A music festival in walking distance of home? Yes, please! One thing we celebrate in our neighborhood each fall is the diverse talents of our residents: a night of music where all acts have a tie to Founders’ Grove. In the past there’s been comedy, poetry and more.

The first FGNA Palooza on Oct. 5, 2013, was slated to feature six acts – two at each organizer’s home: Mike & Nancy Schulz, Mike & Jackie Bauer and Carey & Jaime Moore. But it poured, and the entire first event went off under a multitude of canopies at the Moore’s on Moore St. Since 2014 (also at the Moores), we’ve averaged 10 acts. Palooza was held at the Lollars on Grove St. from 2015 on – with dual locations more recently. In Sept. 2020, with COVID, a socially distanced Palooza included six acts at three venues: Victor James & Margaret Byrd’s on Grove; the lot formerly known as “The Grove;” and the Lollars. FGNA Palooza became a two-day event in 2021, with music Friday night at Bones Bach’s on Washington and more Saturday at the Lollars.

These days, Matt Lollar sets the lineup, with help from a myriad of others including Mike Schulz, Kurt Hoffman and Drew Goss.

What to bring

Acts so far

There are many veterans and several new acts, with a good variety: Grateful Dead-ish Jam Band (Twilight Zona), grunge-inspired alternative rock (Monarch), New Wave-ish originals (Geoff Beran & the Mystery Van), Alt-Country Rock (The Readers) and dance-inspired psychedelic / alternative rock (Wildermore).

FRI 9/23 - 202 Leland St.

Time | Act
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TBD | Drewbie & Co.
(Possibly other acts)

SAT 9/24 - 1304 E Grove

Time | Act
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2:30 | Gina Hunter & Doug Biever
3:00 | Twilight Zona
4:00 | The Groupset
5:00 | Self Contained Hootenanny
5:20 | Monarch
6:00 | The Readers
7:00 | Geoff Beran & the Mystery Van
8:00 | Wildermore
9:00 | Oldest Horizons
PREZ on the EDGE - By Amanda Hill on Mercer, Board President

What a summer it has been in Founders’ Grove! The rain held off long enough for our Summer Solstice picnic to happen, and the 4th of July parade and brunch was another huge success! The board just met and we have more fun things planned for the fall season. You may begin seeing some changes to some of the traditional social events, so keep a close eye for details in the newsletter, Facebook page and at FGNA.org. We are still working hard to create the fun and socially active neighborhood that we all love.

It seems we have new neighbors moving into our neighborhood almost every week. I want to take a moment to welcome you to the neighborhood and personally invite you to one of our events. Check out the Clip & Save calendar on the back of this newsletter for more details. We love seeing new faces and getting the opportunity to welcome our new neighbors.

I also want to extend a note of gratitude for your donations and support in our fundraising efforts this year. For those of you who don’t know, we are an organization that relies heavily on fundraisers and donations. You will never be asked for neighborhood dues, but please remember all of our activities are funded by voluntary donations from our generous neighbors and fundraising efforts organized by the neighborhood association board of volunteers. (See more on how to donate below.)

Hope to see you around the ‘hood soon!

Cheers!
Amanda

A big thank you to Sandra Underwood for her many years as editor of this publication, as she takes a break from the role. Your passion for FGNA and the newsletter shines bright - just like for your many other interests and talents!

About Founders’ Grove Neighborhood Association

FGNA is a 501c3 organization formed to enhance the community in which we live. Every residence on and between Oakland, Mercer, Washington and State streets is a member invited to join any and all events. No dues are required, and activities are funded by donations.

Donate by:
• Cash in FGNA jars at events
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GOALS
• Celebrate and preserve our neighborhood’s unique character and history.
• Promote communication and a sense of community between neighbors, with many social gatherings.
• Keep neighbors informed about city projects that may affect them and give our neighborhood a voice in city decision-making.
• Keep the neighborhood safe and traffic under control.
• Help our neighborhood schools & businesses thrive.
• Share expert info on topics of interest such as gardening and home restoration.
Hello, Neighbor!

What attracted you to Founders’ Grove: We’ve always loved how active and family-friendly the neighborhood seemed; and the beauty of so many unique homes. There’s just a special vibe to the area and when our house popped on the market, we knew we had to have it!

What keeps you busy? Max is wrapping up Pony League baseball (with some friends from the neighborhood!) and loves to try his hand at whatever he can right now. Mila loves dance and will join another session at Uptown Dance this fall, also trying tap! We have two dogs, both boxers: Ollie (13) and Marley (2) – these two love walks around the block. Kyle and I are enjoying runs on the trail and bike rides with the kids. We’re a very active family, but love time at home to relax, too, and we’ve just been loving our neighbors and watching the kids quickly make friends!

What do you look forward to this fall? We’re excited to celebrate our 10-year anniversary in August, watching the kids in fall activities, weekends at the lake, Halloween (we’re SO excited for the Founders Grove experience!), and seeing the leaves turn in the neighborhood!

Old House Tip

“Silence squeaky wood floors by sprinkling on talcum powder. Use a paintbrush to work the powder into the joints between boards and sweep away any excess. For tight spots you can use powdered graphite that’s squeezed from a tube.”

