

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great fall!! As we drove back earlier this week through Minnesota from a South Dakota visit, we noticed that many trees have re-budded. Does this mean that these new leaves will join the red maple colors for a 2nd beautiful fall color season?



We had a great **neighborhood picnic** in September. Thanks to The Gateway Church for use of their picnic area and to Karol Machmeier for her donation of three lovely gift baskets for picnic door prizes. Many of you enjoyed her early October personal sale of over 120 baskets. Amazing.

A big thanks for the donation to the **Basin Garden** of the white bench by Joyce/Art Faaren in honor of Frank McElroy. Thanks to 1) Prill Road sisters Carol Blades and Virginia Richardson for their regular weeding and floral contributions; 2) to Art Faaren for his weeding and 3) for many others who have watered, weeded and contributed perennials to the garden. Sadly it looks like 4-5 of the city donated shrubs are NOT going to make it but we will see next spring. In planning are two low-maintenance benches, brick walk-way and bark mulch.

Christmas Caroling – December 18th – Our neighbors will be caroling at two senior facilities; come and enjoy singing Christmas carols and good fellowship: **Senior Living & Memory Care** – 733 W. Hamilton (Stein & Hamilton) – meet at 4:40pm and sing at 5pm. **The Meadows Independent Living** – 4880 Otteson Lane – sing at 6pm. Song sheets and sleigh bells furnished. Bring your Santa hats.

Winter parking rules (odd/even) start November 1st and go to May 1st. The ordinance is in effect from midnight to 7am each night. The city has a very informative and useful web site at www.eauclairewi.gov/.

Daylight Savings ends Sunday Nov 6th 2am. Set your clocks back one hour.

Radon test kits are available at the County Health Dept for \$7 which includes a mail-in test. Menards has an \$8 test kit that you can do on your own. Radon is a Class A carcinogen. Acceptable levels should be 4.0 pCi/L or below. I will put up local and other helpful links on our OCNA website.

To ensure **your home security** - coordinate your coming & going with your neighbors; have them watch your home and call the police if anything unusual is noted. Record serial #s and take photos of your electronics, jewelry, collectibles & more. Install dead bolt locks and motion detectors & lights. Insert a broom stick in your sliding door when you are away from home. Lock your autos in the driveway and even in the garage; secure auto keys in an obscure home location

Al & Bonnie Schweich – 5572 Prill Road have been representing OCNA on the Waterway Citizens Advisory committee. I will post a link to the committee minutes on www.otter-creek.org. Thanks to Al & Bonnie for their service.

Please review/promote the enclosed **list of homes, condos and lots for sale**.

Duane Berglund, OCNA President & Editor – cell 715-579-2562

2011 OCNA Neighborhood Picnic Report

September 17, 2011

The annual OCNA picnic attendance included 32 adults and 8 children. The weather was cool but the wind died down while we enjoyed the delicious potluck food that neighbors brought.

Pastor Billy Gibson (The Gateway Church) honored us with his presence and gave the grace before the meal. He is a very outgoing pastor and the church is an excellent neighbor. We are very thankful for the use of their outdoor facilities for our annual picnic.

After the meal President Duane led a brief member meeting to officially re-elect the four officers. President: Duane B, Vice President: Monte Pederson, Secretary: Amy Polzin, Treasurer: Garnet Shong were unanimously approved.

The door prize drawing for the donated baskets by Karol Machmeier was won by Dave Malone, Joyce Faaren and Shari McMahon.

Expenses were \$130 including a \$25 check/thank you note delivered to the church showing our appreciation for the use of their space.

Basic Computer Skill Training

Senior Citizens Employment & Training Inc. continues to offer this course free to anyone 55 years of age or older at locations in Eau Claire and Dunn counties. Please call at 715-839-5058 or 1-888-772-4337 if you are interested.

Classes are one-on-one instructions and involve small groups of 4-5 learners. Many individuals have benefited and graduated. People who don't want to drive because of various reasons, and are 62+, should consider public transportation and Tender Care Transport.

2010 Census Map - glide your cursor over the map; it displays every county. [http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/map?nl=todays headlines&emc=thab1](http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/map?nl=todays%20headlines&emc=thab1)

2010-11 OCNA Officers

Duane Berglund, President	715-839-8599	dberg581@aol.com
Monte Pederson, Vice President	715-832-0418	violetpederson@sbcglobal.net
Garnet Shong, Treasurer	715-514-4402	garnet05@charter.net
Amy Polzin, Secretary	715-514-1335	amy.polzin@jacobsweltec.org

The OCNA United Bank balance at the end of October is **\$2,276.91** per Treasurer Garnet Shong. United Bank is a newsletter advertiser.



