hall to get details on possible sponsorships or on opportunities for donating gifts for the prize drawings. The Saturday Jazz Jams debuted two year's ago summer, and quickly became a favorite way for residents and visitors to start their weekend. The performances are hosted by jazz recording artists Mike Ning and Sherry Jones, who lead the stage of performers through a wide variety of music with a jazz flavor. Both aspiring and accomplished guest musicians are welcomed to bring their instruments and join in. The mix provides for a unique blend of music you will only find in Northtown. Lawn chairs, sack lunches and saxophones are optional.

"Be Happy Be Irish"

21st Annual Snake Saturday Parade
March 12, 2005

On March 12, upwards of 100,000 people or more will fill the streets of North Kansas City for the 21st Annual Snake Saturday Parade and Barbeque Festival. This year's theme is "Be Happy Be Irish."

Snake Saturday-named in remembrance of the legend of St. Patrick driving the snakes out of fifth century Ireland-falls on the Saturday immediately preceding St. Patrick's Day.

The Snake Saturday Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. at 14th and Swift, head north to Armour Road, then east to Howell before disbanding past 18th and Howell.

The popularity of the parade is forcing organizers to make some changes. In an effort to maintain the parade's traditional length of approximately two hours, the number of entries from each category are limited this year. In addition, total entries now are limited to 115. Entries are accepted on a first come basis. Organizers are encouraging participants to get entry forms in early. Entry forms are available at www.northlandfestivals.com or at the Business Council office.

Organized by Northland Festivals, Inc., the parade serves as a major



fund-raiser for charities that benefit Northland citizens. Numerous entries from commercial, families, organized groups, sports teams, bands and marching units will combine with the BBQ contest and other ongoing activities to make the Snake Saturday Parade & Barbeque Festival one of the largest St. Patrick's Day events in the country.

In addition to the parade, the 19th Annual Missouri State Championship Barbeque contest will take place in North Kansas City on March 11 and 12-bringing together top area teams.

The weekend festival benefits many North Kansas City businesses and the City as a whole. The festival is a great family event, attracting visitors from as far away as Oklahoma, Arkansas and Nebraska for a fun-filled day in North Kansas City. One of the most popular features of the festival is that nearly every activity for kids and adults is free, thanks to many generous sponsors.

NKC Business Trade Show

The North Kansas City Business Council in cooperation with the City of North Kansas City will host a Product and Services Trade Show, April 20th from 3 pm to 6 pm at the North Kansas City Community Center.

Booth space is available, on a space available basis, for North Kansas City Businesses. Call the Business Council at 472-7700 for more information. The trade show is free and open to the public for guests who would like to learn more about local businesses in North Kansas City.

2005 Harrah's Charitable Fund Recipients

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:	Amount Received
The Northland Christmas Store Project: The Northland Christmas Store	\$ 7,000
North Kansas City Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc Project: North Kansas City Rotary Scholarship Program	\$ 5,000
ELDERLY SERVICES:	
Shepherd's Center of the Northland Project: Expenses for Senior Information Center/Office	\$ 6,000
Northland Meals on Wheels Project: Northland Meals on Wheels	\$ 6,500
SOCIAL SERVICES:	
Clay County Clothes Closet Project: Purchase new clothing.	\$ 7,500
Transitions Family Visitation center, Inc. Project: Family Visitation Center	\$ 2,500
Friends of Clay County CASA, Inc. Project: Legal Representation - Child Advocacy	\$ 4,000
The Family Conservancy (formerly Heart of America Family Services) Project: Parenting Education for 10 Families - Love & Logic	\$ 3,000
Healthy Families Counseling & Support Project: Tender Beginnings	\$ 3,000
Bishop Sullivan Center Project: Job Counseling & Placement School -	\$ 1,000
North Kansas City High School for: Project: North Kansas City Resident Student Scholarship Project: North Kansas City High School Band Project: Creating Community through Video Project: High School Vocal Music Project: High School Orchestra	\$15,000
Briarcliff PTA Project: Support Our Children	\$ 3,000
COMMUNITY SERVICES:	
Special Olympics Missouri - Kansas City Metro Project: Special Olympics Athlete Local Support	\$ 4,000
NKC Fire Fighters Community Service Organization Project: NKCFire Fighters Community Service Organization	\$12,000
Assistance League of Kansas City Project: Operation School Bell	\$ 4,000
Collaboration Works Project: Collaboration Works	\$ 3,000
North Kansas City Lion's Club NKC Arts & Culture Festival	\$ 2,000
OTHER:	
Northland Symphony Orchestra Project: Free Concerts	\$ 2,000
Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America Project: North Kansas City Scouting	\$ 7,000
Friends of the North Kansas City Public Library Project: The People Place: @NKC Library	\$ 2,500

Northgate Project Update

The single family/row home component of the project consists of 125 single-family homes and 94 row homes. At this point there are over 40 single family homes and 16 town homes under some degree of construction or already occupied. More units will be constructed in 2005.

