



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Duane Berglund

What great fall weather! AND I am back into retirement after 10 months of full-time local Census office work, jury duty and testing voting equipment. Eileen and I also enjoyed a great touring trip to Denmark, Norway and Sweden in September.

Last week I had a very productive meeting with the city engineer John Genskow. The **Glenbrook stormwater facility** (retention pond) project will likely be a cleanup & beautification project of the April 25th Amazing Eau Claire Cleanup. Finally we will have a beautiful intro to our neighborhood by next summer.

John will coordinate the following with our neighborhood volunteer help:

- Cut and cleanup the trees around and on the bottom of the basin
- Build a small park berm on the inset with OCNA signage, flower bed and bench
- Plant trees and shrubs working with the city Forestry staff
- Provide flowers, mulch and shrubs for us to create a small park.

We also talked about future efforts for safe access from our neighborhood to current bike paths and the planned community park south of Prill.

Chris Polzin is heading up a small working group to beautify the triangle lot on the corner of Ridgeway and Springbrook. Call if you want to help with flowers and a bench for next spring.

The OCNA potluck picnic September 11th was a wonderful event at The Gateway Church sheltered picnic area. We had great food and Pastor Billy was actively involved and helped make it a very social event for the 45 neighbors in attendance.

Please check out the updated homes/condos/lots for sale in this issue for reduced prices and check the latest listing updates on our web site Google map.

Remember to vote Tuesday Nov 2nd; the voting machines are fully tested and ready. This is a very important election regardless of your party affiliation.

- ✓ **Winter parking rules** and city snow removal odd/even expectations start November 1st.
- ✓ **Dog Owners:** Please keep dogs/cats on leash or in your own yard (Ord 6.08) Offended neighbors: call and discuss with the owners; finally if not resolved call city animal control 715-839-4972.



October Ladies Brunch at Connie Pelzek's home

Check out more brunch photos on our web site as a slideshow.

They do have fun!!!

GriefShare by Amy Polzin (OCNA Secretary)

Nearly six years ago, on February 20th 2005, my life shattered. I was on active duty in the Air Force and stationed a half a world away at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. It was the 9th month of a grueling 1-year remote tour (meaning my family had to wait for me in the States), and my career aspirations were coming true. I completed all the requirements for my next promotion, and the stage was set. Chief Master Sergeant (the top enlisted rank) was almost a sure thing. However, everything changed on that fateful day in February when I received the devastating news that my 49-year-old husband, Dave, had committed suicide. This horrific shock struck to my very core; I thought his death would surely be the end of me too. I carried a heavy burden of guilt and anguish on my shoulders for several years. My declining state of mind caused this fast-tracked enlisted leader to fade and doubt my abilities. Before Dave died, I planned on a 30-year career in the military. However, it was cut short because I felt I could no longer lead as I used to. Retirement loomed in 2008 after completing 22 years of service, but I survived and flourished in other ways. How did I get through the most excruciating time in my life? The answer: a combination of good friends, family, a deepening faith and **GriefShare**.

GriefShare is a Bible based grief support group that meets weekly in thousands of locations around the world. The group's focus is supporting those grieving a death of someone they loved. This 13-week video series features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics with a biblical perspective. It helped me put the pieces of my new life together with hope and fresh insights. It was by no means a quick fix or a 12-step program to happiness, but a way of living and becoming a stronger person. It had such a positive impact on my life that I became a GriefShare facilitator in 2007. After moving to Eau Claire in 2009, I felt compelled to share this inspiring program with the people of Chippewa Valley.

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that many people don't understand the deep hurt and confusion you feel. Whether the wounds of grief are fresh or have festered for years, don't isolate yourself. Come to GriefShare to learn how to deal with these challenges and find community, understanding, support and encouragement on the journey from mourning to joy. Our next series begins on **Monday, Oct 25th, 6-8p.m. at Jacob's Well** (see directions below), but a person can join the group at anytime, and go through it as often as he/she wishes.

Can't do 13 weekly meetings, but would still like some help to get through the holidays? On **Monday, Nov 15th** (same place, same time) we are showing a special **"Surviving the Holidays"** GriefShare edition. This one video provides insights and ideas on how to prepare for the emotionally charged holiday roller-coaster ride. In addition, the "Surviving the Holidays" booklet captures these thoughts and stories in a beautiful, easy-to-read 30-day devotional. You will leave with tools in hand to successfully face the holiday season.

Please call me if you have questions at **405-210-6967**, or e-mail amy.polzin@jacobswellexec.org. Feel free to check the official website at www.griefshare.org for more information or locations across the country. In addition, there is a small fee for materials (\$12 for the 13-week GriefShare Workbook, and \$5 for the "Surviving the Holidays" booklet). Childcare may be available, but must be coordinated in advance. RSVPs are desired for planning purposes, but not required. Just come and feel the healing for yourself.

