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The FGNA is a 501(c)(3) organization formed to enhance the community in which we live. Every residence on and between the North-South boundaries (Oakland and Washington Streets) and the East-West boundaries (State and Mercer Streets) is a member invited to join any and all events. No dues are required and activities are funded by voluntary donations. Board member terms run for two years.

Prez on the Edge

By Amanda Hill, Mercer



Those of us who have lived in the 'hood for several years have gotten quite used to the neighborhood foxes that are seen frequently in the warmer months. I was still quite shocked when news started buzzing of coyotes being sighted in and around our neighborhood. It is a great place to live, so who can blame them for wanting to settle here, right? However, as long as they'll be around I thought it would be a good idea to get prepared for any chance encounters with our new neighborhood wildlife.

Since this is a dog friendly neighborhood with many neighbors who are out frequently walking their dogs, my research began with what to do if you encounter a coyote on a walk with your dog. I went to the Humane Society Website and they recommend that you carry any of the following items on your dog walks:

- Homemade noisemakers
- Squirt guns
- Whistle or small air horns (can be worn around the neck)
- Pepper spray
- Sticks or other objects to **throw towards (but not at)** the coyote

I found that coyotes are generally reclusive animals who tend to shy away from any human contact. However, these coyotes who have adapted in our neighborhood may have lost their fear of humans making them more likely to get close to you or feel safe visiting you in your yard. The number one reason you might find a coyote in your yard is a food lure. Here are some things you can do to prevent food lures in your own yard:

- Avoid feeding pets outside. If necessary, feed them at a set time during the day and remove the food bowls when they are finished.
- In dry conditions, water can be as alluring as food, so the same goes for water bowls.
- If you compost, use enclosed bins and never compost meat scraps.
- Remove fallen fruit from the ground.
- Keep your trash in containers with tight fitting lids and avoid taking out any meat scraps or pet food until close to trash collection day.

Outdoor cats can be seen frequently when wandering the neighborhood. Cats are considered prey to the coyote. If you feed any of the outdoor cats, it's important to not leave the food out for an extended period of time or you will be attracting coyotes to your yard. Luckily we have such a beautiful neighborhood full of trees which will create an escape for the cat in the event a cat is being hunted by a coyote.

Now let's talk about "hazing". When I think of the word hazing my mind goes to some sort of cruel and unusual initiation to a fraternity, but this type of hazing is what the Humane Society recommends to do if you are approached by a coyote in your yard. The

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FGNA Gear

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Calendars—\$5
Hoodie—\$20
Koosies: \$2
Long Sleeve T Shirt—\$15
Recyclable shopping bags:
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FGNA Goals:

- To celebrate and preserve our neighborhood's unique character and history.
- To promote communication and a sense of community between neighbors.
- To give our neighborhood a voice in city decision-making.
- To keep neighbors informed about city projects that may affect them.
- To keep the neighborhood safe and traffic under control.
- To help our neighborhood schools and businesses thrive.
- To share expert information about topics of interest, such as gardening and home restoration.

HOME GROWN ART



Ice Cream Art—Bunker Hill, Age 6

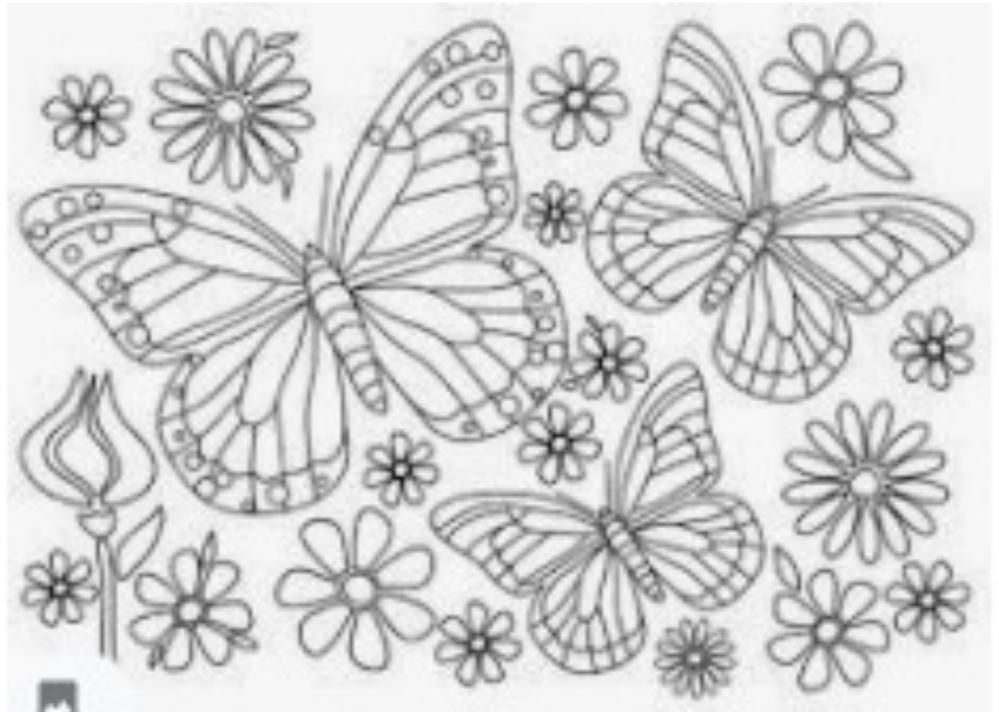


Cruella DeVille—Everleigh Boznos, Age 2

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coyote may not run away at first, but if you approach them closer and increase the hazing intensity they will run away. It is possible the coyote may return, but it usually only takes one or two times to haze a coyote away for good.

