



**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**

## **2008 MNA OFFICERS**

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Eric Hilburn..... 326-0607

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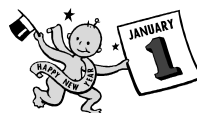
NW 12th to NW 16th, Miller to May  
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Jimmy Vaughn.....524-0305

## Happy New Year!!!

The Miller Neighborhood Association wishes all residents and friends of Miller a safe, happy, and healthy new year!



## Assistance for Ice Storm Damage

To help identify and document the need for federal Individual Assistance related to this week's ice storm, the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management **will open a call center at 7 a.m.**

**Thursday, Dec. 13. Residents and business owners who have uninsured ice-storm damages are urged to call the toll-free Oklahoma Damage Assessment Hotline (866) 560-7584 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.** Operators will be on-hand to take the calls daily.

(Source: <http://www.okc.gov/winter.html#advice>)

## Miller in May Needs YOU!

It will be here before we know it.....Miller In May.

Planning is already underway for a great turnout for 2008. Kellie Zaragoza has taken on the task of chairing the event and is in need of some volunteers to help make this the best year yet.

**If you are interested in helping with the home tour, please contact Kellie at 863-3007.** Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

## **JANUARY CALENDAR**

**01 New Years Day**

**05 Play group**

**07 MNA Assoc Mtg.**

**19 Play group**

**21 Martin Luther King**

**Jr. Day**

**31 MNA Director's Mtg.**

## 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**

**Crime Stoppers.....297-7300**

#### Councilwoman

Ann Simank .....**297-2402**

## News from Neighborhood Alliance:

Neighborhood Alliance Board of Directors started the Holiday Season with a Christmas party in the Miller Neighborhood. Mike Brittain and Francie Dix were the hosts at their home at 2700 NW 14th.

The Neighborhood Alliance Board of Directors congratulates our friends who have been selected for Distinguished Service Awards by OKC Beautiful. Bruce Hall, President of Miller Neighborhood Association received the Individual Initiative Award. Westlawn Gardens Community received the Community Spirit Award. Westlawn is Miller's neighbor south of NW 10th Street. Congratulations to you all!

**You are encouraged to visit [www.nacok.org](http://www.nacok.org) to learn more about Neighborhood Alliance.**

**The NA Staff wishes a Very Happy New Year to all Miller residents!**

## MNA Committees

### Website Coordinators

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/miller](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/miller)

Delaney Sheffield .....524-2995

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### Welcome Committee

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### Neighborhood Watch

Eric Hilburn.....326-0607

### Newsletter Editor

Alicia Lincoln.....945-2230

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## UPDATES AND REMINDERS

### Miller Neighborhood Association Meeting: Monday January 7th:

**Georgie Rasco**, Director of Neighborhood Alliance, will be the guest speaker at the January 7th meeting. Georgie always has a lot of good information to share with us. MNA meetings are held on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise specified. The meetings are open to all residents of Miller.

### WANT TO BE A LEADER?

Neighborhood Alliance is offering it's **NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS FOR TODAY** series every Thursday night from February 26 through April 8, 2008.

Class is limited to the first 30 people who call. If you've ever wished you could conduct effective meetings or have a role in you Association then this is the class for you. Look for more on this and other programs offered by Neighborhood Alliance in next months newsletter.



## Letter from the President.....

Hello Neighbor!

It seems 2007 has gone out with a big weather bang. The damage from the ice storm will effect us for quite some time. However, 2008 promises to be another exciting and prosperous year for Miller Neighborhood.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, one more time, the outstanding set of officers and board members from the 2007 Miller Neighborhood Association. Job very well done!

We are fortunate that all of the 2007 officers will be returning in 2008, with the exception of the position of secretary, formerly held by Melissa Freeling. The secretary for 2008 will be Gaylene Barber. Gaylene is a long time Miller resident with deep roots and is excited to be the Miller Neighborhood Association's secretary.

Alicia Lincoln is also a new name in 2008. She is the new editor of the Miller Messenger, taking over for Toni Kitchell, after her many years of dedicated and extraordinary service to the neighborhood newsletter. Alicia is thrilled to be on board in 2008.

