

## President's Note

This newsletter for all Otter-Creek home-owners introduces many new families to our neighborhood, has a calendar of activities for October thru February and discloses the homes and lots for sale in our neighborhood. The newsletter also attempts to introduce our neighborhood to these new families.

The **Fall OCNA Picnic & Ice Cream Social** was hosted at a different location this year – thanks to Dave Suchla granting permission to use his small lot on the corner of Ridgeway & Springbrooke. This was a very enjoyable potluck picnic enjoyed by 40+ neighbors in great September weather. It was topped off by Culver's custard (Carmel Pecan & Chocolate Chip Cheesecake) and vanilla ice cream with a delicious decorated cake from the new Gordy's store.

The following **officers** have agreed to serve for the year of 2010:

- President - Duane Berglund 839-8599 [dberg581@aol.com](mailto:dberg581@aol.com)
- Vice President – Open Call if interested in serving
- Treasurer – Garnet Shong 514-4402 [garnet05@charter.net](mailto:garnet05@charter.net)
- Secretary – Amy Polzin 405-210-6967 [Amypb7777@hotmail.com](mailto:Amypb7777@hotmail.com)

Since we didn't have an election at the Fall picnic, please email me if you have any reservations about this roster of officers. We own a big thanks to Dan Degeneffe, Cheryl Meyers, and Karol Machmeier for serving as the OCNA officers over the last two years.

Eight **homes** in our neighborhood have been sold in the last 5-6 months; now five homes, 1 duplex and two lots are for sale along with a new home being built on Ridgeway. Details are included in this newsletter and updated frequently on the Google map on [www.otter-creek.org](http://www.otter-creek.org).

Even though not much progress has been made on some of the **neighborhood improvements** under consideration, here is a status report of several projects:

- Improve the appearance and function of the retention pond at Gateway & Glenbrooke. The city engineers will be asked to help us make it park-like with flower beds, benches and a welcome sign to our neighborhood.
- Add play equipment for children, flower beds and benches for walkers at several neighborhood locations. The site of the picnic is a likely 1<sup>st</sup> step.
- A new community park has been defined for the area south of Prill along the Otter Creek. For details call Garnet Shong 514-4402 who represented OCNA on that working committee.
- We have been asked to provide feedback on a city wide bike/hiking plan; our emphasis will be on:
  - Improved safe access to major malls along with better non-motorized traffic controls on Gateway/Golf, Gateway/Hamilton and Golf/I-53.
  - Define safe hiking/biking pathways from our neighborhood to the area river trail and to the future community park south of Prill.



Duane Berglund – President/Editor

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## New to the Neighborhood

**Roman & Heather Chestelson** – 3404 East Meadows Place - 514-4090

Came to Eau Claire for Heather's work as Doctor of Podiatric Medicine specializing in foot and ankle surgery at Luther Midelfort. Roman is a licensed Master Plumber in Wisconsin and is attending UW-Eau Claire fulltime starting this fall working towards a bachelor's degree in finance and economics. They enjoy outdoor sports - skiing, hiking & tennis and are very happy in their new home and the neighborhood.

**Ralph and Carol Ring** – 3421 East Meadows Place - 514-1647

Jim 38, Holly 35, Sara 31 and Carrie 29. They moved from Rice Lake to be closer to relatives in Eau Claire and Carrie in a local group home.

**Josh & Audrey Borchering** – 3430 East Meadows Place – 497-4929

Already living in Eau Claire at a rental property they owned they were fixing up, they decided to rent that property and move back into a regular house. This brought them to our “convenient, quiet and very nice” neighborhood. They both love spending time with family and friends. Their dog named Moby adopted from the Humane Society takes a lot of their energy. Audrey is a District Coordinator for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Josh manages their rental property and their Boomerang Property Management business.

**Aaren & Becca Rouse** – 3337 Briarcrest Drive – 212-4635

They loved moving into their 1<sup>st</sup> new home and like the beautiful neighborhood. Their new pug puppy was the big hit at the OCNA picnic.

**Chris & Amy Polzin** – 3429 Briarcrest Drive – 405-410-2545 (Chris's cell), 405-210-6967 (Amy's cell). Family includes Nic (20), Jonathon (19) who is a sophomore at the Univ of Oklahoma, Michael (18) a freshman at Chippewa Valley Technical College, and Erika (15) a freshman at Memorial High School.

They came to our neighborhood because of location – Eau Claire is located between Chris's parents in Minneapolis and Amy's in Hancock, WI. Both are recently retired from the Air Force – Chris served 27 years; Amy 22 years. Chris enjoys fishing, home improvements, wood working, and cars. Amy tries to stay in shape by walking, biking, and working out at their home. You'll also catch her gathering up tons of leaves for her composting project.

