



Otter Creek

Neighborhood Association

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The Otter Creek
Neighborhood
Association
is a local non-profit
organization with
the following
boundaries:
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West of Otter
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A note from the President

As founder of the Otter Creek Neighborhood Association I would like to invite you to get involved. This neighborhood association is strictly voluntary. It is designed to create a forum for residents; to foster a sense of community in the area we live; to communicate more effectively the needs of our neighborhood to city officials; and to encourage residents to work together to keep our neighborhood an attractive and safe place to live. I hope you will come to meet your neighbors and to learn how, by working together, we can ensure that our neighborhood is a neighborhood that is clean, safe, friendly, and a place where all of us want to live. Please mark July 29, 2003 on your calendar and plan to attend our meeting. If you cannot attend, but have issues that need to be discussed please call me. The draft agenda is in this newsletter so you can see a few of the items we are working on and discussing. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please call me at 838-8869. I am glad to announce that we have completed the lions share of the planning for our 1st annual neighborhood party and election. The party will be held on September 20th. I hope everyone can make it to enjoy the day, and meet your neighbors. There will also be another new experience for the association on that day, it will be our first balloted election. This is your chance to volunteer for an office and to choose next years board members. I have truly enjoyed the past six months as president and if chosen, look forward to continuing to serve for another year. For more information, please read through election article in this newsletter.

Thank you for your time, enjoy this newsletter, and I hope to see you at the meeting, party, or simply around the neighborhood.



Cordially,

Gregg Breese

Otter Creek Mission Statement

The mission of Otter Creek Neighborhood Association is to protect and enhance the quality of life and build a sense of community pride by sponsoring actions which help our homes, environment and businesses. Otter Creek Neighborhood Association creates and manages solutions by leading a community-based process that advocates for the neighborhood and empowers members of the neighborhood association.

Our Purpose

To preserve a safe, clean, friendly neighborhood and to protect the Otter Creek environment.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!
All Our Meetings have an OPEN FORUMN



Meetings & Issues

The Public is welcome & encouraged to attend our Neighborhood meetings. They are held every third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Your input is important to make our Neighborhood a brighter place!

July OCNA Meeting

Our Board Meetings are generally open to the public. If you have items you would like to have heard please contact Gregg Breese to get it added.

Date · Tuesday, July 29 @ 7pm

Place · **Oakwood Park Pavillion**
off south of Golf Road across from
Marshall Fields (Oakwood Mall)

Q's · 838.8869 · greggbreese@charter.net



July Agenda

Minute review approval 6-22 & 7-9

Treasurers summary

Letter for Ridgeway screening review/approval and approach

Fiscal expenditures proposed

Party \$500

Minor purchases (less than 25 per)

Steering Committees mission statements

Welcome Wagon review, discussion & approval

Park steering committee mission statement/assignment

What Are We Up To?

Looking back at the last six months, you'll be surprised at how many items have been addressed. The OCNA has been constantly working at finding solutions to the daily issues being raised. The lightning rod that started it all has been resolved. Grandstay Hotel has received approval from the City, with concurrence from OCNA, to build on the roughly 5-acre site on the south side of the neighborhood. This was a challenging issue for all

involved. Through proactively and reactively working with the developer and City, we found a plan that protects the integrity of the residential neighborhood and allows for a hotel to be built. The hotel will be a three story 58-room hotel that will be situated about a football field from any single-family residence. Not only will distance protect the neighborhood, the developer has agreed to enter into a deed restriction, which in simple terms, will not allow removal of the trees between the hotel and residences. There will also be extensive plantings to improve the buffer between the hotel and newly formed condominiums, lighting is restricted, and a screening berm will be built. At the end of the day, this should not cause a significant impact to the neighborhood. Of course, time will tell. We have also been hard at work on identifying and resolving traffic issues. As with all residential areas, traffic currently is and probably will continue to be discussed. Everything from safety, traffic flow, signs, and a myriad of other issues are being examined and solutions being recommended. We have begun the process to request the city to actively pursue a city park within 1/2 mile of our neighborhood. While this particular issue is still in its' infancy, it is expected to really take off in the next six months. Of course while all this was going on, we drafted and approved our by-laws, mission statement, purpose statement, and with this newsletter have begun one of the key communication items. We have also planned the OCNA party and elections. Many other issues have come up and have been resolved. This really demonstrates how much we can accomplish when we work together.



