

Happy Halloween!!

### MILLER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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



# The Miller Messenger

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

www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/miller www.millerneighborhood.org

#### **2008 MNA OFFICERS**

President

1100100110	
Bruce Hall	948-8747
Vice-President	
Eric Hilburn	326-0607
Secretary	
Jay Tracy	250-8658
Treasurer	
Mike Stuart	949-9809
Past President	
Tracy Blair	702-0047

### Board Members

#### SE Ouadrant

NW 10 to NW 12, Miller to Villa Jamey Zaragoza......528-0016

#### NE Quadrant

NW 12th to NW 16, Miller to Villa Lori Spriestersbach......528-3908

#### **SW Ouadrant**

NW 10th to NW 12th, Miller to May Steve Reid......602-5420

#### NW Quadrant

NW 12th to NW 16th, Miller to May Jim Ramay......945-8317

### V.P. Membership

Jimmy Vaughn......524-0305

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

**06 MNA Meeting** 

08 Big Junk Day

12 Happy B-day Colin!

30 MNA Board Mtg

31 Happy Halloween!

31 Haunt the Gazebo

### HAUNT THE GAZEBO

The Miller Neighborhood Meeting is October 6th at 7 pm at the

World Organization of China Painters Museum at 2641 N.W. 10th.

October 31st

6:00 PM until 8:00 PM

Candy, fun, and punch for children of all ages

Come Trick-or-Treat with your neighbors.

Don't be a ghoul, come join the fun. Dress up, be creative and have fun!



### 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

Vacant.....297-2402

Crime Stoppers.....297-7300



### MNA Committees

### **Website Coordinators**

Councilperson

### Melissa Freeling......370-2143 **Block Captains**

Lisa Tompkins......528-3114

### **Welcome Committee**

Melissa Hawley......306-5348 gardengirlforever@yahoo.com

### Neighborhood Watch

Steve Reid......602-5420

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Alicia Lincoln......945-2230 sciguy35@yahoo.com

### The Linwood Place Neighborhood Home Tour

The Linwood Place Home Tour will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2008, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

There will be 5 homes on the tour this year, which will include three larger homes and two bungalows. As always, homemade cookies and coffee & apple cider will be served to guests on the tour, at no cost. Complimentary transportation will be available on pedicabs (bicycle powered buggies) which will be running routes between the tour homes.

Advance tickets will be available for purchase three weeks before the tour date at: 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Antique Mall (NW 23<sup>rd</sup> & Drexel) – Prairie Thunder Bakery (Midtown) – and The Painted Door (Bricktown). Tickets can be purchased on the day of the tour at any of the homes.

Ticket prices: Advance \$8.00 / Tour day \$10.00. Tickets make an excellent **treat** for anyone on your shopping list.

### **UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

- The Miller Neighborhood Association Meeting is October 6th, 7 pm at the World Organization of China Painters Museum.
- *NOT* a member? Please call Jimmy Vaughn at 2632 NW 12th 948-0308. We'd love to have you.
- Miller Neighborhood will begin security patrol several hours per week. To volunteer please call Steve Reid at 602-5420.
- Want to join the Miller playgroup? Call Barb Reid at 602-5420. Playgroup meets every other Saturday.
- **New neighbors?** Call Melissa with the Welcome Committee so she can extend a Miller welcome, 306-5348.
- Congratulations to Chris and Misti Chappell, at 2737 NW 12th. Quimby Marie Chappell arrived July 7th.

### **JUST DESSERTS**



Congratulations to this year's Neighborhood Night Out Dessert Competition Winner

### Chocolate Goodness Created by Jordan Higgins

Crust: one stick of butter, one cup of flour, one cup of pecans press in bottom of 9X13 pan and bake for 25 min. at 350.

2nd layer: 8oz cream cheese, one cup of powdered sugar, one teaspoon of vanilla, one cup of Cool Whip.

3rd layer: 2 small chocolate puddings, 3 cups of milk, one teaspoon of vanilla, a little Cool Whip.

Top with Cool Whip, sprinkle with nuts and/or chocolate.

### Miller in May Home Tour 2009

We have started preparations for our 2009 home tour. We need your help! If you are someone you know, is interested in helping with the tour in same way, or, if you or someone you know wants to be on the tour, please let us know.

Remember, this is Miller's biggest fund raiser for the year. So, let's make 2009 the best year for Miller yet! Please contact Kellie Zaragoza at 863-3007, if you are interested in being on the tour.

## Congratulations Yard of the Month Winners for September 2008

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

### **East of Miller**

Pat McCoy 2616 NW 15th

### **West of Miller**

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

Ryan & Lauren Cole, 2726 NW 15th

A BIG THANK YOU to Margaret Post at Garden Gate Antiques who donated gift certificates to every 2008 YOM winner.

