

## Now's the time to renew (or begin) your MCC membership

**For 42 years, the Miller Citizens Corp. has brought all the people of Miller together to solve problems and improve the quality of life in our community.**

**Be an MCC member and contribute to this effort**

**We have succeeded** in making Miller a place where people **want to live** and where they are willing to build, buy and maintain property.

**We have succeeded** in keeping the taxes paid by Miller property owners on a par with other communities

**We have succeeded** in bringing together a variety of public agencies to make our beaches safe and attractive for residents and visitors.

**We are still working** on code enforcement and the removal of eyesores.

We have promoted local businesses and participation in community activities.

We have supported the Gary Community School Corp. and the alternative charter schools.

**We have provided a voice for our community in working with other government and private organizations.**

**The MCC is the Voice of Miller. Join now and assure that we speak for you. Pay your modest \$10 dues and be an MCC member for 2013.**

**To renew your membership or to become a member of the MCC, just cut out and fill in the form below and send it, with your cash or check for \$10 to MCC, P.O.Box 2645, Gary, IN 46403.**

<b>MCC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION -- 2013</b> (Please print)	
MILLER CITIZENS CORPORATION, P.O. Box 2645, Gary, Indiana 46403 – Phone 938-8831	
NAMES _____	
ADDRESS _____	
PHONE _____	E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____	NUMBER OF YEARS _____
(ANNUAL DUES ARE \$10, BUT ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME.)	
DATE SUBMITTED ____/____/____	

If you get the Lakeshore Shopper delivered to your mailbox, the line on the address label that says "OR CURRENT RESIDENT" will tell you when your membership expires. **If it says '2013', '2012' or 'DUE', the time for you to renew your membership is NOW.** If it says 2014 or 2015, you are paid up for the current year. **If the Lakeshore Shopper is NOT delivered to your mailbox, it means you are not on our mailing list at all and you should join the MCC NOW.** In any case, the MCC welcomes additional contributions if you can afford to give more than the \$10 dues.

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**'Fest in the First' returns as  
carnival, car and bike show**

The First District Precinct Organization is bringing back the **Fest in the First** as a three-day carnival on **August 23, 24, and 25 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm**. The location will be the space east of Walgreen's on Rt. 20, formerly occupied by the Screaming Wheels parking lot. Attractions include the **Sterling Crown Carnival**, a car and bike show on August 24, Big Time Racing of Gary (cash prizes and trophies) a beer garden operated by the Genesis Convention Center, all types of vendors, and live entertainment.

Space for vendors can be reserve through the precinct organization at a cost of \$150 for the three days. For more information call Herb Smith (902-9130; Camille Clayton (746-0244); or Lolita Davis (484-9981).

## Duly noted . . .

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.** The North-west Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) will host open houses to discuss the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan, with emphasis on transportation issues (roads, buses, trains) and the related subject of air quality. The public is invited. The most convenient local session will be on **Wednesday, August 21, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Kennedy Branch Library, 3953 Broadway.** Background information is available on the NIRPC website: [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org).

**COMMUNITY FORUM.** First District committeemen Mike Chirich and Robert Bullock invite all area residents to a **Community Forum on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00 pm at the American Legion Hall on Old Hobart Road.** Sheriff John Buncich and First District Councilwoman Mildred Shannon will be on hand to comment on current issues and to answer questions from the public. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, call 938-9856.

**CHARTER SCHOOL GRAND OPENING SET.** Just a year ago, the Charter School of the Dunes broke ground for their new school on Rt. 20 at Old Hobart Road. Now, they are inviting the public to the grand opening of the school on **Friday, August 9 at 11:00 am**. The school will serve 700 students in grades K through 12, who will be arriving for the start of classes on August 12. The school building is unique in many ways that will be of interest to

visitors. If you have questions, contact Sofia Abeyta, 938-8829 at Lee Companies or [sofia@pmllee.com](mailto:sofia@pmllee.com)

#### **AQUATORIUM FUNDRAISER – AUGUST 24.**

The Aquatorium Society will hold its annual meeting and fundraiser on **Saturday, August 24 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$50 to \$100 and are available at the restaurants which are also providing the food for the event: Miller Pizza, Flamingo Pizza, Marquette Perk, Miller Bakery Café, Tommy B's in Valparaiso, and the Miller Beach Market. Attendees will also have a chance to vote for their favorite version of “a glider on a pole” which will commemorate the Chanute flights in the dunes.

