

# Otter Creek

Neighborhood Association

NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 9 - SPRING 2006

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hi neighbors! It is Spring again! I bet you are just as happy as I am to see the early signs of spring that are starting to make themselves known. I hope everyone managed to avoid some of the colds and flu that come with the colder weather and that now you are looking forward as I am to warming weather.



This Spring brings with it the usual list of reminders for all of us as we begin to spend more time outside and moving around the neighborhood. Please watch your speed when driving! The kids are as excited as the adults about warmer temps and are outside playing which can mean dashes into or across the street without looking. Keep your speed down and your eyes open. It would also be a good time to put out those speed limit signs again if you have one stored in your garage, if you do not have one and would like one just give me a call I do have some stored.

Also remember when you are out walking your dogs to remember your leash and your plastic bags so that you can take the puppy presents back home with you. No one smiles when they step in or have to clean up after someone else's dog.

Some things to look forward to in the coming months are the plans for the Great Neighborhood Thrift Sale and food booth; we sure could use some volunteers to assist with getting that awesome event ready to go. You can contact myself or Paula Gozner if you would like to volunteer to help.

So in conclusion I would invite you to get out, get acquainted and get involved in our neighborhood!

See You Around,  
Peggy Hakala  
OCNA President

### OCNA 5th Annual THRIFT SALE!

If you are interested in having a thrift sale then this is the time to do it.  
We always have a great turn out!

What: 5th Annual Neighborhood Thrift Sale  
Where: Otter Creek Neighborhood  
When: May 19th & 20th Friday & Saturday  
\*\*Thurs, May 18- Sneak preview night for the neighborhood\*\*  
Time: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (or when your garage open/closes)  
Cost: \$5.00 per house

\*\*Ads will be placed in the Leader Telegram (4 days) & the Tradin' Post news papers\*\*

If you would like to participate in this year's Neighborhood Thrift Sale, please fill out the bottom part of the thrift sale form and return to Peggy Hakala with your \$5.00.

If you have any questions please contact Peggy at 839-9507 or peggy71554@yahoo.com

FOOD TENT HELP! We are also looking for volunteers to bake for the food tent to help raise funds for our block party. So please fill out the enclosed form even if you are not having a sale. Contact Paula Gozner at 552-8363 or pgozner@yahoo.com

# Current Issues

## OCNA General Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2006

Vice President Paula Gozner, called the meeting to order at 7pm at the Festival Foods conference room. The following topics were discussed: great time at the December holiday party and caroling events; the OCNA web site is being updated with photos and latest news; the OCNA Spring newsletter; dates for the thrift sale May 19-20 and the neighborhood picnic for Sept 9th. submitted by Duane Berglund

## OCNA Steering Committee Minutes

February 15, 2006

This is a quarterly meeting of your officers to guide the activities of the association. All neighbors are invited to attend the meetings. The by-laws define the officers as the OCNA steering committee. The following topics were discussed: Bylaws-Duane reviewed existing bylaws available on the web site; Covenants-currently there are three separate sets covering our neighborhood - copies are available on the web site; new police alignment and neighborhood contact; discussed area playground located on East Meadows in the apartment and condo community as a OCNA project with a neighborhood cleanup; Spring Newsletter content and newsletter distribution procedure; thrift sale plans for May 19-20; next Steering Committee meeting will be June 13th with all officers and block captains along with all neighbors welcomed; Homeowner Associations-Peggy will attempt to coordinate with other association in the area; Prill subdivision entrance lighting; possible neighbor projects were discussed - stations & markers for neighbor walkers, summer contract for clean-up & mowing of retaining basin and children's park by neighborhood youth. submitted by Duane Berglund

## Treasurer's Report

The OCNA bank account balance is \$848. by Russ Sommer

## 2005-2006 Board of Directors

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## Block Captains

Attend meetings to represent block options

E Meadows North - Clayona Walter  
E Meadows So - Rebecca Zimmerman  
Prill Road - Cherie Miller  
Ridgeway - Cheryl Meyer  
Briarcrest & Rochelle - Dan Degeneffe  
Briarcrest Drive (South) - Scott Gunem  
East Hamilton - Rhonda Wolk



TERRY SHERIDAN - DIST. #2  
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Terry is our new interim council member recently elected to fill a vacant position.

Our ward is #33.

# In the Spotlight

## New to the Neighborhood!

Please join me in welcoming them to the neighborhood

## New Baby On Board!

Braedyn John Tavare was born February 4th and joined his big brother Christian and parents John & Kristel Tavare. He was 8 pounds 8 oz. and 20 3/4 inches long at birth!

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Emily Smith who has completed her DICCP (Diplomate of the International Chiropractic Association Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics). This is a 3-year, 360-hour post-doctoral program, for which she is now considered a Pediatric Chiropractic Specialist. See her ad in the newsletter for more information.

## Long Distance Marriage

Galina Palamarchuk joined Russ Sommer in marriage in a November 18th ceremony conducted by a local commissioner in Eau Claire and witnessed by Duane and Eileen Berglund.

Galena was born in Chernogorsk, Russia, an 18 hour train ride north from her last residence in Tomsk, Russia. Tomsk is located in South Central Siberia just north of the Mogolian and Ukraine borders. She graduated from one of six 4-year Universities in Tomsk with a degree in Education. She speaks Russian and Ukraine fluently.

Russ and Galina met via the Internet in 2002 and corresponded via the Internet and mail. In 2004 Russ was invited to Russia where he met Galina and her friends. She immigrated to the US on October 28, 2005 under a K-1 Visa which means she either marries within 90 days of entry or immediately be deported back to Russia.

Galena has one son from a previous marriage who lives in Seattle and a grandson who she had never met until this last December. Russ & Galena will return to Russia and the Ukraine in 2007 to sell her property she left behind to immigrate.



Newly weds Russ & Galena (right) with witnesses Duane & Eileen

## Covenants

Three separate sets of covenants for various sections of our neighborhood can be accessed at [www.otter-creek.org/aboutus.html](http://www.otter-creek.org/aboutus.html):

- O Declaration of covenants, conditions, easements, and restrictions for lots 1-22 of East Meadows filed 9/9/1998
- O Restrictive covenants for lots 48-66 East Meadows filed 5/29/1999
- O Restrictive covenants for lots 2-19 and outlot 1 of Otter Creek Preserve filed 12/31/2002

For lot #s go to [www.otter-creek.org/maps.html](http://www.otter-creek.org/maps.html)

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