

2nd MCC Masquerade Ball will be Saturday, October 27

After the long wait for work on the Marquette Park Pavilion to be completed, now is the time to PARTY!

The MCC is back in the business of gala events with the 2nd Annual MCC Masquerade Ball, on Saturday, October 27 from 7:30 pm. to midnight. The event will take place in the upstairs ballroom of the Marquette Park Pavilion and also in the downstairs lounge.

There will be live music upstairs by Oscar and the Majestics, and jazzy and groovy lounge beats downstairs from a DJ. A “premium bar” will be open throughout the evening, with two stations upstairs and one downstairs. Food will come from an open buffet of substantial dinner hors d’oeuvres, on display at various beautiful stations and also passed by servers on trays. For dessert there will be an abundance of attractive items from Angela’s Pantry. There won’t be any problem getting served or long lines waiting for drinks, because food and drink will be available all evening long.

Tickets for this glamorous event are \$55 and are on sale at the “usual locations” – the Lake Street Gallery, Ayers Realtors, and the Marquette Perk, and a new “location” – on-line at the MCC website www.millercitizenscorp.org through PayPal. NOTE: Tickets must be purchased in advance by Saturday, October 20!

The attire will be dressy with masks, in keeping with the Masquerade theme.

We’ve had a few chances to gawk at the newly renovated Pavilion – now is our time to use and enjoy this elegant location. Join your friends and neighbors here for a festive evening.

P.S.: The Masquerade Ball does not replace the MCC’s traditional Valentine’s Day dance in February. You can look forward to that event as well.

MCC to hold annual meeting and election of board, Oct. 8

The Miller Citizens Corp. will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, October 8, to elect 15 of the 30 members on its Board of Directors. Those who are elected will serve two-year terms, ending in October, 2014. The

MCC Nomination Committee has presented 16 candidates for the 15 positions to be filled. The slate of candidates includes:

Russell Cundiff	Montgomery Street
Cullen Ben Daniel	Howard Street
Howard Darby	Birch Place
Ron Gholson	Lake Street
Douglas Grimes	Ironwood Avenue
Barb Hansen	Lake Street
Janet Johnson	Lakewood Avenue
Ed Johnston	Warren Street
Demuth King	Lakewood Avenue
Robert Leonard	Hancock Street
Jim Nowacki	Hancock Street
Wendy Prettyman	Oak Avenue
Wardella Roby	Ironwood Avenue
George Rogge	Union Street
Doretha Rouse	Vanderburg Street
Carol Smith	Ripley Street

All dues-paying MCC members in good standing are eligible to vote. Since there are more nominees than the number of positions to be filled, those who cast ballots will be instructed to mark, on the ballot, the candidates they do NOT want to vote for. This should greatly speed up the vote count. All of the nominees are current board members who have been recommended for retention, except Janet Johnson, Demuth King, and Robert Leonard.

Chairman of the Nomination Committee was Pauline Millard, and members were Jason Arndt, Marion Joseph, and Freddie King.

Following the election of board members, the MCC will hold its regular October board meeting, whose agenda will include electing officers for the coming year.

Duly noted . . .

BRATS AND BULBS. Miller is becoming, more and more, a festival of daffodils in the spring. They're beautiful and bright, they multiply from year to year, and deer don't eat them. Act now so you can contribute to the spring show. Pick up bulbs at reasonable prices, enjoy a tasty brat, and listen to bluegrass music in the background. The Miller Garden Club presents its annual **Brats and Bulbs** event at the Aquatorium in Marquette Park on **Saturday, October 20 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.** Shopping has never been more relaxing.

COMMUNITY FUND BENEFIT. The Miller Business Association (MBA) is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the **Miller Community Fund**, which makes small grants to support the activities of local non-profit organizations. The affair will be held at Angela's Pantry, 6132 Miller Avenue, on **Sunday, October 7 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm.** Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door and are available at Angela's Pantry, Ayers Realtors, the Lake Street Gallery, and Petit Accounting. Angela promises to offer tasty items to sample during the event.

MCC ANNUAL MEETING AND OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MILLER CITIZENS CORP., WHEN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS ELECTED, WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, AT 7:30 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE MARQUETTE PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON GRAND BLVD. The election of officers for the coming year and the October meeting of the Board of Directors will follow immediately after the board election. Members are invited to attend and participate in the election and the subsequent board meeting.

