Dear Neighbors,

Spring is upon us and with it comes a sense of rejuvenation. Despite a colder start to spring, I have seen many of you working hard in your yards, preparing your landscape for mulch, flowers and vegetable gardens.

Your CGNA board members thank you for keeping our neighborhood a place where people like to live.

I like this time of year because we get outdoors again after a long winter and I get a chance to talk to neighbors that I have not seen for a while and occasionally meet some new ones as well.

The winter, however, was not an idle one for the CGNA board and block captain volunteers. Because many of you understand the value that membership brings, we are pleased to announce that we are able to do considerable landscaping work this spring for the Country Grove Drive neighborhood entrance. Both sides will be professionally landscaped so that once again the entrance will match the beauty of our neighborhood.

With continued support through membership and participation we hope to be able to work on the Tanglewood entrance next spring though volunteers have kept that entranceway looking very nice.

Last year, new traffic calming islands were put in on Country Grove Drive and we will be making plans for their upkeep through a volunteer program similar to what has been established on East Pass.

Other initiatives that the board is working on include improving our accessibility to you through new communication vehicles like Facebook and improvements to our website.

Yes, spring is about rejuvenation and all that the new season can bring. We encourage you to contact any board member and share your ideas to help keep our neighborhood one that we are proud to live in.

Have a great spring!

Mike Friedenreich
CGNA - President
CGNA Board

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open position

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open position

Traffic Coordinator
Dave Sieloff

Head Block Captains
Greg & Teri Smith

Social Update

CGNA Annual Garage Sale
The garage sales will be held on Saturday, May 14. This year the garage sale will be advertised online at Craig’s List (instead of the local newspapers). The garage sales are scheduled to begin at 7 am.

Red, Bike & Blue Returns on Monday, July 4!
Be sure to put the 8th annual Red, Bike & Blue parade on your 2011 calendar. Get ready to decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons or roller blades in honor of the 4th of July. If an adult has a motorcycle or 4-wheeler they would like to ride, we would love to have you join us. However, we are again asking children to leave their motorized cars, jeeps and scooters at home.

Parade participants should begin lining up at Country Grove Park at 9:00 am. The parade will begin promptly at 9:15 am. The parade route travels down Country Grove Drive, turns on Countrywood Lane, then to Woodstone and back to the park. This year parade participants may toss candy to observers – so be sure to come out and wave at our neighborhood parade. We will have popsicles for the kids once the parade is over. Let’s see who can wear the most red, white, and blue on our nation’s birthday this year.

CGNA Calendar

May 14  CGNA Neighborhood Garage Sales
July 4    Red, Bike & Blue 4th of July Parade

Facebook

We are now on facebook!
You can keep up with the latest happenings in and around Country Grove. We hope to serve as a neighborhood forum and information page.

Be sure to keep up with the CGNA, our neighborhood happenings, and the surrounding community by checking out http://www.countrygrove.org/. If you’d like to contact anyone on the board, you will only be able to do that through our neighborhood website.
Our Wonderful Block Captains

Ever wonder “Who is my block captain?”

Head Block Captains: Greg and Teri Smith, 3814 Country Grove Dr, 845-8413

Carrie Smith: 3204 Country Grove Dr 848-5458
7401-7418 North Pass, 3201-3408 Country Grove Dr

Amy Hartlieb: 29 Autumnwood Cir 848-4596
All houses on Autumnwood Circle

Barb Pratt & Mark Lundey:
7317 Countrywood Ln 845-3420
7214-7334 Countrywood Ln,
7305-7333 Countrywood Ln, North Side of SO: 7302-7330 Southern Oak Place

Alicia Lundal: 7322 Westbourne St 848-2006
All of Westbourne St, 3705-3717 Woodstone Dr
All of Cranbrook Circle

Tracy Spilman: 7202 Countrywood Ln 848-6524
7102-7210 Countrywood Ln,
7101-7219 Countrywood Ln,
7201 Countrywood Ln,
South Side of SO: 7301-7329 Southern Oak Place

Tim Last: 3610 Country Grove Dr. 848-3241
3412-3726 Country Grove Dr,
3701-3725 Country Grove Dr

