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2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt



On April 4th the McAuliffe Park Neighborhood Association sponsored the 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt at McAuliffe Park. Even though the weather was overcast and a bit chilly, there was a great turnout. Estimates ranged from 60 to 90 children participating.

The Easter Bunny (President Craig Runnoe) also was present and posed for pictures with the families.

At 10:00am Dave Catalano blew his whistle and the 1-4 year olds were off to find eggs. A few minutes later the 5-7 year olds and the 8-10 year olds had their chance. One thousand eggs were placed in the park and within 14 minutes all the eggs were claimed along with many smiles.

A big thank you to Dave and Directors: Mark, Kathy, Ken, Karen and Jason for all their work in organizing this fun event. Also the Green Bay Park Department for their help.

Feedback has been gathered and planning is already underway for the 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will occur on March 26th, 2016.



Presidents Place

Spring Forward

By: Craig Runnoe

The year 2015, is a new beginning for the McAuliffe Park Neighborhood Association – MPNA. Reflecting back on some of the great events and potential events that were planned over the past year, I want to say a big Thank You to all those who participated or volunteered thus far. Summer in the Park 2014 had a surprising turn out, Easter Egg Hunt in the Park 2014 became even bigger in 2015, and we doubled our entries in last year's Holiday Decorating contest.

Starting off this year we met with the city to reform our MPNA. I'm excited to announce we now have 10 board members that are now guiding the MPNA forward and deciding our bright future ahead. With the rummage sale season under way I'm sure that we will be to provide another great selling point for our neighborhood. So those who are having a sale and those who like sharing good news – be sure to let others who are not from MPNA, to tell them what we have to offer and the accomplishments we have made. This year we are excited to host our 5th annual McAuliffe Park Neighborhood Rummage Sale on May 29th and 30th.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page for highlights from various events including the Easter Bunny, this year's rummage sale and other details of future events. Let's make the most of sales by helping bring some new people into our neighborhood by inviting them from our Facebook Page (see Events), and spreading by word of mouth. Looking ahead for the rest of 2015, we have a number of events planned again for all to enjoy. However, if we plan on growing the number of events such as a summer picnic in the park, a wine-cheese-beer tasting, bringing in speakers like comedians, to improve our efforts to more of you, we need your help.

Volunteering can be such a self-rewarding gift to yourself and others around you. By giving back, even if it's an hour of your time handing out newsletters or beautifying MPNA, the board would really appreciate it. To reach us please email or Facebook anyone of the board members for more information in this newsletter or send an email to mcauliffeparkna@gmail.com. With all of you no goal can be set to high, nor is any reward too small to pursue. So let's continue to leap forward into 2015 to make it one of the most memorable years yet for MPNA.



McAuliffe Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA)

Our Mission:

Provide a safe, clean family environment and foster community involvement and education to enhance the neighborhood's quality of life.

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Committees

Easter Egg Hunt – Dave Catalano
 Movie in the Park – Craig Runnoe
 Newsletter – Ken Schell
 Picnic in the Park/Corn Roast – Dave Catalano
 Rummage Sale - Jamie Hesselink

Board Meetings

The second Monday of each month at Jo To Go—
 {location subject to change} 6:30pm 821 N. Huron
 Road (all neighbors and business owners within our
 defined boundaries are welcome)

Website: <http://greenbaywi.gov/mcauliffe>

Email: mcauliffeparkna@gmail.com

Facebook Group: [McAuliffe Park
Neighborhood Association](#)

What Is a Neighborhood Association?

A Neighborhood Association is, quite simply, neighbors living within a designated area of the City who are concerned about issues affecting their neighborhood and who have decided to work together to protect and ensure a better social, economic, and business climate in their neighborhood.

Neighborhood Associations act as a "voice" for the neighborhood residents, a somewhat official link to local government and the larger community. The Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council (GBNLC) provides resources in the form of grants, free use of equipment for special events and a dedicated neighborhood specialist who we can go to with questions.

