

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer is finally here – after a long harsh winter. Our wonderful neighborhood looks beautiful with all the rain and the care that the OCNA neighbors invest in their homes, yards, flower beds, trees and shrubs. And the multitude of song birds provides such wonderful audio and visual beauty.

The **Glenbrooke Stormwater Basin Beautification effort** started with the Amazing Eau Claire Cleanup weekend. Then thanks to Todd Chwala, the City of Eau Claire Parks and Forestry Dept. delivered 18 shrubs that our team planted on the north side of the basin. Wild flowers and donated flowers were planted in the bed on the edge of our storm basin. Thanks to Carol Blade, Virginia Richardson, Art Faaren, Monte & Vi Pederson, Eileen Berglund and Ralph Ring for help in pickup of trash, planting, watering, weed whacking and hoeing. Anyone is welcome in donating/planting additional perennials and added watering/hoeing.

We would like to **add a bench or two** at the north edge of the flower garden. If you are interested in donating an appropriate bench or help in finding one, call me. Likely the benches will also include the Otter-Creek Neighborhood name on it and be anchored in concrete with a brick walkway from the sidewalk to the benches. We will likely also be adding mulch around the shrubs and some kind of edging around the flower bed. Call or email if you want to help.

Please remember to **lock your car** if outside on the driveway. At least two OCNA neighbors have experienced thefts from their cars in June.

Ridgeway neighbors Dave/Linda Glenna's church has a **clothing giveaway called The King's Closet**. Consider calling them at 715-828-7664 if donating slightly used clothing; they will pickup and give you a tax deduction slip. Their church is Redeeming Grace at 312 Barstow.

Springbrook & Ridgeway Mini-park Beautification – The improvement of the triangle lot on the corner of Springbrook and Ridgeway plans to include at least a few flower beds and a bench is on hold. Shared ownership and liability issues for the 12 current Ridgeway homeowners across the street is the issue.

Before or at our fall picnic we plan to hold a short business meeting including **election of new officers**. Please email or call me if you are interested in serving as one of the OCNA officers – President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. The pay isn't much (zero in fact) but giving back to our wonderful neighborhood feels so good.

An **updated Business Directory** will be posted on our website; this lists each neighbor who owns a business. It is good to support our neighbors' businesses. If you aren't able to get to the website, call me for a copy.

Remember to drive safely in the neighborhood this summer!!

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

Neighborhood Thrift Sale Report

May 13 – 14, 2011

In spite of unfavorable weather that weekend, our annual thrift sale was a big success. With 33+ homes participating, there were huge sales on Thursday evening and all day Friday; even Saturday AM traffic was brisk.

Food tent sales were down from previous years because of the weather but we did net \$150+. The donated goodies were very popular thanks to the neighbors who made the delicious cookies/bars. Left over soda and chips will be saved for the OCNA picnic in September.

We owe big thanks to Frank McElroy for the use of his garage and to Eileen Berglund for her volunteer leadership. Also thanks to her team of helpers including Catherine Keys, Connie Pelzek, Shari McMahon, Karol Machmeier, Darlene Swanson, Audrey Brunzlick, and Linda Nortman. Also thanks to Monte Pederson, Ralph Ring and Art Faaren for help setting up and taking down the tent, and to Linda Nortman for storing the tent and signage.

SPINACH NOODLE CASSEROLE

1 1/2 lb ground beef, browned
Add to above salt/pepper & 2-8 oz cans tomato sauce.

Beat until smooth the 3 following items:
1 c cottage cheese 1-8 oz cream cheese
1/2 c sour cream—add to taste oregano, basil, garlic salt
& trace of parmesan cheese.

To the cheese mixture, mix in:
1/2 c chopped green pepper 1 c chopped onion

Cook 1-8 oz pkg spinach noodles.

In buttered 9x13 inch pan spread 1/2 noodles, cover with above cheese mixture and then rest of noodles. Top with meat sauce and cover with Parmesan cheese. Bake 30 minutes uncovered at 350 degrees.

Joyce Faaren

Check our web site for an updated Business Directory www.otter-creek.org

Email Addresses – Please email your email address, to dberg581@aol.com; this will reduce the cost of OCNA communications and you won't miss out on neighborhood news and updates.

Many neighbors are removing landline phones and using cell phones exclusively. Please call or email Duane B if you have a new phone number.

OCNA Fall Potluck Picnic

The annual OCNA neighborhood picnic is scheduled for September 17th 4-7pm at The Gateway Church park shelter. This is a wonderful location that many of us enjoyed last fall. The church pastors and staff have been supportive of our neighborhood activities and they will be invited to join us.

Each neighbor household is encouraged to bring a salad or hotdish to share. The association will furnish soda/water and dessert. We are thinking about making this a corn roast if we can find a source for sweet corn in mid-September.

The picnic will involve signing in and voting for new officers. The nominations list will be shared with you in early September.

Come - meet your neighbors and enjoy good food.

OCNA HOMES/LOTS FOR SALE

Updated June 30, 2011

We have two homes, one Condo and two lots for sale in our neighborhood:

Home for Sale-3411 East Meadows Place – \$156,900 - single family, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, single story, 1,252 sqft, 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. MLS# 840109. Call Susan Sutor - Caldwell Banker-Brenizer at 715-829-4427.

Home for Sale-3669 Ridgeway Drive – \$279,000 - 3,195 sqft, single family, 4 bedrm, 3 bath, single story, living rm 15x18, dining rm 11x14, family rm 17x18, kitchen 12x13, fireplace(s), 3 car attached garage, forced air heat/central a/c, includes garage opener/window coverings, ext construction: vinyl, poured foundation, zoned residential, concrete patio, natural gas, city sewer, deck with built-in grill and granite counter tops, Hunter Douglas Duette shades, LeafGuard gutters, full landscaping. Eau Claire school district. Year built 2003. MLS #829088. Call 715-836-8080. DONNELLAN REAL ESTATE.