Directions to Jacob's Well located at 3211 N. 50th Ave, Chippewa Falls, WI (Do not use Map Quest. You will not end up in the right place.)

Take Hwy 53 Bypass to the Melby Street exit; turn east onto Melby Street; Right at stop sign (122nd Street). We're the 2nd driveway on the left-hand side.



OCNA Homes/Lots for Sale

Updated October 25, 2010

Home for Sale – 3414 Briarcrest Dr – Reduced Price \$179,900 - single family 1 story, 2,202 sqft, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, fireplaces in both living and family rooms, four season room with crawl space storage under, laundry in lower but also setup for stackable washer/dryer upstairs, laundry tub. 2 car attached garage with concrete drive. Lot size - 62x132. Built in 2002. 2009 taxes = \$3,643. Includes washer/dryer. MLS#: 831003. Eau Claire Realty - Dave Suchla, (715) 552-1818

Home for Sale – 3508 Briarcrest Dr - Reduced Price – \$169,900 - single family 1 story, 2,302 sqft, 4 bedrms, 3 bath, concrete driveway, 2 car attached garage, wood deck w/ pergola, forced air/central cooling/natural gas, brick/vinyl exterior, poured foundation. 2009 taxes: \$3,775, lot size: 72x132, city sewer/water. Year built: 2000. MLS#: 829880. Call Kleven Rusch 834-1524. Kleven Realty.

Home for Sale – 3534 Briarcrest Drive – Reduced Price \$164,900-single family bi-level; 4 bedroom; 2 bathroom; 1,960 sqft; built in 1999; bright open kitchen; dining room with patio doors leading to 12x12 deck; oak trim and cabinets; gas fireplace in FR; 8,184 sq ft / 0.19 acres - nicely landscaped with perennials, bushes and trees; backyard features nice garden area; insulated garage with peg board, storage shelves and a foldable work bench; handy 11x11 enclosed storage area under deck; deck stained 07, new paint on lower level 08, master bathroom updated with fixtures. MLS#: 829583. Call 715-379-1978 – Haslwander Realty.

Home for Sale – 3630 Briarcrest Drive - \$209,900 - single family bi-level. 1,260 sqft above ground, 1,196 sqft below ground. 4 bedrooms; 3 bath; 2 car attached garage. Vaulted ceiling; fireplace LL family room. Central forced natural gas HVAC. Electric water heater. Fenced in yard; in ground sprinkler installed 2008. Private deck in back. Built 2001; located in cul de sac. Separate heaters in garage and bedrooms w/ separate ctls. 2009 taxes \$3,885. MLS # 832771. Call Zutter of J. Theisen 715-828-1752.

Home for Sale – 3404 Ridgeway Drive – Reduced Price \$174,850 - 2100 sq.ft. single family, 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, fireplace, forced central air/gas, under 1/2 acre, attached 25x24 heated garage, detached 12x20 garage with cement floor and electrical. Fenced in double lot, deck, patio, firepit and mature trees. Includes Home Warranty. New vinyl siding in 2010, new gas furnace 2009, flooring 2009, new paint throughout 2009, re-done kitchen cabinets, counter tops, and fixtures 2009. MLS # 824542. Caldwell Banker - Wanda Johnson (715)835-4344.

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, dryer, microwave, garage opener, oven/range, refrig, washer, window coverings, electric water heater, lot size 100'x150', built 2000. MLS #808121. Prudential Benrud Realty 833-1900.

Condo For Sale – 5316C Prill Road – Reduced Price \$119,900 - Single Family (Condo), Bi-Level, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 car attached garage, 1,632 sqft very open concept with fireplaces upstairs and downstairs, wood deck, natural gas heating and central A/C, and vinyl siding. Includes: dishwasher, oven/range, refrigerator. Excludes: dryer, washer. Built in 1999. 2008 taxes = \$2,403. MLS# 818474. Call David Suchla, Eau Claire Realty, Inc. - 715-552-1818.

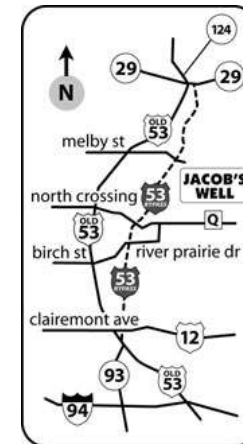
Condo For Sale – 5316D Prill Road - \$114,700 - Single Family (Condo), bi-Level, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, 1,632 sqft, private backyard and quiet neighborhood, vaulted ceilings with an open floor concept, two gas fireplaces, lots of closet space, natural gas heating and central A/C, wood deck. Looks new, key ready. Includes: dishwasher, dryer, garage opener, microwave, oven/range, refrigerator-new 3/8, washer, window coverings. Built 2000. 2008 taxes = \$2,480. MLS# 820391. Call Kathleen Walton at Coldwell Bankers Brenizer/Chippewa 715-829-3277.

