

President's Note



Eileen and I just returned from a three week driving trip to Washington state to bond with our sixth grandchild. Amelia is now five weeks old after being two weeks over due and in the hospital for her first seven days. Her grandma was very sad to leave but we are happy to be back in our beautiful neighborhood.

The **neighborhood Spring Thrift Sale** in May was a success with 25 homes participating. Sales were brisk Thursday evening and Friday but the weather was less favorable on Saturday. A big thank you to Cheryl Meyers and the food tent volunteers, AND to those who provided baked goods, AND to Peggy and John Hakala for allowing food sales out of their garage AND to Linda Nortman for continuing to store our OCNA tent, signage and storage bins.

Four or five **homes** in our neighborhood have been sold leaving five homes and three lots for sale. Details are included in this newsletter and updated frequently on the Google map on www.otter-creek.org.

I have been thinking a lot about the **neighborhood improvement projects** and will begin work with the city this summer in spite of the city budget issues to:

- Improve appearance and function of the retention pond at Gateway & Glenbrooke. The city will be asked to help make it park-like with flower beds, benches and a welcome sign to our neighborhood.
- Add small play lots, flower beds and benches for walkers at three possible neighborhood locations. Will ask the city to annex to cover liability.
- Improve non-motorized access to major malls along with better traffic controls on Gateway/Golf, Gateway/Hamilton and Golf/I-53.
- Define safe pathways from our neighborhood to the area river trail and to the future community park south of Prill.

Neighbors will be asked to **volunteer** with these projects. Call me if interested.

Garnet Shong who represents our neighborhood on a city parks committee, reports that the two new large parks (ours south of Prill) will likely be funded by a bond issue; so watch for city council action this summer. More later.

Art Faaren is the most recent WW II veteran in our neighborhood to be honored on the Freedom Honor Flight out of La Crosse to the Washington DC WW II memorial. Last fall Delbert Thomas enjoyed the same recognition. Another WW II veteran Jim Larson just celebrated his 90th birthday. I plan to post some of their stories this fall on the OCNA site to honor their sacrifice.

From personal experience neighbor Lisa Fleming (835-0766) encourages parents to check their children's eye sight early to correct disabilities with learning and reading. One option she used is **CVC – Chrisenson Vision Care** with information at www.chrisensonvisioncare.com/. They recommend the first eye exam by scheduled within the first twelve months. Located in Hudson.

Our fall picnic plans are still tentative. Look for more info later this summer.

Duane Berglund – President and Editor - 839-8599 dberg581@aol.com

Annual OCNA Neighborhood Thrift Sale



Eileen Berglund, Peggy Hakala, Dan Degeneffe, Connie Pelzek and Linda Nortman
All volunteers at the OCNA thrift sale food service area.

OCNA Executive Notes

Financial Report - Treasurer Dan Degeneffe reports the OCNA bank balance is **\$1,486.61** as of June 30th. Income was from thrift sale signups and food sales AND from three OCNA tent rentals AND newsletter ads. Expenses were thrift sale ads and food purchases. We keep our operating funds in the United Bank branch in our neighborhood which also is a newsletter advertiser.

OCNA Officers-2008-9

President - Duane Berglund	839-8599	dberg581@aol.com
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We are looking for 2009-10 officer candidates for the September annual meeting. Please call any of the officers for more information.

Tent for Rent – the association has a 10x20 foot tent that neighbors can rent for \$25 per event use. Call Duane at 839-8599 if you are interested.

Website and Email - the website content is updated by Duane B and periodic email broadcasts are used to communicate. Postcards are used in lieu of email.

Check out the OCNA photo albums on www.otter-creek.org now available in slide shows on PhotoBucket.com.

Email Addresses - If we don't have your email address, please email dberg581@aol.com; this will help reduce the cost of OCNA communications.

Neighborhood Business Directory - We have published a listing of all businesses owned by our OCNA neighbors. If you have a business or know of one in the neighborhood that is not listed or want a copy, call or email Duane.

The **OCNA newsletter** is edited by Duane Berglund and printed in-house on OCNA's HP tabloid printer using Cartridge World ink.

Neighborhood Lots and homes for Sale

You can help by sharing this info with your friends and families in the area.

Homes for Sale – 2 on East Meadows, 2 on Briarcrest and 1 on Ridgeway.

3420 East Meadows Place - \$157,900 - 1,270 sqft, single family, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, attached 2 car garage, gas fireplace, master bedroom with private bath & walk-in closet, laundry hookups on 1st floor, finished basement (with added laundry hookups, 1/2 bath, family/sitting room), central A/C, gas water heater & heating, 12x12 cement patio, in-ground lawn sprinkler system, built in 1999; lot size: 62x134; taxes: \$2,798, lawn care & snow removal \$65/mo. Call Carol Ceraso (715) 723-9205.

3421 East Meadows Place – **NEW PRICE** – \$149,900 - 1,270 sqft, single-family, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, in-ground sprinklers, gas fireplace, 1st floor laundry, full basement, 2 car garage, 2007 taxes \$3,100, built in 1998. For sale by owner; call Tom Morrow 1-715-760-0848.