The first two of the three buildings of the Senior Apartments are essentially complete. Tenants began moving in January and February. Unfortunately, the final building is not slated for construction in 2005 because state funding applicable to the project was not granted for 2005. Hopefully, the final building will be completed in 2006.

The early stages of construction of the first apartment buildings are underway. It is comprised of the first 222 of the 281 units. It is anticipated that units will be available for occupancy in September of 2005.

The second phase of the apartments will be the southernmost block of the project, south of 25th Avenue and west of Swift. It is planned to include 149 additional apartments. This block contains the last of the original Northgate apartments. Relocation and demolition are all that is expected to occur in 2005. No apartment construction is expected before 2006.

The commercial component of the project commenced with the opening of the Ruby Tuesday Restaurant last August. We are also pleased to note that Russell Stover has purchased the lot adjacent to Ruby Tuesday. We hope they will be open with their combination candy and ice cream store in 2005.

Keeping Friendly Northtown Friendly and Safe

By Glenn L. Ladd, Chief of Police

Two years ago, in January of 2003, the Paseo Bridge was suddenly closed due to a broken function of the bridge's suspension. In the days to follow that event, we all experienced hundreds of new driving visitors in our friendly town. From a policing point of view, the traffic flow was certainly not "flowing" in the first few days. The overloading of vehicles on Armour frequently "grid-locked" intersections, as some motorists moved into the intersection when there was not room to get to the other side, then the light changed to red. In a period of just a few days, that Midwestern Spirit weighed in and many of our I-35 commuters discovered alternate routes to and from south of the river. Those that continued to travel Armour Road apparently made some important realizations as the grid-lock problem was greatly reduced, and road rage incidents were extremely rare.

Sometime around the end of April of this year, we are going to have to do without the Paseo Bridge again. This time will be different in two major respects. This time, the bridge will be out-of-service for months not days, and, the best part, we've had

months not minutes to respond to the closure. I-35 commuters have had plenty of time to explore new morning routes to their southern destinations, and we've had a chance to consider various plans to assist our guests in moving through our City as safely and effectively as possible.

Your police department will do everything possible to keep traffic moving safely. We hope to be able to keep the number of vehicle crashes to a minimum. To assist in relieving some of the pressures caused by so many motorists attempting to get to Burlington on Armour Road, we have developed what we are calling the "Car Route" which functions in a similar manner to our Truck Route that runs along Linn to 16th, then on to Burlington. The Car Route begins at Iron and Armour Road. It will be specially marked along the route south to 12th, then East to Burlington. We hope that motorists attempting to use the Heart of America Bridge will find this useful.

We are counting on the good people we deal with every day to assist us in keeping Friendly Northtown, not only a friendly place, but also a safe one as well.

Council Actions

The City Council of North Kansas City meets in Regular Business Session the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month and in Work Session the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 2010 Howell. Following is a list of highlights from the past few months.

- Awarded contract for 32nd Street improvements to Mega Industries.
- Awarded contract for removal and replacement of shade structure at Town Square.
- Approved the purchase of property at 400-410 Armour Road.
- Approved the sale of 2400 Vernon property.
- Approved Development Plan submitted by 2601 N.E. Chouteau Redevelopment Corporation on tract of land located at 2601 N.E. Chouteau.
- Approved agreement with Black and Veatch Corporation for professional engineering and design of an advance citywide fiber optic network.
- Approved the naming of Town Square as the Bob Bledsoe Town Square.
- Awarded contract to J.E. Dunn Construction Company for construction management services related to the expansion of Police Facility and remodeling of Fire Station No. 2.

What's Your "LQ"?

By Mickey Coalwell

Okay, there is no such thing. I just made it up. But if you haven't been to the library in a while, you might learn something by taking the following quiz. And if there really were such a thing as a "Library Quotient," just reading this might raise your "LQ" by a few points!

