

MILLER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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



The Miller Messenger

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Miller In May

The Tenth Annual Miller in May Home and Garden Tour is May 17th from 10 AM-4 PM.

Once again the Miller Home and Garden Tour will include Art on the Boulevard. A musical venue has been added to Art on the Boulevard, an exciting change for the home tour. This year, artists will be showcased along the NW 12th Boulevard in front of tour homes and neighbors. In addition, Miller will have an Airport Express van to transport people from NW 16th St. to NW 11th St. to help those who want or need it. The Zaragozas are hosting the Information and Tour Headquarters Booth in front of their home- 2626 NW 12th.

The following owners have beautiful homes and gardens on the tour:

Jason Turner (2724 NW 16th);

Kelly Mahaney (2601 NW 11th);

Elizabeth Cohen (2718 NW 14th);

Cindy Brewer (2605 NW 13th);

Daniel Couch (2704 NW 16th);

Eric Hilburn and Chad Lawrence (2532 NW 12th);

Pat Lopez (2712 NW 13th St);

Jason and Jenni Duncan (2536 NW 12th);

Judy Jenkins (2639 NW 12th- Garden);

Basil and Mary Hayes (2548 NW 12th-Garden);

Jimmy Vaughn (2632 NW 12th -Garden and Hospitality House).

Tickets are \$8 in advance (children under 10 are free) or \$10 if purchased on May 17th. Purchase tickets at: Garden Gate Antiques, 23rd Street Antique Mall, Western Avenue Antiques, Mockingbird Antiques, French Cowgirl, or at any tour home on May 17th. **Tickets to Miller in May make an excellent Mother's Day gift.**

Questions? Call Kellie Zaragoza, Home Tour Chair, at 863-3007; or email at kelliezaraga020704@hotmail.com.

MAY CALENDAR**05 MNA Meeting****10 Miller Clean-Up****11 Mother's Day****14 Big Junk Day****17 Miller In May****24 Miller Playgroup****29 MNA Board Mtg**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Non Emergency Police #..231-2121

Police Liaison :

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

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Action Center..... 297-2535

okc.gov/action/complaint

Animal Control.....297-2255

Animal Welfare.....297-3100

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Crime Stoppers.....297-7300

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Ann Simank297-2402



Farmer's Market Comes to Plaza District



The Plaza District will host a monthly **Locavore Farmers Market** on the first Saturday of each month starting May 3rd. They are located on NW 16th St between Penn and Western/Classen, in the center of our neighborhoods. They will have vendors offering only Made in Oklahoma food and non-food items. The market will be open from 8 AM to 1 PM or until they sell out.

Congratulations....

Bruce Hall, President of MNA, was presented the Individual Initiative Award for 2008, by Oklahoma City Beautiful at the 25th Annual Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon at the OKC Country Club. Mr. Hall was selected from a large number of entries to recognize a citizen of OKC for improving their neighborhood community through landscaping projects, beautification projects, and litter control.

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UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- The **Miller Neighborhood Association Meeting** is **May 5th at 7 pm** at the World Organization of China Painters Museum at 2641 N.W. 10th.
- **The neighborhood clean-up is Saturday, May 10.** It will be a very important one as it is before Miller in May, please plan to participate in whatever way you can. **Meet at 12th and Miller at 10 AM. Can't help clean? Please leave out your trash cans so volunteers can fill them with debris.**
- **Miller Neighborhood will begin contracting with BPS Security** to provide coverage a few times per week. See page 4 for more information and the payment slip.
- The **Miller Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sale** will be June 14th, more info will be provided next month.
- **Want to join the Miller playgroup?** Call Barb Reid at 602-5420. Playgroup meets every other Saturday.

Letter from the President.....



Hello Neighbors!

Miller Neighborhood is buzzing with excitement this month. As you know it is time for Miller in May Home and Garden Tour, Art on the Median and the Miller by Moonlight Pre-Tour Party. These are our primary events to showcase our great neighborhood to the rest of Oklahoma City. They are also a major source of revenue for the Miller Neighborhood Association.

May 17th we can expect anywhere from 300-600 people to tour our homes and gardens and visit the neighborhood. This is our time to shine! A neighborhood-wide cleanup will be held on May 10th-please participate in any way you can.

I would ask that everyone put forth a little extra effort to make their homes look even more spectacular than they already are!! Also please refrain from putting trash at the curb until Sunday the 18th and *please* no garage sales. We want all focus to be on the home tour and art show. Your home tour committee promises that 2008 will be the best year ever!

I would also like to thank all the neighbors who participated in the NeighborWoods Project. I can't think of an easier way to be green. None of this would be possible without the hard work of Ms. Iyla Griffin. I would also like to thank the Chesapeake Energy Corporation for their sponsorship. What a good neighbor!

