

# FROST LAKE MONONA WOODS

## NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS

January 2005

Dear Neighbors:



Well, we begin the New Year still talking about the weather. One day it's warm and foggy and the next we're in the deep freeze. Ah, winter in the Midwest! At least it stayed warm enough for us....well some of us!.... to get our

Christmas decorations in the house before they were buried under the snow and then frozen into the ground....never to come out again until Spring thaw/mud-season!

### DIRECTORY

We hope you like the new Frost Woods Homes Association Directory. If there are any corrections or changes that you see that need to be made (new neighbors, more kids, etc.) please use the sheet at the back of the directory and send it to Fred Hyde (or drop it off at any board members house) and we'll incorporate all changes into the directory that will be printed later this year. The Spring 'home sale' season will shortly be upon us so any homes that exchange hands during that time, we'd surely appreciate your help in knowing who our new neighbors are so we can welcome them to the neighborhood, as well as include them in the directory.



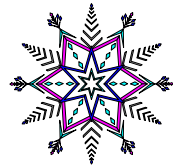
### ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars: The **Frost Woods Homes Association Annual meeting** will be held on **Sunday, April 17th from 4-5 p.m.** We will advise the location in the next News for Neighbors.

### WINTER SOCIAL

While we've toyed with the idea of doing something that would combine some winter outside activities into our Winter Social, the recent dramatic weather changes have 'cooled' our enthusiasm. So what better activity than to just get neighbors together, inside, to get to know each other and our neighborhood better. Pull those pens back out again and mark March 6th on your calendars for the Frost Woods Winter Social. This year's Winter Social will be held at Branda Weix/Jeff Simmons' home at 6011 Winnequah Road. The event will be from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. In addition to socializing, we will also be reviewing historical Frost Woods documents prior to donating them to the Wisconsin Historical Society for safekeeping. Any of you who have looked at the Membership Guide have learned a lot about our neighborhood's history just by reading the Guide. There are even more interesting pieces of information archived in boxes that we will be able to review/sort while we are catching up with each other. We look forward to seeing old....make that 'long-time'... neighbors and new neighbors alike. Please plan on joining us. It's a fun, low-key opportunity to get to know your neighborhood and neighbors a little better!

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together.



Vesta M. Kelly

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## FROST WOODS HOMES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

Speaking of the Member Guide.....Many of you have hard-copies of the Membership Guide for the Frost Woods Homes Association. If, however, you do not have a copy, you can now find the entire guide at [www.frostwoods.org](http://www.frostwoods.org). This guide can be viewed on-line or printed from the web (50+ pages). This key document provides not only historical information about the beginnings of the Association but also important information regarding some of the guidelines that are to be followed as an Association member.

If anyone has any questions regarding information contained in the Guide, please let a board member know and we will work together to provide you with the correct answer.

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## EASTER

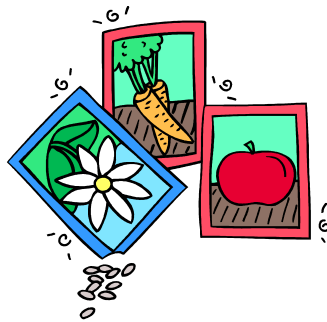
In one of our earlier News for Neighbors, we thought we had a great idea for an Easter Egg Hunt. It would have helped if we had actually looked at a calendar to see when Easter is this year.....an Easter Egg Hunt in Wisconsin in MARCH is definitely NOT a great idea. Cross that one off the idea list for this year!

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## GARDEN CLUB FU'UN

While at the moment, the weather is not something that has us itching to get outside at all; those garden catalogs that are coming in the mail just might start to get us in the spirit of things. I know personally that what my mind sees as possible from those catalogs and what my check book and back can handle are not the same thing!

Nonetheless, we did have a lot of interest from neighbors (and friends of neighbors) who wanted to belong to an informal neighborhood garden club. Please contact any board member, or e-mail us at [frostwoods@frostwoods.org](mailto:frostwoods@frostwoods.org) to let us know you're interested in being a part of this group and we'll work out the details from there. Remember the goal of this group is to meet infrequently and talk informally about what plants/shrubs grow successfully in our neighborhoods, planting successes and failures, planting/composting tips, etc. You get the picture—let's get together--a good time will be had by ALL!!



One kind word can warm 3 **WINTER** months.

Japanese Proverb

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## WINNEQUAH ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

(Report provided by Richard Shropshire and Fred Hyde)

Many of you have probably been keeping a watchful eye on news articles regarding Winnequah Road. The neighborhood was well represented at the public meeting held earlier this month. Many FWHA members were in attendance. Some who provided specific input were Fred and Jackie Hyde, Jim Draeger, Sunny Schubert, David Lehrer, Bill Bathke and Kathy Thomas.