1. True or False: Libraries are boring, drab, uncomfortable places where nothing ever happens.

False. The North Kansas City Public Library is a new, 32,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility with loads of natural light, gorgeous wood fixtures, and over 70 public access computers with Internet connectivity. There's a spacious children's area with weekly events and programs, and two public meeting rooms downstairs. So bring your coffee in, stretch out in a comfortable soft chair, and browse the newspaper or one of the 200 different magazine titles the library subscribes to while enjoying the lively ambience of the North Kansas City Public Library.

2. True or False: The library just has books, and I just don't read very much.

False. The library has movies. Lots of movies. VHS, DVD, feature films, kid's movies, documentaries, comedies, westerns, sci-fi and much more. And you get to borrow them for a whole week. For free. And music CDs. Lots and lots of music: rock, country, R&B, jazz, classical, musicals, and more. And audiotapes. Hundreds and hundreds of books on tape or CD for that next car trip, or just for office listening. And yes, there are books, about 67,000 of those things.

3. True or False: I like bestsellers and new books. The library never has what I want.

False. You will find an entire section -- 30 shelves of book -- dedicated to the latest releases in fiction, self-help, travel, humor, politics, history, crafts, the arts, and more. There are hundreds of brand-new books available for checkout right now.

4. True or False: Libraries aren't much help to business people and entrepreneurs like me.

False. The North Kansas City Public Library's business reference section has just the tools you need to help you generate sales leads, put together mailing lists, and research



the competition: Polk Directories, KC Metro City Directory, Sorkin's, Cole's criss-cross, Morningstar mutual funds, Value Line, Mergent, and much more. Plus, you can access Hoover's and AnnualReports.com online directly from our website, www.northkclibrary.org

5. True or False: The library is just too small to have what I need.

False. The North Kansas City Public Library is part of the Kansas City Library Consortium, which encompasses over 20 different institutions, including academic libraries like Baker University and Park University; theological libraries such as Calvary Bible College and Nazarene Theological Seminary; school libraries like Bishop Miege High School and St. Teresa's Academy; and two major metropolitan library systems, the Cass County Public Library and the Kansas City Public Library. Your NKC library card is good at any of these libraries, and we honor consortium members' cards at NKC. Through our public access catalog, you have access to over 2.5 million items in the combined collections of these libraries. And now, NKC customers have access to WorldCat, the world's largest and most comprehensive computerized card catalog-more than 48 million records, containing the merged catalogs of libraries around the world. Many items found in WorldCat are available for inter-library loan, which can put even the most obscure materials in your hands in about two weeks.

Scoring key: If you answered TRUE to one or two questions, your LQ needs a little work-head for the library as soon as possible and check out the enhanced DVD of The Matrix; if you answered TRUE to three or four questions, then remind yourself that Eisenhower isn't the president anymore. Go directly to the library and perform several hundred Google searches to bring yourself up to date. If you answered TRUE to all five questions, then feed the chickens, milk the cow, saddle up your horse and buggy, and get yourself to the North Kansas City Public Library right now. It's high time you discover what you've been missing!

Fire Department Safety Reminders

- Check and clean your clothes dryer vents. The vents will stop up with lint after a long time of usage allowing the dryer to overheat due to improper venting.
- As the outdoor cooking season approaches, keep your safety and your neighbors' safety in mind when using outdoor grills. One of the most common mistakes when using outdoor grills is the use of gasoline to start the charcoal. Yes, gasoline is faster, but it is extremely dangerous. Please use the proper starting fluid and take the extra few minutes to be safe.
- Remember to change the battery in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks to daylight savings time.

Library Annual Report 2003-2004

Your Library has been busy! In 2003-2004, the Library:

- Checked out 187,086 items
- Provided public computer access to 51,472 customers
- Had 15,291 Library card holders
- Increased circulation 5%
- Borrowed and loaned 15,235 items from other Libraries for our customers
- Provided a successful summer reading program reaching 726 children



It's a Party!

The North Kansas City Public Library's Summer Reading Program kicks off with a "Party in the Park" June 1, 2005! "Lap Readers" (children who are read to) through elementary and middle school readers are invited to Macken Park June 1, 11a.m. through 1:30 p.m. Festivities include live entertainment, lunch cooked and served by the North Kansas City Kiwanis, games, prizes, and face painting! Early registration begins May 16th at the Library.

