



Country Grove Neighborhood

NEWSLETTER

A newsletter for the Country Grove Estates Neighborhood Association (CGNA)

October 2008

From the President

Dear Neighbors,
Our summer has quickly come to a close and I hope that all of you were able to enjoy it. The fall season brings the joy of soccer games, football, the baseball pennant race, less lawn cutting and more leaf raking. For many, as we begin the fall season, serious topics are also on our minds: the economy, the presidential race and local school funding concerns to list a few. For some these topics bring on uncertainty. It is at these times, the sense of neighborhood and friends is highlighted and perhaps accentuated even more. It is with this sense of neighborhood and commitment that the CGNA is serving you.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our many volunteers and board members for committing their time and resources to ensuring that we have a safe and beautiful neighborhood. The board would also like to specifically acknowledge the service of our outgoing President, Pam James. In her role, she worked tirelessly in understanding what is important to the neighborhood and effectively

ensuring that those needs were met. The board continues to focus on topics that we have heard are important to you.

Key topics are:

- Entrance and island maintenance (2/3rds of our budget)
- Traffic calming measures (*new traffic islands, a circle and speed humps along Country Grove Drive will be installed next Spring*)
- Communication initiatives
- Social Event planning
- Attention to Covenants

In this newsletter you will see that the Fall Season is also our kick-off for the membership drive. Approximately 50% of neighborhood households are members of the CGNA. It is

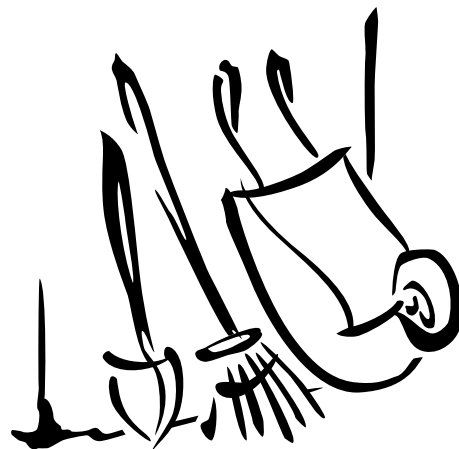
with their membership dues and volunteer gardeners that we are able to maintain the upkeep required to keep Country Grove Estates from being just another neighborhood.

These dues are what keep our common areas maintained and ultimately benefit all of us. No doubt you are proud to be partners with your neighbors in our efforts. Despite rising costs, we have once again maintained our annual membership fee at \$20.

For those who are members now, thank you for your support as we value your continued commitment. We continue to reach out to all in the neighborhood to consider becoming a member and share in our pride of ownership and participation.

I hope you find this issue of our newsletter informative. The board welcomes feedback so please feel free to contact me or a board member with any thoughts or suggestions.

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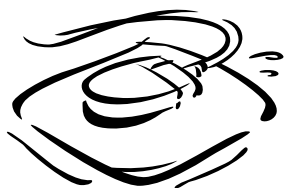
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Be sure to keep up with the CGNA, our neighborhood happenings and the surrounding community by checking out www.countrygrove.org

Social Fun Around the 'Hood

Look for the flyer about the upcoming **Monster Bash** on another page in the newsletter – it will be a BOO-tiful evening for all good little ghouls and boys (*and their parents*).

Holiday home decorating contest:

It's never too early to start thinking about how you are going to outfit your neighbors' decorations this year but please don't mix holiday lights and pumpkins.

Hibernation Celebration: Last year's Fiesta was a fun filled night full of margaritas and tacos. We are looking at dates in February 2009 and welcome any input/help on how to top last year's party.

Garage Sale: May 3, 2009 – start saving your junk – “treasures” – today!

Summer block party: We will need lots of help to pull this one off so please contact social@countrygrove.org with your offer of help and ideas.

Red, Bike and Blue: July 4th, 2009 – this event is always a hit with the youth of our neighborhood and the young at heart as we celebrate our nation's birthday.



November 4 Referendum

Want more information on the Madison Metropolitan School District November 4th Referendum to exceed the revenue limits?

Visit <http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/mmsdtv/refweb/index.html>

Wanna rent a tent?

If you are interested in renting the large white tent that you have seen used at CGNA picnics, please contact Aaron at tent@countrygrove.org. It's perfect for graduation open houses and holiday festivities in your very own backyard.

If you're interested the tent also comes with a volleyball net for further enjoyment at your gathering. The rental cost is \$20 for CGNA members and \$30 for non-members who are residents of Country Grove Estates.