I also would like to mention that at the December pot luck meeting Connie Scotthorn was given an award for her dedicated service to Miller Neighborhood over the years. Connie has recently moved out of Miller to Putnam Heights and will be deeply missed here.

Jimmy Vaughn, Vice President of Membership, was presented with a plaque for the Outstanding Neighbor Award 2007. Jimmy works tirelessly for the good of Miller Neighborhood and its residents. Congratulations Jimmy and THANK YOU!

January means it is time once again for the Miller Neighborhood membership drive. Please support your neighborhood by joining today– the application is on page 8.

Sincerely,

**Bruce Hall**, President

Miller Neighborhood Association

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU.....

Jamey and Kellie Zaragoza moved to Miller in December of 2006. They love the Tudor style homes and decided Miller is where they wanted to be, as it was a lot closer to Kellie's job.

Jamey was born and raised in Oklahoma City. He has been in the foodservice side of distribution for 15 years and currently works for Ben E. Keith Foods in Edmond. Jamey is Miller's SE Quadrant Leader and serves on our Board of Director's. His passion is helping make Miller a safe and pleasant place to live.

Kellie was born and raised in Winfield, Kansas. She came to school at the University of Central Oklahoma where she earned her bachelor's degree in marketing. Kellie is currently working for Farmer's Insurance as a Total Loss Claims Adjuster. Kellie is our Chairperson over Miller's 2008 Home Tour. PLEASE let her know if you would like to participate this year. You will be hearing a lot more from her in weeks to come. If you would like to participate in Miller's 2008 Home Tour, please contact Kellie at 405-863-3007.

Jamey and Kellie have 3 children, Chelsea, Rosie and Jackson. Jamey and Kellie want to wish everyone a happy and safe New Year and look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming neighborhood meeting.

## CRIME REPORT FOR MILLER NEIGHBORHOOD

Each month a list of crime reported in Miller, for a one month period, will be listed in the newsletter. The following incidents were reported in the Miller Neighborhood for the month beginning **11/09/07 thru 11/30/07**.

**Traffic cases will no longer be listed.**

**Exact addresses are not listed. Only the hundred block the incident occurred in.**

Incidents reported on NW 10th Street and May Ave are usually related to the businesses in the area.

Address:	Date:	Time:	Offense:
28XX NW 10th	11-12-07	1700	SL/ESK FAK BL
26XX NW 11th	11-10-07	1500	LARC VEHICLE
25XX NW 14th	11-12-07	0149	LARC FR HOUSE
26XX NW 12th	11-18-07	1600	BURGLARY 2
26XX NW 12th	11-19-07	2010	TRAF ILL DRUG
11XX N Miller Blvd.	11-19-07	2110	INJ/DSTR PROP
25XX W Park Pl.	11-23-07	2040	INJURE CHILD
11XX N Villa Ave.	11-27-07	2054	ROB DNGR WEAP
28XX NW 10th	11-29-07	2025	PETIT LARCENY
27XX NW 14th	11-30-07	1600	A&B DEAD WEAP

To have an effective Crime Watch program Miller needs **VOLUNTEERS**. Training is available and the schedules are relaxed to fit your time slot. Contact **Eric Hilburn at 326-0607** for more information and to schedule your time. One hour a week or one hour a month what ever works for you.

**Miller's Crime Watch program is working to keep Miller a safe place to live.**

**The Governor's Strong and Healthy OK Initiative encourages you to "Eat Better, Move More and Be Tobacco Free!" in 2008 for a healthier you!**

**Tips to Eat Better:**

- Look for the words "whole grain" before you buy breads and cereals.
- Watch portion sizes when eating to help control calories.
- Take a daily vitamin with folic acid to help prevent some cancers and birth defects.

**Tips to "Move More":**

- Skip the drive thru and walk in.
- Pay inside instead of paying at the pump.
- Take an extra lap around the grocery store before checking out.

**Tips to "Be Tobacco Free"**

- Get support from the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669).