The 2005 program will run from June 1 - Aug. 13. Join us for great books, motivational prizes, and a variety of programs and activities including weekly story/craft hours. Special events include the Independence Day Bike-Decorating and Watermelon-Eating Contest, a concert by "Mr. Stinky Feet" (Kansas City's own Jim Cosgrove), storytellers, puppeteers and much more. The fun is open to everyone! Call 816/221-3360, ext. 1012 for info.

The Unsinkable Molly Brown! at Your Library

Join the Friends of North Kansas City Public Library for a wonderful evening, April 14, at 7 p.m.! Claudette Walker will present her one-woman show based on the life of Molly Brown. Claudette comes in period costumes and shares the life of Molly through interacting with her audience.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and there's no registration required. For more info, call 816.221.3360.

Computer Classes offered at NKC Public Library

Computer classes will be offered to the public in early summer. There is no charge for the classes. The classes will be Beginning Computer, Internet Basics, Word, Excel, and Publisher. Each class is limited to 10 participants. The classes are scheduled to begin June 2nd. Please call Paula at the North Kansas City Public Library, 221-3360, so you can receive a flyer in late spring with the class schedule.

2004 Development Brings New Opportunities to North Kansas City

Tremendous growth in all major economic sectors, from housing to industrial, is providing unprecedented opportunities in North Kansas City. New construction values continued to hover at nearly \$100 million in calendar year 2004. The city's 25 million square feet of commercial / industrial building space gained over one million square feet in net new occupancies from 2003 levels. Meanwhile, redevelopment and capital improvement projects have paved the way for even more new businesses, residents and construction projects in the future.

Cerner Corporation, a high-technology medical software company, rapidly added new employment and now has over 3,000 associates in the area. Cerner's North Kansas City-based world headquarters has one billion dollars of planned investment in research and

infrastructure at its campus, and is in the midst of a \$170 million, 750,000-square-foot building project.

Harrah's, one of Missouri's the top gaming, recreation and hospitality facilities is now completing a \$107 million hotel, parking lot and visitor amenity expansion. Nearby, North Kansas City Hospital is finalizing construction of a \$137 million capital improvement project that includes: addition of six stories to the existing Health Services Pavilion; space for 130 more inpatient beds; a parking structure; and creation of 800 new employment positions.

The core of North Kansas City's economic strength comes from one of the most active industrial sectors in the Kansas City region. National Starch and Chemical recently consolidated a significant portion of their national and

international manufacturing operations to the North Kansas City plant because of its unparalleled productivity. The expansion will add over \$20 million of improvements. Other significant new or expanding manufacturers in 2004 include: Doorlink Mfg, Caseworks, Cook Composites and Polymers, Architectural Specialties, Building Materials Distributors, Owens-Brockway, Tnemec, McCartney Cabinets, Computech Mfg; VC 999, Delphi Automotive, Steel Pipe and Supply (Ex-L-Tube) and S & M NuTech. Wholesale distributors, which occupied a big portion of formerly vacant building space include: Lifetime Products, Weatherstrong Building Products, Powerserve, Office Products Recycling Corporation, United Refrigeration, Tile World, Total Filtration, Extreme Floors, TVM

Walking Trail Improvements & Park Projects

The Macken Park walking trail will be under construction this spring. Most of the trail will receive a new rubberized surface over two inches of new asphalt. Construction is expected to begin in early spring and the project could be completed in 30 to 60 days. In addition to the new surface, a new trail fitness program will be incorporated aimed at active older adults. The system of nine fitness stations called Life Trail, will be placed along the one-mile walking trail at intervals that will make the walk a new experience in Macken Park. The Life Trail system is also expected to be installed this spring.

The Parks and Recreation Board is planning improvements to the entrance area of Macken Park off of Clark Ferguson Drive at the eastern parking lot entrance. A new entrance will be constructed that will lead to a circular drop off area to the Festival Shelter and the new performing stage. A parking lot is planned adjacent to the circular drive with handicap accessible parking. Walkways will be improved leading to the shelter area with raised planters and widened surfaces. Shelters in the area will receive upgrades and landscaping will enhance the entire area. Look for these improvements coming this summer and fall.



Macken Park Shelter Reservations

Beginning March 1, residents may reserve any of the four shelters in the northwest corner of Macken Park as well as the Park Service shelter. Non-residents may begin making reservations for these shelters on April 1. There is no fee for resident reservations. All picnic shelter reservations for non-residents must be made in person at the Park and Recreation office in the NKC Community Center. Call for non-residents fees at 300-0545.