- Stand tall, wave your arms and yell "Go away, coyote!" Approach them if necessary until they run away. Note that if a coyote has not been hazed before this might take several attempts.
- Noisemakers: whistles, air horns, bells, shaker cans full of marbles or pennies, banging pots and pans together
- Projectiles: sticks, small rocks, cans, tennis balls (thrown **toward not at** the coyote)
- Squirt the coyote with your hose, or spray the coyote with vinegar water spray bottle

Important things to remember:

- Never run away from a coyote.
- Never let your pets out alone (coyotes may mistake small unattended pets as prey, or larger dogs as a threat to their territory).
- Coyote breeding typically peaks in late February and early March with the gestation period averaging 58-63 days. Male coyotes may become more aggressive during this time.
- In the spring and summer, daytime coyote sightings may become more frequent as the coyotes will be hunting food for their pups.

All of my research was done on the Humane Society website. There was much more to learn so head to the website if you would like to read more. I hope you found this research helpful in becoming prepared for any potential encounters with coyotes in our neighborhood.

Cheers!

Amanda

FGNA History in the Baking Recipe Excerpts
Twinkie Cake, By Jessica Ryder, Kreitzer Ave.

1 yellow cake mix (baked in 9X13 inch pan)

Filling:

1 cup milk	5 Tbsp flour	1 cup Sugar
1/2 tsp salt	1/2 cup shortening	1/2 cup margarine
1 tsp vanilla		

Cook milk and flour until thick, stirring constantly. Cool. Beat remaining ingredients until fluffy and add cooled milk and flour mixture and beat until creamy. Cut cake in half lengthwise with thread into 2 layers. Put all of the filling between the layers. Store cake in an airtight container at room temperature for 2 days (preferably). Cake will moisten and taste fresh.



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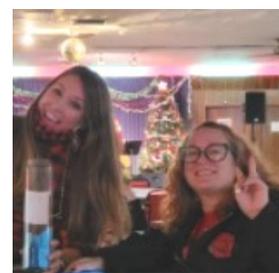
FGNA's most adorable carolers!!



Bake Sale!!



Performance by Oldest Horizons



Holiday Cheer!

Hello Neighbor!

Just a neighborly reminder that we are taking a hiatus with the monthly socials until March 11, 2022. Please watch our social platforms for the location and details. The 2022 socials will be held on the second Friday of the month from March – December, starting at 6:00pm. If you are interested in showcasing your home, he/she shed, lady/man cave or outdoor space for one of the monthly socials let me know so we can get you penciled in. Email me at tnt98@comcast.net.

Looking ahead the board is energized about spring and summer activities in Founders' Grove! On the books we have the upcoming annual Easter Egg Hunt with Hoppy the Bunny making an appearance for a photo opps on Sunday, April 10, 2022 @2pm sharp. Meet at Oakland School...can't wait to see you there!!

With the Easter Egg Hunt also comes the need for candy donations for the egg stuffing. Thank you for providing only pre-wrapped candy which will fit into the plastic eggs. Donations can be dropped off during the April FGNA Social (location TBD), at my residence (1201 East Grove Street), or you can contact any board member to arrange a pick-up or drop off.

Please start scanning the 'hood for your favorite home with a transformed or exceptional curb appeal as we will be taking nominations throughout the year for the FGNA Beautification award, which will be selected in the fall. You can send your nominations to fgnabloomington@gmail.com.

I would like to extend a HUGE gratitude of thanks to the following for pulling off our successful "Out of the 'Hood Holiday Social" in December. We had a last minute change and these folks pulled off what seemed like the impossible to a successful win: Kathryn, Drew, Chris, Ricky, Tyler, Rhonda, Matt, Rochelle, Neal, Bob, and Amanda. I could not have done it without your team efforts. YOU ALL ROCK!!

As always, your support for FGNA is greatly appreciated. If you haven't picked up yours yet, we still have 2022 FGNA calendars for sale, \$5.00 each. Contact me: tnt98@comcast.net or (309) 828-8863.

Counting down the days till Spring!

Until next time,
Todd

Who can resist a "good" Dad joke, right?? Well... if you can stomach these, find the answers on page 5.

1. What did the gardener do after retirement?
2. Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?
3. Why did the orange lose the race?



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— Corner Stone— By Brett Arseneault



The boulder was dug up from the middle of Grove Street in September. I saw it sitting at the corner of Warner and Grove and immediately went inside to talk to my wife. I told her I wanted the boulder, and she agreed.

