

FOUNDERS' GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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This music fest just keeps growing

What started in October 2013 with five acts performing on a rainy day at the home of Carey and Jamie Moore (on Moore St.) has grown to a two-day music fest featuring 16 performances. So many talented performers volunteered to play this year that there will be a two-stage setup on Saturday. While one act plays on one stage, the next will set up on the other: We'll have non-stop music all day!

From folk/fiddle music all the way to alternative/grunge bands and everything in-between, there's something for everyone – right here in Founders' Grove. It'll be groovy.

FOOD OPTIONS

Anytime during fest: Donny B's popcorn (\$5 / bag)

Saturday, Noon to 3 p.m.: Peeler's Ovenworks brick oven personal pizzas (cheese, sausage and/or pepperoni). \$3-5 recommended donation per pizza.

Saturday, 5 to 8 p.m.: Order dinner at on-site food truck Bay Area Mexicana. Kid-friendly options and churros available. Check the FGNA Facebook page for the full menu ahead of the event.

OTHER DETAILS

- Bring chairs or blankets
- A Porta Potty will be available both days
- Will play through any weather. Multiple canopies will be set up to shield neighbors from rain or sun.
- Firepit will be going Saturday night

See PAGE 5 for info on sponsoring this event.



Friday, Oct. 6

- **Music starts:** 6 p.m.
 - **Location:** Bones Bach's backyard stage, 1223 E Washington
- 6 - **The Groupset**
7:15 - **twång**
8:30 - **Wildermore**

Times are tentative

Saturday, Oct. 7

- **Music runs:** Noon to 10 p.m.
 - **Location:** Matt Lollar's backyard, 1304 E Grove
- Noon - **Oldest Horizons**
1 - **Matt Sneed**
1:30 - **Captain Marvelous & the Madmen**
2:30 - **Gina Hunter & Doug Bieber**
3 - **Monarch**
3:30 - **Martha Tyner & Jim Stanlaw**
4 - **The Readers**
5 - **Bill Givens**
5:30 - **Blue Sun Band**
6 - **Self-Contained Hootenanny**
7 - **Geoff Beran & the Mystery Van**
8 - **Drew Goss**
9 - **Hillbilly High-Rise**

PREZ on the EDGE - By Amanda Hill on Mercer, Board President

I grew up with a dad who was environmentally conscious and taught me the importance of recycling from an early age. It mattered to him so much that every Sunday evening we'd drive out to my grandparents' farm and load up the back of his old pick-up truck with the recyclables they had accumulated that week. They didn't have recycling services available in the country at that time. My dad would haul the stash to town to add to our recycle bin, and I'd help him sort before taking the bins to the curb. Remember when we used to have to sort out the paper, plastic and glass? I remember how neatly those separated piles looked.

My recycle bin has been overflowing lately, and I found myself wondering what to do. I happened to be at a neighbor's home and noticed he had two recycling bins. At first I was jealous, but then he told me there was no additional charge to have another recycle bin, only a charge for the trash bins. I called the city the next day and found it to be true, so I ordered my 2nd recycle bin.



We also had a can crusher in the shed. My brother and I would spend afternoons crushing pop cans that were recycled for spare change. We got to keep some of the money for our efforts!

Then I was on the hunt for more info. Did you know we have a Drop Box Recycling Program? The City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean County fund a program that allows you to drop off recycling items at:

- Wal-Mart on Greenbriar Drive
- YouthBuild McLean County, Crossroads Center, 360 Wylie Drive in Normal
- Heartland Community College
- Jewel-Osco on Cottage Avenue

Check out more recycling info on page 4 of this newsletter. Every little step we take will help make the world we live in a better place.

Cheers!