Sincerely,

Bruce Hall, President

Miller Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Alliance May Report by Mr. Jimmy Vaughn

Congratulations to Miller residents, Jamey Zaragoza and Jimmy Vaughn, who successfully completed the seven-week Neighborhood Alliance Leadership Training Course. This extensive course includes all the major areas needed to acquaint leaders to better assist their communities. It included not only classroom training but field visits to other communities and a meeting with various city leaders.

It is early but mark your calendars for Thursday, October 23. The Neighborhood Awards Banquet will be at the Petroleum Club. Last year was fabulous, but wait to hear about the 2008 spectacular event!

REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: MAY 2008

Welcome to the 12 members who are new or have renewed their memberships. We have 124 individuals and 45 commercial members for a total of 169. We are only 94 short of our 2008 goal of 263. We are grateful for our 28 new members this year.

There will be an Information Table near the Hospitality Area at 2632 NW 12th St. Pick up a membership application, if needed, for yourself, for your neighbors, or for friends. We encourage everyone who is interested in Miller Neighborhood to join the Association and have the benefit of the Monthly Miller Messenger. Bruce Hall is the Chair of this Booth-he knows it all! The Home Tour Headquarters will also be located here. This is the one Airport Express Bus Stop where you can enjoy the back yard; have cookies and a cool drink; get all the info you will need for the year; enjoy crafts and art; listen to good music; and engage in a lively conversation on any subject. It is anticipated that there will be representatives from 75 to 100 Metro communities attending the Miller Tour.

Jimmy Vaughn, Membership Chair, MNA

Miller Neighborhood Association Security Patrol

Miller has contracted with BPS Security to provide professional security throughout the neighborhood. We have worked out a price with them of \$20 for 1 hour per month. We are asking for our members to sponsor 1 hour a month.

For your hour sponsorship, we give your address to BPS and if you are ever out of town you can have them personally pick up your mail and walk the perimeter of your property to ensure all your windows and doors are secure. Our goal is to sign up 100 sponsors. Please fill out the form below and/or contact Steve Reid to sign up!

Miller Neighborhood Association Security Patrol Participation

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Monthly \$20____ Quarterly \$60____ Semiannually \$120____ Annually \$240 ____

Make your check out to "Miller Neighborhood Association" and send with this slip to:

Steve Reid

2700 N.W. 11

Oklahoma City, OK 73107

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| <p><u>Individuals living in MNA</u></p> <p>Anderson, Davidlee and Carolyn N. Antonelli, Toney Baden, Derek Badertscher, Roger F. Barber, Gaylene Barber, Verla Batie, Joan Benefee, Wanda Blair, Tracy Brittain, Mike Burshek, Craig Buser, Brad and Kira Cadenhead, Nita Chappell, Chris and Misti Chilton, Ayleen Coffey, Coy E. Cornelius, Julie Cox, Mark Dix, Francie Ellis, Scott Elmore, Jerry D. and Pat A. Farlin, Dana Fisher, Leslie Forbes, Shannon Frank, Peggy Fuller, Lois J. Gdanski, Ivy W. Grace, Landon and Sara Hall, Bruce Hatcher, Kathryn Hawkins, Pauline Hayes, Basil A. Jr and Mary Heater, Buffy and Tobey Hilburn, Eric Houle, Charlotte James, Jeffrey W. Jenkins, Judy Jones, Robert C. Kehoe, Gary King, Murray W. Jr. King, Seth Kinne, Megan Kitchell, Dale and Toni Lawrence, Chad</p> | <p>Lincoln, Alicia & Ruhl, Dan Louthan, John Low, Dennis Lyon, Jo Ann Mahanay, Kelli Maher, John and Ruby Martin, Basil III & Tonja McClain-Trzcinski, Gwen Miller, Gloria and Jene Moore, Margie Nguyen, Anh Nichols, James S. and Judy Nichols, Lee I. Nixon, Robert Oligher, Irene Parker, Rita Perry, Melissa Plumley, Dale and Dee Dee Poole, Douglas M. Ramay, Jim Ratliff, Cathryn Reid, Steve and Barb Reif, Theresa M. Rhoten, Thomas R. Rodriguez, Benjamin Roesch, Ralph "Jack Romine, Tory Ross, Richard and Anna Schmitz, Lance and Ashley Servoss, Cindy Simpson, Carol Ann Smith, Barbara G. Spontarelli, Rebecca Priestersbach, Ben and Lori Stuart, Mike Taylor, Eddie M. Thompson, Ellen Tompkins, Charlotte Tompkins, Emily "Betty" Tompkins, Lisa Tracy, Jay Traywick, Doug E. Trzcinski, Jon Turner, Jason Vaughn, Jimmy Waltke, Henry Jon</p> | <p>Ward, Deanna L. Wassink, Chad and Whitney Weber, Matthew West, Barbara Zaragoza, Jamey & Kellie</p> <p><u>Individuals outside MNA</u></p> <p>Barnett, Kris OKC Hall, Leslie Norman Hernandez, Liza OKC Noel, Patty, Verden, OK Scothorn, Connie OKC Seabrooke, Karyn and Tom OKC Vaughn, Olen Yukon</p> <p><u>Neighbor Friends</u></p> <p>New Millennium Realty, Seth King</p> <p><u>Commercial Members in MNA</u></p> <p>DS Designs & Mary Kay, Delaney Sheffield *Harrison Duncan Electric, Charles Duncan Hunt Construction, Frank Hunt *Hyde Auto Service, Mark Hyde Industrial Plumbing & Heating, Jim Hayes New Millennium Realty, Seth King & Eric Hilburn PANCO, Inc., John Hurdle The Carpet Dept Mitch Dunnam & Russell Hunt Jr</p> <p><u>Commercial members outside MNA</u></p> <p>Airport Express, Larry Lucas All Star Mortgage, Terri Cowger Another Time, Another Place Vicki Houts & Sue Barnard Antique Avenue Market Apple Orchard Antique Mall Churchill Brown, Chelle Shaw</p> | <p>Churchill Brown, Ken Hutchmacher City Arts Center, Sherry Fair Classen View Veterinary Clear Drinks Property, Candler Barnett Community Action Partnership First American Mortgage, Gregg Long Garden Gate Antiques, Margaret Post Ingrid's Kitchen Jean's Plumbing/Jean's Homes Jean Prockish & Jane Eulberg Lighthouse Mortgage Group, Stacy Williams Lyric Theatre & Thelma Gaylord Academy, Nick Demos Marolyn Pryor Realty, Rick Terrel Midfirst Bank, Evelyn Towe Mockingbird Manor Antiques Mr. Woody's Barber & Style Shop Oklahoma Turf, Charlie Salsman Shadid Designs, Dorene Shadid Shelter Insurance, Lori Garrison State Farm Insurance, Leslie Blair Superior Linen Svc, G. Cochran The City Sentinel, Harry Meister Tom & Jerry's Steal & Fish Grille, Jerry Hency & Thomas Batista Turtle Creek Mortgage, Mathew Reynolds 23rd Street Antique Mall World Organization of China Painters</p> <p>*Has 2 memberships</p> |
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HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR FLOWER GARDEN