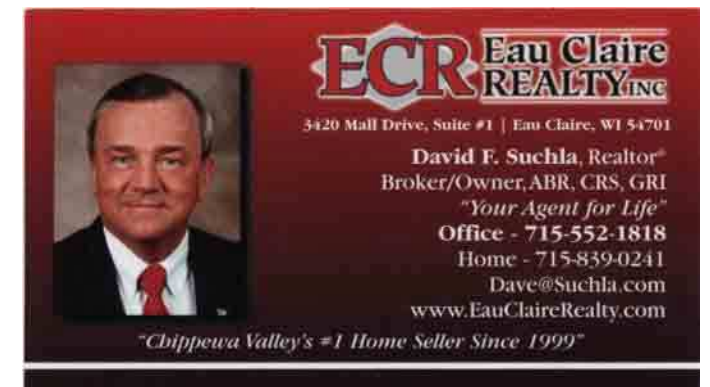
Prill Condo for Sale 5322 Prill Road – call Discount Realty Works at 715-379-6451 for details.

Lot for Sale-Price Change - 3541 Ridgeway Drive - \$65,000 - size:139x190, .62 acres. On-site: cable, electric, gas. City water/sewer. Taxes: \$1,070. Call Dave Suchla 552-1818.

Lot for Sale-Price Change - 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 are aware of any changes in neighborhood listings.

Check www.otter-creek.org for the latest updates



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We have a new advertiser in this issue – **Jon Dorn** has started a construction business. Check his ad and give him a call if you have a project – large or small.

Calendar

July -----2011

July 4th Mon – **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

July 5th Tue 11am – **Ladies Brunch** hosted by Joyce Faaren and Bev Spalles
Call Joyce at 715-832-1925.

August -----

Aug 17th 11:30am – **Ladies Brunch at Olive Garden** – call Eileen B
at 715-839-8599 if you plan to attend.

September -----

No Ladies Brunch in Sept because of the OCNA picnic

Sept 5th Mon – **LABOR DAY**

Sept 17th Sat 4-7 pm – **OCNA Picnic** at The Gateway Church lot

October -----

Oct 11th Tue – **Ladies Brunch** hosted by Connie Pelzek – 715-832-8760

Oct 31st Mon - **HALLOWEEN**

November -----

Nov 6th Sun – **Daylight Savings Ends**

Nov 24th Thu - **THANKSGIVING**

December -----

Dec 24th Sat – **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Dec 25th Sun – **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Dec 31st Sat – **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Baby On Board

Back in February Roman and Heather Chestelson expanded our East Meadows Pl neighborhood population by one - a beautiful baby girl. Ali Lynn - born at 7lb 4oz, 21".

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Babysitting Service - Melanie Meyers is 15 years old and an American Red Cross certified babysitter. She loves playing with children and wouldn't mind cooking for them as well. She helps out in her church nursery & toddler room and has recently babysat for a little boy from the time he was 4 months to 18 months (1-3 times a week). Reference: Chelasea Becker (715)-790-3444; please contact Melanie Meyers at (715)-563-2022

Tina at **Eau Claire Ford** is a **certified car seat consultant**. Call 715-852-1000 for this free service. This award-winning dealership is owned and operated by Ridgeway neighbors Rick/Sherrie Mohr.

New OCNA Neighbors

Mark & Heidi Reeves, Caleb (10), Nikc (13) on 3521 Briarcrest moved here to be closer to work; Heidi is a teacher at Robbins School.

Darren & Kei Maier, Shane 9, Samantha 5 on 3508 Briarcrest; Darren is the new Chief Meteorologist at Ch 13.

We also have new neighbors at 3404 Ridgeway Dr, 3515 Briarcrest and 3534 Briarcrest Drive. Welcome to all of our new neighbors.

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Garnet Shong, Treasurer	715-514-4402	garnet05@charter.net
Amy Polzin, Secretary	715-514-1335	Amyypb7777@hotmail.com

The OCNA bank balance at the end of June is **\$2,263.28** as reported by Treasurer Garnet Shong. Our bank account is at United Bank which is a newsletter advertiser.

Block Captains

They deliver your newsletter. Call or email your block captain with any updates:

S. Briarcrest Dr Lalaine Gunem 715-831-0034	N. Briarcrest Dr Catherine Keys 715-831-9079	E. Hamilton Ave Jim Dickerson 715-834-1789
East Meadows Pl Linda Nortman 715-830-9921	S. East Meadows Connie Pelzek 715-832-8760	Prill Rd SubDiv Carol Blades 715-855-9031
N. Ridgeway Dr Open 715-869-8319	S. Ridgeway Dr Cheryl Meyers 715-832-4644	

Emily Grabarczyk
Owner/Cosmetologist

Mon. - Fri. · 8am - 6pm & Sat. by appointment
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Our own web site otter-creek.org content is hosted on GoDaddy.com and updated by Duane B with periodic email broadcasts intended to communicate with all neighbors.

www.otter-creek.org includes:

- Restrictive Covenants for four OCNA neighborhoods – see list below.
- Updated Google map of homes and lots for sale with pertinent information
- OCNA Calendar for the month
- Brunch photo slide show and more
- Helpful links to local
- Copies of past newsletters
- Business Directory

REMINDER

Please be considerate of your neighbors' needs when parking RVs, boats, trailers or trucks on the street. Parking of such vehicles for longer than a few days on the street and on your property is prohibited in the Restrictive Covenants.

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Neighborhood Restrictive Covenants (on our website)

- 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