



FROST LAKE MONONA WOODS

NEWS FOR NEIGHBORS

May 2007

Dear FWHA neighbors—

Some times there's only enough information for the newsletter that we've issued a simple 'News Brief'----well, pull up a chair and set a spell since that's not the case this time! This issue, in addition to our usual scintillating articles, we also included the minutes and budget information from the Annual Meeting. While we strongly encourage your participation once a year at the Annual Meeting, we recognize that some of you cannot attend yet have a desire to know the specifics of what occurs and budget information for the coming year. You will find that information in this edition of News for Neighbors.

We hoped to get this edition out sooner but someone (who shall remain nameless) was tempted by the lure of nice weather and spring gardening opportunities to ignore her responsibilities of sitting down behind the computer on those beautiful days and staying focused on the task at hand (and not the Fine Gardening magazine laying on her desk.....) Oh if my yard only looked like it looks in my daydreams! Nonetheless, I am staying on task now and want to mention something pertinent to us all.

Neighbor and Alderman, Bob Miller, was very instrumental in putting together the May 18th Yahara Lakes Association first annual lakes conference: "The Future of the Yahara Lakes: Realizing the Vision." It was very interesting and provided information on the historical relationship between the lakes and the people of Dane County; 'technical' information on the lakes (presented by a UW/DNR Limnologist and a UW-Madison Engineering Professor); and a panel discussion with representatives from the State, Dane County, City of Madison and local agriculture.



Bob is working with the Monona Cable Channel to air this conference in three parts so we'll keep you informed of when it will air so you can watch. Everyone has an impact on the lakes which are a important resource to this area--we encourage you to watch!

And now.....on to the really scintillating stuff!

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The 71st Frost Woods Homes Association Annual meeting was held on April 22 - a perfect day for yardwork and bike riding and meeting with neighbors. Despite the perfect weather or perhaps because of it, a great group gathered at the home of Jeff Simmons and Branda Weix at 6011 Winnequah Rd. The minutes are included so everyone can read the details but there are a few highlights worth mentioning.

FWHA will once again be sponsoring a scholarship program for high school graduates in our neighborhood. The plan is to award two \$250 scholarships to graduates who plan to attend college and submit an essay on our neighborhood. The top essays will also be featured on our website. Watch for more details in the fall newsletter.

We've also started planning for the 75th Anniversary of our neighborhood association. \$250 a year will be set aside for a total accumulation of \$1000 to help us commemorate this event. Initial thoughts are to put up a neighborhood sign and some landscaping in the triangle at Owen and Midmoor and to prepare a series of articles about our neighborhood for

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the Herald Chronicle. The Board welcomes any input into the 75th Anniversary plans so send us an e-mail or give us a call if you have any ideas.

FWHA is also proud of our civic-minded neighbors, Kathy Thomas who has served on the City Council for some time and Bob Miller who was recently elected to City Council. And on the school board side, Peter Sobol and Randy Parvin both ran excellent races and we are pleased that Peter was able to win one of the school board seats in this heavily contested race. Watch for regular columns from our school board and city council members.



We'd like to welcome Brian Alme as our newest Board Member and Brian will hold the Secretary position. Brian already was an active participant in the neighborhood having been one of the original volunteers to deliver the News for Neighbors. Brian, his wife Luanne and their two children (Britney and Ethan) live on Midmoor. Thanks for volunteering---we look forward to working with you!

The full minutes and the budget are also in this newsletter so please take the time to check out the rest of the details.

2007/8 FWHA BOARD MEMBERS

- Brandia Weix - President
- Peter Sobol - Vice President
- Brian Alme - Secretary
- Melissa Aro - Treasurer
- Anita Barlow - Member at Large

PARK SHELTER

If you've driven by the Dream Park or the library recently, you've noticed that construction is well underway on the new park shelter. Fundraising for this shelter is also well underway. At the recent Annual Meeting, FWHA members voted to support the fundraising drive by purchasing a tile that will say "Frost Woods Homes Association". The tile was purchased for \$225 and will be

placed inside near the fireplace. Tiles are still available in three sizes (6x6 exterior brick paver for \$65, 12x12 terrazzo tile in the breezeway for \$125 and 12x12 terrazzo tile inside by the fireplace). For more information and for an order form, please see the city website at www.monona.wi.us and look under the Parks Department or contact Tori Hull at 222-8521.