Festival Shelter Available

The beautiful Festival Shelter in Macken Park is available for reservations. Reservations can be made one year in advance of the desired reservation date. The reservation fee for residents is \$100.00 and non-residents are \$200.00 plus a \$50.00 refundable cleanup deposit for residents and non-residents. The reservation fee for business/corporate is \$300.00 plus \$100.00 refundable cleanup deposit. The Festival Shelter provides a great setting for a large family gathering or a company picnic.

Building Products, Unifirst, Modern Log Homes, Extreme Floors, Hughes Supply, S & K Sales, Arch Chemical Co, Richlin Fabrics, Cisco Equipment, Brother's Auto Parts, and Temp Air.

Expansions continue at the world headquarters of the city's well-known professional businesses like Helzberg Diamonds, which recently announced a \$13 million expansion at their 1825 Swift location. Other new and expanding professional service providers included: Tradebott, Bluelinx Corporation, Garry and Associates, Webbco, Second Nature Design Studio, PSA Quality Solutions, Imaging Solutions, KC Blueprint and Rockwell Labs.

Total retail sales levels in 2004 surged over 7% from 2003 levels. The picturesque downtown prospered as new retail operations like Jersey Boyz Deli, Aunt Mary's Cookies and Northstar Bank joined established expanding businesses like Paul and Jack's Restaurant. The

city acquired downtown's historic Paradise Theatre with plans to renovate it. It is hoped that more frequent use of the upgraded facility will create additional foot traffic for retailers and offer more entertainment options for the local community. Other retail projects, not in the city's downtown, include: Ruby Tuesday, Pour Boy Oil, B & G Auto Sales, Tobacco House, M & M Bedding and Zack's Auto Repair.

The city assembled nearly 17 acres of property Southeast of the M-210 & I-35 Intersection with plans to offer retail development opportunities with visibility to about 120,000 vehicles daily. Demographic projections for a five-minute radius around the M-210 and I-35 intersection, for example, estimate that thousands of new households will be added within this area's market base by 2008.

Also in 2005, the City plans to begin connecting all of the City's businesses

and residents to a state-of-the-art fiber optic system. These high-speed connections will likely raise the city's reputation as a regional leader in high-tech business development and a provider of unmatched amenities for its residents. Jeff Samborski, the city's Economic Development Director, said "The projects in 2004 created thousands of new jobs for the benefit of the entire Kansas City region. Through proactive redevelopment and deployment of the best infrastructure available, the city's four square miles should continue to provide fantastic opportunities."

North Kansas City's Office of Economic Development provides the full array of development services including available property location, technical assistance, job training and financial incentive packaging. If your business is considering a relocation or expansion, call 816-274-6040 for more information.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training

Trains individuals to teach lifeguard candidates the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. This course includes certificates in First Aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Must have minimum of 6 participants by deadline to host the class.

Prerequisites:

- Minimum age 15 by the last day of the course
- Successfully pass a pre-course screening and testing
- Swim 500 yards continuously in the following manner
- 200 yards front crawl with rhythmic breathing and a stabilizing kick
- 100 yards breaststroke
- 200 yards of front crawl, breaststroke, or a combination of the two
- Swim 20 yards using crawl stroke or breaststroke, surface dive to 7-10 feet and retrieve a 10 lb brick and return to the starting point (candidates must have both hands on the brick and keep the face above the water during the return trip)

Class Schedule is April 12th - April 23rd, 2005

Tuesday, April 12th 4:30 - 9:30pm
 Thursday, April 14th 4:30 - 9:30pm
 Tuesday, April 19th 4:30 - 9:30pm
 Thursday, April 21st 4:30 - 9:30pm
 Saturday, April 23rd 8 am - 5:00pm

You must attend all days & times scheduled for the course

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 7th

Fees: \$165 (Includes \$130 course fee, \$35 non-refundable pre-course skill test and fee. Includes certifications in First Aid & CPR)

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 15th at Noon Questions? Contact Terri Lees, Aquatic Supervisor at 816-300-0541.

