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#### President's Corner

I want to thank the board and all the chairmen that have stepped up and did a wonderful job this year, putting new ideas to work. So many great things are happening in our neighborhood.

This has been a year of Revival and Renewal for Miller's Ridge as we have worked hard making improvements to our homes. We might note that the values of our homes have increased considerable over the last year. Many of the original homes in Miller's Ridge Subdivision that have sold in the last 10 months have sold in the \$130,000 to \$187,730 price range as per the Bexar Appraisal Review Board. You will want to keep this in mind when listing your home for sale. Leasing of homes is ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a month. As you can see it pays to add new landscaping, new fences, roofs and paint, both inside and out. All the many improvements have really added to our neighborhood.

Bexar County has repaired many sidewalks, patched the streets and have been sweeping the streets on regular bases. It is so good to see so many working together with all the improvements.

It has been my pleasure serving the Miler's Ridge Neighborhood this last year. I have been asked to run again for president of MRNA. After a lot of thought and consideration, I have decided to run for one more year. Please come out and show your support and vote on October 14th 2008 for your MRNA 2008-2009 Board. We still need volunteers for Street Captains and to fill different chairperson positions.

We are here to serve and help improve our neighborhood.

Barry Hunt President M.R.N.A.

#### **WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

MRNA wants to offer a special "welcome" to all the new residents of Miller's Ridge. We have a wonderful community that works together to keep our neighborhood safe and beautiful and just a great place to live. Come out and join us at our October 14th MRNA General Meeting and MRNA Board Election. Free Lasagna Dinner at 7:00 - 7:30 Come Out, Get involved and have some Fun!

## **FALL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Miller's Ridge Neighborhood Association OCTOBER General Meeting & Elections will be Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the Summit Ridge Community Center at 7460 Kitty Hawk. FREE LASAGNA DINNER BEFORE MEETING & ELECTION - Food will be served from 7:00 pm to

This is your general meeting that is open to all Miller's Ridge residents, we are a Neighborhood Association and you can join if you own, lease or rent. Come and make a difference in your neighborhood. Dues are \$30.00 per household and that is a real bargain. That is roughly \$2.50 a month. If you are interested in running or want to nominate someone to the MRNA Board, please call Wilburn Gloor @ 653-7866 or call any board member by October 7th. We will start collecting for the 2009 MRNA membership dues at this meeting. You must be a paid member to run for a position on the board and to

After the election their will be an open forum to discuss things that you want to happen for 2009. This is your Neighborhood and your Association so plan to attend, remember the neighborhood is only as strong as its members.

## **MRNA Fall Yard Sale**

Saturday October 4th, 2008 @ 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. It's time to clean that garage and closets and sell all those things that you have not used or worn in the last two years or so. This will be advertised in the Express News Paper. Turn your discards into CASH for the Holidays!

## **National Night Out**

Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 6:00pm -7:00 pm National Night has been changed to Tuesday, October 7th 2008 in Texas this year. MRNA has planned a Free Hot Dog Meal for this event. Hot Dogs & Chips will be provided; we ask that you bring a covered dish that will go well with them, beans, mac & cheese, sauerkraut, etc. There will be a bake sale, & raffle to raise funds. Please plan to bake and donate brownies, rice krispie treats, cup cakes or cookies to be sold at this event. FUN FOR THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD! (Near the Old Pond Area)

#### MRNA Fall Dump Your Junk

October 18th & 19th, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Now is the time to trim your trees, clean up your yards and remove unsightly things that you may have lying around your home. Take down falling gutters and old shutters that need to be removed or replaced. Discard old trash cans that are eyesores. Remove old Junk and boards and remodeling debris from the front and back yards. This is your weekend to make the wife and neighbors happy! Items not accepted are refrigerants, tires, batteries, paints, hazardous chemicals and household garbage.

This is a member's only event, remember membership has its privileges and this is one of them.