Our Wonderful Block Captains

Ever wonder... "Who is my block captain?"

Head Block Captain: Armande Fruhling,
7314 Westbourne St, 848-7537

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

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All of Westbourne St, 3705-3717 Woodstone Dr
All of Cranbrook Circle

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7102-7210 Countrywood Ln,
7101-7129 Countrywood Ln,
7201 Countrywood Ln,
South Side of SO: 7301-7329 Southern Oak Place

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

Kristen Esch: 3706 Woodstone Dr 848-2840
3702-3830 Woodstone Dr,
3821-3829 Woodstone Dr

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

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

Matt & Andrea Dawson: 7110 Maple Point Dr
All houses on Maple Point Dr, 848-9426
All houses on Oakwood Cir

Tiffani Horman: 7202 Timberwood Dr 497-0149
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

David & Peggy Weller: 7137 Maple Point Dr
7101 Timberwood Dr, 848-6931
7102-7150 Timberwood Dr,
All houses on Ashwood Court,
All houses on Timberwood Court

Dan Wanta & Kim Bertagnoli:
3226 Tanglewood Dr 848-6399
All houses on Tanglewood Dr, 7032-7036 East Pass

Neighbor News

The CGNA would like to welcome the Luke (Kathleen) Williams family to the neighborhood. Luke and Kathleen live on Countrywood Drive. Welcome to Country Grove Estates!

If you know of other new neighbors or new babies in the neighborhood, please alert our membership and newsletter staff so we may welcome them to Country Grove.



We want to know what you would like to see in your neighborhood newsletter. Interested in submitting an article? Issues you'd like to see addressed? Email us at newsletter@countrygrove.org



Please be courteous to your neighbors by not storing your trash cans or recycling bins outside.



Save the date!

Monster Bash

Friday, Oct. 24

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Chavez Elementary School

From the Alderman...

We would like to thank **Alderman Zach Brandon** for his many years of continued service to the 7th District. **Interim Alderperson Elizabeth "Libby" Monson** was appointed to replace Zach Brandon by the Madison Common Council on September 16, 2008 to serve until a new alderperson is elected in April 2009. For more information, visit: <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/council/district07/>

CGNA 2009 Membership Drive

The 2009 membership drive for our Country Grove Neighborhood Association begins October 1 and runs through December 31, 2008. With your membership, you play a very important role in the many activities and responsibilities of our Association:

Neighborhood upkeep: The landscaping upkeep to the entrances at the corners of PD and Country Grove and at PD and Tanglewood is the responsibility of our Association. These entrances announce to those who see them that this is a neighborhood which takes pride in itself and its appearance. In addition, our Association provides for the upkeep of the plantings in the traffic islands along our section of East Pass, and we will be adding more along Country Grove next summer. These planted islands, as opposed to the concrete slab variety, add to the positive appearance of our neighborhood. This upkeep is the single largest expense for our Association; about **two-thirds of our budget**. More needs to be done with the space which increased membership would allow us to do.

Social Activities: Our Social Committee has done a tremendous job of responding to the neighborhood survey by continuing, exploring, and adding social activities for us. The Monster Bash in October is a well-attended event and is provided free of charge to our members. The Hibernation Celebration is a welcome mid-winter get-together for the adults in our neighborhood and is open to members and non-members

alike. And the Red, Bike, and Blue Parade remains a fun-filled way to usher in the Fourth of July. In addition, our Social Committee is making plans for a neighborhood block party this summer and is looking for more ways for us to get together and celebrate our neighborhood.

Membership: Membership presents our new neighbors with a small welcome gift and information to assist in their transition to a new neighborhood. Families welcoming a new baby are also presented a small gift on behalf of our Association. Every member household receives a member directory each year.

Neighborhood Communication:

Country Grove continues to be a desirable place to live.

We have relatively few incidents here, and if we do, our members are notified via email so that we can be aware for ourselves and for our neighbors. In addition, members receive email reminders of upcoming events and activities of our Association. These email alerts and reminders are provided to members who wish to receive them. In addition to email reminders, our Association provides our neighborhood

with a printed newsletter to keep us all up-to-date on the happenings in our neighborhood.

These are just some of the highlights of the benefits of membership in our Country Grove Neighborhood Association. The Board strives to serve our members well and to be good stewards of our membership dollars. Although costs continue to rise, the membership fee will remain \$20.00 for the 2009 membership year. Please take a moment to join or to renew your membership by filling out the membership form included in this newsletter and sending it along with you dues to **CGNA Membership, 3818 Woodstone Drive, Madison, 53719**.