3535 Briarcrest Drive – **NEW LISTING** – \$189,900 - 2,510 sqft, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, 1 story single family, built 2000, 2 car attached garage, lot 72 x 132. Vaulted ceiling in living room, dining area & kitchen, master bedroom with private bath & walk-in closet, first floor laundry, huge family room, office my be 4th bedroom, wood deck off dining area overlooking private wooded back yard. Includes oven/range, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, window coverings. MLS# 815998 - call J Theisen (715) 271-2391.

3606 Briarcrest Drive – **NEW LISTING** – \$161,900 - 2,030 sqft, bi-level single family, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 car attached garage, wood deck, lot 66 x 132, built in 2000, 2008 taxes \$3,353. MLS# 815851. Call John Panzgrau (715) 834-8777.

3524 Ridgeway Drive – **UNDER CONSTRUCTION** – \$199,900.00 – 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, 2 car attached garage, new construction in prime Southside location, hardwood floors, enameled trim package, large family room finished in basement, six panel doors, stainless steel micro and dishwasher, first floor laundry. Mid summer completion. Broker owned. MLS #812185. Listed by Swanson Homes & Realty LLC; call (715) 379-1048.

Lots for Sale in our neighborhood

3619 Ridgeway Drive - \$55,000 – size 84x212+70x227.

Call Dave Suchla at 552-1818

3541 Ridgeway Drive - \$68,000 – size 139x190.

Call Dave Suchla at 552-1818

3516 Ridgeway Drive - \$44,900 – size 150x60, MLS#811904.

Call Swanson Homes at 379-1048

Homes that have recently sold:

3337 Briarcrest Drive – Hoa Nguyen and Emily Smith Nguyen – are staying in the area at a home on Princeton Valley golf course.

3429 Briarcrest Drive – David and Julie Hagen are moving to the Twin Cities.

We say goodbye to these folks with some sadness and our best wishes; and we will welcome new neighbors soon.

Calendar

July 2009

4th Sat – **Independence Day** – celebrate safely
 16th Thu 11am – **Ladies Brunch** at 3335 East Meadows Place
 Call hostess Audrey Brunzlick at 832-2035

August


No Ladies Brunch
 22nd Sat – 10am – **Digital Photo session** at 3345 East Meadows Place.
 Call Duane at 839-8599 if you need an assistance on summer photos.

September

7th Mon – **Labor Day**
 12th Sat – **Neighborhood Fall Picnic & Annual Meeting**
 More details to follow

October

14th Wed 11am – **Ladies Brunch** at 3417 Ridgeway Drive.
 Call hostess Connie Pelzek at 832-8760
 17th Sat 10am – **Computer Basics** at 3345 East Meadows Place;
 Call Duane at 839-8599 if you plan to attend



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Restrictive Covenants for each neighborhood are available on our web site. These are the guidelines by which we protect our home values.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Sitter Services - Melanie Meyers at 3611 Ridgeway Drive has completed the American Red Cross training course, helped in her church nursery caring for babies & toddlers and has babysat for a 2 year old. Call her on her cell 563-2022.

Gooden Family on 3503 Briarcrest – daughters will babysit and dog sit. Call 858-0825

Sherrie Mohr is a certified car seat consultant. Call 271-9370 for free service.

Reuse & Recycle - Eileen Berglund is accepting donated fabric to make woven rugs. Blue jeans, cotton/flannel sheets, nylon hosiery, and more.

Neighborhood parents – please keep your young children from going to strangers homes especially without the permission of the homeowners. The concern is danger to the children from pets, home pools and accidents.

Ladies Brunches – have become a popular gathering for good conversation and making new friends. Call the hostess for the month indicating what you will bring to share.



May 2009 neighborhood brunch group at Bev Spalles home with co-host Joyce Faaren

New to the Neighborhood

Eileen Berglund delivers a loaf of bread donated by Great Harvest to all new neighbors. Please thank Great Harvest by giving them some of your business.

Matt & Cindy Wendt – 3509 Briarcrest Drive - 726-0474
 Brooklyn 7, Madison 7, Sawyer 4
 Came to neighborhood so children could go to Robbins School

Roman & Heather Chestelson – 3404 East Meadows Place
 Roman - 608-485-0442; Heather - 608-485-0733

Josh & Audrey Borcharding – 3430 East Meadows Place - 497-4929

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Check out our OCNA web site www.otter-creek.org

- Current neighborhood news
- Photo slideshows on PhotoBucket – brunches, picnic & thrift sale
- Restrictive covenants – under Governances
- Past Newsletter issues
- Google maps of homes/lots for sale and more
- Useful Internet links and active links to Chippewa Valley web sites

Block Captains

Call or email your block captain with any updates– new babies, moves:

South Briarcrest Drive	Lalaine Gunem	831-0034
North Briarcrest Drive	Catherine Keys	831-9079
East Hamilton Ave	Jim Dickerson	834-1789
North East Meadows Pl	Linda Nortman	830-9921
South East Meadows Pl	Open	
North Ridgeway Drive	Mandi Yeast	514-0349
South Ridgeway Drive	Cheryl Meyers	832-4644
Prill Road Sub-Division	Carol Blades	855-9031

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- Emailing photos
- Backing up

Computer Class

October 17th 10am
 -Notebook vs desktop
 -Hardware stuff
 -Windows Basics
 -Windows Explorer
 -Word Processing
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 -Backing up

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