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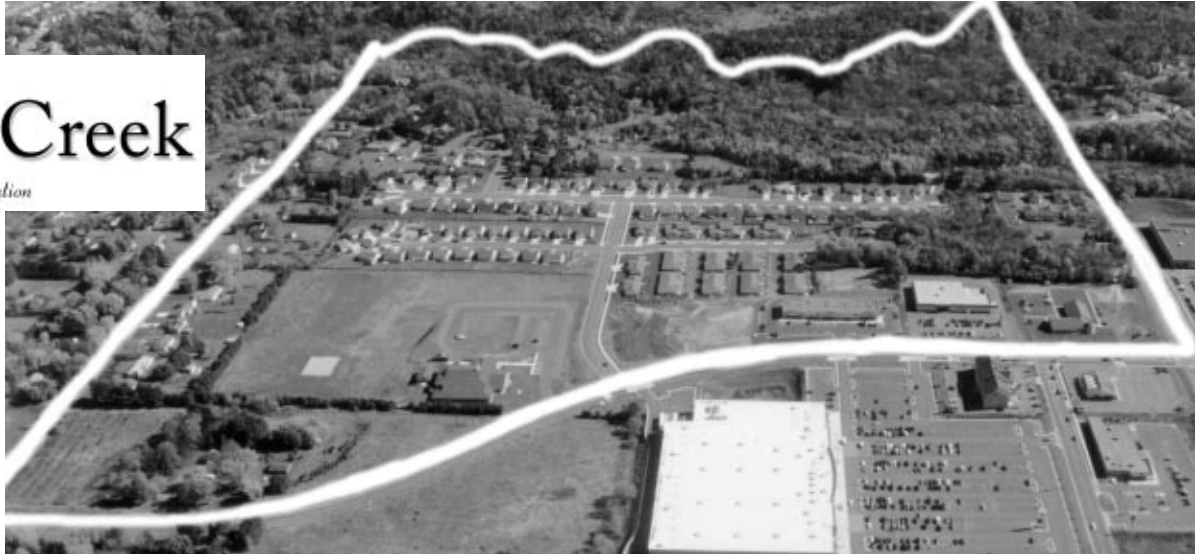


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Thanks!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of the neighbors who have given of their time and talents to help make the Neighborhood Association and its projects successful. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in contributing your time and talents to help make our neighborhood a better place, please contact any of the Association Board Members today!

Dallas Neville

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT # 2

I have extensive experience in county, state, and federal government. This has prepared me to be an effective leader. My record during public service stands as testimony to my ability and willingness to work for our community.

My service encompasses 22 years in law enforcement, including 14 years in the Clark county sheriff's office with six of these years as elected sheriff. Recently, I concluded an eight-year presidential appointment as United States Marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin. Currently, I am a stay at home parent and a residential property owner.

My wife Rebecca has taught English at Eau Claire Memorial High School for fifteen years and our two children attend Manz Elementary School. I am co-president of Manz PTA and am past co-vice president.

I believe that my experience on policy development, evaluation practices, leadership qualities, and other budgetary abilities will be a great asset for working on serious budget crises.

As I proceed with work on the city council, I feel that my primary objective is to continue to provide good city services at an affordable price. This is an important concept, in a time when city government is faced to decide on maintaining or cutting services, which will directly affect fees or property taxes.

I will remain open to e-mails dalsnev@charter.net and phone calls 715-836-0118 for ideas and information on issues related to our district as well as city side.

