



Calendar

March 2006

11th Sat -10 am - **Computer class** at Berglund's home 3345 E. Meadows. See class description below. Email Duane at dberg581@aol.com or call at 839-8599 if you plan to attend or want the handouts via email.

16th Thu - 11am-1pm - **Neighborhood Brunch** at the Berglund home at 3345 East Meadows Place; please RSVP to hostess Eileen at 839-8599 or eileenb914@aol.com by March 14th.

APRIL

4th Tue - **Election Day**

6th Thu - 11am-1pm - **Neighborhood Ladies Brunch** at 3663 Rideway Drive. Please RSVP to hostess Sherry Mohr at 834-6009 or selvtv@aol.com by Tuesday April 4th.

16th Sun - **Easter**

MAY

19th-20th-Fri/Sat - 8:30am-4pm - **5th Annual Neighborhood Thrift Sale**
Flyer available from Peggy or Paula if you want to signup to help or to sell. Sneak sale preview for neighbors only - Thursday May 18th.

16th Tue - 11am-1pm **Neighborhood Ladies Brunch** at 3534 Briarcrest Dr. Please RSVP to hostess Paula Gozner at 552-8363 or pgozner@yahoo.com by May 14th.

JUNE

13th Tue - 7pm - OCNA Steering Committee Meeting at President Peggy's home. Officers and block captains are asked to attend and all OCNA neighbors are welcome.

14th Wed - 11am-1pm **Neighborhood Brunch** at the Machmeir home at 5551 Hamilton Ave. Please RSVP to hostess Karol at 835-6290 or mach53037@aol.com by Sunday June 12th.

The OCNA Spring Computer Club

Duane Berglund will again host a computer session in March on digital photography, online tax calculations and a number of other interesting Internet links that he will highlight in the class. This session will be Saturday morning 10am March 11th at the Berglund home - 3345 East Meadows Place. Come join us or email/call Duane if you simply want to be included in the course handouts by email. Course is free.

Neighborhood Brunches & Luncheons

Each month the neighborhood ladies (and kids) are invited to enjoy some great food and visiting at the home of designated hostesses. The March-June brunches are posted in our calendar above. See you there!! Let Peggy or Paula know if you would like to host a brunch.

Newsletter Format

This issue of the OCNA newsletter was printed on a HP tabloid printer purchased by the association to cut costs of newsletter printing.

Check our web site for up to date event dates and details at www.otter-creek.org

BLOCK CAPTAINS

We are featuring information about our block captains in this issue and the next.

Briarcrest Drive North Block Captain Dan Degeneffe has lived in the neighborhood for two years and in Eau Claire for 27 years after moving from Greenfield, Wis. He retired in 1989 after working 31 years for the state of Wisconsin with the last assignment as the tax compliance supervisor for the Eau Claire district. His marriage to Rita has resulted with two daughters and four grand children. Dan enjoys woodworking, puttering and is an avid Badger, Brewer and Packer fan. He believes that the neighborhood has a lot going for it, is very convenient with very little traffic and the residents are friendly and helpful.

East Meadows Place South Block Captain Rebecca Zimmeran has lived in OCNA about 2 1/2 years but in Eau Claire her whole life. She is a stay-at-home mom. Her husband Jason is the Sr. Merchandising Manager at the Menards General Office. Their daughters are Emily 6 and Ryan 3. Rebecca enjoys scrapbooking and photography and has a small at home business dealing with photography and computer generated greetings (Christmas cards, birth announcements). She loves our neighborhood and is amazed at how close knit this neighborhood is. Everyone looks out for each other. It really is a blessing!

East Meadows Place North Block Captain Clayona Walter and her husband Marvin were one of the first to move into the East Meadows condo community in 1999. They have lived in the Eau Claire area for 39 years. Clayonna was a local beauty salon owner/operator for many years before retiring. She enjoys working in city election functions at city hall and at the polls. She is very happy to be in this neighborhood; she says it is a perfect place for retirement.

Emily Smith - our County Representative

Eau Claire County is split into 29 different districts and Otter Creek is part of district #20. Each district is represented by a resident from that district and Emily Smith Nguyen, who lives at 3337 Briarcrest, has been the district representative on the EC County Board for the past four years. She will be running for re-election on April 4th (her third 2-year term).

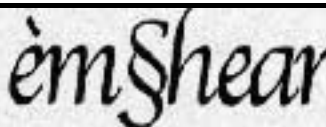
In her time on the board she has served on the Department of Human Services Board and the Birth to Three Advisory Committee. She also helped to improve the workplace environment of county employees by making all county-owned buildings smoke-free. Meetings of the EC County Board are held on the second floor of the courthouse on the first and third Tuesday of every month and are open to the public, as well as being broadcast on TV (Public Access Channel). Please feel free to contact Emily regarding any questions you may have about her role as your representative. Also, make sure to vote on April 4th!

New Patrol Districts Starting 2006

Starting January 2006, the Patrol Division will implement a neighborhood problem solving patrol philosophy citywide. This philosophy, along with an internal structural change, will allow the Department to become more proactive within the community and work with neighborhoods to respond to their needs in a more effective manner.

The Patrol Division will be split into 3 Districts - North, Central, and South. A Lieutenant will have overall responsibility for each District. In addition, three Sergeants, one on each shift, will have supervisory responsibility in the District. Within each District are 6 smaller geographic areas called Beats. Patrol Officers on each shift will be assigned to work in specific Districts. When an officer is not engaged in calls for service they will concentrate their efforts in one particular beat. They have that beat assignment for the entire year and will partner with the neighborhood in problem solving to reduce crime/disorder and improve quality of life in the neighborhood.

Our neighborhood is in the South District - Beat 18. The officers currently assigned to our beat are: T. Booth (11pm-7am), K. Rasmussen (7am-3pm), and T. Johnson (3-11pm). We will likely have Officer Johnson speak to us at one of our next OCNA meetings.



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6.08.070 Violation-Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall forfeit not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each offense and in default of payment thereof, shall be committed to the county jail of Eau Claire County.

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