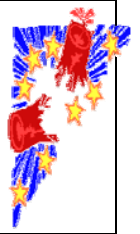


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Wexford Board News by Don Michalski

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Fourth of July Parade. The parade will begin at 10AM at Woodmont Circle and Sawmill Road, and the picnic will be at the Wexford Park shelter. All Wexford residents are invited to attend. All entries welcome, decorate bikes and wagons, play your musical instrument, and/or create something unusual for all to enjoy. Let's make this even bigger and better than last year! Spectators are always needed and greatly appreciated. Come to the park shelter after the parade for a picnic lunch.

We would like to thank Patricia Bear-Watts for her efforts in organizing this years Easter Egg hunt. We would also like to thank all those who volunteered their time to help with this very successful neighborhood event. The weather was much better than last year, and we had over 80 children participate. Thanks to all the residents for making this a great event.

We also extend our thanks to Hilary Williams for organizing the Annual Wexford Village Garage Sale in early May. Over 30 households participated in this annual event. Hilary was in charge of the garage sale event this year and took care of organizing and advertising for it.

Last but not least, we want to thank Ken Schmidt for all the hard work he puts into making Wexford Park such a beautiful and safe place to enjoy. He is also responsible for planting all the flowers around the Wexford Village signs. Thanks to all who help him as well.

We, respectfully, request that all residents refrain from placing yard waste on Wexford circles and out lots. These areas are not dumping areas. Yard waste needs to be placed at the homeowner's curbside during yard waste pick up times. Pick up for brush is the 2nd Monday of the month. Yard waste is only collected in April/May and October/November, not during the summer months. Yard waste must be hauled to one of the drop off sites during the summer months.

Every so often, residents inquire about the use of organic fertilizers and herbicides for the greenways. Although such products do exist, they are much more expensive, and typically, much less effective than Conventional fertilizers and herbicides. The Wexford board did check with 3 - 4 companies a year ago and it was not a good fit for the areas that we were trying to treat. It is very costly and not effective for what we were trying to accomplish. We currently do one fertilizing a year with limited weed control. We will check into this again in a couple years as technologies change.

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Wexford Board News (Continued)

The last details are being prepared for the Wexford Village Phone Directory. After publication, a copy will be distributed to each Wexford Village household. We are hoping to start delivering them in late June.

The Wexford Village Board of Director's has decided to start delivering the Wexford Watch in electronic format only starting next year. If you want to receive the Wexford Watch, you will need to provide your e-mail address to us, so we can ensure you get your copy. You will be able to subscribe and unsubscribe on the Wexford Village website at any time. The Wexford Watch is and always will be available on the web site as well. <http://www.wexfordvillage.org>. Please notify any board member with concerns or comments.

There have been numerous complaints about people not cleaning up after their dogs. It is required by the city to clean up after your dog no matter where it leaves its deposit. The city can issue very expensive citations for those who do not comply. It is also required by the city to keep your dogs on a leash and not let them run free in the neighborhood or park. There are designated dog parks for this.

In the next few weeks, the crosswalks should be painted at the traffic calming circle on Sawmill Road and N. Westfield Road. The city will continue to look at this intersection, and possibly redesign it due to safety concerns. If you have any concerns about this intersection, please contact the city and voice your opinion.

We will be once again doing some maintenance work on some of the bike/walking paths in our neighborhood. At the moment, the board is determining which areas need it the most. We need to keep up with the repairs, or we will have to replace them at a much higher cost. We hope to start the repair process shortly after the problem areas are all identified, and a contractor is hired.

We have received complaints that vehicles are driving through the Wexford park. It is illegal to drive your vehicle in the park. It is for service vehicles only. Anyone that sees a non-service vehicle in the park should immediately report it to the police department. Also be sure to report any activity in the park after 10:00PM.

