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McClellan Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter



Grand View Commons * Covered Bridge * Birchwood Ridge * Rustic Acres * Jubilee

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Updates from your MPNA Board

Winter is here with a big bang and hopefully you have recovered from the blizzard of 2011! First quarter is traditionally our “quiet” time of the year – but you’ll see we have numerous projects in the works for the coming year.

Make a Difference – Be a MPNA Volunteer!

We continue to look for volunteers to keep our neighborhood association viable now and in the future. We’ve had many suggestions for new social activities and community projects, but all good ideas require people power to make it happen. A great example is our Capital View Farmers’ Market. The efforts of a small group of dedicated volunteers took a dream and made it the real deal in less than 6 months!

Remember, it only takes a small time commitment to make a big difference - as little as a few hours a year. We urge any interested neighbors to take the plunge and get involved, especially people living in the Covered Bridge, Jubilee, Birchwood Ridge, and Rustic Acres developments.

Are you thinking, “How can I make a difference?” Here are a few ways you can get involved in our neighborhood:

Join the MPNA Board.

We anticipate some changes on the board in 2011, so if you’ve been considering joining in the past, this spring will be a great time to join the Association board. Meetings are typically held the first Monday of each month – check out MyMPNA.org for meeting times and dates. All meetings are held in the board room off the Lobby at Oak Park Place, 618 Jupiter Drive.

Participate on the MPNA Parks Committee.

The new drinking fountain was installed in December 2009 – and the North Star Park Tile project will finally be installed in 2011. There is still time to create a tile for this project. Fired Up Pottery on Monona Drive is handling all the tiles for this project. The tiles are one for \$30 or two for \$50. You paint your tile and Fired Up Pottery places it in the kiln to make it a permanent plaque for our display around the North Star Park drinking fountain display. This would make a great birthday gift idea, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, or memorial plaque for you, your family or a family member. This will be the last 6 months to make a tile, after July 31st we have to start construction so don’t delay. We’re also looking for people to help with the final planning of this long-awaited project.

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MPNA Board Update cont.

Volunteer To Help Out With Special Neighborhood Events.

We will be holding our 5th Annual Halloween Event for neighborhood children on October 31st. This is a wonderful way to include our “senior” neighbors at Oak Park Place in our special activities. We’ve discussed creating a card night or game night, but we need interested volunteers to make it happen.

Help Us Reach Out To All Neighbors In MPNA!

We are always looking at alternate ideas to help bring more of our neighbors together. Possible ideas include card and game nights, holding a neighborhood picnic, hosting a fall hay ride event and tailgate gatherings and other new activities that reach beyond our traditional 4th of July and Halloween gatherings. We have the facilities – Oak Park Place has generously opened their doors for our events – all we need are volunteers to help make it happen!

Take The Lead And Organize The Spring 2011 Neighborhood Garage Sale.

We need help to make the next neighborhood garage sale a reality. Please let us know if you are interested in spearheading this event in 2011! Just a few hours of time will help many with their Spring cleaning!

Recruit New Resident Members and Local Businesses in MPNA!

We continue to welcome individuals interested in helping with our membership efforts. Remember, our quarterly newsletter is funded by member dues and area businesses that advertise in the MPNA newsletter. Your \$10 annual membership fee helps keep our newsletter printed and help fund neighborhood events.

Be a Farmer’s Market Volunteer

The Capitol View Farmers’ Market Committee is always looking for additional help during the market season. You can email Tonya Nye at TNye@veridianhomes.com for more information.

MPNA Publications Policies

Neither attachment of political ads nor inclusion of business ads constitutes an endorsement. Opinions expressed in articles are not necessarily those of the MPNA Board. The Board reserves the right to refuse whatever it deems unfit for reasons of language or general content.

Be a Neighborhood Block Captain.

We are continually looking for individuals that are interested being a bit more “hands on” in their immediate neighborhood. Block Captains deliver the quarterly MPNA Newsletter and will be dropping off our new “MPNA Welcome” packets to neighbors new in the area.

Write An Article For The MPNA Newsletter.

Make our quarterly publication more relevant – submit ideas or articles for upcoming issues. We are transitioning the newsletter functions and are always looking for individuals that are interested in lending a helping hand.

Been on the fence wondering if you have time to pitch in? Now is the time to “just do it”! E-mail us at board@mympna.org to get started.

Other Issues Happening This Winter in our Neighborhood

The Great Dane Pub is now open!

We’re happy to welcome our new neighbor, The Great Dane Pub. According to their website, “*the Great Dane Pub-Eastside offers the full, awesome Great Dane food menu and at least 10 Dane beers on tap at all times. The remodeled ground floor space includes a two-sided bar, six TV’s, ample booth seating, a pool table, shuffleboard, darts and more! The elegant second story dining area features panoramic views of Lake Monona, Lake Mendota, the State Capitol and downtown Madison from nearly every table.*” Be sure to continue to patronize our businesses!

Safety Issues

Neighborhood safety continues to be an important issue for MPNA. The MPNA Board recently met with Madison Police Department staff and learned our neighborhood has a relatively low number of occurrences in comparison to other areas in our city.

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MPNA Board Update cont.

While we're buried deep in snow, please continue to use common sense to keep safe. Check out the vehicle safety tips and the Madison Police Department contact information in this issue. This information is also located on www.mympna.org.

Many of us are aware of the increased traffic around the Great Dane Pub. We are working with our alder, Lauren Cnare and the City of Madison Traffic Engineering staff to monitor the situation.