Karen went out and talked to Brent, who is in charge from Stark Excavating, and asked who is in charge of the rock and he said he was. She told him she would like to have it and he mentioned that there were others on his crew that mentioned they had an interest. But he said he needed to clear things with the City, regardless of who took it.

The next day he said he felt the boulder belonged on Grove so we could have it. A few days later they hoisted it and moved it to where it is right now.

I'm getting a plaque made that will be a brief description of what likely brought that boulder to the middle of Grove Street. It will read:

Glacier Point

This "glacial erratic" - pushed here 15,000 years ago during the last Ice Age - was unearthed under Grove Street on September 24, 2021.

Based on its cubic feet, the boulder's weight has been estimated at 6 tons.

— Good Eats By Gina Hunter



If you see me plucking pesky Japanese beetles from my landscaping, you can ask me whether I'm controlling the pests or prepping dinner (or both!). It wouldn't be the first time I have eaten the bugs; in fact I've eaten quite a few species. Eating insects is the topic of my new book, *Edible Insects: A Global History* (Reaktion Press, 2021).

An estimated 2 billion people worldwide regularly consume insects – they are a nutritious, delicious and potentially sustainable food source. I enjoy sharing about insects as human food from our prehistoric past to current food trends. I am a cultural anthropologist specializing in the anthropology of food. I teach at Illinois State University where I am also the Director of the Office of Student Research.

FGNA History in the Baking Recipe Excerpts
Pizza Rounds, by Stefanie Lewis, Washington St

1/2 tsp garlic salt
1 to 2 loaves Party Rye bread

1lb hamburger
1lb sausage
1lb Velveeta Cheese, cubed
3/4 tsp Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp oregano

Cook hamburger and sausage together. Drain. Add cheese. Add with Worcestershire sauce, oregano, and garlic salt. Spoon mixture onto slices of Party Rye bread. Freeze. Preheat oven to 325°F. Bake 15-20 minutes. Serve.

Dad Joke Answers—1. Not mulch 2. He just needed a bit more space. 3. It ran out of juice

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Classifieds

Local services available in your own backyard!!

Offering a variety of services: dog walking, babysitting, mother's helper, yardwork, etc.
Contact Katie Graehling at 309-434-3818 or email at penguinqueen14@hotmail.com.

Seeking or wanting to offer a service? Neighbor-to-Neighbor Classifieds is a free one-time service available to you! Contact: sandra.underwood@frontier.com



FGNA Architectural Tour Walk

Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m.

Led by our own Greg Koos

Meeting Location TBD, updates will be communicated through email and Facebook

Be a tourist in your own 'hood!

If you've experienced a Greg Koos walk before in our neighborhood, you will know you are in for a treat! He's done architectural walks before and we are so glad he's able to offer one this Spring!

Wear good walking shoes | Bring a phone/camera to take pics |
Bring water if you choose | Bring a desire to see the every day in a different way



FGNA Plant Exchange

The plant exchange will be in the backyard at the home of Anne and Todd O'Neill at 1923 E. Jackson on Saturday May 14, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

No need to bring plants in advance, feel free to bring the day of the event. AND...you do not need to bring plants with you to participate.

Thank you in advance for labeling your plants!!



Clip-N-Save Calendar

Dates and events listed below are to the best of FGNA board knowledge at the time of print. Stay connected to FGNA Facebook, email, or contact a board member for updated information.

-March-

Thurs. Mar. 3: FGNA Quarterly Member Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Centennial Christian Church. 1219 E. Grove. St. Guest Speaker: Bill Inks with AB Hatchery, Topic: Native Perennials

Fri. Mar. 11: FGNA Social; 6:00 p.m. Host: TBD.

Thurs. Mar. 17: Mystery Lover's Book Club; 7:00 p.m. Host: Jen Johnson, 1413 E. Grove St.

Tues. Mar. 22: Washington Street Book Club; 7:00 p.m. Host: Rochelle Gridley, 1219 E. Washington St.

- April-

Fri. Apr. 8: FGNA Social; 6:00 p.m. Host: TBD. Bring Easter candy donations and help fill Easter Eggs.

Sun. Apr. 10: Easter Egg Hunt; 2:00 p.m. Oakland School playground, 1605 E. Oakland Ave.

Thurs. Apr. 21: Mystery Lover's Book Club; 7:00 p.m. Host: Jen Johnson, 1413 E. Grove St.

Fri. Apr. 22: Newsletter articles due to Sandra, sandra.underwood@frontier.com

Tues. Apr. 26: Washington Street Book Club; 7:00 p.m. Host: Rochelle Gridley, 1219 E. Washington St.

- May -

Fri. May 13: FGNA Social; 6:00 p.m. Host: TBD.

Sat. May 14: FGNA Plant Exchange; 10:00-11:00 a.m. Hosts: Todd & Anne O'Neill, 1923 E. Jackson

Thurs. May 19: Mystery Lover's Book Club; 7:00 p.m. Host: Jen Johnson, 1413 E. Grove St.

Sat. May 21: FGNA Architecture Walk; 10:00 a.m. Location: TBD

Tues. May 24: Washington Street Book Club; 7:00 p.m. Host: Rochelle Gridley, 1219 E. Washington St.

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