Alderman McKeever opened the discussion by stating that the process to decide how to review Winnequah Road will be a very open and transparent one. To quell rumors that decisions have already been made, he emphasized that no plans or decision had been made prior to the meeting. City Engineer Rick Schmale and MSA Road Design Project Director Mike Maloney emphasized that they want to finish the design by March '05, let bids in Spring '05 and complete the project by end '05. The goal is to construct a road which will last 40 years. Only \$25,000 of the cost of the project will come from state funds...the remainder will be Monona City funds. The project will include the portion of Winnequah from Squaw Circle to Bridge Road. There are no plans to revise the rest of Winnequah at this time.

There was general agreement that the sanitary/ storm sewers and water mains under the street must be replaced. Several recent sewer line breaks made this a key reason for the reconstruction. Most everyone agrees the street needs resurfacing.

Mr. Norm Flynn set the tone by observing that there is a lot of pride of ownership shown along Winnequah. He said that it is not necessary to widen the road as that will increase speed and will damage the beauty of the area. These sentiments were reiterated by most of the speakers.

Mr. Jim Draeger argued that the historical nature of Winnequah and, in particular the Frostwoods neighborhood, must be preserved. He generated a round of applause with his advice that the street be narrowed. He pointed out that the Frostwoods area was first proposed as a city park, but Madison refused to buy it. Winnequah Road is the street that sets the tone for Frostwoods as a neighborhood and for Monona as a city for those people who enter it from the southwest.

## WINNEQUAH ROAD RECONSTRUCTION (CONT'D)

Primary issues presented:

- Traffic speed (Data analysis for 12/04 showed 30-35 mph seldom exceeded-data disputed by some attendees, particularly from homeowners at the southern end of Winnequah)
- Need for bike/pedestrian lane (pros/cons)
- 5000-6000 cars use Winnequah daily (#'s disputed by some attendees)

Attendees broke into six groups for 'brainstorming' sessions. Suggestions reported into the whole group were:

- Narrow Winnequah Road
- Make Winnequah Road one-way between Owen and Bridge
- Re-route Lake Loop bike path at Midmoor and Moygara to Bridge
- All-way stops at Maywood, Owen and Graham to quiet traffic
- Insert combination bike lane/walking lane
- Maintain rustic character between Owen and Maywood (stone walls)
- Install traffic guides at Winnequah and Maywood (slow traffic and eliminate encroachment into northbound lane)
- Make Winnequah a 'recreational road' only (eliminate motor traffic)
- Don't do anything-current bad pavement slows traffic anyway

The next hearing/meeting will be held at the Monona Library from 3-6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 2nd. At that time, taking into consideration the above input, plans will be 30% complete; however, there will be plenty of time to make changes. A third hearing/meeting is scheduled for March 2nd (time/location to be announced). Plans will be 90% complete with that date.

If you have anything to say about Winnequah Road, mark February 2nd on your calendar and make it a point to go to the meeting to share your thoughts. Your Board will, of course, be represented at that meeting. If you cannot attend but would like to express your opinions, please contact a Board member and we will present them to the Public Works committee. Remember, your input is VERY important to ensure that Winnequah Road reflects the character of the Frostwoods neighborhood.

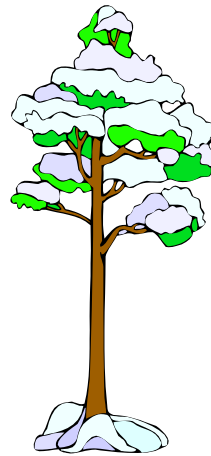
## SQUAW BAY NAME CHANGE?



As most of you know, the Frost Woods Beach is not actually on Lake Monona. The beach, and the island owned by our homes association, both are actually in Squaw Bay. There is a new movement to change the name as "squaw" is offensive to many Native Americans. The Wisconsin State Journal published an article on Friday, January 14, about this name change.

The authority to change the name ultimately rests with the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council which, according to the 1/14 article, has a history of changing names with the word "squaw". The Council will meet again in March or April. But prior to a change by the Council, the Dane County Board would first have to approve the change and offer a replacement. At least one county superintendent would support a change but would prefer that Monona city officials take the lead on proposing an alternate name.

According to the 1/14 article, Monona Ald. Doug Wood is considering proposing a resolution to influence the Dane County Board and ultimately the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council. Ald. Wood has contacted the Ho-Chunk nation to see if the word "squaw" could be swapped with the Ho-Chunk word for "woman". Ald. Wood can be reached at his e-mail address: dougwood57@charter.net



### Winter Morning Poem by Ogden Nash

Winter is the king of showmen  
Turning tree stumps into snow men  
And houses into birthday cakes  
And spreading sugar over lakes  
Smooth and clean and frosty white  
The world looks good enough to bite  
That's the season to be young  
Catching snowflakes on your tongue  
Snow is snowy when it's snowing  
'm sorry it's slushy when it's going

FWHA President: Branda Weix  
FWHA Vice President: Dr. Richard Shropshire  
FWHA Treasurer: Fred Hyde  
FWHA Secretary: Anita Barlow  
FWHA Member At Large: Peter Sobol

(All contact information available in the NEW Frost Woods Homes Association 2004 Directory)

WINNEQUAH  
ROAD  
CONSTRUCTION  
MEETING

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

3:00-6:30 P.M.

MONONA  
LIBRARY

Plan to attend!

