

**CODY JOHNSEN-DUQUAINE
WINS \$500 OAK GROVE
SCHOLARSHIP**



Brian Fisk, Chairman of the Oak Grove Scholarship Committee, congratulates Cody Johnsen-Duquaine.

Cody Johnsen-Duquaine is the recipient of this year's \$500 Neighborhood Scholarship from the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association. Cody will be a sophomore this year at UW-Eau Claire. He is working on double majors in Accounting and Finance, with a minor in Spanish.

Cody is a graduate of East High School where he was on the track and soccer teams and active in the show choir. At UW-Eau Claire he is holding down a nearly 4.0 GPA and was on the Dean's List for both of his freshman semesters.

The Oak Grove Neighborhood is bounded by Mason St. on the south, Main St. on the northeast, the East River on the west and intersection of Mason and Main streets.



**WIN \$50 IN "BEST GARDEN/
LANDSCAPE" CONTEST"**



The Oak Grove Neighborhood Association wants to recognize residents who beautify their yards.

To encourage residents to beautify the street fronts of properties, the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association will award \$50 to the best garden/ landscape display. Residents can nominate their own properties or that of a neighbor.

The "Best Garden/ Landscape Award" will be decided by a special committee. Judging will be based on the front or "curb view" appearance of yards nominated. The deadline for nominations is September 15th.

Let's all work to make the Oak Grove Neighborhood the prettiest in the city.

BEST GARDEN/ LANDSCAPE ENTRY FORM

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Address of property being nominated:

Mail by September 15th to Leah Gaworek,
1621 Deckner, Green Bay, WI 54302



OAK GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SUMMER 2013

**RUMMAGE SALE SET
RECORDS**



Bargain hunters hit our neighborhood in May.

The Oak Grove Neighborhood Rummage Sale on May 18th set records for attendance and for the number of homes participating.

This is the third year that the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association has sponsored the Neighborhood Rummage Sale. Three years ago we had 26 homes participating. This year the number of home sales increased to 44.

For its part, the Neighborhood Association prints maps showing participating homes, pays for ads, gets out notices in media "community calendars" and plants rummage sale yard signs at participating residences and on streets around the neighborhood.

"We want to thank everyone who had a sale and the wonderful people we met during the event," said Nancy Teale, Rummage Sale Coordinator.

**ANNUAL FREE PICNIC
SET FOR JULY 20TH**



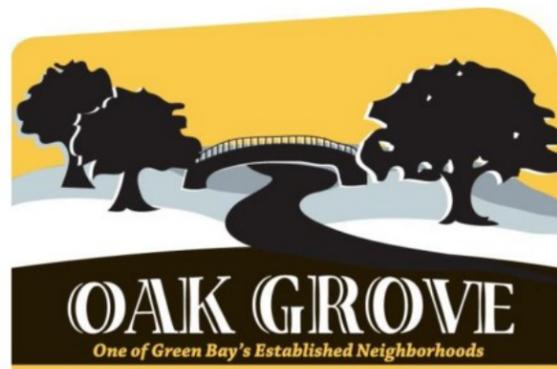
The popular Neighborhood Picnic, sponsored by the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association, has been set for Saturday, July 20th. The event will be from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM at St. Philip Park. The picnic will feature brats, burgers, hot dogs, drinks, chips and many fun activities.

This year several fun games will be added for people of all ages. For the adults there will be a BINGO event with over \$100 in prizes and Bocce Ball. Also new this year will be a bouncer for smaller kids, a ducky pond, foosball and several toss games. Our Neighborhood Picnic will also have a silent auction, face painting, crafts for kids and a stomp-rocket launching contest.



¿Lee Español?

Si usted habla y lee en Español, un resumen de lo más destacado de este barrio se puede encontrar en la página 6 de este boletín.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you donate an hour or two a year to help build a stronger neighborhood? Maybe it's helping with events or taking a few blocks to deliver this newsletter. We need your help!

Volunteer today by calling 857-9832
Or emailing: oakgroveisgreat@gmail.com

This edition's Neighborhood Spotlight is on Neal Van Ess, CPA. See story on page 4.

