



Merry Christmas Miller!

MILLER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NW 10th Street to NW 16th, N May Ave to Villa



The Miller Messenger

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Miller Mission: To make Miller a safe and pleasant place to live

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The Annual December Miller Neighborhood Meeting and Potluck Dinner will be held December 1st **at 7 pm** at the World Organization of China Painters Museum at 2641 N.W. 10th.

All Miller Neighbors are invited. Your new Miller Neighborhood Association Officers for 2009 will be in attendance to shake hands and kiss babies.



Holiday Yard of the Month



Jim Ramay and his crew are once again looking for the most festive, the most decorative, the cheeriest and the brightest homes in Miller to win the Holiday Yard of the month contest.

A winner will be selected from both the East and West ends of Miller Neighborhood (using Miller Blvd as a divide).

The winners will receive a beautiful holiday ornament and recognition in the January Miller Messenger. Start decorating today and good luck!

CALENDAR

**01 MNA Meeting and
Potluck Dinner**

10 Big Junk Day

**15 Renew your MNA
membership today**

25 Merry Christmas

31 New Year's Eve

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Non Emergency Police: 231-2121

Police Liaison:

MSgt. Michael Loruse.....**316-4525**

Gang Unit.....297-1196

Street Level Drugs Info:297-1171

Action Center..... .297-2535

okc.gov/action/complaint

Animal Control.....297-2255

Animal Welfare.....297-3100

Trash/Recycle.....297-1950

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MNA Committees

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Miller in May Home Tour 2009

A date has been chosen: May 16, 2009

Preparations are still going strong for a great tour in 09. However, we still need homes. Our goal is have at least five to six homes and two or three gardens. So far, we don't have any commitments from anyone so please consider this fine opportunity to showcase your hard work and your beautiful historic home.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Kellie Zaragoza at 863-3007 or email her at kelliezaragoza020704@hotmail.com.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- ***NOT* a member? See Page 8 for the 2009 Miller Neighborhood Association Application.**
- **Miller Neighborhood will begin security patrol** several hours per week. To volunteer please call Steve Reid at 602-5420.
- **Membership Committee is interested in mailing the monthly newsletter to former residents that might be in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living Facilities. Please send names, mailing address, time in Miller, and age to Jimmy Vaughn or any of the Board of Directors. This is a special service to say "thank you" for the years they served MNA.**
- **Riverpark Community has a resident that needs a wheelchair** for a small, frail woman. She needs this so that it can be put in the trunk of the car for medical visits. If you have one that you can donate or even loan on an extended basis, please call Jimmy Vaughn, 948-0308 or 524-0305. The Riverpark President will pick it up.

COATS FOR KIDS

The annual fundraising drive for Coats for Kids is underway. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. Please remember that this may be the only item of new clothes some of these kids receive all year and give what you can to help Lisa Tompkins purchase warm, beautiful new coats for community children.

Remember when we help a child succeed and flourish we contribute to the health of our entire community.

Even if you can only give \$2 or \$5, every little bit helps!

Bring or mail donations to
Miller Treasurer
1221 N Miller
OKC, OK 73107

Thank you!



KUDOS:

Miller Neighborhood Association congratulates long time neighborhood resident Jimmy Vaughn for being inducted into the Southwest Theatre and Film Association Hall of Fame. He is the first inductee in 10 years. Way to go Mr. Jimmy!



In Memoriam:

Miller Neighborhood extends heartfelt sympathy to the family, friends, and neighbors of Douglas Polle who died the last week of October. Doug lived in the same house in Miller on NW 13th for the past 44 years.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Only 4 more memberships are need to meet our goal of 263 members for 2008. There are 21 residents that were members in 2007 that are procrastinating; there are 350 residents and commercial businesses that still have not heard in any year.

Your membership application now is good for the remainder of 2008 as well as all of 2009. See page 8 for an application. There are exciting things happening in MNA but it is your membership fees that pays for the expenses and help to keep the medians looking beautiful. MNA is striving to get donations from businesses and corporations. The competition is growing and available funds are shrinking.

Your membership fees are the financial investment in this community and makes all residents aware that you do care. Should you have neighbors that is 85 years or older and have not turned in their name for a free MNA membership, please advise the Membership Chair so that we can honor them.

