

ENDERIS PARK Neighborhood Association

Newsletter • Spring 2016

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Playground Project Fundraising Begins

After unveiling plans for major improvements to the Enderis Park playground at an open house on January 9th, the EPNA Board is now beginning to raise funds for the project. All Board members have committed to make individual contributions. We hope you will also consider making a pledge. Please take a look at the plans and project description on the inside of this newsletter. Negotiations with the City and MPS are ongoing. Their financial support will be crucial and will be more likely if we get significant buy-in from neighborhood residents.

Garden/Landscape Subcommittee

This subcommittee is an informal group of neighbors that are interested in learning about and improving their own gardens, but are also willing to help maintain established green spaces in the Enderis Park neighborhood.

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS..... help is needed to maintain the various green spaces: Triangle Park, Squirrel Park, entrance markers, and the Burleigh business area. This includes mulching, weeding and plantings as needed. The more help we have, the easier and quicker the task.

Contact Kathy Grothe if you are interested in joining the subcommittee - 774-1898 or kgrothe1@juno.com

Bloom & Groom

Plant Sale

Saturday, May 21

9am to 12 noon

Enderis Playfield Fieldhouse

EPNA and the City of Milwaukee's Neighborhood Improvement District (NIDC) will again be bringing this plant sale to the Enderis Park neighborhood on Sat., May 21, including perennials, annuals, grasses and hanging plants. There is a limit of \$40 per household between 9 AM and 11 AM. After 11 AM, neighbors can buy as many plants as they want.

The goal of Bloom & Groom is to encourage neighbors to get out and plant these quality, inexpensive flowers in their yards - creating beautiful streetscapes and making their homes and our Enderis Park neighborhood even more attractive.

Mulchfest 2016 – A Success!

Enderis Park neighbors plus Boy Scout Troop 61(stationed at MGC) brought in 111 trees to be turned into mulch which will be used by the City in its boulevard plantings this spring.

Enderis Park residents can also be proud that our Mulchfest idea has spread to the Washington Heights and Story Hill neighborhoods. Plus, our Mulchfest inspired a visit by Mayor Barrett who praised our neighborhood.

Mayor Barrett along with a number of Enderis Park residents received an expert overview of the Children's Playground renovation project from repre-

sentatives of Merak, the architectural firm that designed the improvements. The Mayor's and resident's responses were very positive – which is good, as EPNA is hoping to get part of the funding for the project from the City.

EPNA wishes to thank Sentry - 71st and Lisbon for furnishing the refreshments, and Pat and Kim Nelson (residents – 68th Street) for helping with serving them.



Winners -Holiday Decorating Contest

Congratulations to the following WINNERS:

2757 Carlton

2778/80 70th

2721 72th

7225 Hadley

Honorable Mention goes to:

2805 Avondale

2786 68th

2766 69th

2773 72nd

3046 75th

7309 Chambers

Once you win the Holiday Decorations Contest, you will have to wait 3 years to be eligible to win again. This gives your neighbors a chance at having the WINNER sign up on their lawn -- a chance to show their holiday and community spirit.-- Hooray for Enderis Park!!

Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 23
9am to 12 noon

Enderis Park neighbors and their families are invited to come together Saturday April 23, at 9 am to work on cleaning up the Enderis Park neighborhood and borders - Burleigh, Lisbon,, Center, 76th and 60th. Help enhance the appearance of our neighborhood after a cold and snowy winter.

You will receive coupons for free admission to various Milwaukee County attractions including the Zoo.

At 12 noon come for a FREE hot dog lunch at Covenant Lutheran Church Hall on 81st and Hope.

To participate, show up at 9 AM (later is ok) at 2802 N. Sholes to receive your bag(s) and gloves plus your free Milwaukee County coupons. You will be assigned an area to clean up or pick your own. Work with a group -much more fun! Questions? Call Kathy Grothe (414) 774-1898 or Lori Sommervold 445-8742.

Scoop your Poop

This winter has seemed to bring about an unusual amount of dog waste left on the ground for bike tires and sneakers to wade through. In order to keep our neighborhood both dog and people-friendly, please make every effort to clean up after dogs and utilize one of the many trash receptacles in and around the park. In addition to being a deterrent for our many walkers, the city of Milwaukee Municipal Citation 78-19 requires that such clean-up be the responsibility of the owner to remove all droppings if they are on any property other than their own, for the sake of both safety and sanitation. Thanks!

Tips to Prevent Burglary

Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.

Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.

Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day

Keep your garage door closed and locked.

Arrange for your sidewalks to be shoveled if you are going away for an extended time.

Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.

Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open.

Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.

Lawn mowers, snow blowers, barbecues and bicycles are best stored out of sight.

Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.

Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.

Make sure your door hinges are on the inside. Most windows can be pinned for security.

Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1 immediately or the non-emergency number at: 933-4444.

Mark your valuables with your driver's license number with an engraver you can borrow from your district. Marked items are harder for a burglar to dispose of and easier for police to recover.

Form a Neighborhood Block Watch.