Contact the MCC between meetings at P.O.Box 2645, Gary, IN 46403, or e-mail mceaton@aol.com. You can also visit the MCC website at www.millercitizenscorp.org.

TO SMOKE OR NOT TO SMOKE. Our local state representative, Charlie Brown, has worked for years to get a no-smoking law passed by the Indiana legislature. This year he finally succeeded, although the law has a few loopholes. Businesses with a restaurant license must be smoke-free. Businesses with a bar license or a club license can choose to be smoke-free or not. In our neighborhood, the American Legion club on Old Hobart Road has chosen to ban smoking, while the Flamingo bar on Locust Avenue continues to allow smoking.

LEGION IS RECRUITING. In the smoke-free atmosphere of our local post, American Legion members and guests can enjoy great tacos on Tuesdays, fish on Fridays, and cocktails every day. The post is actively recruiting new members, and honorably-discharged

veterans of any war are eligible to join. For information call 938-9856.

444 GRILL SPECIALS. The 444 Grill on Lake Street has announced a fall line-up of nightly special events and menu items, including Football Mondays with wings, Karaoke Thursdays with exotic tacos, Reggae night Fridays with fish, and Soulful Sundays with Jazz. Check them out.

REGISTER TO VOTE! Don't forget that October 9 is the last day to register to vote in the 2012 election. You can't make your opinion count by casting a ballot if you haven't registered. Also remember that you need an acceptable form of identification when you actually arrive at the polling place.

Angels bring Mozart to Miller

Mark Kruczek and the Chorus Angelorum will again be bringing great music to Miller with their annual concert of choral, vocal, symphonic and organ music. This year's concert will be presented at **St. Mary of the Lake Church on Miller Avenue, at 8:00 pm on Friday, October 12**. It will take advantage of St. Mary's outstanding organ and the church's acoustics, which are bad for speaking but excellent for singing.

The program is Mozart, Mozart, Mozart, and Mozart – a small symphony, an organ fantasy, and a choral work, culminating with the “Great” Mass in C-Minor.

Admission is free, although you may want to contribute when they take up a collection. The Miller Beach Arts District is contributing to the publicity.

This concert brings you excellent musicians performing great music at a price you can afford. Don't miss it!

More music at Temple Israel

The Miller Beach Arts and Creative District is also sponsoring an **Opera Recital from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 28 at Temple Israel** on Montgomery St. **Dramatic soprano Carter Scott and piano accompanist Celeste Rue** will present a concert of vocal music, followed by champagne and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are available at the door for \$30 or in advance at Lee Companies, 563 S. Lake St., for \$25. For more information call (219) 306-6880.

Art will pop up on October 13

The next Pop-up Art event will be on Saturday, October 13 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Graduate students from the school of the Chicago Art Institute will be curators for the works on display at the Gardner Center, while other local artists will be presenting their works at additional Lake Street locations.

Prior to the art show, at 5:00 pm on October 13, there will be a **building dedication ceremony**, which will officially transform the one-time Miller Drugs into the **Marshall J. Gardner Center for the Arts**.

The final Pop Up Art event of the year is scheduled for Saturday, December 8.

MCC organization is evolving

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES

The annual MCC membership drive is continuing (in fact, it's continuous—it's always the right time to renew your membership). The modest \$10 dues are the main support for Miller's community organization, which brings all Miller residents together to deal with common interests and problems.

If you can't find a renewal notice or you want to join for the first time, just send a check for \$10 to MCC, P.O. Box 2645, Gary, IN 46403, with your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.

MCC T-SHIRTS

If you want to show off your MCC membership, we have T-shirts for sale with the new MCC logo. The price is just \$10, and you can get some by contacting Russ Cundiff, the MCC membership chairman, at 938-1402 or by e-mail at rtc137@sbcglobal.net.

MCC ON THE INTERNET

The MCC is expanding and updating its website www.millercitizenscorp.org. You can go here to learn about upcoming events and to check out recent editions of the Miller Message or the minutes of MCC meetings. We are also making available **payments through PayPal for MCC dues and special events**, like this month's Masquerade Ball. We are also getting set up to send out the monthly Miller Message by e-mail. For a long time, the MCC has collected the e-mail addresses of its members as an item on the membership application form – but we haven't been doing anything with the addresses once we had them. We not plan to put the addresses to use. We see that sending out the MCC newsletter by e-mail will save money and, more

importantly, will get news to our members a lot faster than snail mail.