

**MILLER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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



# The Miller Messenger

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[www.millerneighborhood.org](http://www.millerneighborhood.org)

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

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NW 12th to NW 16th, Miller to May

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day!



**Miller Neighborhood Association Meeting is March 3rd at 7 pm at the World Organization of China Painters Museum at 2641 N.W. 10th.**

## Your home and/or garden is needed!

We are one month closer to the home tour! Planning is underway.

**However, we are in desperate need of homes to be on the tour.**

Currently, we only have three homes and a couple of gardens on tour. We need more homes to have a good representation of the beautiful homes in Miller. Remember, this is a chance to display all of your hard work and to show neighbors and other communities that Miller is a great place to live. This is also our biggest fundraiser of the year. These funds go towards beautifying our neighborhood and special projects. **If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please contact Kellie Zaragoza at 863-3007.**

## **MARCH CALENDAR**

**01 Miller Playgroup**

**03 MNA Meeting**

**12 Big Junk Day**

**15 Miller Playgroup**

**17 St. Patrick's Day**

**23 Easter Sunday**

**27 MNA Board Mtg.**

## SAVE THE DATE

**Miller In May**

**May 17th**



## 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*  
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**Animal Welfare.....297-3100**  
**Trash/Recycle.....297-1950**  
**Crime Stoppers.....297-7300**  
**Councilwoman**  
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## MNA Committees

### Website Coordinators

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 Delaney Sheffield .....524-2995  
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### Membership

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## Free Lunch for Miller Residents

Crestwood Baptist Church would love the opportunity to serve you. All our Miller neighbors are invited to an Easter Brunch.

Location: Crestwood Baptist Church., NW 16th and Villa

When: March 23rd, Easter Sunday

Time: 10:00- 12:00

Cost: 00.00

What to bring: YOU and Your family

## UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- The **Miller Neighborhood Association Meeting is March 3rd at 7 pm.** This month's speaker is **Sandra Precure**, owner and operator Precure Nursery and Garden Centers. Sandra will talk to MNA about gardening and decorating tips— just in time for Miller in May preparations. See her Bio. on page 4.
- **Thank you to everyone who has sent in their membership applications and surveys. Need a new application or survey?** Call Mr. Jimmy Vaughn, Chair of Membership, and he will be more than happy to assist you. His number is 948-0308.
- The **next 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.
- **Miller Neighborhood will begin contracting with BPS Security to provide coverage a few times per week.** The cost must be offset by individual donations. Some home insurance and renters insurance companies may offer discounts to residents participating in the program. **We are asking for \$20 per month, personal perks will be included for those paying.** However if you cannot afford it don't worry, the patrol will be visible in all sections of Miller on the evenings they are contracted to patrol. **See page 4 for more information and the payment slip.**
- **Want to join the Miller playgroup?** Call Barb Reid at 602-5420. Playgroup meets every other Saturday.

In Memoriam:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of Rose Ramay. Rose, a Miller resident, recently passed away.

**Letter from the President.....**



Hello Neighbors!

I would like to thank those of you who gathered Saturday, February 9th for the neighborhood cleanup. We met at NW 12th and Miller and branched out from there. The flower beds are ready for planting, the streets are clean and the litter has been picked up. We will be having another cleanup May 10th so please mark your calendars. I had several neighbors call and tell me that they were cleaning up their streets rather than gathering at 12th and Miller. That's great— clean up your block, or your street, whatever you want, the cleanup is always neighborhood-wide! *Thanks to all who participated!!*

Please remember on big junk days to not put your trash out to the curb more than 3 days before the scheduled pickup day. Also, please take your “big blue” trash cans out Sunday evening and bring them back to your house by Monday night. A clean and orderly neighborhood is one that people enjoy living in.

Again I would encourage you to find your niche in Miller and get involved in the neighborhood. Miller is a great place to call home, and made so by the folks who live here.

Sincerely,

**Bruce Hall**, President

Miller Neighborhood Association

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU.....

Sandra Precure is Senior Vice President of Precure Nursery and Garden Centers, located at 4535 NW 63rd St, just west of Meridian Avenue. This is a retail, wholesale, and growing facility that serves the Oklahoma City metro area as well as the neighboring states. She consults regularly with individuals and corporations on landscape design projects and turf management projects. Sandra was raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She attended Putnam City West High School, after which she attended the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University.

Although not a Miller Resident, Sandra is a friend of MNA and will be presenting some great tips and tricks for gardening and flower pot plantings at the March 3rd Miller Neighborhood Meeting. Come learn something, have some fun, participate in your neighborhood, and spruce up for spring all in one hour.

Bring your gardening questions for Sandra to answer.

## 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!

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### Miller Neighborhood Association Security Patrol Participation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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



## REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: MARCH 2008

Many thanks to the people who have submitted their membership applications. **There are 129 members to date. However, we still have a lot of road to cover to reach our goal of 263.** It is exciting to know that already we have 17 new individual/commercial members. One young lady moved to our neighborhood in January and mailed her membership in January. Wow!

Are you a former neighbor or have MNA friends who have moved away? We now mail the Miller Messenger to all out-of-the-community members. Send me the name/address, I will send them their application. They can keep up with Miller news and happenings. Miller Neighborhood is not only the place to be in May, but every month of the year. There will be a Membership Directory in 2008, so send in your application and survey today!