My best,
Dallas Neville

OCNA Offices & Descriptions

President · preside at all meetings

Vice President · same power as president in event of absent

Treasurer · takes care of all financial transactions

Secretary · records meetings & keep records

Block Captains · attend meetings to represent block opinions

The officers make up the steering committee. This steering committee may create additional committees to address individual issues. Some already formed include:

Traffic Issues- addressing safety & road issues

Welcome Wagon- welcoming new neighbors

Social Committee- planning party & elections

Block Captains- delivering newsletters & materials

Sub Committees

Traffic Issues
Gerry Gozner
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Welcome Wagon
Paula Gozner
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Newsletter/web site
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The Inside Stories

We are always looking for ways to enhance our Newsletter & our Neighborhood. Please send suggestions to breesedesign@charter.net

WELCOME OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS

The Otter Creek Neighborhood Association would like to introduce you to our newest neighbors.

· Jennifer Solin purchased and moved into 3515 Briarcrest Dr. Jennifer has a little boy Chandler who is 3 years old.

· Our next new family is Scott and Lalaine Gunem. They have a son named Andrew who is 6 years old. The Gunem's moved into 3546 Briarcrest.

· We also have a new family that just moved in at 3630 Briarcrest Drive. Their names are Luis and Carmen Nunez.

Please take a moment while you are walking, biking or just in the area to say HELLO and welcome our newest neighbors to our wonderful neighborhood. The Welcome Wagon will be by to all the new homes soon with a basket full of goodies.

Baby Corner

A little baby news flash. Julie, Dave, (brother) Parker and (sister) Gabriella Hagen who live at 3429 Briarcrest Dr. had a baby on Sunday May 18th. Julie had a healthy baby girl Shaelyn Marie. Shaelyn was 8 pounds and 7 oz and 20-inches long. The Hagen family would like to thank the welcome wagon ladies for their thoughtful gifts.

A new little girl has also arrived on the Briarcrest block. Jennifer, Randolph, (big sisters) Delaney and Cali Souza who live at 3415 Briarcrest Dr. had a baby on Monday, June 30th. Jennifer had a healthy baby girl Sydaney Kate. Sydaney was 7 pounds and 12 oz and 21 inch long. Everyone is doing well. The welcome wagon will be by with a few homemade meals to help out during this busy time.

If you have any welcome wagon news please contact Paula Gozner at 552-8363 or pgozner@yahoo.com

Neighborhood Classifieds

Beginning with our next issue, we will be featuring a section for free classified ads for our neighborhood. The classified ads are free to all residents within the Otter Creek Neighborhood boundaries, space permitting. If you have an item or service you are looking for or wish to promote please e-mail Peggy at peggy71554@yahoo.com or call (evenings) 839-9507. Deadline is September 15th.