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
- PayPal to fgnabloomington@gmail.com
- Check to: FGNA (c/o Neil Gridley), 1219 E. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61701

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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! Meet Martha & Leon Everman on Washington Street

By Todd Trainor, FGNA Social Chair

Founders' Grove origins: Martha and Leon moved to the neighborhood in 1990 from the Washington, D.C., area. After looking at 20 different homes in the area, which all seemed to look alike, they walked into their current residence and fell in love, knowing it was their future home! Martha says all the family heirlooms and estate sale furnishings would not look the same in one of those simple traditional homes.

A little on their past: As a child Martha moved a lot until she was 15 years old. Her family called home Warwick, N.Y. – an hour west of NYC and near New Jersey. Leon grew up on a farm in Missouri, north of Kansas City. He spent most of his professional life in Charleston, S.C.

Their current interests:

- Martha spends a lot of her time volunteering for the YWCA and at Second Presbyterian Church. She enjoys cooking, gardening and getting together with friends for regular lunches. FGNA is grateful to Martha for the many hours she's spent over the years helping beautify the neighborhood garden at the corner of Washington and Towanda streets.
- Leon has played golf for many years. He enjoys following it as well as college sports when he can. He also spends a lot of time watching the stock market and is a member of the YMCA.

FGNA faves: Leon and Martha said when they are not wintering in Beaufort, S.C., they really enjoy FGNA events, especially the 4th of July brunch with all the goodies and great conversations with neighbors. The two are regular attendees of the FGNA monthly socials, which they are hosting next month!



Stop by the September Social event to visit with or meet the Evermans!

GET INVOLVED IN FGNA

Board terms are up at the end of this year. If you'd like to learn what serving on the Board involves — or just want to help with neighborhood events in an unofficial capacity — contact a current board member or email fgnabloomington@gmail.com

Gardening: Our garden at the corner of Towanda & Washington Streets needs volunteers to periodically pull weeds and prune. No huge time commitment. If you can help, email fgnabloomington@gmail.com

Want to submit a free one-time classified ad?

Know of an interesting neighbor to feature?

Have a newsletter topic?

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July 4: Celebrating traditions



Some FGNA faces graced the cover of The Pantagraph in recognition of our time-honored 4th of July parade tradition, which dates to 1956! In this year's parade were 98 kids, 100 adults and 11 dogs. A great time!

More local recycling options

Self-Service Electronic Recycling Center

- 1301 Warriner Street, Normal
- Available to McLean County residents
- TVs, computers, etc.
- Summer hours: Mon-Fri, 6 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 1st Saturday of each month, 8 a.m.-noon

McLean County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

- Free to Illinois residents, but no business or commercially generated waste.
- Sat., Sept. 23 – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
- Sign up for an appointment at bit.ly/hhw2023 (Deadline: 12 p.m. on Sept. 15)
- Call the Ecology Action Center at 309-454-3169 with questions.

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It's SOOO hot! What can I do in my garden in August?

By **Sue Anderson**, Master Gardener & FGNA resident



Here's how I keep my yard and garden looking good during the dog days of summer.

- **Gameplan:** Pick spots to work outside anticipating heat and humidity, sunny or shade, and get work done around these factors. Drink plenty of fluids and take plenty of breaks.
- **Deadhead** perennials and annuals regularly. Removing wilted flowers can stimulate greater flowering.
- **Mulch** to maintain soil moisture and suppress weeds.
- **Water judiciously:** Trees and shrubs first – good deep drinks once a week if extreme heat and/or drought. Water deeply the rest of your garden but not every day. Hand watering just doesn't cover a wide enough area to hydrate plants. (Except newly planted items.) Spraying the leaves of plants can contribute to fungus and doesn't really help the plant.
- **Harvest** vegetables and berries regularly, so plants keep producing. If berries have stopped producing, it's time to prune the old shoots to allow new growth.
- **For fruit trees:** Remove fallen fruit to limit insect infestations.
- **Plant** those crops you will harvest in fall: beans, cucumbers, kale, lettuce, peas, radishes and spinach all can have a fall crop. This link bit.ly/plantcal will provide you with exact details of fall vegetable planting in our gardening zone.
- **Be on high alert** for insect pests and plant diseases. Watch for leaves curling, yellow spots or other unusualness. Turn leaves over to look for spots and bugs. Remove any affected leaves and don't compost them. Disinfect tools that might have come into contact with pests/diseases. Pests include: thrips, tomato fruitworms, tomato hornworms, spider mites, chinch bugs, scale, snails, slugs and more.
- **Keep lawns** at 2.5 to 3 inches high.
- **Avoid pruning shrubs** after mid-August. You will only be inviting new growth that will fail to harden off in time for cold weather and might become damaged.