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Thanks to Eileen B for coordinating the Brunch and Caroling dates.

Also, a big thanks to all the advertisers. This is the 1st issue that has eight ads that are all neighbors!!

OCNA HOMES/LOTS FOR SALE

Updated October 27, 2011

We have four homes, one Condo and a lot for sale in our neighborhood:

Home for Sale-3404 East Meadows Place - \$149,900 - Reduced Price. New Roof. Single family, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, single story, 1,252 sqft. Easy Living neighborhood including shared snow removal & lawn maintenance. Clean & Move-in Ready. Master bedroom with walk-in closet & private bath. Gas fireplace in living room. Open kitchen with pantry & planning desk. 10x14 patio with landscaped yard & sprinkler system. First floor laundry hookups. Expandable lower level...finish to your tastes! Reverse Osmosis assures crystal clear water anytime! Includes: dishwasher, garage opener, garbage disposal, microwave, oven/range, refrigerator, sprinkler system, water conditioner. Natural gas water heater & furnace. Poured foundation. Lot size: 134x66. 2010 taxes \$3,254. MLS # 844726. Call Bob Ritsch 715-552-2218 at Century21.

Home for Sale By Owner-3411 East Meadows Place - \$148,900 - Reduced Price. Single family, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, single story, 1,252 sqft, new roof, open living/dining room with fireplace, carpeted living room/bedrooms, 1st floor laundry, full unfinished basement, natural gas, forced air, central air, includes ceiling fans, dishwasher, dryer, garage opener, oven/range, refrigerator, washer, 2 car garage, concrete patio and driveway, poured foundation, city water/sewer, lawn care/snow removal part of association fee, lot size 62x134, built 1999, 2010 taxes \$3,237. Call Gary/Carol at 715-563-6985 or 715-563-1264.

Home for Sale by Bank-3422 Briarcrest Drive - \$142,900 est - Currently unlisted by bank, Single family, bi-level, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,848 sqft, features a lower level access from the garage, open kitchen, vaulted ceilings, large deck, great location and very functional floorplan. Price is reflective of cosmetic work needed (paint and carpet). Likely will be listed by Edina Realty - 715-839-7653.

Home for Sale-under Construction-3541 Ridgeway Drive - \$249,900 - Single family, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, approx 1,800 sqft, 1st floor laundry. 3 car garage. Oak cabinets and trim. Hickory floors. Stairs from garage to lower level which is lookout, has bath rough-in and 12x16 wooden deck. Sprinkler system. Lawn is seeded. Poured foundation. Gutters are included. Broker owned. Spring 2012 completion, pictures are of a similar home.lot size:139x166, .54 acre. Exterior - vinyl/stone; central cooling/forced air; natural gas water heater. On-site: cable, electric, gas, city water/sewer. Call Dave Suchla 552-1818.

Condo for Sale - 5322A Prill Road – call Discount Realty Works at 715-379-6451 for details.

Lot for Sale-3619 Ridgeway Drive - \$52,000 - size: 84x212+70x227, .43 acres. On-site: cable, electric, gas. City water/sewer. Taxes: \$1,110. Call Dave Suchla 552-1818.

Please call or email if you have changes in OCNA listings.

Check www.otter-creek.org for latest changes.




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November-----2011

Nov 6th Sunday 2am – **Daylight Savings ends**
Nov 15th Tue 11:30am – **Nov Brunch - Fuji** luncheon outing-hibachi & sushi;
No MSG. Call Eileen 715-839-8599 or Bev Spalles 715-832-0482
Nov 11th Fri – **Veterans Day**
Nov 24 Thu – **Thanksgiving**

December-----

Dec 13th Tue 11am – **Dec Brunch** - at Audrey Brunzlick's hosted by
Audrey 715-832-2035 & Garnet Shong 715-514-4402
Dec 18th Sun – **Christmas Caroling** – call Eileen at 715-839-8599 for details.
Dec 24th Sat – **Christmas Eve**
Dec 25th Sun – **Christmas Day**
Dec 31st Sat – **New Year's Eve**

January-----2012

Jan 1st Sun – **New Year's Eve**
Jan 11th Wed 11am – **Jan Brunch** at Karol Machmeier's 5500 Harold St home;
Call Karol at 715-835-6290.
Jan 16th Mon – **Martin Lutheran King Jr Day**

