

Historic Home Tour Another Success-

The Historic Home Tour was held on Sept. 7 and it was a beautiful fall day with a great turn out of neighbors and the community! People enjoyed the weather as they strolled from home to home. We want to thank the 57 volunteers that helped make the day a success-we couldn't do it without you! Here are some of the comments from the visitors to the various homes- "Amazing! As a single woman who hires most of her projects done, I am impressed with all that you have done and with such skill and creativity! Such talent! You are an artisan!" "So lovely-it makes me proud to live in the Lake George neighborhood!" "Cindy, please be proud of yourself and all your endeavors!" " Mary -We loved sitting around the table in the back yard sharing and networking!" (Mary and Phil own a home that was ordered through Sears-people appreciated the chance to sit and rest and admire the vintage linens on the clothesline.)

Of Cindy and Denny's home the following quip that was left, " People leave their own marks on their own homes. It was fun



Front Row: Jill Wahman, Suzanne Rodell, Kathie Younker, Carol Stahnke, Cathy Stemm **Back Row:** Joyce Wittenhagen, Betsy Rakotz, Janice Uberecken

to see the personal updating". Scott who had his home on the tour several years ago said of their experience, "We loved it!" If you would like to share your home on the Historic Home Tour or would like to suggest a home, please call Joyce Wittenhagen at 320-252-4378.

Submitted by Joyce Wittenhagen

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By George! Award - Winner of 2013

Joyce Wittenhagen is the 2013 winner of the Lake George Neighborhood's By George! Award. She was chosen by the Steering Committee of the LGN for her exceptional volunteer efforts over the last seven years with the "Hidden Treasures" Historic Home Tour.

Each year Joyce gathered a committee of neighbors to stage the home tour and each year it was a success! Her leadership, insight, persuasiveness and knowledge of the LGN helped launch and continue this event. Joyce's historical perspective of the neighborhood and deep contacts with individuals who share this knowledge will turn the 2014 Home Tour into another worthwhile experience.

She truly exemplifies helping the LGN become "A Great Neighborhood, By George!"

Joyce and her husband, Del, have been wonderful neighbors since 1966. Thank you, Joyce, for being a great neighbor and congratulations on winning this award.

Submitted by Jill Wahman



Joyce's Gingersnaps

Adapted from the recipe found in "Favorite Sawrey Village Recipes" in the book The Tale of Hilltop Farm by Susan Wittig Albert.

Beatrix Potter was the author of the well know classic Peter Rabbit stories. Her own farmstead in rural England is still know as Hilltop Farm, located in the village of Sawrey in Northwestern England's famous Lake District. She was fond of recipes that used ginger and particularly relished her grandmothers gingersnaps. This recipe produces a chewy version to that traditionally brittle snack.

Mix oil, molasses and egg. Sift flour, soda, cloves, ginger, cinnamon and salt together and add to first mixture, mixing well. Form into 1 inch balls, roll in granulated sugar or cinnamon sugar and place on cookie sheet about 2 inches apart. Bake in 350 degree oven for 8-10 minutes. Makes about 3 dozen.

¾ c. canola oil
1 cup sugar
¼ c. light or golden molasses
1 egg
2 tsp. soda
2 c sifted flour
½ tsp. cloves
½ tsp. ginger
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. salt
¼ c. sugar mixed with ½ tsp. cinnamon



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The mission of the LGN is to foster a healthy, thriving and welcoming neighborhood.
It's a Great Neighborhood, By George!

Lake George Neighborhood Meeting Scheduled with Our City Council Representative

The steering committee of the LGNA has arranged a meeting with Dave Masters to discuss issues and concerns relating to our neighborhood. The focus will be on vacant properties that are not being maintained properly, this is also an opportunity to discuss other concerns and possible solutions to them.

Please join us on Monday, January 20th at Dunn Brother's Coffee Cafe in Coborn's supermarket (Cooper Ave. and University Dr.) We have reserved the conference room from 4:30 -6:00 p.m..

Submitted by Suzanne Rodell

Neighborhood National Night Out

There was an awesome turn out for this year's National Night Out which was held on August 6 at Jen Lahren's home. We had a pot luck with great pig roast. There were games, prizes and visiting! If you have not attended in the past, watch for information for the 2014 event. It is a great opportunity to catch up with your neighbor's you have not seen for a while and meet some new friends! Thanks Jen for the hospitality again this year!



Jen Lahren, Mayor Dave Kleis, Roxanne Ryan, Marge Pryately, Jan Uberecken, Mark Ruehle, Jill and Jack Wahman

Current List of Steering Committee Members:

Marge Bates - 320-251-8653
Sharon Knutson - 320-253-4746
Chris McDonald - 320-224-7566
Stacey McDonald - 320-224-7606
Marge Pryately - 320-259-0178
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Roxanne Ryan-Layne - 320-420-8797
Maia Schroeder - 320-203-8631
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Jan Uberecken - 320-253-9893-Chair
Jill Wahman - 320-253-3527

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA TO IMPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

Have a concern? Want to get involved? Plan a neighborhood event? Contact any of the steering committee members for how you can involved. It does not take a lot of time, but can have a lot of impact and helps make our neighborhood 'a Great Neighborhood By George!' Committee members wanted.

Adopt-A-Block Program in the LGN!

For several years the LGN has had Fall and Spring "clean up" days - before the snow, and after the snow! In trying to do this all on one Saturday morning we have seen the participation numbers fall. We don't want to see our participation numbers fall like the autumn leaves for this effort!