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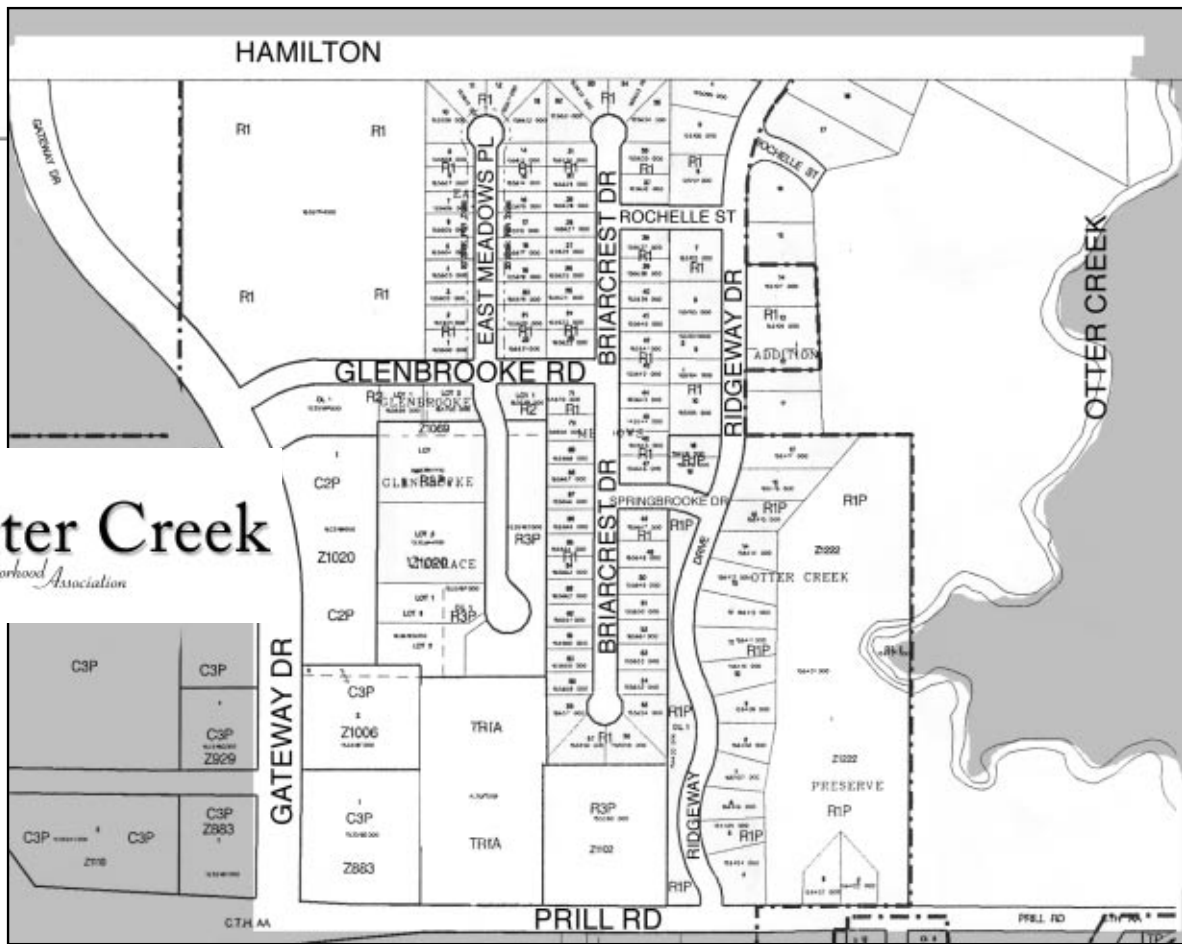
THRIFT OR GARAGE SALE SIGNS are not permitted to be placed on public boulevards or on trees, fire hydrants, sign posts or utility poles in the public right-of-way-and they should never block the view of oncoming traffic.

PET OWNERS are required to clean up after their pets and dispose of the waste in a sanitary manner. Pets must also be kept on a leash when not on their owner's property.

TREES AND BUSHES growing over the public sidewalk or which block the view of intersections must be kept trimmed by the property owner.

GARBAGE must be stored in watertight containers with tight-fitting covers. Containers may be placed at the curb-side no sooner than 24 hours removed and placed out of sight from the street the same day as collection. Any concerns about garbage collection should be directed to the Health Department at 839-4718.

WE HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD COVENANTS It is your responsibility as a property owner to know them and abide by them. For a copy of neighborhood restrictions/ covenants e-mail our president...Gregg Breese at greggbreese@charter.net



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...
OCNA GARAGE SALE
May 28 & 29, 2004

Project Clean Sweep

For the disposal of residential hazardous wastes. Collections from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays: July 12, September 13 and November 8, 2003. Bring materials to W'RR Environmental Services, 5200 Highway 93, 74 mile south of 1-94. There is a small charge for accepting some materials. For more information call Jon Tulman at Eau Claire County at 839-6190 or check the County Web site at www.co.eauclaire.wi.us/Recycle/Recycle.htm.