Our Neighborhood Association

Members: All adult persons residing, owning property or operating a business within the following boundaries

NORTH: Baird Creek Parkway

EAST: west side of Huron Road from Baird Creek Parkway to Sitka Street, BOTH sides of Huron Road from Sitka Street to Mason Street
 INCLUDING Iris Ct.

SOUTH: North side of Mason Street

WEST: I-43

Annual Meeting: An annual meeting of the Members shall be held each year within 60 days of Oct. 1st.

Directors: There shall be at least 5 but not more than 13 Directors of the Association.

Regular Meetings: Second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. Jo To Go (Location subject to change). All are welcome.

Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 15th
8:30PM

McAuliffe Park

(Before Movie in the Park)

Our Bylaws require an annual meeting 60 days before or after Oct 1st. This year our brief annual meeting will be at 8:30 PM August 15th at McAuliffe Park.

Half of the Board of Directors will be ending their terms. Elections will take place to fill their positions. Directors are elected by majority vote of those present and eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in volunteering to be on the Board of Directors please let us know prior to the meeting at:
(mcauliffeparkna@gmail.com).

Nominations will also be taken at the meeting.

Picnic in the Park

We are planning on having a corn-roast at McAuliffe Park from 11AM-1PM on Saturday Sept 12th. This is a Free event.

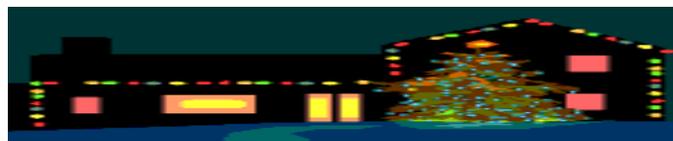
We encourage everyone to come out for this social event and meet your neighbors!

Please contact us if you want to be involved in the planning.

GREEN BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT BURNING RULES From Lt. Craig

- In ground fire pit - No less than 25 feet from structures and combustible material.
- Approved containers (Weber, Coleman, etc. portable fire pits used properly) No less than 15 feet from a structure and combustible materials..
- ALL recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished.
- A minimum of 1 portable fire extinguisher with a min 4-A rating or other approved equipment, such as water barrel, hose, etc. shall be available for immediate use.
- Burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.
- The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of any fire that creates or adds to a hazard or objectionable situation.
- Penalties / Fines - Any person found to be noncompliant with IFC 307 may be subject to a municipal citation in the amount of no less than \$235.00 and no greater than \$1306.

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST



In December 2013 and 2014 we held a Holiday Decorating Contest. We doubled the number of households who entered the contest from our first to second year. The top three vote getters are awarded \$25 gift certificates.

This years' contest will run from Dec. 14th- Dec. 19th. Holiday lights will need to be on from 6:30 PM- 8PM. There will be more information as we go into November.

NEIGHBORHOOD RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE HELD MAY 29 & MAY 30

Our neighborhood association is unique in that our northern boundary is not a street, it is a greenway. Baird Creek Greenway runs about 5 miles along Baird Creek through Green Bay and is managed by the City of Green Bay. Most of the greenway is open to the public.



The Baird Creek Preservation Foundation was established in 1997 when a group of concerned citizens spearheaded the acquisition of a key link in the Baird Creek Greenway system: a 34.5 acre parcel of land containing areas of old growth forest and a high diversity of plants, shrubs, trees and animals. A community-wide fundraising campaign resulted in individuals, community organizations, school groups, foundations, and government successfully working together to purchase the parcel. In 1999 we became a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Our mission is to facilitate the preservation and restoration of the Baird Creek Watershed in order to enhance its value as an ecological, recreational, and educational resource for generations to come.

We have the following committees: Outreach, Education, Land Management, Land Acquisition, Trail Improvements, Stream Strategy, and Development. You may see us out in the Greenway working on trails, the eradication of invasive species, planting native plants, nature hikes, water quality classes for kids, and many other activities.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to become a member or volunteer. We are at www.bairdcreek.org or www.facebook.com/BairdCreek.