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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Dan Theno, Association President



I would like to call to the attention of readers of the "Oak Grove Neighborhood News" several matters of concern to residents:

- a) Mark your calendars for three upcoming free events that will take place in the Oak Grove Neighborhood:
- The free Neighborhood Picnic is a fun event with food, games, crafts, BINGO and contests. It will be held on Saturday, July 20th from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM at St. Philip Park.
 - A free "Music in the Park" concert will be held from 6:30-7:30 PM on Thursday, August 22nd at St. Philip Park. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on and your "toe-tapping" feet.
 - The free Neighborhood Fall Festival will be held from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 21st. Again, the event will be at St. Philip Park. It will feature chili, apple cider, treats, pumpkin decorating and other events.
- b) The Police Department had sent out a warning that there are some scam artists working the neighborhood. These criminals say they will do driveway repairs or asphalt your drive and ask for a down payment. Never provide a down payment for an individual or business for home repairs unless you know that it is legitimate.
- c) We need volunteers to help run the events (above). Can you spare an hour or two to help out? Please call 857-9832 or email us at: oakgroveisgreat@gmail.com if you can help.
- d) The city sponsors a number of recreational opportunities for kids and teens. Check them out at www.greenbaywi.gov/parks

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Resumen Del Boletín Informativo En Español

Usted y su familia están invitados a gratis el día de campo del vecindario el sábado 20 de Julio. El día de campo tendrá comida, juegos, artesanía y bingo con regalos. El evento es de 11 de la mañana a las 3 de la tarde en el parque St. Philip. Niños menores de 12 años tienen que estar acompañados por sus padres o guardianes. No hay ningún costo para atender al evento, solo traiga a su familia y diviértase. Vea página 3 para más detalles.

Se necesitan voluntarios para que ayuden con los juegos de niños para el día de campo del vecindario, 20 de Julio. Si usted puede ayudar llame a Nancy al 468-9191.

La venta de segunda mano del vecindario Oak Grove del 18 de Mayo fue un record. 44 casas participaron este año, más que las 26 casa que avía hace dos años cuando el evento comenzó. El evento es cada Mayo y no hay costo alguno para agregar su casa para participar.

El jueves 22 de Agosto abra un concierto de música en el parque de 6:30 a 7:30 de la noche. El evento será en el parque St. Philip y una banda local va a estar entreteniendo. Por favor traiga una cobija o cillas de yarda para sentarse.

El festival de otoño del vecindario será en el parque St. Philip el sábado, 21 de Septiembre. Este evento gratis tendrá Chili, manzanas, artesanía y decoraciones de calabazas.

It's fun! It's free!



OAK GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Saturday, July 20th, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
St. Philip Park

-  Brats, burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM (Or until gone)
-  Silent Auction: 11:00 AM-1:30 PM
-  BINGO (Adults ONLY) with prizes: 1:00 PM
-  Games, bouncer, crafts and face painting: 11:00 AM-1:30 PM
-  Zucchini bread tasting contest: 12:45 PM (Call 468-9191 to enter)
-  Stomp rocket launching contest: 2:00 PM

NOTE: Parents are encouraged to accompany children 12 or under. This is a fun event for kids and adults.



NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT
Neal Van Ess, CPA



Local businessman is a resident of the Oak Grove Neighborhood.

Neal Van Ess not only operates a business in the Oak Grove Neighborhood, but he has been a resident of our neighborhood community since 1969.

"I really like the Oak Grove Neighborhood," said Neal. "It is close to everything, the people are friendly and it has a low crime rate. I always feel safe taking my walks and I enjoy meeting the people."

Neal operates his CPA firm out of the building that also houses Kingsman Family Haircare at the junction of Deckner and Main. Neal's main assistance to individuals and businesses is with their taxes. He also does accounting, book-keeping and financial statements.

Neal was raised on a farm nearby in Sugarbush. His brother still operates the farm. He said that it was a good experience being raised on a farm, but it was a lot of work.

Neal said that being an independent CPA offers him the opportunity to be his own boss and to enjoy meeting people and helping them with their accounting needs.

FREE CONCERT WILL BE AUGUST 22nd



"Old Kids On The Porch" will be a big hit.

WHEN: Thursday, August 22nd, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

WHERE: St. Philip Park

COST: Nothing

FEATURING: "Old Kids On The Porch"

Residents and guests of the Oak Grove Neighborhood are in for a real treat as "Music In The Park" this summer will feature "Old Kids On The Porch."

The band is popular in the area and is built around the guitar talents of band members Mike and Randy. The band likes to play the popular songs from the '60's as well as today's top hits.

Attendees should bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. It's perfectly OK to bring a picnic basket or beverages, but NO alcoholic drinks are allowed.

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