Stay tuned for more information about the December Holiday Yard Decorating contest.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

### Security Watch:

There have been several break-ins and car thefts in the area lately. A few tips you can do to help prevent crime in Miller:



\*\*\*\*\*\*

- 1. **Keep doors, windows, garages, and cars locked and secure when not at home or in use.** If you notice your neighbor's house is not secure let them know.
- 2. Leave your porch light on this deters criminals who prefer the dark to do their dirty deeds. A cheap way to leave your light on is to install a fluorescent light bulb– they last much longer than traditional bulbs and save \$ over time.
- 3. Keep the shrubs and bushes around your house well trimmed— this keeps hiding places to a minimum and lets your neighbors see if someone is trying to visit you without your knowing.
- **4. Pay attention.** Criminals hate nosy neighbors. If something looks suspicious report it.
- **5. Get to know your neighbor.** A friendly neighborhood that is well kept and a place where everybody knows your name is the least attractive place for thieves to find work.
- **6. Join MNA Security Patrol.** Call 602-5420.

### OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Only 10 more members are needed to meet our 2008 goal! We have 253 now. I have been researching the previous newsletters. The first year of the MNA, there were 275 members. Next year, we need to work hard if we are to establish a new high total.

Remember, the importance of membership is not the fees collected, although that is important but programs can be cancelled if necessary, but the importance for you is that there is a central office that has your name, telephone numbers, e-mail address. This would be vital should a serious storm or calamity happen. It is important that someone knows if you are elderly, disabled, or just new to the neighborhood. MNA does maintain a list of names at every address within our 28 community blocks. Should you not contribute to keep this list current, it won't be.

Remember that it isn't how much you have to pay for your MNA membership, the important thing is how much you paid to the have the right, through a small investment, to become a member of well organized and honored association that provides you safety, the best of neighbors, as well as a year around social events!

Jimmy Vaughn, Membership Chair, MNA

### Miller Neighborhood Association Security Patrol Report

These crime statistics are from the OKC Police Department from 8/1/08 to 9/4/08. Incidents on NW 10th and on N. May are generally related to the businesses housed there. Traffic offenses are generally not reported.

Location:	Date:	Time:	Offense:
25XX NW 10th	08-08	2300	Burglary 2
26XX NW 10th	08-05	2241	Burglary 2
12XX N Ross	08-03	1941	DUI
25XX NW 10th	08-10	0121	Grand Larceny
28XX NW 10th	08-18	0949	Petit Larceny
16XX N Ross	08-19	1448	Impounded Vehicle
25XX NW 10th	08-22	2330	Robbery F&F
28XX NW 11th	0822	2331	Burglary 2
25XX NW 12th	0823	1330	Burglary 2
25XX NW 15th	0823	1400	Grand Larceny
26XX NW 15th	0827	1050	Domestic Violence
27XX NW 10th	0904	1700	Burglary 2
28XX NW 10th	0830	1850	Loaded Firearm
26XX Nw 11th	0903	1700	Injury/Destruction of Property
26XX NW 12th	0831	1800	Larceny Vehicle
25XX NW 14th	0904	1300	Burglary 2
25XX W Park Place	0829	1530	Assault and Battery

### HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE MNA FOUNDERS of 1983 - MNA's OWN TREATS

### <u>1983</u>

### **Founders:**

President Mark Usery, 2633 NW 14th

Vice Pres J. L. Hawkins, 2632 NW 14th

Secretary Marie Renfro, 2805 NW 14th

Treasurer Elna Rohmon, 2648 NW 15th

Social Chair John Hughes, 1509 N Miller

Welcome Wagon Janie Hughes, 1509 N Miller

Crime Watch. Alton Savage, 2647 NW 12th

Code Enforcement Marie Renfro

Beautification Marla Hardin

Tree Planting Charles Ruiz, NW 12

Newsletter Editor Cathryn Ratliff, 2537 NW 15th

Scott Christensen, 1513 N Miller

Vivian Morrow, NW 11th

### **Memorable Events:**

First newsletter Advertiser: Action Real Estate,

3037 NW 10th, Leslie Berry, Donna Kerfoot

First Guest Speaker: Ardyn Eserhut, NDCC Repr

First Neighborhood Meeting: Feb 14, 1983

First Meeting to organize: February 28, 1983

First Annual Meeting: Crestwood Baptist, June 1983

First Annual Miller's Day Celebration: Oct 1, 1983

First Anniversary Holiday Happening: Dec 3, 1983

First tree planted in 1983 was gift of Vivian Morrow in

memory of Calvin Marrow

First birth announcement: Daniel Edward Darrow, Nov

3, 1983 (Danny still lives in Miller)

First Youth Volunteer, Blanca Lopez, 2500 blk of 15th

First year membership total: 275

Purchased 10 Neighborhood Watch Signs in 1983

Joined Adopt-A-Park Program in 1983

### **Letter from the President:**

Hello Neighbors!