Believe it or not, this is the time to begin some plans for next year's garden.

August is a good time to evaluate your garden, both successes and failures, and decide what you may want to change for next year. Take photos. With everything in bloom, you have a prime opportunity to assess. If you want to keep plants such as impatiens, coleus, geranium and begonia for next year, consider taking cuttings from them to overwinter. Begin ordering spring flowering bulbs now for fall planting. You can also collect some seeds to reuse next year.

FGNA PALOOZA SPONSORS



This year, FGNA is welcoming sponsors to help pay for costs of the main stage for the Oct. 6-7 Palooza. **Thank you to sponsors who've already committed:**

- Keg Grove Brewing Company
- Edward Jones: Brad Hallstein
- Leisa Barbour (from Happy Hour 50/50 winnings)
- Rhonda Massie

If you're interested in being a sponsor, contact Matt Lollar directly:

Email: lollarmatt@hotmail.com

Text: 779-875-8450

AUGUST

Fri., Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. – Founders’ Grove PROGRESSIVE Social

- **What:** Travel to several nearby homes for food, drinks & fun. There are 59 combined years of pride in ownership on this block!
- Bring your beverages, a dish to share, cash for 50/50 drawing
- **Where:** 6-7 p.m. LeeAnn & Kevin Rasmus, 203 S. State
7-8 p.m. Betsy & Jerome Elver, 204 S. State
8-9 p.m. Trish & Todd Trainor, 1201 E. Grove (corner of State & Grove)

Sun., Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. – Vinyl Hullabaloo & Bags Tournament

- **What:** Bring your own records or flip through the many crates of vinyl available to find popular or obscure tunes for our favorite DJ to play on the turntable. BYOB, lawn chair & snacks to share.
- **Play bags:** See Matt onsite by 2:30 to sign up for blind-draw bags tournament.
- **Where:** Matt Lollar’s backyard, 1304 E. Grove.

SEPTEMBER

Thurs., Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. – Founders’ Grove Quarterly Meeting for all residents: History of Beer

- **Speaker:** Resident Rochelle Gridley, a volunteer at the Old House Society and McLean County History Museum, presents the “History of Beer in Bloomington.”
- **Where:** Centennial Christian Church, 1219 E. Grove St. Use South entrance to the hall on lower level.

Fri., Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. – Founders’ Grove Social

- **What:** Gathering for food, drinks & fun. Bring your beverages, a dish to share, cash for 50/50 drawing
- **Where:** Leon & Martha Everman, 1407 E. Washington.

OCTOBER

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 6 & 7 – 11th Annual FGNA Palooza Outdoor Music Fest

- *Full details on front cover*
- **Friday, Oct. 6** - Music starts 6 p.m. on Bones Bach’s backyard stage, 1223 E. Washington
- **Saturday, Oct. 7** – Music & food, noon to 10 p.m. in Matt Lollar’s backyard, 1304 E. Grove

Fri., Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. – Founders’ Grove Social: Family Friendly Fall Fest

- **What:** Bring the kids to paint pumpkins, a dish to share, your beverages, cash for 50/50 drawing
- **Where:** AB Hatchery & Garden Center, 916 E. Grove

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** usually the 4th Tuesday.
- For more info, email fgnabloomington@gmail.com

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.