

FROST LAKE MONONA WOODS

NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS

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Dear FWHA neighbors—

It's been a while since we last caught up. Since I usually start with some kind of weather assessment (based on the day I'm writing this vs. the day you receive it!), I'll say that I'm eternally grateful that last Sunday was 60°+ which allowed for getting those outside Christmas decorations up. If I had to do them today, just one week later, this house would look a lot more 'Scroogy' since I wouldn't be out there at all in 15° temperatures.



This is the time of year that we all see less and less of each other as we get super busy trying to get ready for the holidays, attend all the parties and school events or just stay out of the cold. The board's goal is to foster a neighborly/social environment—where we hopefully get to know each other, have a quick chat when walking the dog or stop to compliment a neighbor on their yard project. As we start to hibernate inside with the changing temperatures, this activity slows a bit and we have to work harder to reach out and connect.

This winter we hope to have our Frost Woods Island Bonfire/Skating event (one of these years the weather will actually match the plan!) and, we again will have the FWHA Winter Social. Last year's 50°+ weather pretty much did in the skating/bonfire.....while some may have been accused in their life of thinking they 'walk on water', we've not met anyone successful at that, thereby making the trek to the island and skating on the lake a bit difficult when it's 50°. We have, however, had some pretty decent success with our Winter Social—one year I recall temps in the 60's. Maybe we should combine these events and turn it into an FW Island Luau?

You'll find some information about those two events and other neighborhood news in this edition of [News for Neighbors](#). We hope you'll enjoy this newsletter and come and hangout with the neighbors at some of the upcoming events!

A STAR IN OUR MIDST

Some in the neighborhood may not be aware of a star in our midst. On Saturday, November 18th, our very own Teddy Studt (6005 Winnequah Road) was honored at the Overture Center. In 1979, Henrietta (Teddy) Studt was asked by some of the FWHA children to direct them in a play. Teddy has always said 'Everyone needs a little magic in their lives' so she started the Monona Park Players. In 1986 she incorporated as PlayTime Productions to provide the magic of theater and her own 'warped' scripts of children's stories to even more children. Teddy was raised in New York City, Queens and attended the UW where she earned a BS in education and recreation with an emphasis in theater. She spent many years with Madison Theater Guild and other local theater groups. Teddy is creative, imaginative and talented—for her body of work and her contributions to the theater community, her efforts were duly recognized that evening with the Overture Center's performance of Teddy's own version of *The Prince & The Pauper*.



Congratulations Teddy on this honor—you worked hard and inspired many children (including kids from Frost Woods)—we're proud to have you as our neighbor!

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THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Well, for a while Winnequah Road was definitely the Road Less Traveled. While



those of us who live along the road enjoyed the lack of traffic, the project did wear thin in those final

days and I know everyone is glad that it's over. While there's always a difference of opinions on any project like this, we all have to admit that the road is definitely better than it was before. There appears to be an education need for the bicyclists as I don't think they know that they are supposed to/can continue their ride within the bike lane by maneuvering onto the choker. This will all probably get clearer for everyone once spring/summer rolls around and usage increases.

There were lots of questions as to how the road was going to be plowed with the chokers and we've had an opportunity to see that with the snow this week.

All in all, the goal was to improve the infrastructure, slow down traffic and accommodate the bikers/walkers. The infrastructure has been totally redone which is a good thing. The markings and the narrow driving lanes certainly assist with slowing down traffic and letting the bikers/walkers/runners know where they should be to hopefully be safe too.

We've recently had a much greater level of visibility of policing for vehicles that are speeding on the road. Now that the surface is so nice it's hard for people to go the speed limit but all neighbors should be aware that this is being enforced at a new level (THANK YOU!) so watch your speed while on Winnequah Road.



CIP (CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS)

Neighbors on Midwood and Ridgewood are even more painfully aware of the poor conditions of their streets now that Winnequah Road has been redone. They contacted the City to find out what the plan is for these areas and have reported the following as the reply for the City:

'I share your concerns about these two streets....We have tried to address the issue on Ridgewood....This was under direction from the city council.... However, the patch material we used is 'cold patch' and temporary at best...On big areas, it usually is gone after the first snow plow hits it....