#### **KEEPING THE SHORELINE CLEAN.**

Carol Smith and the Shoreline Committee have been in frequent contact with city officials concerning the operation, maintenance, security and safety of the beach area. They are also helping out with the maintenance. **A group of volunteers has been picking up trash in Marquette Park, starting at 9:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays, beginning by Montgomery Street and working west to Grand Blvd.** They would be happy to have more workers. Bob Farag, from General Services, is working to get trash picked up on the beach on Mondays and maybe Fridays. **Beach-goers are encouraged to pick up litter if they find it.**

#### **MILLERITES DO SHAKESPEARE.**

The Gary Shakespeare Company, with Millerites Norm Caplan as Director and Corya Channing as Producer, will present an Shakespeare's **King Lear** at the Indiana University Northwest Theater, 3660 Grant St. Performances will be on Friday, August 16 at 7:30pm; Saturday, Aug 17 at 7:30pm; Sunday, Aug 18 at 2:30pm; Friday Aug 23 at 7:30pm; Saturday Aug 24 at 7:30pm; and Sunday Aug 25 at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door. A number of familiar Miller residents are included in the cast. For more information, call 938-8532.

#### **ART AT THE GARDNER CENTER.**

Beginning with a **reception at 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Saturday, August 10**, the Gardner center will present an exhibit of works by artist Hannah Barnes.

#### **TAP-ROOM ON LAKE ST. PROGRESSING.**

Drew Fox, the owner of the proposed **18<sup>th</sup> Street Brewery and tap-room** on Lake Street, has won approval for his project from the Gary Common Council, with support from the Miller Business Association and the MCC. The tap-room will be located at the side entrance of the one-time Artistic Cleaners building. The

tap-room will sell only its own-made beer, on draft for consumption on the premises and in large bottles for sale on the local market.

## **AUGUST 2013 MCC MEETING**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MILLER CITIZENS CORP. BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, AT 7:30 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE MARQUETTE PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON GRAND BLVD. Members are invited to attend and participate.**

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

**SECRET GARDENS DRAW A CROWD.** The Miller Garden Club held its 14<sup>th</sup> annual garden walk the weekend of July 6 and 7. The weather was good, the gardens were beautiful, and a record of more **than 650 visitors** enjoyed the show. **Remarkably, more than two-thirds of the visitors came from outside the Miller community.** If you are a Miller resident who did not attend the Garden Walk this year, don't miss out when the event rolls around next year!

### **LEGACY FOUNDATION GRANT REQUEST.**

After months of discussion and negotiation, involving a half-dozen Miller community organization "stakeholders", **Miller Beach Arts District** finally submitted a grant request to cover air conditioning at their Gardener Center headquarters (the former Miller Drugs). The air conditioning has been installed in time for the Buddhist monks to do their sand painting last week. The Arts District previously worked with a group of 20 students from the Art Institute in Chicago to design a streetscape for Lake Street. They are now working with an even larger group from IIT in Chicago on the same sort of project.

**YOGA AT CHURCH.** The Marquette Park United Methodist Church on Grand Blvd is expanding its Senior Wellness Program. They are offering yoga sessions on Tuesday at noon followed by a sack lunch – cost is \$2 – and Thursday at noon followed by a prepared lunch – cost is \$3 . Everyone is invited. For additional information call 938-4106.

**SYMPHONY IN THE PARK.** The Miller Beach Arts organization is sponsoring a **free concert of light classical music by the Northwest Indiana Symphony at Marquette Park on Saturday, August 3 at 7:30 pm.** Seating will probably be on the lawn across the road from the Aquatorium. Just bring your chair or blanket, settle down on the lawn, and enjoy the music. In case of rain, the alternative location for the concert is the Wirt-Emerson auditorium.

**EASIER RECYCLING.** Remember, you can now put your grass clippings in your regular green trash can, so you will not have to invest in brown paper bags. If you have questions about this subject, call the Gary Recycling Department at 882-8445.