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“Who made these? I need the recipe!!”

If you attended the potluck following the annual 4th of July parade, you may have either tried or heard others rave about the meatballs. Well, we’ve got the scoop for all of you, courtesy of neighbor Susanna Young, pictured here with her family!

Susanna, Atticus, Magnolia and Jay Young of Leland Street. They also very likely had the youngest parade participant!

Sausage Balls

**Ingredients:**
1 box of Red Lobster biscuit mix
1 8 oz package of cream cheese
1 8 oz package shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 lb ground breakfast sausage (raw)
1/2 stick butter

**Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Set aside silver herb packet from the Red Lobster biscuit mix and butter to use at the end
3. Mix all other ingredients (biscuit mix, cream cheese, shredded cheese, raw sausage) until well combined.
4. Roll into 1-inch balls and place on greased sheet pan or parchment paper lined baking sheet.
5. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until slightly golden on top.
6. Melt butter and mix with silver herb packet from the Red Lobster mix.
7. Toss cooked sausage balls in butter herb mixture and enjoy!

Neighbor to Neighbor Classifieds

**Pet sitter:** Alex Kahn, age 13, has experience with different kinds of animals. Phone 309-830-2932. Email alex.jhk@gmail.com

**Lawn mowing, trimming, raking:** Joshua Rose (he, him) would need a plug for his electric mower or could use yours. $10 per lawn. Phone 309-336-2608. Email cody18r24j@gmail.com

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### AUGUST

**Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. – Vinyl Hullabaloo**
- **What:** There will be a few turntables set up. Bring your own vinyl or flip through the many crates of records available to find the perfect songs for our favorite DJ to play. BYOB, lawn chair & snack to pass!
- **Where:** Matt Lollar’s, 1304 E Grove St.

**Friday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. – FGNA Social**
- **What:** Gathering of neighbors for food, drinks & fun. Bring dish to share, BYOB, cash for 50/50 drawing
- **Where:** Martha & Leon Everman’s, 1407 E Washington St.

**Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. – Mystery Book Club**
- **Where:** Jen Johnson’s, 1413 E Grove St. For details: jensincjohnson@gmail.com

**Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. – Washington Street Book Club**
- **Where:** Rochelle Gridley’s, 1219 E Washington St. For details: rochellegridley@gmail.com

### SEPTEMBER

**Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. – FGNA Member Meeting**
- **What:** Connect with neighbors & hear local speakers on topics of interest. September speaker TBD.
- **Where:** Centennial Christian Church, 1219 E. Grove St.

**Friday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. – FGNA Social**
- **What:** Gathering of neighbors for food, drinks & fun. Bring dish to share, BYOB, cash for 50/50 drawing
- **Where:** Todd & Beth Vincent’s, 1407 E. Grove St.

**Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. – Mystery Book Club**
- **Where:** Jen Johnson’s, 1413 E Grove St. For details: jensincjohnson@gmail.com

**10th Annual FGNA Palooza Live Outdoor Music Fest (2-day event!) - More details on front cover**
- **Friday, Sept. 23 - evening start time still TBD** – Host: Drew & Kathryn Goss, 202 Leland St.
- **Saturday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m.** – Host: Matt Lollar’s, 1304 E. Grove St.
- Bring a chair or blanket, BYOB or participate in a blind beer pull, Healthy in a Hurry food truck will be onsite for dinner on Saturday

**Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. – Washington Street Book Club**
- **Where:** Rochelle Gridley’s, 1219 E Washington St. For details: rochellegridley@gmail.com

### OCTOBER

**Friday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. - FGNA Social + Scavenger Hunt**
- **What:** Adult scavenger hunt will accompany our socializing this month! Wear walking shoes to travel the neighborhood in search of items. More details to come! Bring dish to share, BYOB, cash for 50/50
- **Where:** TBD

**Sunday, Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m. – Fall Festival & Crockpot/Chili Cook-Off**
- **What:** Prepare your best chili or crockpot recipe. We will taste and vote! For the kids there will be pumpkin painting, s’mores and other activities. BYO beverage.
- **Where:** AB Hatchery & Garden Center, 916 E. Grove St.

**Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. – Mystery Book Club**
- **Where:** Jen Johnson’s, 1413 E Grove St. For details: jensincjohnson@gmail.com

**Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m. – Washington Street Book Club**
- **Where:** Rochelle Gridley’s, 1219 E Washington St. For details: rochellegridley@gmail.com

### RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS

A **Euchre Club** and **Music Guild** also meet most months. At Music Guild, select & share songs from bands/artists that align to a monthly theme. **Mystery Book Club** usually meets 3rd Thursday of each month & **Washington Street Book Club** is usually 4th Tuesday of month. For more information, email fgna_bloomington@gmail.com.

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Events, dates & times listed are to the best of the Board’s knowledge at time of printing. To stay up to date on the latest, watch for FGNA events on Facebook (www.facebook.com/FoundersGrove), visit fgna.org or sign up for email updates by contacting Bob Dawson at bob@dawson1.com.