**John and Sarah Crosbie** – 3535 Briarcrest Drive 507-213-6268

Originally both are from Owatonna, MN (near Cabela's) but have been renting in Eau Claire for four years. John started working at Ken Vance Car City over four years ago. Sarah moved to Eau Claire last year after their marriage. After looking at many houses on the market, they loved this house, neighborhood, & location and moved in August 21. John is a Volkswagen technician at Ken Vance Car City; he loves cars and anything with a motor. Sarah is a registered nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital and loves to read, shop and go for walks.

**Allen and Bonnie (Howard) Schweich** – 5572 Prill Road – 514-2521

They moved Sept 1<sup>st</sup> from Reedsburg WI & Rice Lake area (Red Cedar Lake) into what was The Atrium B&B. Mostly retired and with families in both areas they had been looking for something "in between" and esp in Eau Claire for several years. They are very happy to have found this lovely home and location (and seemingly, great neighborhood!). Allen still owns his own business in Reedsburg; a zinc plating job shop and has for many years; his children are taking over the general daily operation; Bonnie's background is in sales and marketing and has an internet business she does part-time. They have 7 children, 23 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild, so love having lots of room for them all.

**New Neighbor** – 3606 Briarcrest Drive

**New Neighbor** – 3516 Ridgeway Drive

## Neighborhood Lots and homes for Sale

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

### Home for Sale - 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; 2008 taxes: \$2,901, lawn care & snow removal \$65/mo. Call Carol Ceraso (715) 723-9205.

### Duplex for Sale – 3505/07 East Meadows Place

**\$214,900**, multi-family, two units @ 55'x60', 3 bdrm, 2 bath, finished basement, gas fireplace, natural gas/forced air, wood deck, ceiling fans, dishwasher, washer/dryer, microwave, garage opener, oven/range, refrigerator, window coverings, electric water heater, lot size 100x150, built 2000. MLS #808121. Call REMAX 726-3980.

### Home for Sale - 5318 Glenbrooke Drive

**\$162,000** - 1,96 sqft, single family bi-level, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, well-kept house on corner lot, built in 2000, brand new carpet on main level, finished basement 2003, (includes - dishwasher, garbage disposal, microwave, oven/range, window coverings), 2 car attached garage, 2008 taxes \$3,1130, raised wooden deck, lot size 82'x132'. Close to Robbins School, Oakwood Mall, Super Target, Kohl's. MLS #819939. Call Krag Blomberg – ReMax 831-1488.

### Home for Sale – 3344 Briarcrest Drive

**\$187,900** – 1,178 sqft, bi-level, exception nally clean, cathedral ceilings, oak cabinets & trim, master bedroom w/ built in vanity & walk-in closet, lower level has large family room, access from garage to mud & laundry room, insulated garage with storage w/ steps above, in-ground Rainmaster sprinkler system, Taxes \$3,104. MLS #820870. Sale by owner – call Sam Sabbaugh 715-852-0470 or email [samsabbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:samsabbaugh@gmail.com)

### Home for Sale - 3415 Briarcrest Drive

**\$184,900** - 2,300 sqft, single family, bi-level 4 bedrms, 2 bath, built 1999, open concept kitchen, dining area & living room w/ vaulted ceiling, master bedrm w/ walk-in closet, finished lower level w/ 2 bedrms, office, bath, family room w/ fireplace, & laundry room w/ gas/electric dryer hookups, fenced backyard, beautifully landscaped yard. 2008 Taxes: \$3,335. MLS # 820496. Call Kleven Realestate - 715-834-1501.

### Home for Sale – 3515 Briarcrest Drive

**\$171,900** – 1,924 sqft, single family bi-level, 3 bedrms, 2 bath, attached garage, built 2000, 2008 taxes \$3,104, dishwasher, oven/range, refrigerator, window coverings, full lookout basement, lot size 132x66, wood deck, concrete patio, natural gas water heater & forced air heating, central A/C, asphalt driveway. MLS #82118. Call James Kallstrom at ECR Real Estate 505-6369

### Home UNDER CONSTRUCTION – 3524 Ridgeway Dr

**Lot only \$44,900** - lot size 150 x 60, acres 0.21, city sewer-in street, cable-at street, natural gas-at street, city-water, 2008 taxes \$617. MLS# 811904. Swanson Homes

### Lot for Sale - 3541 Ridgeway Drive

**\$68,000** - size:139x190, .62 acres. On-site: cable, electric, gas. City water/sewer. Taxes: \$1,070. Call Dave Suchla 552-1818.