BRANCH PICKUP

In the last newsletter, we told everyone that branch pick-up would start in our neighborhood on April 23. After numerous phone calls to the city to find out why branches in our neighborhood are still curbside, it turns out that we were given the wrong information and that sticks should have been curbside April 16. Branch pickup is no longer performed by the city. Instead the city contracts with Green Valley so the city has no ability to remedy the problem, even though we were given the incorrect date. Green Valley insists that they not only came through our neighborhood at the correct time, but that they did a second sweep at the end of the month and that a supervisor drove through to check and picked up some missed branches. The best solution Green Valley and the city has offered is to do a sweep through the first week in June when Green Valley resumes branch pick-up in Monona. We are sorry for the incorrect information last time - we do our best to keep everyone informed!

FROST WOODS BEACH AND FROST WOODS PARK

The neighborhood association decided a couple years ago to place a tree and plaque at Frost Woods Beach in honor of our past architects. We held off on purchasing the tree until the Winnequah Road construction was complete. We are once again working with the city to choose an appropriate tree and site - hopefully you'll see a new tree at the beach soon!

Frost Woods Park is not only at the center of our neighborhood, it is also a showcase park for the city as it is heavily

used by our baseball leagues with teams competing from nearby communities. With that in mind, we want to work with the city to make sure the park is both safe and attractive. The city's summer help begins working at the end of May so the mowing and weed-whacking will increase then. The water will be turned on soon and the port-a-potty delivered. Someone from our board will be attending the next Park and Recreation Board meeting in June to discuss the need for additional playground cover (currently sand) and other needs for the park. If you have any suggestions, please send them to us so we can report back to the Park and Recreation Board.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DREAMPARK MAKEOVER

Ten winters and thousands of feet and hands have taken their toll. Volunteers are needed to help in an effort to rebuild, sand, paint and reseal portions of the Monona Dreampark. No skills are required--just a willingness to help. To volunteer, please send an email to mydreampark@gmail.com. Put "Volunteer" in the subject line and mention any skills or interest you might have--painting, sanding, bark flugging, or 'just tell me what to do.'



TAKE A STAKE IN THE LAKES

The FWHA annual community project of cleaning up Frost Woods Beach as part of 'Take a Stakes in the Lakes' is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th beginning at 9 a.m. We collect litter and rake aquatic debris from the shoreline and shallow waters in an effort to make our park and beach area as attractive as possible. With the new canoe/kayak racks being added to the park this year, we will see increased usage and want anyone in Monona using the FW Beach to recognize what a wonderful resource it is in our neighborhood. Frost Woods will be supplying morning coffee, water and donuts so please swing by and help for a few minutes. It actually doesn't take very long since the park and shoreline is not extensive.....plus many willing hands make the work go quickly!



DANE COUNTY'S CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM

Dane County's Clean Sweep Program for recycling household hazardous waste opened on May 1st and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays Fridays, and Saturdays from 7:30 to 2 p.m. (through Oct. 31st). The Clean Sweep Program provides the opportunity to safely dispose of household hazardous materials, free of charge. The Clean Sweep center is located at 2302 Fish Hatchery Road in Madison.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - FWHA SUMMER PICNIC AND CROQUET TOURNAMENT

While summer song themes generally revolve around 'fun in the sun', we thought we shake up the 'weather-norm' and schedule some 'fun in the shade' this year. The 2ND Annual FWHA Summer Picnic and Croquet Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, July 29th. This year's property hosts are Bill & Kathy Thomas (with additional space assistance from Frost Woods Beach!)

We're going to stir up some of that friendly competitive spirit to see who can beat Jim Beyer this year at Marshmallow Golf while our croquet tournament will expand into a trickier layout (just for some more chills and thrills!) We had a good time last year and hope to see some more of you this year...put it in your summer plans!

2007 FWHA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The 71st Frost Woods Homes Association meeting was held April 22, 2007 at the Weix-Simmons home. In attendance were:

Branda Weix / Jeff Simmons	Anita and Bruce Barlow	Bob Miller	Mary Rowe
Fred & Jackie Hyde	Peter Sobol	Kathy Thomas	Kathy Beyer
Joan & Richard Shropshire	Melissa Aro	Brian Alme	Jim and Cindy Draeger

Proxy cards were returned for::

