

WEXFORD WATCH

WEXFORD VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Trail Update

The 250 linear feet of path adjacent to Applehill Circle was re-graded and resurfaced at the cost of \$4000. Bartelt Paving also resurfaced several paths that did not weather well after the 2008 application. In the future, we will focus more on filling cracks and less on resurfacing. The paths have a life expectancy of several decades and proper maintenance will delay any major reconstruction. An estimate for completely repaving all paths is near \$500,000.

PKK Lighting removed three light poles and re-

placed them with a centralized light near Applehill Circle and East Newhaven at the cost of \$1100.

TDS and White Construction installed and enhanced a fiber-optic network. There was significant digging and trenching that created barren surfaces on private yards and Wexford greenways. These areas were seeded and protected with straw. This application should adequately restore the grass. Any concerns of incomplete restoration may be addressed to TDS.

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If you have questions or suggestions, you can find contact information for the Board of Directors online.

Home Modifications

If you are considering modifying the exterior or changing the footprint of your residence, you must seek approval of the Wexford Architectural Review Committee. The Director of the City Planning division has verified that the City of Madison will NOT approve any plans for any building permit unless already approved by Wexford Village.

Garbage Collection

The City of Madison wants to remind residents not to place garbage and recycling bins curbside more than 24 hours prior to pickup. Please, remove all bins within 24 hours after pickup and do not leave the bins in front yards.

Traffic Circle

The traffic circle at the intersection of Sawmill and Westfield Road was widened to let vehicles pass more easily, and the pedestrian crosswalks were painted.

Landscaping

Eight of the thirty-four Wexford circle islands were cut, trimmed, and landscaped by members of the Wexford Board. Since we did not use a contractor, we saved several thousands of dollars. Our only expense was a new chain saw for Wexford Village.

Residents living adjacent to the bike paths should trim bushes, trees, and

plants so they don't impede pedestrians or bikers.

We also remind all residents that the Wexford covenants and City of Madison statutes require that home exteriors and yards are maintained with the timely mowing of grass, trimming of trees and shrubs, weeding, removal of litter from the yards, and shoveling of

snow. This is an aesthetic concern and a good-neighbor practice.

If you have any concerns about the appearance of your circle island or questions about ownership of vegetation near pathways, contact any board member.

The Wexford Watch is now online. We will only publish one paper edition at the end of each year. To receive the electronic editions published throughout the year, update your e-mail address on our Web site <http://www.wexfordvillage.org/associationUpdate.htm> or send your e-mail address to Trish Watts at pwatts@tds.net.

2010 Budget

Wexford Village is below budget in for 2010. As of this publication, we do not anticipate increasing the Wexford fees for 2011 from the current \$90 for individual homes and \$45 for condos.

The following is a breakdown of Wexford Village expenses:

Contracts for the maintenance of Wexford Village greenways remain with the following contractors:

1. Snowplowing by MCJ Services – \$2200 (not including December snow falls), removal of snow from sidewalks in nine areas adjacent to Wexford greenways and a 600 foot section of sidewalk at the intersection of Old Sauk Road and Gammon Road.

2. Greenway cutting by Barnes - \$23,000, for 20 contracted cuttings of greenways per year. We exceeded the contracted number of cuttings this year due to an early growing season, but because we have contracted with Barnes for over 15 years, they did not charge for the additional cuttings.

3. Lighting by PKK - We have about 100 light poles dispersed along our 30,000 linear feet of walking/bike paths. At this point, we have not had any major repair issues aside from the occasional lights burning out or perpetual lights on. Typically, we do the last check of lights in mid November. No additional work on the light repair will be made during the winter unless there is an issue of personal safety. We have just completed the task of painting numbers on the all light poles and mapped them to a grid. Rather than reporting a location problem, residents need only to identify the problem and the pole number.

4. Greenway herbicide/fertilizing by Tru-Green - Tru-Green applied a fall fertilizer and broad leaf herbicide to the

Wexford greenways. Because of significant invasion by crabgrass in many of the greenways and islands, the board is considering applying an early spring application of herbicide/crabgrass prevention. Both programs cost about \$2200 per application. An organic option was considered but was not cost effective.

A summary chart of some of the big ticket items in our budget is below.

<u>2010 Budget Summary</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Walking Paths	\$3992.68	\$7000.00
Lawn Care	2353.71	2500.00
Light Repair	4263.58	6000.00
Mowing and Pruning	23,089.63	24,000.00
Utilities	6612.23	7000.00
Storm Sewer Assessments	4289.08	4400.00
Snow Plowing	2203.00	5000.00

2010 Events

The Fourth of July parade and picnic were successful. The crowd was slightly smaller than years past, but included a large number of children under five years of age. This might be an indication of a change in the demographics within Wexford, with younger families moving in. We had difficulty finding volunteers to assist with the parade and picnic. Please consider volunteering for this and other future events.

The annual Wexford Garage sale occurred on May 7th & 8th with thirty-two households participating. Publicity was through the Middleton and Madison newspapers and Craig's List. Several residents commented that sales were very good, despite the weather. You can expect to hear details about the 2011 sale within the next couple months.

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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WEXFORD WATCH, CONTACT BRIANNA WOLBERS OR TROY DREYER.

Ice Rinks

The ice rinks were very popular with youths and adults last winter. big thank you to Jerry Watts who volunteered to plow the ice rinks for us again this year. We rely on volunteers to spray and resurface the ice rink, and we were short on volunteers last year. If you are interested in helping with the ice rink, contact [Ken Schmidt](mailto:kschdt@charter.net) at kschdt@charter.net

Directory

The Wexford Village directory is being published for 2011/2012. Look for your copy this spring. Update your contact information online, including which events you want to volunteer for, to make sure your information is correct.