



## Miller Message for October 2015

### Membership drive in progress

The Miller Citizens Corporation (MCC) is still welcoming new members and membership renewals for 2015. The MCC has been representing the interests of Miller residents since 1971, and over the years it has dealt, successfully, with many critical local issues like public safety, park and shoreline use, local schools, community cleanup, government services and public policy, commercial and residential development.

Successfully confronting all these issues has required a long-term, continuing organization. We ask you to lend your support to this effort by becoming or remaining a dues-paying member of the MCC. The dues are low because this is **really** a volunteer organization, which doesn't spend much money; but we want you as a member, not only to finance our operation, but as a sign of your support.

Dues are just \$10 a year, and you can pay online at the MCC website, [millercitizenscorp.org](http://millercitizenscorp.org); or, you can send a check (or cash) to **MCC, P.O. Box 2645, Gary, IN 46403**, with your name, address, e-mail address and telephone number. The e-mail address will be used to send you the monthly ***Miller Message*** newsletter. Of course, we also hope that members will take part in MCC activities.

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**OCTOBER 2015 GENERAL MEETING**

**THE MCC ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, AT 7:30 PM, IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE MARQUETTE PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON GRAND BLVD. MCC members are invited to attend and participate.**

Contact the MCC between meetings at P.O.Box 2645, Gary, IN 46403, or e-mail [mcceaton@aol.com](mailto:mcceaton@aol.com). You can also visit the MCC website at [www.millercitizenscorp.org](http://www.millercitizenscorp.org).

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## **MCC election in October**

On **October 12**, the Miller Citizens Corp. will hold its **annual meeting**, at which dues-paying members will elect half of the members to its board of directors, for two-year terms ending in October, 2017. This year, eleven members will be chosen (including one to fill a vacancy).

The MCC nominating committee recommended eleven candidates to fill the available positions on the board. Since then, two additional candidates have submitted petitions, signed by ten dues-paying MCC members, requesting to be added to the ballot. As a result, **there are now 13 candidates to fill 11 seats, so there will be a real election, with winners and losers, at the October Annual Meeting.** The candidates are:

**Jason Arndt**  
**John Collie**  
**Ruth Dekker**  
**Thomas Eaton**  
**Pauline Millard**  
**Samantha Norton**  
**Eric Reaves**  
**Louis Stewart**  
**Judy Tonk**  
**Roland Walker**  
**Deb Weiss**  
**Rachel Weiss**  
**Joseph Winfrey**

Additional candidates can still be added to the list of nominees by submitting a petition to the Secretary of the MCC, signed by at least 10 dues-paying MCC members, no later than October 8, 2015.

## **Rocktober fest is a big event at St. Mary of the Lake**

The Outreach Committee at St. Mary of the Lake Church on Miller Avenue is stepping out of character to present an all-day carnival, **Rocktober Fun Fest**, from **noon until 10:00 pm on Saturday, October 17**. The event will feature an array of **food vendors**, with indoor booths and outdoor food trucks; **craft beer**; kids' games and prizes. There will be a **strong lineup of bands**, beginning at 5:00 pm, including Ken Kinsey & Gerry Hundt; Nicole Jamrose with Mark Soljacich; "The Unstoppables with Greg Ashby; Bolsega-Crabtree & the "Region Shufflers" and "Scamp". Admission is \$10 with kids under 12 free.

## **Chorus Angelorum performs**

For thirty years, the Chorus Angelorum organization, led by Region native Mark Kruczek has presented annual concerts of serious sacred music in church settings. Recent concerts have taken place at **St. Mary of the Lake Church** in Miller, with support from Miller Beach Arts. This year's concert will be held on **Friday, October 16 at 8:00 pm**. The program will begin with an organ solo, **Toccata Number 11 by Alessandro Scarlotti** and continue with the **Petite Messe Solennelle** for chorus and soloists by **Gioachino Rossini**. The concert takes advantage of St. Mary's outstanding organ and resounding acoustics. Admission is free, but there will be a free-will offering. Every year, the Chorus Angelorum concert is a major musical event in the Region. Don't miss it!

## **Garden Club fall bulb sale**

Every fall, the Miller Garden Club presents **Brats and Bulbs**, a fundraiser which centers on selling bulbs for fall planting (mostly daffodils, because deer don't eat them), while the shoppers enjoy brats off the grill and a back-ground of bluegrass music. This year's event will take place at the Aquatorium on **Saturday, October 17 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm**. Bulb prices and sandwich prices are reasonable, music is free.

Brats and Bulbs is one of the fund-raising events which enable the volunteers of the Miller Garden Club to main-tain planters all around the neighborhood –

the long central planters and small corner planters along Lake St., the little plot at the fire station on Grand Blvd., the corner planter at Oak and Shelby, interior and exterior plantings at the Aquatorium, and the beautiful garden at the South Shore stop. All of this summer color comes from volunteer work and volunteer contributions. Enjoy!

## Upcoming arts district events

### FIRST FRIDAY POP-UP ART

Artists, artisans, and vendors will be displaying their wares at the Gardner Center on Lake Street on Friday, October 2 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm and on Saturday, October 3 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is free.

### THE UNWONTED

A show of the unfamiliar and unaccustomed, an **inter-active 2D/3D avant-garde exhibit**, will be featured at the Gardner Center from **October 9 through 25**. The work of eight artists will be on display from **6:00 to 9:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays, 1:00 to 4:00 on Sun-days**. The opening reception will be on **Friday, October 9 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm**.

