

FROST LAKE MONONA WOODS

NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS

December 2004

Dear Frost Woods Neighbors:



The holidays are almost upon us—how did that happen? It was wonderful to have such nice weather lasting so long. I know our family used the time to continue to get those outdoor projects done that somehow always take longer to finish than you think they will!!

Speaking of things that have taken a long time, it's taken us quite a bit longer than we had originally thought to bring you an updated neighborhood directory...however, better late than never! With this newsletter is the 2004 Frost Woods Directory. I can hear you now---a 2004 Directory distributed in December of 2004?!?!?!? Yes, we do intend on a 2005 edition currently planned for the 3rd quarter.

The 2004 Frostwood's Directory includes a detailed map of homes that are in the Association with the ability to cross check names to houses. In the back of the directory there's a sheet to submit with any changes, corrections, additions (children, children willing to work, etc.). Changes can also be sent to Frostwoods@frostwoods.org.

WINNEQUAH WIDER?

Rumors have been flying about the upcoming Winnequah Road work slotted for 2005 or possibly 2006. The first public hearing on the construction won't take place until after the 1st of the year. Rumors the FWHA Board have heard mostly focus on a plan to widen the road 7-8 feet to accommodate a bike path. A recent letter to the editor in the State Journal from a Tonywatha resident referenced this bike path plan. A call to the Public Works Department at the City of Monona resulted in assurances that there are no plans, no consulting firm has been hired yet to

formulate plans, and public input will be solicited beginning early in 2005. We will continue to be in touch with the city regarding this project and keep the Frost Woods Neighbors informed.

FROST WOODS BEACH FACE-LIFT

Frost Woods Beach is one of the two parks in our neighborhood that make our community so special. But let's face it, the beach could use some work to make it live up to its potential. The FWHA Board is working with the city to spruce up the park. Next spring, watch the newsletter for a beach clean-up day. We're also hoping to add a couple picnic tables and



possibly a grill for the summer. Plus the Board



will be placing a tree and plaque near the entrance to the beach honoring our past architectural advisors who have done so much to keep our neighborhood beautiful. If you have any other

suggestions for improvements you'd like to see at the Beach, please drop the Board a line at frostwoods@frostwoods.org, give Branda a call at 222-8477 or drop a note off at 6011 Winnequah.

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FROST WOODS WINTER SOCIAL

We are currently planning the Frostwoods Winter Social for sometime the end of January/beginning of February. More information will be sent out regarding this event in early January—watch for news!!



PLANNING AHEAD

While all our gardens have packed it in for 2004, it won't be too long before we'll all be itching to get out there and dig in the dirt. Don't forget that there's a request in to form a Frost



Woods Garden Club (non-Frost Woods interested parties can join as well.) We'll be revisiting that topic in the beginning of 2005!



We've also had a suggestion to have a Frost Woods Easter Egg Hunt (let it not be said that we don't at least PLAN ahead.....) Now I know all you adults are getting excited at just the thought of this, but it will actually be just for the kids. More details to follow!



MAJOR UPGRADE OF MONONA'S KINDERGARTEN-8TH GRADE FACILITIES AND NEW 5TH-8TH GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN COTTAGE GROVE

The Monona Grove School Board voted 7-0 to call for a referendum February 15, 2005 that would include the following:

- Major upgrade of elementary and middle school facilities in Monona, consolidating Kindergarten-8th grade Monona student enrollment into two schools (using Maywood or Nichols School, and Winnequah School)
- New 5th-8th grade middle school in Cottage Grove for Cottage Grove students only

In addition there will be a second referendum that will ask for authority to exceed the revenue cap to pay for the additional operating costs associated with this comprehensive Monona and Cottage Grove building plan.

This proposed referendum would accomplish the following:

- Relieve the long-standing overcrowding of Winnequah School, the district's current middle school facility
- Keep the neighborhood school for Monona's middle school students while consolidating Monona's elementary and middle school enrollment into two rather than three buildings
- Significantly upgrade the elementary and middle school facilities in Monona
- Create a new neighborhood middle school in Cottage Grove, including 5th-8th grade Cottage Grove students in the new middle school. This, in combination with a four-classroom addition at Cottage Grove School, will for a projected long term relieve

the overcrowded elementary enrollment in Cottage Grove.

- Under this proposal, instead of having one very large district middle school projected to enroll more than 800 students, the district's two middle schools would have a projected enrollments of 577 for Cottage Grove and 254 for Monona.

Bill Breisch, Director of Instruction, noted "This referendum reflects the values of both Monona and Cottage Grove residents for high quality neighborhood schools while meeting the critical enrollment needs for all of our district's students. District residents have a history of developing building plans for schools of reasonable size, and this plan avoids putting students into either a super sized elementary or middle school building. Finally, this plan further supports student achievement and maintains the strong school-community ties in both Monona and Cottage Grove."

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FEELING GRATITUDE AND NOT EXPRESSING IT IS LIKE WRAPPING A PRESENT AND NOT GIVING IT.

—WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

Having just finished Thanksgiving and moving into the Christmas season, we'd like to extend our thanks to all our neighbors who make living in Frost Woods a great place to be.