Do you know a former resident or neighbor now confined to an Assisted Living Facility? Furnish the name and address and they will be mailed the Miller Messenger. Telephone 524-0305 or 948-0308.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Vaughn, Membership Chair

Miller Neighborhood Association Security Patrol Report

** Information compiled by Barb Reid **

These crime statistics are from the OKC Police Department from 10/3/08 to 10/30/08. Incidents on NW 10th and on N. May are often related to the businesses housed there. Traffic offenses are generally not reported.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Offense</u>
26XX NW 13 th	081007	1308	ASSAULT & BATTERY
25XX NW 10 th	081012	0024	COUNTY WARRANT
28XX NW 10 th	081015	0024	SL/ESC FAK BL
28XX NW 10 th	081014	0209	POSS CDS
25XX NW 12 TH	081011	0332	DOM VIOLENCE
28XX NW 15 TH	081012	2120	INJ/DSTR PROP
25XX NW 10 TH	081017	1630	INJ/DSTR PROP
25XX NW 10 TH	081022	0108	INJ H/R ACC
28XX NW 10 TH	081017	1615	PETIT LARCENY
26XX NW 13 TH	081019	1010	VPO
25XX NW 15 TH	081020	2330	A+B DOM VIOL
28XX NW 10 TH	081028	1000	PETIT LARCENY
28XX NW 10 TH	081029	2000	ROB DNGR WEAP
28XX NW 13 TH	081024	0740	BURGLARY 2
28XX NW 13 TH	081029	0730	BURGLARY 2
28XX N2 16 TH	081027	1840	FOUND PROPERT
12XX N VILLA	081026	2100	DOM VIOLENCE

Letter from the President:

Hello Neighbors!



This is my final letter as your President. Our by-laws state that Miller Neighborhood President can not serve more than two consecutive years. It's hard to believe that two years have gone by. It has truly been a pleasure and an honor to serve you. I would like to look back over this year and share some of the highlights of 2008:

- * Winner of the Individual Initiative Award from OKC Beautiful
- * Neighborwoods Tree Program Participant
- * Another very impressive Home Tour
- * First Annual Fourth of July Parade
- * National Night Out Picnic
- * Completion of the NW 12th to NW 16th Grant Project on Miller Blvd (installation of a water line, lighting the gazebo, installation of the historic style clock).
- * Haunt the Gazebo
- * Interesting and informative guest speakers like:
 - Georgie Rasco- Director of Neighborhood Alliance
 - Sandra Precure- Owner of Precure Nursery
 - Iyla Griffin- Urban Forestry Coordinator
 - Beth Crouse- Director of OKC Action Line
 - Jacob Moore—Land Legacy Project

Many of these highlights were accomplished for the first time. There is always something going on in Miller Neighborhood, i.e. National Night Out, Founder's Day picnic, garage sale, median beautification, neighborhood cleanups, monthly meetings, Miller in May, etc., etc., etc. All of these projects are done by volunteers (you!) and they are funded by your donations and MNA dues. Please find your niche and participate with our neighborhood association and support them financially as well.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous 2009.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hall, President
Miller Neighborhood Association

A Season for Fire Safety

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage. According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), there are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday.

Preventing Christmas Tree Fires

- **Selecting a Tree for the Holiday**
Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.
- **Caring for Your Tree**
Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- **Never Put Lit Candles on a Tree**
Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, lighters or matches.
- **Disposing of Your Tree**
Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away.



Holiday Lights

- **Maintain Your Holiday Lights**
Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.
- **Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets**
Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch.
- **Do Not Leave Holiday Lights on Unattended**



Holiday Decorations

- **Use Only Nonflammable Decorations**
All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.
- **Never Put Wrapping Paper in a Fireplace**
It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers and may result in a chimney fire.
- **Artificial Christmas Trees**
If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Information obtained from:

http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/all_citizens/home_fire_prev/holiday-seasonal/holiday.shtm

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Mail or bring your application and check to:
Miller Treasurer
1221 N Miller
OKC OK 73107



MILLER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ This is my renewal _____ I am new member

(Please print)

NAME(s) _____

Address _____ Zip if not 73107 _____

Phone H _____ W _____ C _____

E-Mail _____ Yr moved to MNA _____

CHECK ONE OF THE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES BELOW:

_____ \$20.00 Individual (one name only)

_____ \$20.00 Business Friend (one name only- Living outside of MNA but own/manage property)

_____ \$30.00 Couple (List two names)

_____ \$45.00 Commercial (list commercial name & one individual)

_____ Centennial Diamond (free membership - 85 years or older)

Please check one if you wish to make an additional donation:

\$ _____ General Fund (Provides administrative costs such as postage, parties and activities)

\$ _____ Median Beautification & Watering (Provides water, shrubs)

\$ _____ Neighborhood Watch & Security Patrol (Prevent crime)

\$ _____ Coats for Kids (Provides coats to Hawthorne Elementary students in need)

\$ _____ Children's Activities (for playgroup, Fourth of July Parade, Haunt the Gazebo, etc.)

\$ _____ Not designated (To be used for the most benefit to MNA)

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed**

DONATIONS ARE OPTIONAL-donations and membership fees are tax deductible to the extent provided in the IRS Code. MNA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, EIN 73-1317159.