We installed over \$2K worth on Ridgewood and covered a very small area....The plan is to include these streets in the street maintenance program in '07....What is slated for these streets is mill & overlay....That process involves milling the present asphalt off and replacing with new asphalt'.

So, the good news is that these streets are on the '07 City plan for improvement!

FWHA DIRECTORY

Thank you to all neighbors who have contacted us regarding changes needed in the FWHA directory. If you forgot to let us know about changes and thought it was too late to send yours in prior to printing, you can still get that information in. As we mentioned, we are hoping to defray the expense of compiling/printing the directory by having advertising space for local businesses that we all support (or should be supporting!) From a business budgeting perspective, it would probably

be nice if you knew how much we planned on charging for this advertising space (since I'm sure some of you would like to advertise when you see the reasonable rates!)

**YOUR
AD
HERE**

- \$25 for a business card size ad
- \$50 for a 1/2 page ad
- \$90 for a full page ad

The board is contacting some of the local businesses in Monona and we'd love to hear from some of you. Perhaps your employer would like to advertise to this focused group (since rates are so REASONABLE) or you own your own business and would like to promote it further to your neighbors. Do you sell Avon or do you do decorative painting for homes? Are you a drywall specialist or concrete guy? Whatever your business, this is a great opportunity and we'd love to hear from more of you.

If you've got changes to let us know about or would like to run an ad, please contact us at Frostwoods@frostwoods.org or call Anita @ 221-2604 and we'll work out the details!

HEY KIDS, READ THIS! YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE SOME \$\$

We will be having a 'help available' page for any kid in the neighborhood that would like to offer their services (babysitting, grass cutting, leaf blowing/raking, etc.)



Please submit your name and the services you'd be willing to provide and you will be featured on a separate page (a page sponsored by one of your neighbors!).

Send that information to us at Frostwoods@frostwoods.org or call Anita @ 221-2604.

FWHA BONFIRE/SKATING PARTY

Tentative date for this event will be January 21st. The Frost Woods island is located directly behind several homes in the area of 6011/6007 Winnequah Road. We'll have a large bonfire on the island and roast some brats/hotdogs and keep some hot chocolate hot. If conditions permit, ice skating will also be available compliments of Lake Monona!



FWHA WINTER SOCIAL

Tentative date for this event will be March 4th. Several neighbors have graciously offered their homes in the past for this event (and have offered them again this year. Thank you!) We'd really like to move the event around in the neighborhood and hope that one of you will offer your home this year. Anyone on the north end of Winnequah, Moygara, Henuah Circle, Pheasant Hill, Bridge interested? You don't have to worry about providing food since FWHA sponsors this event, plus neighbors generally bring desserts/appetizers (we've never NOT had plenty to eat and drink!) We generally have had between 25-40 people in and out (and always hope for more!) and we usually gather on a Sunday afternoon for 2-3 hours.



We can also be flexible with the date if one of you is reading this saying... "Gee, we could host this event if it was xxx date". Please contact us at Frostwoods@frostwoods.org or call Branda @ 222-7295. We'd appreciate your help and generosity in letting us hold this neighborhood event at your house!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Since by the time we get this done and printed, it will arrive at your home mixed in with the Christmas catalogs and holiday cards, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our neighbors a very Happy Holiday and a safe and prosperous New Year! We are all busy and often turn to our neighbors when we are in need....little things like, 'Hey, I'm going away for a couple days—would you mind getting my mail?' (My neighbors recognize this request and I thank them heartily and publicly for their help!) or 'We're going away—if someone in a moving van shows up and starts packing up—do me a favor and call the police.' Think about it— our neighbors help us with the little things that relate to our largest investment (our home) or what's most important to us (our family). It's nice to have nice neighbors, isn't it??

To all the FWHA neighbors, we thank you for being our neighbor and we wish you and your family a very happy holiday.

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Happy Holidays