Swim Lessons

We will be offering American Red Cross prog level swim lessons. Our lessons are designed for children ages 3-12 years, to interact with the children and students. For that reason we ask that parents bring the lessons from outside the pool area. However, parents must remain available to take the child to the restroom or in case of an accident or injury. For assistance in deciding your child's skill level and for upcoming schedules, contact the Aquatic Office at 816-300-0531 ext 2646 and ask for Becky.

Tuesday/Thursday Evenings

Enrollment: April 4 - 13, 2005

Classes: April 19 - May 19, 2005

Water Safety Instructor (WSI) Training

Trains individuals to teach American Red Cross swimming and water safety courses. Training includes course planning, organizing, skill development, teaching methods and program development.

Prerequisites:

- Minimum age 16 by the last day of the course
- Successfully pass a pre-course screening and testing
- Swim 25 yards of each of the following strokes: Front crawl, sidestroke, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, back crawl
- Maintain a position of floating on back for 1 minute (deep water)
- Tread water for one minute
- Basic knowledge of water safety practices

Cost: \$175 + \$35 Non-refundable pre-course skills test and processing fee.

Early Registration Deadline is Friday, May 6th, 2005.

After Deadline the cost is \$200 + \$35.

Contact Terri Lees, Aquatic Supervisor at 816-300-0541 to register or with questions.

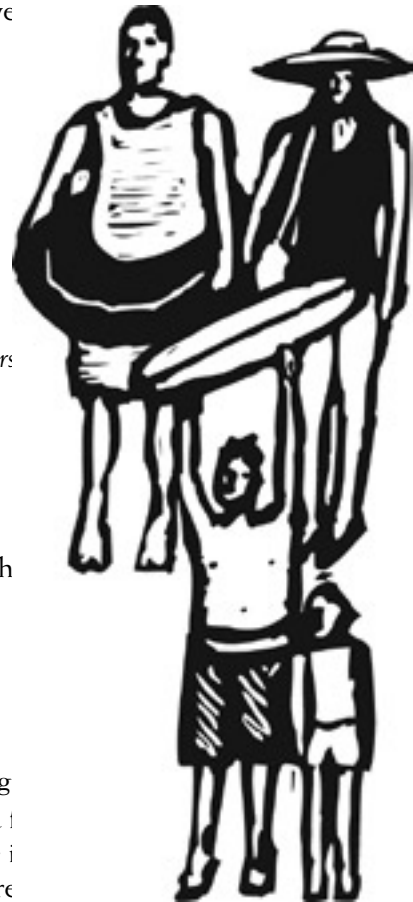
Class Schedule is May 20th - June 5th, 2005

Tuesday, May 17th 4:30 - 9:30pm
 Thursday, May 19th 4:30 - 9:30pm
 Tuesday, May 24th 4:30 - 9:30pm
 Thursday, May 26th 4:30 - 9:30pm
 Tuesday, May 31st 4:30 - 9:30pm
 Thursday, June 2nd 4:30 - 9:30pm
 Saturday, June 4th 8 am - 5:00pm

You must attend all days and times scheduled for the course.

Community CPR & First Aid

The North Kansas City Community Center offers Community CPR and First Aid certification to businesses in North Kansas City. The goal of the course is to provide your employees with the knowledge and skills necessary to handle an emergency until advanced emergency medical help arrives. We offer the course at your work site or at the Community Center, Monday through Friday with day or evening hours. For more information, please contact Kari Thomas, Fitness Supervisor, at 300-0539.



Pool Schedule Good thru June 4, 2005

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:30 AM 8:00 AM	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	8-10:30 AM Lap Lanes & Spa	Closed
8:00 AM 11:30 AM	Water aerobics classes are scheduled during these times and have priority over other pool activities. Please consult current schedules. The River is generally not opened until 10:00 am We use 2 lap lanes for Deep Water Exercise from 9:30 - 10:30 daily.					Water Exercise as scheduled	Closed
10:30 AM 12:30 PM	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Kiddie Pool Open Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Kiddie Pool Open Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Closed Special Programs	Closed
12:30 PM 2:00 PM	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	12:30-5:30 PM	12:30-5:30 PM
2:00 PM 4:00 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	All Water Park features on	All Water Park features on
4:00 PM	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa
5-8:00 PM	Water Park Features & Spa	All other available spaces are reserved for programs	Water Park Features & Spa	All other available spaces are reserved for programs	Water Park Features & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa
8:00 PM 9:00 PM	Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	5:30-7:30 Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	5:30-7:30 Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY
9:00 to 9:30 PM	SPA CLOSING @ 9:00 PM Lap Lanes stay open until 9:30 PM					CLOSED	Spa CLOSED at 7 PM
9:30 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

*We reserve the right to such as, severe weather attire.