Condo For Sale – 5322A Prill Road - Call Wendt Real Estate 715-379-6451.

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

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



Calendar

November -----2010

- Nov 1st Mon – **Winter Odd/Even Parking Rules** start
 Nov 2nd Tue – **Fall Elections** – Remember to VOTE !!
 Nov 7th Sun 2am – **Daylight Savings ENDS**
 Nov 9th Tue 11am – **Ladies Scandinavian Brunch** at Vi Pederson's home at 3433 Briarcrest Drive; Call Vi at 715-832-0418
 Nov 11th Thu – **Veterans Day**
 Nov 25th Thu – **THANKSGIVING**

December -----2010

- Dec 7th Tue 11:15am – **Ladies Brunch** – meet at Grizzly's; call Bev Spallees 715-832-0482 or Eileen Berglund 715-839-8599
 Dec 19th Sun – **OCNA Christmas Caroling**
 4:30pm at Heatherwood at 4510 Gateway Drive
 5:40pm at The Meadows (Independent Living) at 4880 Otteson Lane
 Call or email Eileen B at 715-839-8599 or eileenb914@aol.com.
 Sheet music & cow bells furnished. You bring Santa hats.
 Dec 25th Sat – **CHRISTMAS Day**

January -----2011

- Jan 1st Sat – **NEW YEARS DAY**
 Jan 18th Tue 11am – **Ladies Brunch** at Amy Polzin's at 3429 Briarcrest Drive; call Amy at 405-210-6967 or email at amypb7777@hotmail.com
 Jan 17th Mon – **Martin Luther King Day**

February -----2011

- Feb 6th – **Superbowl Sunday** – Cowboys Stadium in Arlington TX
 Feb 8th Tue 11am – **Ladies Brunch** at Sherry Mohr's at 3663 Ridgeway Drive; call Sherry at 715-271-9370 or email at customer-care@eauclaireford.com
 Feb 14th Mon – **Valentine's Day**
 Feb 21st Mon – **Presidents Day**

Bok Choy Salad (recipe by Karol Machmeier)

1. Wash & dry – medium head of bok choy & cut stems & leaves into one inch pieces. Put in serving bowl & set aside.
2. Crush pkg of any flavor ramen noodles – remove seasoning packet for dressing. Set aside.
3. Heat 1 tbs canola oil in fry pan & add ¼ cup sesame or sunflower seeds and brown lightly. Stir & watch so it doesn't burn. Set aside. Also can use ground cashews.
4. Make dressing: ½ cup sugar; ¼ cup canola oil; ¼ cup vinegar; 1 tbs soy sauce; add seasoning packet from noodles. Mix well & boil one minute. No more or it gets too thick.

To serve: Add crushed noodles and seeds to Bok Choy and pour dressing over.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Babysitting Service - Melanie Meyers is 14 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

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



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The OCNA bank balance for the end of October is **\$1,713** as reported by Treasurer Garnet Shong. Our operating funds are in the nearby United Bank branch and a newsletter advertiser.

New OCNA Neighbors

Robert/Sally Heintz – 3430 East Meadows Place – 715-839-9120
 Kayleigh (22), Cole (19) sallyh345@aol.com
 Bob & Sally lived on Briarcrest from 2000 to 2005; moved back because they liked the neighborhood

District 2 - City Council Rep
 David Klinkhammer
 833-8954

District 20 - County Supervisor
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Emily Grabarczyk
 Owner/Cosmetologist

Mon. - Fri. • 8am - 6pm & Sat. by appointment
 3428 Ridgeway Drive • Eau Claire, WI 54701
 715-552-5816

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.

Computer Hints & Help – see updated list on otter-creek.org



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The long-awaited project of beautifying the **Glenbrook Stormwater Facility** located across from The Gateway Church will make this a great introduction to our neighborhood. John Glenskow, city engineer, is willing to do the following if our neighborhood folks will volunteer to help:

- Add this site to the “Amazing Eau Claire Clean-Up” project list on April 25th; www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/parks-administration/volunteers
- Provide flowers, mulch and shrubs
- Survey for toxic substances in the basin
- Plant trees and shrubs working with the city Forestry staff
- Cut the trees and cleanup around and on the bottom of the basin
- Build a berm on the north inset that will allow us to create a small park with OCNA signage, flower bed and bench

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Tent for Rent – the association has a 10x20 foot tent that neighbors can rent for \$25 per event use. New pole bases and anchors have been added. Thanks to Linda Nortman for storing the tent. Call Duane B to reserve.

2010-11 OCNA Officers

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Linda Nortman 830-9921	Connie Pelzek 832-8760	Carol Blades 855-9031
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Mandi Yeast 869-8319	Cheryl Meyers	