### Lot for Sale - 3619 Ridgeway Drive

**\$55,000** - size: 84x212+70x227, .43 acres. On-site: cable, electric, gas. City water/sewer. Taxes: \$1,110. Call Dave Suchla 552-1818.

### Homes Recently Sold:

3404 East Meadows Place - Schemensky	3421 East Meadows Place - Morrow
3430 East Meadows Place - Blodgett	3337 Briarcrest Drive – Smith-Nguyen
3535 Briarcrest Drive - Nagel	3606 Briarcrest Drive – OCNA Neighbor
3516 Ridgeway Drive – Swanson Homes	5572 Prill Road – Stoltz – Atrium B&B

We say goodbye to these folks and will welcome more new neighbors soon.

# Calendar

## November 2009

11<sup>th</sup> Wed 11am-1pm – **Ladies Brunch** at 3345 East Meadows Place  
Call hostess Eileen Berglund at 839-8599  
26<sup>th</sup> Thu – **THANKSGIVING**

## December

16<sup>th</sup> Wed 11am-1pm – **Ladies Brunch** at 3335 East Meadows Place  
Call hostess Audrey Brunzlick 832-2035  
20<sup>th</sup> Sun – **Christmas Caroling** - Bring Santa hats & sleigh bells.  
5pm at Grace Willowbrook – 4868 Otterson Lane AND  
5:30pm at The Meadows @ Otter Creek – 4880 Otterson Lane  
25<sup>th</sup> Fri – **CHRISTMAS DAY**

## January 2010

1<sup>st</sup> Fri – **NEW YEARS DAY**  
19<sup>th</sup> Tue 11am-1pm – **Ladies Brunch** at 3429 Briarcrest Drive. Call hostess  
Amy Polzin at 405-210-6967 or email [amypb7777@hotmail.com](mailto:amypb7777@hotmail.com)

## February

11<sup>th</sup> Thu 11am-1pm – **Ladies Brunch** at 3611 Ridgeway Drive.  
Call hostess Cheryl Meyers at 832-4644  
14<sup>th</sup> Sun **VALENTINE'S DAY**

**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 age 13 at 3611 Ridgeway Drive has completed the American Red Cross training course, helps 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.

**Ladies Brunches** – have been a well-attended and happy event each month. Call the hostess for the month indicating what you will bring to share. Join the fun and meet your neighbors.



September 2009 neighborhood brunch group at Darlene Swanson's home

## OCNA Executive Notes

**Financial Report** - Treasurer Dan Degeneffe reports the OCNA bank balance is **\$1,391.31** as of October 30<sup>th</sup>; this includes paid picnic expenses AND income from OCNA tent rentals. Our operating funds are in nearby United Bank branch and newsletter advertiser.

**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](http://www.otter-creek.org) now available in slide shows on PhotoBucket.com.

**Email Addresses** - If we don't have your email address, please consider emailing [dberg581@aol.com](mailto:dberg581@aol.com); this will help reduce the cost of OCNA communications.

**Neighborhood Business Directory** - A listing of all businesses owned by our OCNA neighbors has been created. 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.

**District 2**  
City Council Rep  
David Klinkhammer  
833-8954

**District 20**  
County Supervisor  
Ardyth Krause  
713-0038

Check out our OCNA web site [www.otter-creek.org](http://www.otter-creek.org)

- Google maps of homes/lots for sale and more
- Useful Internet links have been updated
- Photo slideshows on PhotoBucket – brunches, picnic & thrift sale
- Restrictive covenants – find under Governances
- Past Newsletter issues for viewing
- Links to Chippewa Valley government and retail web sites

## Newsletter Advertising

Please support our advertisers for supporting our association.

Cost for a business card ad is \$75/year or \$35/issue.

To place an ad, call Duane at 539-8599 or [dberg581@aol.com](mailto:dberg581@aol.com).

Also call to refer a business which may want to advertise in this newsletter

## Your Block Captains

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

▪ S. Briarcrest Dr  
**Lalaine Gunem**  
831-0034

▪ N. Briarcrest Dr  
**Catherine Keys**  
831-9079

▪ E. Hamilton Ave  
**Jim Dickerson**  
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▪ East Meadows Pl  
**Linda Nortman**  
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▪ S. East Meadows  
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▪ N. Ridgeway Dr  
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Thanks to Great Harvest for loafs of fresh bread delivered to new homeowners by Eileen Berglund.