Appropriate Swim Attire Guidelines:

The intent of enforcing create problems with water clarity, disinfectant systems and filtration. If the pool gets cloudy, we have to shut it down. Swim diapers are required for all non-toilet trained children and are available for sale at the Welcome Desk.

The following are NOT appropriate swim attire: T-shirts, sport bras, sport shorts and basketball shorts, cut off jeans or other cotton materials, shorts/cover-ups worn over swimwear, underwear or jock straps worn under swim suits or shorts, thong bikinis or suits that are deemed "too revealing" for a family environment. If you need extra coverage for modesty, please ask us about our swimsuit resources. It will be our pleasure to assist you in finding appropriate attire.

SEMI-ANNUAL POOL SHUT DOWN is scheduled for Monday, February 28 thru Friday, March 4, 2005. The pool will reopen on Saturday, March 5th at 8:00a.m.

Youth Evening Activity Time

Ages 9-13

Beginning in February, we will have planned activities for this age group to participate in. Social, physical, and mental activities will be included. Fee is \$2 per child and will be offered Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm - 8pm.

Teen After School Activity Time

Ages 13 - 17

Beginning in March, join us after school to participate in a multiple of activities including, but not limited to, cardio/weight workouts, rock wall, swimming, and creative learning activities. Fee is \$2 per child and will be available Monday - Thursday from 3pm - 5pm.

Summer Camp! Enrollment will begin Monday, April 4th, 2005!

The North Kansas City Community Center will be offering ten (10) weekly sessions of summer day camp for ages 6-12. The first week of camp will begin on June 6th, and the last camp session will end August 12th. The children will be participating in fitness activities, making crafts, swimming, climbing the rock wall (ages 9+) and going on field trips that coordinate with the weekly theme. The children can be dropped off as early as 7:00 am and must be picked up by 6:00 pm.

Total cost for one week is \$140.00. Each session will require a non-refundable \$20.00 deposit to reserve your child's weekly enrollment. The \$20.00 will go toward your full payment. Full payment must be turned in two weeks prior to attending that session.

•Weekly Themes to be announced.

Week #1 ~ June 6-10

Week #5 ~ July 5-8

Week #8 ~ July 25 - 29

Week #2 ~ June 13-17

(No camp Monday, July 4th.

Week #9 ~ August 1 - 5

Week #3 ~ June 20-24

Week will be prorated!)

Week #10 ~ August 8 - 12

Week #4 ~ June 27-July 1

Week #6 ~ July 11-15

Week #7 ~ July 18 - 22

Speaker Meetings

All ages are welcome

FREE!

The third Thursday of every month from 10:30am - 11:30am, a guest speaker will be here covering various topics. See the AquaNutz Newsletter for topic information and meeting room.

Calling all AquaNutz - newsletters are printed quarterly. Stop by the Community Center and pick up your copy! Next meeting is March 17th, 2005. The topic is Water Games approach to fitness. There will be a book signing at the conclusion of the meeting. Join us Monday & Thursdays at 11:30 for a weight loss/management support group.

Aquatic Fitness Everyone has arrived! This book was written by Community Center Aquatics Supervisor, Terri Lees, and is used as the text for the American Red Cross course Aqua Fitness Instructor. The book is available for purchase at the Community Center Welcome Desk. Book signings will be announced.



NKC Golden Seniors Club

The club is open to men and women age 55 and over. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the North Kansas City Community Center multi-purpose room. Activities include games, guest speakers, and entertainment. There is no membership fee, but you are asked to bring your personal place setting and a covered dish. If you are interested in attending a meeting, just show up - there is no need to register. For a listing of the club activities, call the Park Office at 300-0545.

St. Pat's Social - Thursday, March 17, 1:30 p.m. - Join us in the senior room for entertainment, games, and refreshments.

Senior Easter Party - Wednesday, March 23, 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Bunnies, eggs, sweets - you will find them all at the Easter Holiday Party. The party will take place in the multi-purpose room of the NKC Community Center. Music, fun games, and refreshments will combine to make it a fun afternoon. Bring a potluck dish. The Raytown Dixieland Band will perform. The party is being held during the NKC Golden Seniors meeting. All seniors are invited.