Digger's Hotline 1-800-242-8511

Anyone planning any deep digging or construction is required by state law to contact this number at least three days before the excavation begins. Underground utilities will be located and marked. There is no charge for this service. It is provided by the State to protect lives and property.



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Events & Information

Otter Creek Neighborhood Association Party Saturday, September 20, 2003

The party committee has met several times to accomplish the planning of our annual neighborhood party. Mark your calendars the party date is set for Saturday September 20th. The party will start at 3 pm and wrap up at 10pm?. The location will be on Springbrooke Road between Briarcrest Drive and Ridgeway Drive. Families should plan to bring a main dish to eat for themselves, lawn chairs, and a favorite dish to pass. The OCNA will provide soda/beer, a large tent for shade or inclement weather, grills to cook on, plates and utensils, a moon walk for all to jump in, beanbag toss and a camp fire in the evening!

ELECTION TIME IS NEAR!

Nominations are now being accepted for the Otter Creek Neighborhood Association Board.

If you are interested in making a nomination for any of the positions, please contact Gregg Breese at 838.8869 or greggbreese@charter.net on or before September 1, 2003.

Ballots will be distributed to each household in early September. Once you receive your ballot, please vote for each office by selecting one of the nominees or writing in an alternative candidate. Your participation in the election is important!

We will be having a Silent Auction for everyone to participate in located in the tent. Tabitha Behling is currently looking for items to use at this years party. So don't forget to bring your check books to the party just in case you want to bid on some of our great auction items. If you have an item that you would like to donate please contact Tabitha at tbehling1@charter.net or 838-0965.

Cost \$10.00 per family with kids / \$5.00 per family without kids

The family fee, the Silent Auction items and beer sales will help support the Neighborhood Association next year. We need to raise funds to

help support our Otter Creek Neighborhood Association so we can continue to implement our mission and purpose. So join us for all the fun, food, and enjoyment of your neighbors.

A flyer will be passed out to each of your homes with more detailed information and a RSVP response. While RSVP is not absolutely needed, it is appreciated so we can purchase the right amount of supplies. Please keep an eye open for this in your mailbox or on you front door.

If you would like to be on the party committee or have questions please contact Gregg Breese at 838-8869 or greggbreese@charter.net.

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Free Woodchips... for mulching and landscaping are available at the County Brush Disposal Site and may be picked up at the times listed above. For any additional information on brush disposal or woodchips, call 839-6190.

Burning Permit Hotline Call 839-3882 There is a \$2.00 fee for Burning Permits. Permits can be picked up and paid for at all Eau Claire Fire Stations.

CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS!

We are currently working on putting together a comprehensive neighborhood contact list. To do this we are asking that all members of the association please complete the attached information form and turn it in at the picnic on 9/26 or you can drop it off at 3521 Briarcrest Dr prior to that date.

We need everyone's information form, even if you have submitted information to prior neighborhood lists. This will help to ensure that the information is correct and also will indicate your permission to include your information on the list. Your information will not be sold or supplied to solicitors. It will be held "in confidence" for OCNA use only. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Resident(s) names _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Kids Names & Ages _____

Pet(s) Type & Name _____



Attention Ladies!!!

It is time for another
Neighborhood Ladies Brunch

Date: Saturday, July 26th

Time: 9:30-11:30am

Place: Terri Hoepner's House · 3521 Briarcrest Dr.

Please join us for coffee, brunch and a chance to get to know the other ladies in the neighborhood. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Terri at 838-0831 or hoepner@charter.net by **Wednesday, July 23rd.**

Looking forward to seeing you there!!



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Calendar

July

29th OCNA Meeting 7 p.m. • location Oakwood Park Pavillian

August

19th OCNA Meeting 7 p.m. • location to be announced

September

16th OCNA Meeting 7 p.m. • location to be announced
20th OCNA Neighborhood Party • Springbrook Dr

October

21st OCNA Meeting 7 p.m. • location to be announced

Keep in mind all
dates & locations
are subject to change