Mark Bohm: 3506 Field Crest Way 845-2216
All Field Crest Way, 3734-3754 Country Grove Dr,
3729-3749 Country Grove Dr

Greg & Teri Smith: 3814 Country Grove Dr 845-8413
3801-3829 Country Grove Dr,
3802-3830 Country Grove Dr

Kathy Horton: 2 Grove Cir 848-2525
All houses on Grove Circle

Open Position:
All houses on Maple Point Dr,
All houses on Oakwood Cir

David & Peggy Weller: 7137 Maple Point Dr
7141-7149 Timberwood Dr,
7202-7226 Timberwood Dr,
All houses Elmwood Ct, All houses on Basswood Ct

Renee Christman: 3225 Tanglewood Dr 848-1504
All houses on Birchstone Dr

Tiffani Horman: 7202 Timberwood Dr 497-0149
7101 Timberwood Dr,
7102-7150 Timberwood Dr,
All houses on Ashwood Court,
All houses on Timberwood Court

Kelly Weisenb: 3237 Tanglewood Dr 848-2122
All houses on Tanglewood Dr, 7032-7036 East Pass

Wanna rent a tent?

If you are interested in renting the large white tent that you have seen used at CGNA picnics, please contact Mike Friedenreich. It’s perfect for fall festivities in your very own backyard. The rental cost is $25 for CGNA members and $35 for non-members who are residents of Country Grove Estates.

Your block captains are the wonderful people who hand deliver your newsletters and social event flyers to your door.

CGNA Membership Update

The 2011 CGNA Membership Drive was another successful one. A special thank you goes out to Greg & Teri Smith, our Head Block Captains, and all the Block Captains who made personal visits to the households in their zones as part of the membership drive. Because of their efforts, our membership stands at 56% of the households in Country Grove! Thank you to all members for the commitment to our neighborhood that your membership represents.

All CGNA members should have received the annual directory. Please review your personal information. If changes/corrections need to be made, please contact Sue Dadds, Membership Coordinator.

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3702-3830 Woodstone Dr,
3821-3829 Woodstone Dr

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3801-3829 Country Grove Dr

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It’s not too late to renew/join if you have net yet done so! Membership applications can be found at our website: http://www.countrygrove.org/uploads/cgna_memberweb.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Dadds at 848-7361 or at cgna_membership@yahoo.com

Please e-mail Sue if you would like to change your preference on how you receive your newsletters from us - do you want a printed version or an electronic version (e-mail).
Nothing says spring like a little yard work! Yard waste collection began on April 4th. Starting last year, this is now done on a continuous cycle rather than on a set schedule. Many people found that irritating last year, but it did allow for the City to make more than a complete additional round of collections as compared to the set schedule method. In order to help residents figure out approximately when their brush would get picked up, they have a schedule posted on the City’s website: Go to cityofmadison.com/streets to find out more information.

There is a new development proposal to anchor the empty parcel at the corner of Maple Grove and PD that will require some neighborhood involvement if it goes forward. Stein Gardens and Gifts (steingg.com) is considering a location at the west end of the parcel near Stonecreek Drive. I am very open-minded, but it’ll require a lot of resident input and City and developer homework, especially regarding traffic concerns. I’ll share more information as we move forward.

The upcoming budget will be one of the most difficult in the past two decades in Madison. With declining state aids, lower assessments and higher needs for service, we’ll need to balance priorities with an open, honest and transparent process that incorporates a lot of citizen input. I will be hosting or co-hosting at least two sessions just for southwest side residents, but there will be other opportunities as well. The new mayor may have a few things to say which will impact the projects and priorities!

As always, please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, feedback or ideas. The best e-mail address is district7@cityofmadison.com or you can reach me by phone at 608-235-9868. Also check out the district’s site at cityofmadison.com/Council/district07 where I’ll post additional information about the items above.

Better in your backyard.

Meriter McKee now offers care for your entire family, including family medicine, internal medicine and pediatric physicians. In addition, the clinic also provides nutrition and diabetes services for adults.

Timely access to Meriter Medical Group providers is our top priority. Call 608.417.8800 to schedule an appointment.