Celebrate Spring Social - Thursday, April 21, 1:30 p.m. - A time to look ahead to great weather! Enjoy music, games, and snacks in the multi-purpose room of the NKC Community Center.

Seniors are Special Picnic - Tuesday, May 10, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Come and celebrate with us! The picnic will be held at the Festival Shelter in Macken Park. There will be games, entertainment, bingo, and surprises. Hot dogs, drinks, and chips will be provided. Please bring a small covered dish (salad or dessert). If you would like to attend, please call 816-300-0545.

Senior Activities

Senior Citizen Trips

If you are not currently on our senior citizen mailing list and are interested in trips and activities, please call the Park office at 816-300-0545.

Day Trips:

- April 7 Quality Hill - "New York State of Mind" & Luncheon
- April 19 Spring Fling in Topeka
- May 3 About Town
- May 12 Kansas Treasure - Wamego
- May 18 Heartland Theatre "Tuesdays with Morrie"
- June 2 Quality Hill - "Tapestry"
- June 8 New Theatre Restaurant "2 Across"
- June 28 T-Bones Baseball
- July 7 Local Mystery Trip & Luncheon
- July 20 New Theatre Restaurant "Funny Girl"
- August 9 Royals Baseball
- September 7 Jamesport Adventure
- September 15 Quality Hill
- September 21 New Theatre Restaurant

Overnight Trips - Seniors on the Go:

The North Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for the following trips. Senior citizens, age 50 and older, are eligible to register. If interested, or if you would like further information and a detailed itinerary, contact the NKC Parks and Recreation Department at 816-300-0545.

MYSTERY TRIP: June 15, 16, 17 - Mystery trips are always a lot of fun and this one will be no exception. We will be venturing to an area full of surprises and wonderful people. We will be spending both nights in the same hotel in a mid-sized city. From our central location, we will spoke out to varied towns, seeing and enjoying a wide range of activities.

NEBRASKA REVISITED: August 5 & 6 - An exciting and fun-filled two days await you on this tour to Nebraska. We will be visiting the Prairie Capitol City of Lincoln and the quaint Czech town of Wilbur. Historical attractions, gardens, music, and a festival will provide you with a diverse sampling of the region.



Looking Ahead!

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS- October 12, 13, 14
Enjoy fall colors, the Old State House, Clinton Presidential Center and other points of interest.

Looking Ahead! Fun for all ages!

Mark your calendars for the special events sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. All events are free and are held at the Festival Shelter in Macken Park.

Friday, June 10 at 6:45 p.m. A Puppet Show featuring the famous Paul Mesner Puppets. This is a puppet show unlike any other. Don't miss it. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Friday, July 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Family Fun Night with magic, music and more.

Sunday, August 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Summer Jamboree with a DJ on stage, games of chance, face painters, clowns, moonwalk and more.



Adult Spring Softball League

The North Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department has finalized plans for the spring softball season. Registration is being accepted at the Park Office, located in the NKC Community Center at 1999 Iron. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Divisions being offered are all D levels which are for new teams or teams playing at a recreational level. All leagues play a 10 game schedule.



Coed - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
 Coed leagues are \$355.00
Men's - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
 Men's leagues are \$335.00

T-Ball League (CoEd)

T-Ball is the first step in the baseball-softball progression. Emphasis is placed on having fun and playing together as a team. Our goal is for youngsters to learn the correct techniques for batting, throwing and catching as well as developing an understanding of the basics of the game. T-Ball is for youth who will be 5 by August 1, 2005 through youth currently in kindergarten.



Coach Pitch League (CoEd)

Coach Pitch takes over where the T-Ball ends-the youngster will attempt to hit a ball pitched by a coach. Fielding techniques and team play will be further developed. Coach Pitch is for youth currently in grades 1 and 2. Your youngster's T-Ball head coach and Coach Pitch head coach will attend a coaches training clinic. After successful completion of the training he/she will become a certified coach through the NYSCA (National Youth Sports Coaches Association). Games will be played at Macken Park. Practice begins in April in Macken Park with games beginning in late May.

Fee: T-Ball fee of \$45.00 includes a team shirt and hat.
 Coach Pitch fee of \$55.00 includes a team jersey and a team hat.
 There are no tryouts or fundraising projects.

Registration will be taken until March 22 or until teams are filled, whichever comes first. Registration forms are available at the Park Office or at www.nkc.org, then click on Parks and Recreation link.

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