

FROST LAKE MONONA WOODS

NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS

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Dear FWHA neighbors—

Remember summers when you were kid? Things I remember clearly are the smell of fresh cut grass, the sound coming out of the garage of a major league ball game while someone worked outside in the yard, going to a local carnival and riding on the Tilt-O-Whirl (without throwing up!), going swimming.....outside.....anywhere you could.

Some of the things I've added to my favorite summer memories are things I am relishing with great gusto today. I ask you....What is better than a perfectly ripe melon? I raise that for sheer debate because I can't decide sometimes since some nights I'm almost stunned with how good a fresh ear of corn can taste (now corn on the cob was *good* when I was a kid, but it's WAAAY better now!). Yes, life is good....

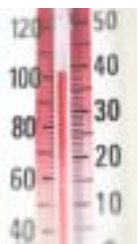


Sometimes, it truly is the little things that make us really happy.

Speaking of summer, how about an update on how the picnic went?

FROST WOODS 1ST ANNUAL PICNIC / CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Last year we canceled the picnic because it was supposed to be the hottest day of the year (98°) and we had concerns that we perhaps were not being responsible if we didn't cancel.



This year, it was advertised as the hottest day of 2006 (and possibly multiple other years—100°+) and we said—what the heck! If it's unbearably hot, we'll all just go home.

Well, we all actually had a pretty darn good time. For the Frost Wood's area's abundance of trees, we noted that Jan's yard has a rather large expanse of lovely sunny space so we huddled along the tree edge in the shade while we ate, caught up with one another, made some new friends, and prepared for the fun.

The kids had the best space with the Bouncy Castle as there was actually a really nice breeze coming off the lake so they had big fun bouncing like balls.

The adults and young adults enjoyed the 'longest drive contest'. Marshmallows that came right out of the cooler had a definite advantage over those that had been sitting out for a while in the heat. Did you know that warm marshmallows, when hit with a driver, actually 'unravel' as they sail through the air? The big winner of this event was JIM BEYER so look for a challenge/grudge match next year.



We also managed to actually play croquet while out in the sunshine. I'm noticing a trend here since Jim Beyer was also the winner of this event. Some of us better start practicing so we can give that man some serious competition next year!

There was sufficient desire to continue this tradition (with an emphasis on 'out of the sun') so we already have a location lined up for next year's event.....the shady backyards of the Thomas' and other willing attached neighbors. Whoohoo!

Several of the neighbors intently studied the 1976 photo that was published in the last News for Neighbors and identified 63 of approximately 128 people in that photo. We'll see if we can put the picture on the web with the names as identified so far and perhaps some of you long time neighbors can see if you can fill in any of the missing names.

This year's picnic photo will also be put out on the web—we may not have been as large a group as the 1976 event, but we were definitely an inspired group of neighbors who did have a good time.

Any of you who couldn't make it, we hope you'll join us next year!!

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FROSTWOODS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Board really has to start thinking about the hex we seem to have with things we are trying to make annual events. Last year the garage sale seemed to be a fairly decent success around the neighborhood and the thought was to make it an annual event. It is currently scheduled for Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th. With the current road



conditions on Winnequah and surrounding roads, it will be a little tougher this year. But like the picnic, we're saying 'what the heck'. The Garage Sale will still be a 'go' so start pulling stuff out of the basement and the kids rooms that now would really look nice in someone else's home.

NEW NEIGHBORS

We are happy to welcome to the neighborhood *Brian & Rebecca Holmquist (& Acacia)*—the new homeowners at 508 Panther Trail. They and their lovely family joined us at the picnic and we were happy to have the opportunity to get to know them a little better. Please welcome them when you're out-and-about!

WELCOME

DIRECTORY

In our last newsletter, we asked anyone who did not have a current copy of the directory to give Branda Weix a call at 222-8477. Some of you did indeed call Branda but she misplaced her list of people who needed directories so not everyone received their copy (she's sure one of her 3 kids took the list - perhaps the 3 month old baby is the culprit!). Please try again and this time, Branda promises to deliver.

Don't forget that we plan on updating the directory later this year and want to make sure all information is current. We will be taking ads from Frost Woods members (at a nominal charge) so that possibly neighbors can support other neighbors' businesses (and, I'll admit it, the ads will help defray the expenses to the Association!) Contact Anita Barlow (221-2604 or abarlow1@charter.net) if you'd like to place an ad or want to update the directory information.

BRUSH / LEAF PICKUP

The Frost Woods neighborhood is in Monona's district 3. That means we are scheduled for brush pickup from August 21-25 and then October 16-20. And, even though we're not ready to believe that summer is over, fall is around the



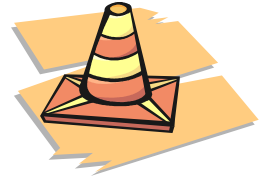
corner so leaf collection will begin mid-October and continue until snowfall. During the summer, the City of Monona also operates a yard waste drop-off site at 6300 Edna Taylor Parkway (on the south end of the Public Works Garage). Shrub trimmings, leaves, grass, twigs smaller in diameter than a pencil, and garden waste are all yard waste that can be dropped at the site.

WINNEQUAH ROAD UPDATE



As we're all well aware, the Winnequah Road project is underway - completion date

is scheduled for September 30. If you've driven on it lately (something we don't recommend unless you're eager to pretend you're off-roading), you'll know that in most places the road is currently about 3 feet lower than it normally is. Most of the time, it's bumpy and dusty and if it rains, it's inches of mud. But the road crew is very polite and they do their best to leave driveways accessible and move equipment to make the road passable. As



always, questions or concerns should be directed to Kevin Lord (who came to our annual meeting) or Mike Maloney both with MSA Professional Services at 242-7779. Here's an excerpt from the latest newsletter:

Concrete curb & gutter construction will be commencing the week of August 21, 2006. Large equipment and concrete truck traffic will effectively close Winnequah Road wherever the work is happening similar to grading work...Once new curb & gutter is poured across the driveways, vehicles will not be allowed on it for approximately seven days in order to allow the concrete to cure properly and be backfilled...We will continue to try and work with residents so that all the vehicles needed during this time may be removed from the garages prior to work.

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