So, in an effort to keep the tradition alive, linking the effort to nationwide events is the new strategy! Earth Day in April and between Day of Caring (end of Sept.) and Make a Difference Day (end of Oct.)

At the National Night Out gathering in August, several neighbors signed up to "Adopt a Block" within the boundaries of the LGN. Thank you to those who are on the list. It's a great way for a family to volunteer together on its own time and feel good about the work! It also teaches children that we need to care for our environment!

The committee is also aware that several neighbors just "go out and pick up trash" on their neighborhood walks! More power to you and THANKS FOR THAT! Please don't stop this contribution you are making.

How does Adopt-a-Block work, exactly? What would be expected, if I were to sign up?

Here are minimum guidelines for this effort: Using your own green garbage bags, walk around your "adopted" block and down the alley of that block and pick up trash. Dispose of it as you would your own garbage on collection day. Pick up on the street, in the boulevards, sidewalks and down the public alleyways.

Plan to do this around Earth Day (April 22nd) and between Day of Caring (September 26th) and Make a Difference Day (end of October.)

You'll get an e-mail nudge as a reminder!

Our list keeper of the map is Jan Uberecken. Please help with this program! Call Jan if you want a block. 320-253-9893

That's it, folks! It's that easy. Of course, the BEST response is to pick up trash whenever you see it!

We have had an ongoing partnership with the TKE fraternity of SCSU, who can give us a Saturday morning occasionally and thanks to Marge Pryately, (LGN's connection to the fraternity), they have collected many bags of garbage on the streets, boulevards and alleys. However, it's OUR neighborhood, By George, and we ought to be caring for it!

Submitted by Jill Wahman

Lake George Neighborhood Donates Skates to Park and Rec at Lake George

Did you know that Lake George warming house has skates for use free of charge? They have sizes for kids and adults but are in need of more.

This year as we did last year, we will be purchasing some skates as well as some walk behind trainers that can be used by both kids and adults, from Play It Again Sports. Do you have skates sitting around that you no longer are using? Lake George Park and Rec would love the donation! Just stop down to Park and Rec at Lake George during the week-day to drop off your donation or contact Roxanne (320-420-8797) with the steering committee and she will be happy to pick them up!

WANTED: KIDS, ADULTS AND FAMILIES LOOKING FOR ACTIVITIES

Lake George Neighborhood has money waiting for you to spend it! We have money set aside for activities and it is waiting for someone to organize an activity - do you like to bowl? Go to Skatin Place or Air Maxx? What about Art as You Like It? Contact Roxanne Ryan Layne if you are interested in helping organize an activity - 320-420-8797

DID YOU KNOW?

If your alley is in need of lighting that you can contact Randy at Xcel and get a free assessment done for lighting and could possibly get a light installed for as little as \$7.50 a month on your electric bill? I did and it is great- we had a pole that could be used, the light was free and we just pay the \$7.50 a month to have great lighting - randy.l.kemnitz@xcelenergy.com

Is your street dark? For that lighting, you need to contact the city of St. Cloud - The City Council has established a uniform policy for the placement of street lights in the City of St. Cloud as follows:

- Lights installed at every intersection.

- Mid-block lights installed if the distance between cross streets exceeds 700 feet.

- Lights installed at the bulb of cul-de-sacs that are longer than 300 feet.

- City Council will consider installation of additional street lights if petitioned by property owners in affected area. Cost of additional lights may be assessed to the affected property owners.

The city will be looking at blighted properties in 2014 -stay tuned for updates

Discussions still continue with Good News

Meet Our Neighbors

Jake Lawrence is just the third owner of his home at 716 13th Avenue South which he bought in November 2010. As a 21-year-old college student originally from Watertown in southern Minnesota, Jake wanted to own his own home. And when he found his current home, an immaculate 1929 bungalow, he knew it was the right one. His two roommates help around the house, "It's nice to have help with the mowing and shoveling," he said with a grin.

Jake has planted roots and has made St Cloud his home. He started his own car detailing business & worked fulltime while attending SCSU, where he studied Business Management. Currently, he owns a small car dealership in west St Cloud, JML Auto Sales.

I asked Jake what he likes about our neigh-

Church and Preserving USA

If you have holiday lights that do not work you can recycle them for free at several St. Cloud locations-Mimbach Fleet, MinnWest Bank, Sartell high School, Arrow Hardware, Brenny Transportation, Sentry Banks (all locations) Tri-County Solid Waste, Whitney Senior Center, Wacosa Docushred, Wacosa Thriftworks! Contact Roxanne for more info-320-420-8797

When you make a donation to the food shelf, that for every \$1 you donate they can purchase up to 8 meals for that \$1?

When you have an empty property next to you, your snow blowing, mowing the yard, or reporting any suspicious activity helps keeps you safer?

That the 'Free Little Libraries around the neighborhood love it when you take books and leave books? Check them out- books change -you may find a great book for you or someone you know!

The annual garage sales was a huge success again this year? Families took part in both garage sales and lemonade stands around the neighborhood-

Park and Rec has a great web site with many fun activities happening -many at Lake George? Check out their web site!

borhood. He says the people are really friendly, and will stop to say hello, even if they don't know your name. Pet owners are always walking their dogs and that's a sign of a good neighborhood. And it's within walking distance of so many great things, like downtown, the river, the gardens and of course, Lake George. It's a really diverse neighborhood and it's clean, quiet and safe.

PS Jake is my next door neighborhood and he is a great neighbor, By George! And if you're looking for a car, he helped my 83-year-old mother find the exact car she was looking for.

By Lori Long



Left: Jake's roommate, Chris Mielitz & Jake Lawrence, homeowner
Right: 716 13th Av S