We can help you work with your neighbors to improve security and reduce risk of burglary. If you come home to find an unexplained open/ broken window or door: Do not enter - the suspect may still be inside. Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence. Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles. Note the descriptions of any suspicious persons.

Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home - this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters. Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques.

Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.

The most important thing you can do is call the police to report a crime or any suspicious activity. You have to be the eyes of our neighborhood!!

Save the Date

March 19 –Easter Egg Hunt 10am to 11:30am

April 23 - Spring Clean Up
(Burleigh, Lisbon, Center, 76th Street, Enderis Park) 9am to Noon

May 21 - Bloom & Groom Plant Sale 9 am to Noon

June 18—Rummage Sale ***NEW DATE ***

June 23—Concert on the Green—
The Britins

July 14 - Concert on the Green

August 4 - Concert on the Green

August 25 - Concert on the Green

Enderis Park Neighborhood Association—Membership & Volunteer Form

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Occupation (optional): _____

*Email: _____

Membership Type

- New Member
- Renewing Member
- New to Neighborhood

Membership Level:

- Benefactor (\$100+)
- Resident/Landlord (\$20 to \$99)
- Business (\$50+)
- Other Contribution \$ _____

I would like to volunteer for:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Education Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Park Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website/Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Events Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Egg Hunt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th of July |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Community Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Judging |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Rummage Sale |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome New Residents |

Make your tax-deductible membership check out to EPNA

Mail your check and this completed form to:
EPNA, PO Box 100284, Milwaukee, WI 53210

*all emails sent bcc to maintain privacy

EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 10:00 AM (rain, snow, sleet, or shine)

Inviting **all** neighborhood children **ages 12 and under** with parent/guardian

KIDS: bring your BASKET to gather eggs
ADULTS: bring your CAMERA to capture memories
EVERYBODY: bring your loose change for the PENNY JAR

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Egg Hunt - Pictures with the Easter Bunny - Penny Jar Drive - Tattoos—Easter bubbles - Jelly bean guess/with prizes - Chalk for sidewalk art—Drawing and coloring in the field house - Lemonade - Hot chocolate - Reconnecting with neighbors after a long, cold winter.

\$4.00 per child - (EPNA members* receive a \$1.00 discount so EPNA member's fee is \$3.00)

"Day of " registration fee is \$4.00 for everybody - members & nonmembers alike)

*Check membership status on EPNA website

Please complete the Registration Form below and return it along with your registration fee (checks made payable to EPNA) by **Wed., March 16** to Kathy Grothe, 2933 N. 70th Street (mail slot closest to the door). Call 774-1898

Family Name _____ Phone/Email _____

Children participating (Names & ages, please)

Total registration fee: EPNA member (# of children X \$3.00) _____
Not a EPNA member (# of children X \$4.00) _____

Enderis Park Playground Renovation Project

We thought this may not happen.....but, IT IS!!

In early 2015, the EPNA Board decided to take the lead in advocating for a major upgrade to the Enderis Park playground area. This important amenity is used by hundreds of children, and that extensive use has taken its toll on the existing equipment and grounds. A total redesign and expansion of the playground area, including updated play equipment, is proposed.

With the expertise of a local consultant, a multi-phased design concept for the playground began to take shape. Many neighborhood residents participated in a survey on various playground options, and their feedback was incorporated into the design. The concept plan was displayed at one of the summer concert events and received overwhelming excitement and support. The remainder of 2015 involved numerous meetings with the City of Milwaukee, which owns the park, and MPS, which maintains the park. Both of these entities have now approved the playground design.

The total cost of the proposed improvements is estimated to be approximately \$200,000. EPNA will provide some of the funds from special-event revenues and membership dues, as well as any matching-grant opportunities that may be available. But EPNA cannot fund this project alone. Due to the project's cost, significant financial commitments from both MPS and the City will be necessary to implement this project. This public-private funding arrangement is currently being negotiated.

In order to demonstrate that EPNA is a credible partner, we have to show that we can raise a meaningful amount of money for the project. That is why we are now asking our neighbors to show their support by making a financial pledge.

You will not be expected to fulfill your pledge commitment unless significant funding from the city and MPS are realized and the total funds available are adequate to proceed with the project.

Our goal is to complete at least a portion of the project this year, with the remaining improvements constructed over the next few years. However, if higher funding levels are achieved this year, more of the project may be completed sooner!

Take a look at the enclosed color insert of the playground design and the exciting new play features!

**Support this fantastic project and your neighborhood.
Make your pledge today!**

Pledge Form - 2016 Playground Renovation Project

Enderis Park Neighborhood Association

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Yes, I would like to support the Enderis Park Playground Project!

My Pledge Amount: \$ _____

Mail pledge to:
EPNA
PO Box 100284
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Note: EPNA is a non-profit organization. Donations may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.

Proposed Playground Equipment & Features

Modular Play Structure



Spinneround®



Play Berms



Log Scramble



Oodle Swing®



Climbing Logs



Balancing Beams



Poured in Place Rubber Surface



Sandbox Backhoe



Water Fountain



Playground Concept Plan