## **OLD AUTOMOBILES and TRUCKS**

Can not be dumped at the DUMP YOUR JUNK! Why not donate those old cars and trucks just sitting in the driveway and get a tax deduction. Call American Lung Association @ 1-888-252-5864 Pick and Pull pays CASH for non running and old cars. Give them a call and turn that old car or truck into "HOLIDAY CASH".

#### **CELLULAR ON PATROL**

We have several members that have been patrolling mornings, afternoons and at different hours of the night. We do report anything that looks suspicious as we are the "Eyes and Ears" of the neighborhood.

We have noticed that many homes have their porch lights off at night. Please turn those lights on as they cost pennies a night and really add protection to your home. We can see if anyone is lurking around your porch when we are patrolling. TOO PLAN

Turn On Outside Porch Lights At Night

There has been several phone calls about children playing in the Streets without adult supervision. They have been instructed to call the Bexar County Sheriff's Department and report this form of neglect. Children playing in the street is dangerous and accidents can happen in a moment.

There have been many phone calls about homes with 5 or 6 dogs living in a single home. In the COVENANTS, CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS of the Miller's Ridge Subdivision it states:

22. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot, except that no more than two dogs, two cats and/or two other household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes.

These COVENANTS, CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS were extended for 30 more years and are in force.

When you accepted the Deed to your lot within this subdivision you accepted these COVENANTS, CONDITIONS &RISTRICTIONS.
They are enforceable by Bexar County.

If anyone sees someone with the intent to paint (GRAFFITI) or disfigure the MR Marque or other property, please report to the <a href="mailto:Bexar County Sheriff">Bepartment@ 210-335-6000</a>. This is criminal activity and will be reported for investigation and prosecution. Bexar County does have a curfew of 11:00 pm for anyone 17 and under that is out without adult supervision.

Any one that wishes to volunteer to take the COP Team Leader position, please come and volunteer at the October MRNA General Meeting.

This is a program that we don't want our Neighborhood to be without.

Special "Thanks" to all that are patrolling and making our neighborhood a safer place to live.

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

Miller's Ridge subdivision is now in the E.T.J. of San Antonio, Texas. This means that someday we will be incorporated into the city of San Antonio. This also means that San Antonio Co-compliance does dictate to the residents of Miller's Ridge. Some homeowners have received letters stating that they have to remove parked cars, boats, campers, trailers to other areas or face having it towed. The owners have to comply or they will be fined. They have sent out letters about overgrown lots and yards that need to be mowed.

There have been many complaints of Trash Cans, Bar-B-Q grills, Mops, things of this nature being kept in front yards; they should be kept behind your fence and out of public view. MRNA will be sending out letters in November. Your neighbors don't enjoy looking at your stuff, they can call co-compliance @210-335-6700 then they send out letters about removal. They also send out letters for high grass that needs mowing as it becomes a haven for snakes and rodents. There have been several snakes that have been killed in this area.

If you see a car that has an expired sticker or plate, or can't be driven and moved in 24 hours, it will be towed away, if not moved, that is the law. Call Bexar County Non-Emergency Number 210-335-6000

## **STREET CAPTAINS**

Stanley Thomas is our Team Captain and is in need of several more Street Captains to deliver newsletters and help with 2009 Membership Drive. Please call and volunteer @599-0901. Special thanks to Stanley and all who are Street Captains, as they are the ones delivering this Newsletter to your home.

## HELPING HANDS PROJECT

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SENIORS 65 over and or DISABLED

If your yard is in need of mowing and edging and you can't or don't have the means for a company to provide this service Call Our Helping Hands Team, they will mow your front yard free for the first time and will maintain your front yard for a small fee of \$20.00 for each cut and edge after that.

**Call: Stan Thomas @599-0901** 

#### LET'S STAY FIT Walk Night Groups

Ladies Walk Night - Monday @ 7:00 pm meet at old pond area Mens Walk Night - Thursday @7:00 pm meet at old pond area Come on out and walk with your neighbors!

#### Board Members 2007-2008

Barry Hunt	President	887-6009
Stanley Thomas	V. President	599-0901
Carol Gilg	Secretary	653-7947
Wilburn Gloor	Treasurer	653-7866
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