Here are some simple hints to make your garden bloom with health...

1. The essentials must always be given major consideration.

- Your flower garden must have an adequate supply of water, sunlight, and fertile soil.
- Water the flower garden more frequently during dry spells.
- When planting bulbs, make sure they go at the correct depth.
- When planting out shrubs and perennials, make sure that you don't heap soil or mulch up around the stem. If you do, water will drain off instead of sinking in, and the stem could develop rot through overheating.

2. Mix and match perennials with annuals.

- Mixing a few perennials with annuals ensures that you will always have blooms coming on.

3. Deadhead to encourage more blossoms.

- Deadheading is simply snipping off the flower head after it wilts. This will make the plant produce more flowers.

4. Know the good from the bad bugs. Most garden insects do more good than harm.

5. An occasional application of liquid fertilizer when plants are flowering will keep them blooming for longer.

6. Always prune any dead or damaged branches.

- Fuchsias are particularly prone to snapping when you brush against them. The broken branch can be potted up to give you a new plant, so it won't be wasted.

Information from <http://cheapgardeningtips.com/>



Environmentally Friendly Solutions to Outdoor Lawn and Garden Problems

WEED KILLERS

You need 1 gallon white vinegar in jug, 1 cup table salt, and 1 tablespoon dishwashing liquid.

Remove approximately 2 cups of vinegar from the jug, pour in the salt and dishwashing liquid, then return the 2 cups of vinegar to the jug. Close the lid and shake.

Transfer to a spray bottle as needed. It works as well, if not better, than chemical store brands but is cheaper.

Purchase vinegar with a 10% acidity or 20% acid (preferred) and spray it on the weeds in the heat of the full sun for the most effective weed killer. Be careful, it will kill whatever you spray it on! See the Vinegar Page <http://www.versatilevinegar.org/> for more information.

MOSQUITO REPELLANT

Roast garlic in the microwave, squeeze the pulp out and chop it in the blender with a little oil.



Then add water and some blue food coloring, and put the concoction in the fertilizer dispenser that hooks to the hose (the color will let you know when you run out).

An easy alternative: Mix garlic powder with water and blue food coloring.

Just spray it all over the grass, vegetation and everything. It will be effective immediately and the smell does go away quickly.

It lasts about 2 weeks or until there is a hard rain. The stuff is pure magic. It also keeps the gnats and chiggers away.

Information obtained from <http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art3018.asp>

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

\$ _____ 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)

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

\$ _____ 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!