Many people are not looking at the survey portion of the membership application. You *should* look at this and take the opportunity to volunteer for something that will help our community. You can't drive, you can't do manual labor? Maybe you could call neighbors on the telephone when the MNA President has a special event planned? Mr. George Miller, the one person who started it all, is now gone! It is up to all the rest of us now to improve our community. We can do it, one person at a time!

I have compiled the names for the Miller Disaster Plan with the available information that I have. I do need your help to fill in the names that I don't have. This is especially true if you live in rental properties. There has been only one person to report that they are in a wheel chair and one person is legally blind. I feel that it is very important that this list be as complete as possible so that we can place it in the hands of various emergency groups, should it ever be needed. Call me at 948-0308 if you have special needs that emergency officials may need to know in the event of a disaster.

If you live on 12th Street, plan to "*spruce*" up your front yard before the May Home Tour. Some major events will be happening on 12th Street, and the Chair of the Tour lives on 12th. Everyone is urged to either plant a colorful flower bed, or plant pots or boxes to sit on your porch. As my Mother would have said "we are going to *gussie* it up!" If you need some ideas, Sanda Precure, from Precures at 63rd and Meridian, will be speaking at the March meeting about doing these types of plantings, and probably some hints on new plants for this year's flower beds. "Magnificent Miller" has the "Colorful 12th Street" dividing Miller into equal south/north portions so it has to look great! But remember, Miller in May visitors will be on your street too and curb appeal sells homes and makes neighbors feel better, safer about where they live.

**Thank you!**

**Jimmy Vaughn**

MNA Membership Chair

## Report Potholes by Phone

If you see potholes in City streets, give them a call on the Pothole Hotline at 631-1111. Or call \*OKC on your cellular phone.

## Neighborhood Matters

**A new study**, published in February 2008 edition of *Child Trends* by B. Wilkenfeld et al., **found that supportive neighborhoods matter to developing children.** They defined a supportive neighborhood as one where neighbors look out for one another and watch out for each other's kids, help each other out, could/would help if a child got hurt while playing outside, and a place parents felt was safe.

Children growing up in supportive neighborhoods were more likely to feel connected to their community and interacted more with their families, watched less T.V., volunteered more, went to church regularly, and participated in afterschool activities more than kids who did not live in supportive neighborhoods—no matter how rich or poor the parents were, or what type of family they had (single parent, grandparent, both parents). **Neighborhood works and it matters!**

So let's continue to make Miller a supportive neighborhood and help our neighborhood children grow into connected and healthy adults. **Get to know your neighbors and your neighbors' children— it's a small way to make a big difference in someone else's life.**

This study can be found online at:

[http://www.childtrends.org/Files//Child\\_Trends-2008\\_02\\_05\\_ConnectednessFS.pdf](http://www.childtrends.org/Files//Child_Trends-2008_02_05_ConnectednessFS.pdf)



## City's Action Center Handles Citizen Complaints, Questions

The Action Center is the City's central source for requesting City services, information and referrals. **The Action Center takes complaints and questions** from citizens and directs them to other City departments and divisions **so that your voice is heard.**

Code violations are reported to the Action Center and then sent to the proper department or division, including Police, Code Enforcement and Zoning Enforcement. Among code violations that can be reported are illegally parked cars, high grass and weeds, yard parking, barking dogs and inoperative vehicles. **More code violations can be found on our website at [www.okc.gov](http://www.okc.gov).**

You can **call the Action Center at 297-2535** to report problems in your neighborhood or get information about City services. Your call will be answered by an Action Center staff member **Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** After hours or on weekends, you can leave a message explaining your problem and we will handle your request the next working day. **You can also report problems online using our online service request at [www.okc.gov](http://www.okc.gov).** We can also send you a letter to let you know the City is working on a solution. We track your request to make sure you get the help you need, and we can explain what action has been taken on the issue.

The Action Center is a division of the Public Information and Marketing Office of The City of Oklahoma City.

Information obtained from [www.okc.gov](http://www.okc.gov)

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**Mike Stuart, MNA Tesoro**

**1221 N. Miller**

**OKC, OK 73107**

(Calidad de Miembro es para Enero por Diciembre)

## LA ASOCIACIÓN DEL VECINDARIO DE MILLER 2008 CALIDAD DE MIEMBRO

\_\_\_\_\_ Este es mi renovación \_\_\_\_\_ Yo soy un miembro nuevo

Please print

(1) NOMBRE \_\_\_\_\_

(2) NOMBRE \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECCIÓN \_\_\_\_\_ Zip, si no 73107 \_\_\_\_\_

TELÉFONO (Casa) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

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Año cuando movió al vecindario de Miller \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque uno de los categorías de miembro:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Individuo (un nombre)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Business (vive a fuera de Miller)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Negocio una pareja (lista dos nombres)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00 Agente (lista el nombre del agente)

\_\_\_\_\_ Centennial Diamond- Miembro Especial (gratis- - 85 años o más)

Por favor, cheque uno y incluye la cantidad de la donación:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fiesta de Cinco de Mayo

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fondo General

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Embellecían del avenida Miller (provenir agua para árboles, arbustos, etc.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Prevención de Crimen

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ El Parque de Miller

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cualquiera

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

**Los Donativos Son Voluntarios**-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!