Message from the Architectural Review Committee

This is a reminder from the Architectural Control Committee regarding building additions, modifications to existing properties, etc, as per the Wexford covenants and by-laws, requests for the above changes should be submitted to the committee before pursuing a city of Madison building permit. The city of Madison should not issue a building permit until permission has been granted by Wexford Village. The covenants also state that fences over 3 feet high are not allowed unless a permanent pool is installed. Please consult your copy of the covenants for more details, or contact a member of the architectural committee for questions. At present the committee consists of the following people:

- Darrell Fleming: ----- 831-7538
- Matt Thomas: ----- 827-7930
- Richard Hilsenhoff: ----- 831-2328

Inquiries should be made to one of the above persons to get the process started.

See the Wexford Village website for all your neighborhood information: <http://www.wexfordvillage.org>.

Neighborhood Crime Watch

Summer is finally here and the weather is nice to be out at all hours. This means that we will start to see activities in our neighborhood park after it closes at 10:00PM. If you see anyone in the park or woods behind the park after 10:00PM, please contact the police immediately. Also be sure to keep an eye out for activities in our neighborhood that are suspicious and report them as well.

I do not believe I will be holding a meeting about the crime watch group at this time. In the past, attendance has been so low, it is hardly worth meeting. If something comes up that needs special attention, I will call a meeting at that time. If anyone would like to discuss anything, please give me a call at 836-8784. I'd be happy to do what I can. In the meantime, please keep up the good work, and let's keep our neighborhood safe and vandalism free!

I'd like to remind everyone to keep their doors locked, and walk in groups when it is dark. We can already see an increase in the robbery rate in downtown Madison, so let's not let it come into our neighborhood. The people committing these crimes are looking for easy victims and entry into homes, so by keeping in groups and locking our homes and vehicles, will help discourage such crime.

The Madison Police Department (MPD) reminds us that when we witness suspicious activity to call dispatch immediately at 255-2345. If we don't call the police, they won't know what is happening in our area. We request that when you report an incident to the police that you also fill out an incident report on the Wexford Village website

<http://www.wexfordvillage.org/associationIncidentReport.htm>

Wexford Board Members

If you would like to contact any board member for any reason, please don't hesitate. We are always trying to improve our neighborhood and we can always use new ideas. If you are interested in joining the board, please come and try it out at any meeting. We are always looking for good people.

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Park News by Ken Schmidt

Summer is finally here and the park is busy with many activities. One of the projects that was started earlier this spring is the preservation of the wood lot next to the park. Many of the large oaks are dying due to insect attack, oak wilt, old age and stress from invasive trees growing into them. The Elms are dying due to Dutch elm disease and the Ash trees could be next from the invasive borer. Many large canopy openings have been created and the goal is to protect the new desirable trees so they can grow and be the next generation of canopy trees. We are very grateful for Si Widstrand, Wexford resident and retired City of Madison Parks Manager who has been working on this project. He has identified and marked the trees that we want to protect to be there for the next generation and has started to cut down some of the invasive trees around them that would interfere with their growth. This is a huge and on-going project that needs many volunteers to be successful. No cutting required, just removing brush to the curb for pick up and the pulling of the invasive garlic mustard. Later on there may be the opportunity for some planting of new trees or ground cover and we would like to bark mulch the trails again too. If you or any group is interested in getting involved please let me know.

With budgets being cut everywhere this year; the parks department is no exception. So your help is greatly appreciated in helping keep Wexford Park looking nice. "Picking up trash, pulling weeds, trimming, watering flower beds and anything else to help out." Most important is to prevent any vandalism to the park. If you see or hear anything going on in the park after 10 PM report it to the police right away.

ART CART

The Art Cart will be at Wexford Park on Tuesday, July 21st 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

The Art Cart is a free traveling art program that provides creative, outdoor art-making experiences to children ages 3+ and their families. Activities include both group and individual projects with a variety of materials. Sponsored by the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art and MSCR.

SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thank you goes out to Randy Ruplinger and Barry Vredendregt for organizing the Junior Soccer league and Wexford area baseball league respectively. We also extend big thanks for all who helped them make this a successful and fun event for all area kids. It is programs like these that really make a difference!

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