**THE UNWONTED HOURS**, an event to share ghost stories and play “Dia de los Muertos loteria” will take place on Friday, October 16 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. **These events are free and open to everyone.**

### BEE’S KNEES BASH

Dry days are over! A Halloween **fundraiser** for the Miller Beach Arts and Creative District will take place at the **Miller Bakery Café** on **Saturday, October 31, starting at 6:00 pm**. “Shebas and sheiks, molls and swells” are invited to sip drinks and nibble at a speak-easy party with a 1920s theme. Admission is \$65, including buffet, one free drink, dancing and a silent auction. **Reserve now** (and learn the password which will get you in to the event), then **pay later**. Call the Miller Bakery Café at 219-427-1446.

### COMING LATER . . .

**The Calumet River Project** will be on display from November 6 to 22 with an opening reception on November 6 at 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

A show by Rick Pociask will run, from November 27 to December 13, with an

opening reception on November 27 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

## **ART CLASSES--COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH SHORE ARTS**

**(Classes will be held at the Gardner Center. To register, call 219-836-1839 x 103)**

**Watercolor and More** (mixed media, pencil and pastels) – Ages 16 and up. Four Thursdays at 1:00 to 3:00 pm, starting Nov. 5 but skipping Nov. 26. Instructor Marsha Browne. Cost \$60. 12 student maximum.

**Creative Fingers** – ages 5 and 6. Involves working together to paint, draw, cut and paste. Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, starting Nov. 5 but skipping Nov. 26. Instructor Lauren Ellch. Cost \$45 includes all supplies. 8 student maximum.

**Zentangle (Create images by drawing structured patterns).** Thursdays Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 from 6:45 to 8:45. Instructor Patti Shaffner. Cost \$35 includes supplies.

### **MBACD BACKGROUND**

The Miller Beach Arts and Creative District (MBACD) is a non-profit organization, operated predominantly by volunteers, which has presented a continuing series of events since its founding in 2011. It has sponsored exhibits, concerts, performances, films, street festivals, the Farmers Market, community meetings and fund-raisers, mostly free to the public, with the goal of attracting a diverse audience from a wide geographic area. Find out about past and future events at their website, [millerbeacharts.org](http://millerbeacharts.org). Like all volunteer organizations, it offers numerous opportunities to help with events, serve as docents, join committees or even become board members. If you are interested becoming a volunteer and helping out, contact Meg Roman via e-mail at [megromanbacd@gmail.com](mailto:megromanbacd@gmail.com).

## **Duly noted . . .**

**LAKESHORE DUNES DEVELOPMENTS.** The management of the Lakeshore Dunes apartment complex on Lake Street is requiring all residents to register

and obtain stickers for all vehicles which will be parked overnight at the complex. Vehicles without stickers will be towed away. There will be a separate parking area where temporary visitors can leave their cars for short periods of time. The new system will help the management to assure that all permanent residents are identified and approved.

**HELP MRS. GLENN.** Nora Glenn, known for her e-mail distribution list for neighborhood news, is a teacher at the Gary Middle College, which helps second-chance students earn their high school diplomas, using a lot of internet-based instruction. She is soliciting donations to buy earphones, in place of earbuds, to help students function more effectively in class. To make a donation, log on to **DonorsChoose.org** and look for the **Mrs. Glenn** request.

**A P-51 PREVIEW.** The “crowning” feature of the Aquatorium renovation will be coming next year – when a 2/3 size model of the P-51 Mustang fighters flown by the Tuskegee Airmen will be installed over the east wing of the building. As an Aquatorium fundraiser, a modern P-51 will be flying into the Gary/Chicago Airport at 5:30 pm on Friday, October 16. Adults only can enjoy champagne and hors d’oeuvres while checking out the plane for a donation of \$60 (or \$100 per couple). Just send a check to the Aquatorium Society, 607 S. Lake St., Gary, IN 46403.

**CARMELLA’S CAFÉ.** The café on the lake has been hosting live Friday evening jazz concerts, which have been well received. During October, the **jazz con-certs** will move to Saturday afternoon and evening – 4:00 to 8:00 pm – to enjoy afternoon sunlight and sunsets over the lake. Earlier in the day on **Saturdays, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, vendors** will be setting up shop in the same vicinity to sell flowers, cider, vegetables, honey and spinach pies. Come and enjoy this lively spot on the lakefront. Carmella is planning to be back with food and additional activities next summer.

**NO OCTOBER MARATHON.** The word is, there is NOT going to be a Miller Beach marathon in October 2015. However, plans are being made for a rerun of the “Dawn of the Dunes Marathon” next spring, probably in May, 2016. This is the season when the original Miller marathons were scheduled. Look for more specific information when available.

**THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS.** Park Superintendent Lori Latham and MCC Shoreline Committee chair-man Carol Smith will be hosting an appreciation event for the small army of volunteers who have been cleaning up, weeding, planting, and otherwise making Marquette Park and the local beaches attractive for visitors. This is a reminder to everyone in the community, that they owe a tremendous debt to all these people, working for free, who have done the menial, day-by-day jobs which the city can't afford to pay people to do. Thanks, everyone!

**MCC – the organization that does the things that people think just happen**

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