Please be sure to contact the MPNA board at board@mympna.org with any traffic or safety concerns.

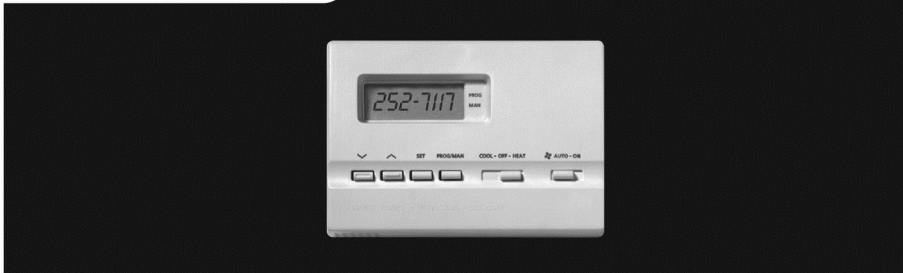
The East District Police Station newsletter can be found here at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/east/newsletters/documents/>

The CrimeReports.com web site provides up to date information regarding crime in and around Madison, and specifically in our neighborhood. Remember these three easy steps to creating a safer place to live...

Light it up. Lock it up. And be a very good witness.

Also, unlocked cars invite repeat thefts for not only your vehicle but that of your neighbors. A thief who finds that a neighborhood is diligent about locking up will find it a tiring endeavor and will look elsewhere. With the weather warming up in a few months remember to keep your garage doors closed to prevent intruders from accessing your garage and your house.

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Go through your glove box and console and remove property that, if stolen, would pave the way for Identity Theft.

When shopping, be sure to put purchases in the vehicle trunk. If your vehicle does not have a trunk, place the packages on the floor or the rear seat and cover them.

Consider taking purchases home before continuing to another shopping destination.

Lock your vehicle door as soon as you are seated. If you put your seatbelt on first and *then* lock your door, a stranger could open the door and demand your property while you are stuck in a 3-point restraint.

When parking your vehicle, personal safety and property security is enhanced when parking both near a light source and within sight of your destination. Always scan your environment and be alert.

Do not hide a key on your vehicle. Rather, have a trusted person hold a second key for you. Know your license plate number in the event your vehicle is stolen or you simply cannot locate the vehicle in a lot.

If you see suspicious activity in the area of your vehicle, be a good witness and inform your neighbors of such. If you are part of a neighborhood watch, share the information. If you suspect illegal activity, please contact law enforcement.

When approaching your vehicle, have your key in hand so you're not searching your purse or pockets or wallet while standing at the door.

WHEN SHOULD I CALL 9-1-1?

- WHEN YOU SEE A CRIME HAPPENING:
burglary, battery, weapons, child abuse, you hear someone calling for help, drunk driver, hit-and-run accident, robbery
- WHEN SOMEONE IS HURT AND NEEDS AN AMBULANCE
- WHEN YOU SEE AN UNCONTROLLED FIRE
- WHEN THERE IS A SERIOUS CAR CRASH



Neighborhood Safety cont.

WHEN SHOULD I CALL A NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER?

(255-2345 or 2664275)

TO REPORT OTHER PROBLEMS

Animal, parking and noise complaints, neighbor problems, fender-bender crashes, report drug or prostitution activity, property damage, disorderly conduct, trespass, or suspicious activity.

WHEN DO I FILE SELF-REPORTS?

(245-3662)

In cases where there is no suspect information yet and you have suffered property loss or damage.

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS:

**SPEEDERS HOTLINE AND
ABANDONED VEHICLE
REPORT**
266-4624

BIKE RECOVERY
267-8611

CRIME STOPPERS
266-6014

CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT
266-4923

EAST POLICE DISTRICT
267-2100

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266-5938

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Annual Holiday Light Contest

Three lucky winners of the 2010 Holiday Light Contest were selected to win a gift certificate from The Great Dane Pub! Selections were based on creative use of lights and decorations, themes, and extra points for going "green" – using energy-efficient lighting!

The winners are 710 Galileo, 702 Traveler Lane, 802 Calisto

SAVE THE DATE

McClellan Park Neighborhood Association

Annual Meeting

When: Wednesday, April 13 from 6:00 to 8:00.

Where: Oak Park Place, 618 Jupiter (in the auditorium)

Check mymppna.org before the meeting for the agenda

MPNA Neighborhood Association

Membership Registration Form



Grandview Commons ▪ Covered Bridge ▪ Birchwood Ridge ▪ Rustic Acres ▪ Jubilee

Join or Renew Today!
Your membership dues support MPNA!

Membership Benefits

Neighborhood Development ▪ Beautification ▪ July 4th Celebration ▪ Yard/Garage Sale
Holiday Lights Contest ▪ Social Events ▪ Neighborhood Forums ▪ MyMPNA Website

1. Membership Information

- Family Business
- Renewing Member New Member

Your Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Your E-Mail Address: _____

Adult #2 Full Name: _____

2. Your Interests

Are you interested in helping out with MPNA activities? Check all that apply:

- Join a committee
- Block Captain
- Welcome new neighbors
- Help out at events

3. Annual Dues

Membership is \$10 per year or \$20 for two years. Your support helps to defray expenses, including our quarterly newsletter and special events.

Please make your check out to the **McClellan Park Neighborhood Association.**

Mail or drop off checks to:
MPNA Membership 549 Galileo Dr. 53718

Questions? E-mail board@MyMPNA.org

MPNA use:

Date rec'd:

Amount: \$

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