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT**

**Jimmy Vaughn**

The final membership count for 2007 is 234 members. The 2008 membership season is now open. Renewal letters will be mailed the second week of January. The application is 2 pages for individuals. Please complete both sides. Your record is built from this application so please do not refer to older applications.

The membership count for 2008 is 46 each. We welcome new members Gaylene Barber and Verla Barber of Miller, and Leslie Hall. Norman. We carried over 41 commercial records that do not expire until May 17. Congratulations to our Diamond members, Pauline Hawkins and Lee Nichols.

All of the Membership 2007 goals established by the Committee were completed. Instead of exceeding the 2006 count by 10%, it was increased by 73%. The Centennial Membership Directories has been delivered or mailed. All records have been established. Past policies and procedures in Standing Rules were reviewed. A report is made for each Miller Messenger publication. Contacts are made with known non-members.

The 2008 Membership Goal is 263 members. We encourage everyone to help us by joining or renewing. The Membership Committee will sponsor a celebration in early May with the theme "Cinco de Mayo". Not only will this be a fun time but interpreters will be available to those who might have questions concerning the purchase of memberships.

The Membership Committee will chair a new MNA Event - a 4th of July Parade. Details will be available in the spring. Start planning now on how the children can participate, what is patriotic for the animal to wear, and just how many flags you will have on your property. Would you wish to be a helping volunteer?

Please report the names of any new neighbors or neighbors who are not members. This information is needed to build a complete directory of names of residents living in the Miller Neighborhood.

May your New Year be the healthiest, the happiest, and most prosperous year ever!

## Tips to prepare your property during winter storms

- To keep pipes from freezing, wrap them in insulation or layers of old newspapers. Cover the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture.
- Let faucets slowly drip to avoid freezing.
- Know how to shut off water valves.
- Install and check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

## Prepare a winter storm disaster supply kit

- A cell phone with an extra battery or two-way radio.
- Windshield scraper and small broom for ice and snow removal.
- Several blankets or sleeping bags.
- Rain gear and extra set of dry clothing.
- Non-perishable snacks like canned fruit, nuts and other high energy foods. Include non-electric can opener if necessary.
- Jumper cables.
- First aid kit.
- Flashlight with extra batteries.

From the City of Oklahoma City's website:  
[www.okc.gov/winter.html#advice](http://www.okc.gov/winter.html#advice)

## MILLER WELCOMES OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS:

**Elizabeth and Amanda Baade**  
2701 1/2 NW 12th St.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



## Tree Trimming Do's and Don'ts:

### DO:

- Consult the services of a professional arborist, even for maintenance pruning;
- Get several estimates from reputable tree service companies (listed in the phone book under "Tree Service");
- Check each arborist's credentials, including insurance and licensure. Reputable companies will also be bonded (insured) to protect you and your home from potential damage;
- Get referrals from the arborist. Other customers' opinions may help you determine which arborist is right for you;
- Check with your homeowner's insurance. Some insurance companies will pay for tree removal and/or replacement if it is deemed the tree contributes to the overall value of the home or property;



### DON'T:

- Go near or try to trim a tree that is near an exposed electric line;
- Try to take down a damaged tree that is still standing or try to prune high branches using a chainsaw – hire a professional for these services;
- Fall for "door-to-door" offers for tree-trimming services;
- Pay for trimming services up front. Certified arborists and reputable tree companies will not ask for payment up front, only after services have been completed.

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Please complete and detach the MNA Membership Application below and send it to:

**Mike Stuart, MNA Treasurer**

**1221 N. Miller**

**OKC, OK 73107**

(Memberships are effective from January through December )

## MILLER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_ This is my renewal \_\_\_\_\_ I am new member

Please print

(1) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(2) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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 and include the amount of the donation:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cinco de Mayo (Party to help us get acquainted with our neighbors)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund (Provides administrative costs such as postage)

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

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Park & Playground (Maintain grounds and equipment for children)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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. The entire amount of your donation is used to make Miller community a safer, more beautiful place to live, and the friendliest community of all. Watch your donated money help make the difference in MNA!