-Baird Creek Foundation Article Written by Maureen Meinhardt, Executive Director of the Foundation



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fri.-Sat. May 29th – 30th
Neighborhood Rummage Sale

Sat. August 15th 2015 at 8:30 PM
Annual Meeting & Movie in the Park

Sat. Sept. 12TH 2015 11AM-1PM
Picnic in the Park/Corn Roast

Mon-Sat Dec. 14th – Dec. 19th 2015
Holiday Decorating Contest

Sat, March 25th 2016
Easter Egg Hunt

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Last August we hosted our first Movie in the Park. We had great attendance on a beautiful August evening, watching Rio 2.

The movie will be a family friendly film.

This year will be August 15th.

The movie starts at dusk (~8:40-8:45, sunset is set for 8:58).

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets!

Refreshments and popcorn will be available for a nominal fee.

Immediately before the movie will be a very brief, neighborhood wide annual meeting.

Please consider helping with concessions!

COMMUNICATIONS

 McAuliffe Park Neighborhood Association has a **Facebook group**. A group is different than a page. Groups are spaces where members can share events, updates, photos or documents. You must request to join and then we will accept. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/McAuliffePark/> or search "McAuliffe Park Neighborhood Association." We use this group to communicate.

We want to make an **e-mail list** of the neighbors so we can send out e-mails with information. We need a volunteer with the skills and willingness to lead this project. In the meantime, we are collecting neighbors' names, e-mail addresses and addresses so when we have a need for a volunteer, there is a starting point. Please consider sharing your addresses with us at mcauliffeparkna@gmail.com

Our **MPNA sign** is located on Challenger Drive. If you drive into our neighborhood on Challenger from Mason Street you cannot miss it. You can see the sign when you are stopped at red light on Mason and Challenger. Under the sign we hang temporary **banners** drawing our attention to an upcoming event. A banner will also be placed on Ontario to draw attention to events.

We want to have **newsletters** like this more often. If you have writing, editing or formatting skills please consider joining the Newsletter Committee! Also, we are in desperate need for volunteers to help hand deliver newsletters. We need volunteers to deliver in a section where they live. The Neighborhood Association is split up into about 30 sections of 25-30 houses. You and/or your children can get some exercise while volunteering!

We do have a **website**, however we need a volunteer with skills to keep this updated! If you are able to help with the e-mail list, newsletter or our website **PLEASE** contact us at mcauliffeparkna@gmail.com.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

News from the Brown County Library

Did you know that the Brown County Library has a branch nearby? **The East Branch Library is located at 2255 Main Street next to Titledown Fitness and Gnome Games.**

It is quick and easy to obtain a FREE library card for you and your family. Just stop in at any Brown County library location, fill out a library card application, show us a picture ID along with a document that has your current address and we can process a card for you immediately. With your library card you can have access to a wide assortment of Books, DVD's, video games, music cd's & magazines. You will also have the ability to download FREE audio books, music and magazines by accessing your library account.

Do you need to use a computer or access FREE WiFi? We have that too!

We have a small meeting room available for non-profit groups to meet. Check our website to reserve a time for your organization.

Looking for a book club? We have our READ (Read, Eat And Discuss) book club that meets the first Thurs. of the month at 2pm. We also have a great group of ladies that get together the third Weds of the month at 1pm for a Nifty Knitters social group.

Do you have a student looking for community service hours? We are looking for volunteers, 12 years or older, to help us sign up children for the summer reading program. Applications will be available at the East Branch library starting the first week in May. Stop in and pick up a form, fill it out and drop it off at our location. The earlier you get your application in, the better your chance of getting the hours you want.

The staff at the Brown County library is busy preparing some great programs for the summer months. Along with the children's summer reading programs, there are also reading incentive programs for teens and adults. Pick up a calendar of events at the library or check the library's website at: www.browncountylibrary.org for more information.

Stop in and check out your neighborhood branch library. We are open: Mon-Thurs.10am-8pm, Fri-Sat. 10am-5pm.

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