February-----

Feb 14th Tue – **Valentine's Day**
Feb 15th Wed – 11am – Feb Brunch at Eileen Berglund-3345 East Meadows;
Call Eileen at 715-839-8599.
Feb 20th Tue – **Presidents Day**

March and Beyond-----

Mar 11th Sun 2am – **Daylight Savings Starts**
Apr 8th – **Easter**
May 13th – **Mother's Day**
May 28th – **Memorial Day**
Jun 17th – **Father's Day**

**OCNA
BABY NEWS**

Duane Richard Dorn - born
9/4/11 8lbs 5oz, 20"
long – proud parents
Jon & Nicole Dorn

Virginia Richardson became a great-grandma for the second time on August 15th. Carter William Buck who was born on his grandfather's birthday Larry Eccles. Virginia's mother **Rose Flanders** also became a great-great-grandma again with this birth. Both live with Virginia's sister Carol Blades.

This newsletter is edited by Duane Berglund, printed at OfficeMax and distributed 3 times per year by the Block Captains. Please call or email your block captain or Duane if you have news to share.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karli Ruud is a new neighbor (see below) who offers piano lessons using a child-friendly piano curriculum, a variety of musical activities, and a fun rewards system! If you are interested in piano lessons for your student, you can contact her at karlijoan@hotmail.com.

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New OCNA Neighbors

Please welcome these new folks to our neighborhood:

Laura Feuerer and Dick Ihlenfeld – 3404 Ridgeway Drive – cell 715-590-2027. Laura and husband Dick moved to Eau Claire, from New Mexico, where they lived for 12 years after moving there from Kohler, WI. They are both Wisconsin natives and missed their roots. They moved here with their two dogs, Stash and Hunter and two cats, Trixie and Peepers. Laura has two businesses, Green Bees Cleaning Services and Firestoker Creative (graphic design). Dick is retired. Laura has a sister living in Mondovi.

Dave and Kristine (Hanvelt) Strassman – 3304 Ridgeway Dr – 715-456-1500 were married on Sept 24th. Kristine, a Registered Nurse works at St. Josephs Hospital Emergency Department. She grew up in Rice Lake and moved to Eau Claire for college. Dave is an Eau Claire Fire Fighter/Paramedic and works out of Station 9 on the west side. He grew up in Eau Claire, lived 10 miles south of EC for the last 3 years. They bought the house on Ridgeway Drive in May of 2010. Dave says he has always liked the neighborhood. They both enjoy the outdoors, fishing, and camping and have a cabin on Wissota. Dave LOVES to bow hunt, and takes off most of November for bow hunting. He is also our new north Ridgeway Block Captain.

Larry & Pam Seidling – 3431 East Meadows Place – 715-289-3888. Larry is retired from the ACE hardware store business; Pam works at Marshfield Clinic-Cancer Center. They are moving from Cadot with daughter Alisha (17),

Kyle & Karli Ruud – 3522-2 East Meadows Place – 715-412-0758
Karli is a licensed educator in Minnesota and Wisconsin. She is also a substitute teacher for Eau Claire schools, as well as a gymnastics teacher at the YMCA. She offers piano lessons using a child-friendly piano curriculum, a variety of musical activities, and a fun rewards system! If you are interested in piano lessons for your student, you can contact her at karlijoan@hotmail.com.

Sam & Suzy Murty – 5551 East Hamilton Ave are not new but recently moved from the south end of Ridgeway.

The Petersons – 3669 Ridgeway Drive
New Neighbor – 3415 Briarcrest Drive
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New Neighbor – 3534 Briarcrest Drive

Newsletter Advertising

Please support our advertisers. A business card ad is \$75/year or \$35/issue. To place an ad, call Duane at 539-8599 or dberg581@aol.com

We have a new advertiser – **Laura Feuerer** a new neighbor living on Ridgeway who is advertising her two local businesses. Check her ads and give a call if you have a need.

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Neighborhood Restrictive Covenants

- Ridgeway & Prill – lots 2-19 & out lot 1 of the Otter-Creek Preserve
- Briarcrest North – lots 23, 47 and lots 67-71
- Briarcrest South – lots 48066
- East Meadows Place Association – lots 1-22

District 2 – City Council Rep - David Klinkhammer 833-8954
District 20 – County Supervisor - Ardyth Krause 713-0038