

Check our web site for up to date event dates and details

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**JULY** \_\_\_\_\_ **2005**

14th - 7pm - Annual Picnic planning committee at 3508 Briarcrest Drive  
Call Peggy if can not be there but still want to help at the picnic.

21st - Neighbor hood Brunch 11am - 1pm at 3611 Ridgeway.  
This finger food luncheon will be hosted by Cheryl Meyers.  
Please RSVP to Cheryl at 832-4644 by 7/18.

**AUGUST** \_\_\_\_\_

16th - 7pm - OCNA association meeting at Festival Food Store conference room.

No Brunch because of neighborhood activities!

27th - Be sure to watch the Mars planet view all of August but especially peaking on this date. Mars will appear almost as big as the moon this night.

**SEPTEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

10th - OCNA Annual Picnic on Springbrook Road between Briarcrest & Ridgeway  
Starts at 3pm Saturday and ends at 10pm. More details will be emailed later.

17th -10am - Computer class on various topics at Berglunds 3345 E Meadows Place.  
Call Duane at 839-8599 if you would like to attend or want the handouts.

22nd - 10:30am - 12:30 - Neighborhood Brunch at 3534 Briarcrest Drive.  
Please RSVP to hostess Paula Gozner by September 19.

**OCTOBER** \_\_\_\_\_

12th - Neighborhood Luncheon 11am-1pm - 3328 Briarcrest  
hosted by Darlene Swanson and Clayona Walter  
Please RSVP to 833-0886 or 835-8059 by October 7

**Other Useful Web Sites:**

- Milwaukee Journal Online  
[www.jsonline.com](http://www.jsonline.com)
- Eau Claire Newspaper Online  
[www.leadertelegram.com](http://www.leadertelegram.com)
- Oakwood Mall Web Site  
[www.oakwoodmall.com/html](http://www.oakwoodmall.com/html)
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[www.chippewavalley.net](http://www.chippewavalley.net)
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[www.weau.com](http://www.weau.com)
- Channel 5 - ABC  
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**OCNA Tent for Rent**

We have a 10'x20' tent purchased for neighborhood association activities. If you or someone you know would like to rent it for a very low rent of \$25.00 per event please call Peggy at 839-9507.



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*The Otter Creek  
Neighborhood  
Association  
is a local non-profit  
organization with  
the following  
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**PRESIDENT'S NOTE**



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and having fun. I really have little to focus on this newsletter, it was a busy spring with the thrift sale and fund raiser as well as ladies brunches and our meeting but summer is not setting up to be nearly as eventful.

Our main focus through the summer will be the planning of our Neighborhood Picnic, this is a fun event and we try to promote participation from the whole neighborhood, this is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors! The other important event which I am sure you will hear more about in this newsletter is the election. Please cooperate with the election committee and vote, we want our officers to be the people you choose.

Now as far as the business for this newsletter, I have some updates on the survey issues that have come up. We have been in contact with the city regarding speed limit signs and stop signs and they are researching our requests, we also are working with the city and they have been doing the mowing and have done some clean up in the retention pond, however there has been some discussion regarding the fact that the run off from that pond goes into Otter Creek and we have been asked not to use the area as a dog run or a place to dump their waste.

Then lastly we discussed the issue of dogs running loose or people not picking up after their dogs when they take them for walks. Please remember there is a leash law in this city and your dog must be under your control at all times when they are off your property or you may receive a fine. Also please remember to pick up your dogs droppings on walks. Your neighbors do not want to walk in these piles or have to clean them up in their yards. Let's just be responsible and considerate neighbors.

The last item I would like to address is a trend to use the association officers as a policing body to handle complaints and irritations you have with your neighbors. This body is not a complaint department! We have no policing power and can do less for you then if you just deal with your neighbors personally.

So in closing, please try to be respectful of your neighbors, talk to each other and remember to put yourself in their position from time to time when you have a problem or concern and then take the steps you need to resolve the issue.

See you around the neighborhood.  
Peggy Hakala, OCNA President

**Volunteers Needed to Plan the Annual Picnic**


Our annual picnic date is set for Saturday September 10th. Mark your calendar! We will start the real work. We need a committee to plan menu, activities & entertainment as well as whether we need to have a minimal donation for those attending. The 1st meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 14th at 7:00 PM at 3508 Briarcrest Drive, if you want to be on this committee please attend this meeting, if you cannot attend this meeting but want to be on the committee, call Peggy at 839-9507. We will need volunteers for this picnic to happen. Your invite to the picnic along with more details will be emailed and/or mailed in August.

**Association Election**

The election of association officers and block captains will be conducted at the annual picnic September 10th. See details inside how you can get your name or suggest some one else to be on the ballot.

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