Mary LaBissoniere	Ann & Craig Aswegan	Eugene & Kathryn Skroch	Maureen Muldoon / Julie Konstanz
Matthew Baumgartner	Roma & Alton Price	Walter & Delores Bjoraker	Charles Martin/Kathryn Schubert
Dolly Paterson	Don & Vicki Kieler	Eugene & Jeanette Walsh	Janice & LeRoy Johnson
Laurie & Doug Egre	Deb Boushea	Donald Simley	Brian & Rebecca Holmquist
Emilie Fish	Allen & Judith Bodden	Mary Thompson	Marshall & Angela Heyworth
Elizabeth Bard	Fred Decker	Ron and Bev Lampe	Allan Rifkin/Betsy Haynes
Steve & Deb Seeliger	Jan Marshall Fox	Florence & James McMahon	

The meeting was called to order by President, Branda Weix and a review of 2006/2007 activities was provided by Secretary, Anita Barlow. Melissa Aro (Treasurer) provided the following Treasurer's Report:

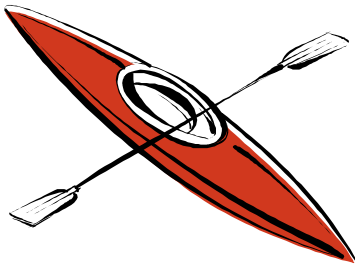
FWHA BUDGET		Expected Dues Receipts January 2008 Dues (80% of \$2632)	\$2105.60
Balance Forward 4/22/07	\$4945.01	Total Income	\$2105.60
Expenses			
2008 Frost Woods Scholarships	500	Winter Social & Advertisement	100
Winnequah Park Shelter Interior Fireplace Tile	225	Garden Tour Refreshments & Advertisement	100
		Summer Party	400
Dues 2007 2nd Mailing	30	Fall Garage Sale Supplies / Advertisement	50
Dues 2007 3rd Mailing	25		
Dues 2008 1st Mailing	55	FWHA Website Fees	150
Newsletter 1 Printing, Publishing & Postage	110	Annual Meeting Supplies	10
Newsletter 2 Printing, Publishing & Postage	110	Annual Meeting Refreshments	20
Newsletter 3 Printing, Publishing & Postage	110		
Newsletter 4 Printing, Publishing & Postage	110	Safe Deposit Box Fee	15
Newsletter 5 Printing, Publishing & Postage	110		
Newsletter 6 Printing, Publishing & Postage	110	Total Expenses	\$2340

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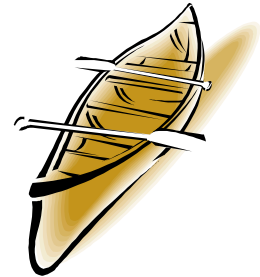
Melissa further provided a proposed budget for 2007/2008. Bob Miller made a motion to provide in this budget and future budgets plan a reserve of \$250/year with a goal of \$1000 in reserve for the 75th Association meeting which would occur in 2011. This motion was seconded by Jim Draeger and motion passed. A nominal scholarship opportunity for FWHA seniors was also added to the budget.

There will be no change to the dues assessment amount. The budget was reviewed in total and approved by all attendees.

In open discussion, Kathy Thomas (Alderman) provided an update on road construction in the area. Currently Ridgewood and Midwood are being re-evaluated to determine if mill/overlay will occur to these deteriorating streets. Bob Miller advised that the Winnequah Road project is not officially closed so if neighbors have concerns, they need to express them to the City quickly as some final actions relative to the road will still occur (dirt settling seems to be the concern that will be rectified.) A request to have the 'chokers' marked with the bike symbol was addressed.



In addition Kathy advised that the City will be putting in a canoe/kayak rack in Frost Woods Beach that will be for rent to Monona residents only. There is a fee of \$60 annually for residents. A question was posed if that needs to be corrected to be 'seasonally' vs. 'annually' to ensure that people do not leave their canoes/kayaks in the rack year round. Frost Woods advised that it might be interested in have a 'Frost Woods Only' canoe/kayak rack if there was enough interest. The Association will wait to see how the first year of having the racks go and make a determination from there.



The Garden Club advised that due to the late snowstorm they will be adjusting their Spring Garden Tour date. Likely timeframe is late May/early June.

The Yahara Lakes Association will have a 1/2 day seminar that lake homeowners should attend to further understand factors contributing to lake conditions. This will occur the afternoon of 5/18 at the American Family Center.

The Summer Croquet/Picnic will be held in the yards of Bill/Kathy Thomas and the Miller's. A late July date will be picked.

The Garage Sale is planned again for 2007; however, there will be a requirement that there are a minimum of five homes participating in the sale to ensure success.

Current Board Member, Fred Hyde's term is up and he indicated he is unable to continue. Brian Alme volunteered and was elected to the Board as a new member.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.