

President's Corner:

I would like to thank all of the board members, committees and Street Captains who stepped up to serve our neighborhood in the year ahead. They pledge their time and efforts to make Millers Ridge a safe and clean community to reside.

A little about myself so you can appreciate where I come from. I have resided in Millers Ridge for 23 years and am Retired Army. I'm currently a local Business man. I pledge my efforts to make Millers Ridge a Safer & Cleaner community to live during this next year. These are the top priorities on my bucket list.

With that said we will not waste anytime implementing the COP program. In January we have invited the Bexar County official who oversees this program to be our Guest Speaker. This program requires a 8 hour day of training for those who are interested in contributing to the safety of our neighborhood. Dump your junk has been rescheduled for later this month so take advantage of this opportunity and keep your property clean and neat. We will be making a drive thru after Dump Your Junk to identify properties that are not in compliance.

I encourage all of you to come to our meetings, be heard and get involved. This is our neighborhood so let's be proactive.

I want to know and hear your thoughts about improving Millers Ridge.

Butch Swinford

Millers Ridge Neighborhood Association

Dump Your Junk update:

Due to the heavy rain our previous date was canceled by the County. Dump your junk will take place on Saturday November 21 and 22, 2015, 9am to 5pm and 1pm to 5pm, respectively. This date will allow you to get your yards cleaned up before the holidays. You can get rid of junk, tree trimmings, etc. Remember no garbage, that is for your garbage service, no paint cans, and nothing with Freon. This is your last opportunity to get rid of your offensive junk. There will also be a dumpster for metal recycling. MRNA Rules: No dumpster diving in the metal container; No animals or children under 18 at dump site; No exceptions. You can pay your \$30 dues at this time. Emails were previously sent out with this information. If you are not on the email list and wish to have the most recent news regarding and only regarding the neighborhood please email mazimaehunt05@yahoo.com and/or trisha_k84@sbcglobal.net.

Light Up Contest:

As you all know our "Light Up Contest" is coming up and the judging is on **December 15th, 2015 starting at 6pm**. Make sure your home is lit by 6pm. Some of our members have concerns about the judging; Street Captains judge so all parts of Millers Ridge are represented. We look at all homes before we pick our winners. We do require that you be current with your membership dues and have a clean, cut and edged yard before decorating. The prizes will be awarded as follows: for Lighted Displays - 1st Place = \$100.00, 2nd Place = \$75.00, 3rd Place = \$50.00, Honorable Mention = \$25.00; and the Mail Box Decorations - 1st Place = \$25.00, 2nd Place = \$15.00 and 3rd Place \$10.00. The First Place Winner for the Lighted Displays will be invited to Judge the next year. The rules are pretty simple and the judges look for beautiful, tasteful, and well planned winners, they DO NOT LOOK for the largest amount of lights or the most stuff that is put out.

Through Sidewalk Update (connecting Millers Ridge and Chemsford):

The County is still in negotiations with the landowner trying to obtain the sidewalk for public use. There is no known timeline for it to be returned to its prior use.

Citizens on Patrol (COP)

Volunteers are and have been needed, however there has been a lack interested people. In order to become a certified COP you need to attend an 8 hour training course which is usually on a weekend. It is free of charge. They are held a few times a year. Attending the course does not require participation in the neighborhood watch but will give you the option should you wish to in the future. I remind you that you are the eyes and ears of the community if you aren't on the lookout for yourself and your neighborhood what kind of environment is that creating for the criminal element? If you are interested in becoming a COP or for more information please attend the January meeting, where the head of the Bexar County program will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Safety Reminder

With the holidays coming up and many of you may be out of town Remember **TO PLAN: Turn On Porch Lights At Night.** All residents of Millers Ridge Neighborhood need to remember to keep your porches lit. Several streets are very dark and no one driving by can see if there are wrong doings happening in your front yard if it is unlit. For you and your family's safety, keep the lights on. Additionally, it may be helpful to let a trusted neighbor know when you are going to be gone so that they can keep an eye on your property for any kind of unusual activity.