I would personally like to welcome all of the new residents to Miller Neighborhood! You have moved into an amazing community. I would encourage all of you to become involved and get out and meet your neighbors. I heard on the radio today that 70% of people do not know the names of their next door neighbors. Well I am sure Miller was not included in that poll, at least I hope not. We are truly fortunate to call Miller our home.

Fall is here and with it brings cooler temperatures, leaves and projects around the house. I would ask that everyone respect the ordinances concerning big or bulky waste pickup. Please do not take your items to the curb too early. The rule is no junk out more than 3 days prior to Big Trash Day. Otherwise it is unsightly and could result in a fine from the city.

We want our neighborhood to be clean and pleasing to the eye. That is Miller Neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Bruce Hall, President
Miller Neighborhood Association

P.S. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the picnic. Thank you too for your generosity for Hawthorne's elementary students.



### SPECIAL TREATS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

### Submitted by Mr. Jimmy Vaughn



Frank Roesler III lives on 15th St and came down to 12th St and cleaned the trash off the yard and trimmed the shrubs for his friend, Bonnie Mason, who has just rented living quarters. Residents of 2600 Block of 12th Street consider this a Special treat for them, too.

Ben Davis, of Neighborhood Alliance, has been going to college to be a City Planner, has resigned to become a City Planning Employee. Ben has been a treat to Miller.

Eric Hilburn has renewed interest in Miller becoming a Historic Preservation District. What a Special Treat that will be.

Bruce Hall continues to seek solutions for the noise at the Race Track. He will not give up until we are Treated to No Noise!

Steve Reid is getting the Neighborhood Watch Patrol in full swing. What a treat not to worry when leaving your home or you go to bed.

Mike Stuart and Impressions Printing deserves a Miller Special Treat for the 2008 financial savings in printing.

Jamey Zaragoza and Lisa Tompkins treat Block Captains each month by taking them their newsletters to deliver.

Block Captains get a Special Treat because they deliver the monthly newsletter and other special details within their assigned block.

A truck load of Special Treats to Jim Ramay who is a Quad Leader, Chair of Yard of the Month, plants and weeds the flower beds, planted the trees, helps to water, and does what ever is needed! He treats Miller Neighborhood very well.

MNA Board of Directors considers each Miller resident that does various volunteer duties very Special Treats. There is at least one living within all the 28 blocks of our neighborhood.

Alicia Lincoln gets a Special Treat for being the Editor of the Monthly Newsletter; also for sorting all the newsletters for each Block Captain.

Kellie Zaragoza gets a Special Treat for chairing a very successful 2008 Home Tour and planning 2009.

Treats to the residents of the 2600 block of 11th Street for holding regular pot-luck parties and to the residents of the 2500-2600 block of 12th Street who celebrate birthdays.

### Support Our Sponsors!

### **Hyde Auto Service Center**

Serving Oklahoma Since 1959 - Same Location 1200 N. May \*\*OKC, 73107

\*\*Complete Auto Service

\*\*Electronic Tune -Up

\*\*Air Conditioning Service

\*\* Fleet Service

\*\*Computer Diagnosis

\*\*Electronic Alignment

946-8955

Mitch Dunnam Russell Hunt, Jr. Monday-Friday 9-5 Saturday 10-2

### The Carpet Depot

www.carpetdepotokc.com

2547 NW 10th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73107 (405) 524-2183



Residential

Commercial

### HARRISON-DUNCAN ELECTRIC, INC.

Licensed-Bonded-Insured

2700 NW 10th, Oklahoma City Okla. State License #01136

Charles Duncan OFF: 942-8647









Please Support **YOUR** Neighborhood NEW MILLENNIUM REALTY



Buying or Selling...call your RESIDENT REALTORS®!

Seth King 243-8090 Owner/Broker **NMR.** Miller Neighborhood NW Quadrant Leader Eric Hilburn 326-0607 Vice President, Miller Neighborhood Association

Miller Resident Owned



# TIPS ON HOW TO HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY HALLOWEEN



### **Safety First:**

Small children should go out during daylight hours only unless accompanied by a responsible adult or older sibling.

Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home.

Let your children know not to cut through back alleys and fields and to stay in well lit areas.

Stop only at familiar houses in your own neighborhood (and come by Haunt the Gazebo) - unless accompanied by an adult. Remind kids to only go to homes with a porch light on.

Remind them to not eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.

Tell kids to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.

Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.

Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.

### **Have a Healthy Halloween:**

Not sure what to hand out this year? Pass these items out instead of, or in addition to, candy for the little trick-or-treaters in your life:

- Yogurt covered raisins
- Glowsticks
- Glow-in-the-Dark Bracelets/Necklaces
- 100 Calorie Packs of Cookies or Chips
- Pretzels
- Sugar-free gum
- Bubbles
- Stickers
- Noisemakers
- Dimes or Quarters
- Pencils or Pens or Crayons
- Stickers