Many home owners have put up home surveillance cameras and it is amazing what they have reported that they have seen. Make sure that you report all criminal activity to the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, as they will investigate and take further action. The cameras are well worth your investment. You are the eyes and ears of your community, if you see any suspicious activity call: **Bexar County Sheriff's Department@ 210-335-6000** You may remain anonymous. You may call this number for a Patrol By. Also call 210-335-4750 for the Constables Pct. 4 for a PATROL BY, so you get both services from two different agencies.

UPCOMING 2015/2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Dump Your Junk: November 21 & 22, Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5

– It will be in the new dump spot as it was for the Spring Dump Your Junk. All the same rules apply.

Light Up Contest Judging: Tuesday, December 15, 2014, 6 pm-7 pm

MRNA General Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2014 7:30 pm

- Guest Speaker – Official in charge of the COP program

Board Members

Butch Swinford – President – 325-9638
Barry Hunt – Vice President - 607-9158
Renee Herndon– Treasurer - (512) 630-1508
Richard Magoon – Secretary - 415-7004

Committee Members

Marvin Dodge - Special Projects- ICE
Julie Magoon - Signs & Special Projects
Trish Koula - Web Master

Street Captains

Thanks to all of the following for delivering the Ridge Runner:
Annandale & Bayport - Chris & Lisa Schloemer-347-4152
Chelmsford (odd) & Vineland – Kathleen Mallette - 782-1411
Chelmsford (even) - Marvin & Glenda Dodge - 422-8434
Chelseawood & Chesterbrook - Ed & Rashael Pose - 657-0620
Ludgate & Dunhill- Stan & Betty Thomas - 599-0901
Dunstable (even) Barry & Billie Hunt - 607-9158
Dunstable (odd) Wilburn & Judy Gloor - 653-7866
Millers Ridge (odd) Carol & John Gilg - 653-7947
Millers Ridge (even) Renee & Michael Herndon - (512) 630-1508

We appreciate all that our Street Captains and Volunteers do for our neighborhood! Please remember that all the people working to improve the neighborhood are volunteers, taking time out of their days for the good of the community.

November 2015

Dear Resident of Millers Ridge:

If you are a new resident, I would like to be the first to "welcome" you to our neighborhood. If you are an old timer like me here in Millers Ridge I want to remind you of all the things the Millers Ridge Neighborhood Association does for your neighborhood. It Sponsors these events for Members of M.R.N.A.

- MRNA has one Advertised Neighborhood Yard Sale.
- MRNA has two "Dump Your Junk Events."
- MRNA has one event with a free meal.
- MRNA has a Light Up Contest, with awarded prizes.
- MRNA has a Social Event for National Night Out.
- MRNA has yearly Elections in October for MRNA Board (Voting rights for members)
- MRNA has a Helping Hands Program for Seniors and Disabled.
- MRNA prints the Ridge Runner (Neighborhood Flyer that informs you about your neighborhood with Calendar of Events)
- MRNA lobbies the Prescient 4 County Commissioner, the Bexar County Sheriff, State Senator and State Representative for the betterment of our neighborhood.
- MRNA works with Bexar County Public Works to keep streets swept, sidewalks and streets repaired.
- MRNA works very hard to keep a Beautiful and Safe Neighborhood for you to live.
- MRNA pays electricity for Security Lights.
- MRNA maintains the Marquee and its grounds.

These are just a few of the things that we provide with the yearly membership dues of \$30.00. It is so important that every household becomes a member so that you can have a say in this neighborhood and we can continue these important activities. Please take the time to make out a check and fill out the application below and put it into the mail, give it to your street captain, bring it to DYJ or the next general meeting. It is so important that every home has a member whether you own or rent it, so that you too can contribute to the betterment of Millers Ridge where you live.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Butch Swinford

President

Millers Ridge Neighborhood Association

Clip and Return with check. Membership is due by October 1st, 2014 for the 2015-2016 year. Please Do Not Mail Cash. Please give current e-mail and phone number.

Mail to: M.R.N.A., 9550 Millers Ridge, San Antonio, Texas 78239.

Name-_____ Address-_____

E-mail Address_____ Phone-_____

Dues for Oct. 1, 2015 to Oct.1, 2016 \$ 30.00 Donation \$____ for Marquee Upkeep.