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Wexford Board News by Don Michalski

The 2010 Wexford Village Board of Directors had identified duties for fiscal year 2010. This includes the following members; Don Michalski- president (covenants and contracts), Ken Schmidt- vice president and Parks, Paul Stang –treasurer, Tom Aquino- secretary, Trish Watts (Website and Welcoming Committee), Darrel Fleming , and Richard Hilsenhausen(Architectural Review), Dave Tolmie (Wexford Watch) and Jim Rather (Block Captains) . If you have any concern or issue, please contact any or the appropriate member of the board. The Board continues to meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Highpoint Church on Old Sauk Road.

The Wexford Village Board has created a Policy and Procedures document. Although, it may not be perfect, the 12 page document is our first verification of guidelines and procedures, policies, etc during our organization's thirty plus years of our existence. It will be available for any resident for review upon request.

Wexford Village has been registered as one of sixteen (16) neighborhoods in Madison participating in the Madison Green Power Challenge sponsored by MGE. Basic information and fact sheets about this program are available at <http://www.mge.com/greenpower> . Individual residents can enter their address on this page to determine the cost of buying different levels of green power based upon their actual electric use, and then sign up for the program. At the end of the year, the neighborhood with the highest participation rate shall receive a \$1000 award.

During 2010, The Wexford Watch will transition from a paper copy being distributed by approximately forty volunteers to an electronic copy via e mail coupled with the presentation on the Wexford Village website. This will minimize publishing costs and maintaining the “army” of volunteers who have faithfully and generously trekked through the heat, cold, and rain over the years. If you want to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please go to the Wexford Village website and sign up. <http://www.wexfordvillage.org>. If you still think the paper copies are a better idea and would like the newsletter back on a regular publication schedule, please contact Don Michalski at 836-1659.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Wexford Village events:

1. Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 3rd at 9:30am
2. Wexford Park Clean up: April 22nd
3. Wexford Village Garage Sale: Fri-Sat May 7th and 8th

Wexford Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

The city of Madison has scheduled changes to the traffic circle at Sawmill Rd and N. Westfield Rd for this summer. The circle itself will stay as is, but the sidewalk curb ramps will be moved. Currently there are only four ramps, one at each corner, which cause pedestrians to walk in the line of traffic. The city will take out these ramps, and make eight of them instead. This will keep pedestrians out of the line of traffic when crossing the street. Crosswalks will also be painted when the ramps are completed. Traffic Engineering has admitted that this intersection was designed improperly and is currently dangerous to cross, and has said they will no longer make any traffic circles like this one.

In addition to the traffic circle changes, audible crossing signals will or have been installed at the intersections at Old Sauk Rd / Gammon and Old Sauk Rd and High Point Rd. These audible signals will help keep pedestrians safer when crossing the street when the lights are difficult to see.

Wexford Village Walking Paths

Last year Wexford Village had some sealing and repairs done to areas of the walking paths. Some of this work was not done very well, and as a result the company is supposed to come back and redo these sections under warrantee. More repairs and sealing are needed in older sections of the walking paths, but at this point no word from the board as to when and where these repairs will happen has been reported. Please contact Don Michalski for any questions or concerns. (836-1659)

Editor's Farewell

I have been honored to be the editor of the Wexford Watch for the past several years, however this is the final printed publication scheduled. I have enjoyed doing what I can to publish residents and family related articles and events in Wexford Village and the Madison area. I'd like to thank those of you who submitted your wonderful articles and expressed your interest in this publication. I dearly regret not being able to publish several of the more recent articles submitted to me, but the Wexford Board delayed the release of the newsletter past the relevant dates for the submissions.

I'd like to extend a very special thank you to Jim Rather, Patricia Bear-Watts, and all the fine people who distributed the Wexford Watch to all the residents. Without all of these people and more, the newsletter would have never made it to you. I'd also like to thank those of you who took the time to call me about articles in the Watch or issues you'd like put into the Watch, without your input the job would have been much more difficult. I'd even like to thank those of you who called to tell me how worthless the newsletter is, and how it had nothing interesting in it. This motivated me to try harder and find more relevant information.

So as a final farewell, thank you for reading this newsletter and hopefully it was useful to you. If you have any further comments or want the publications to continue, or want the publication schedule to be set, please contact Don Michalski at 836-1659. If you'd like to get Wexford news or event information in the future, please go to the Wexford Village website at: <http://www.wexfordvillage.org>.

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Yard Waste Information

Yard Waste Site:

WEST: 402 South Point Rd.

Opens March 27th

Hours of Operation:

- Monday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday 8:30 a.m. until **8:00 p.m.**
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday 8:30 a.m. until **8:00p.m.**
- Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Will be closed on Holidays this year

No brush can be taken to the west side location. Needs to be taken to: 1501 W. Badger Rd.

Brush collection this year will be similar to the fall leaf pickup. Please check web site for when they will be picking up in our area.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/collectionBrush.cfm>

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Park News by Ken Schmidt

It is sure great to see that spring is finally arriving. Even though winter seemed to last forever it was a good winter for ice skating in the park. I was happy to see that the ice rinks had a lot more activity on them this year. We were able to keep the rinks open till the very end of February. It was also very nice to see that there were a lot younger kids taking up the sport and learning how to skate. It is a great sport in the winter to get out and enjoy the crisp fresh air and get a good work out too. I did get a couple volunteers to help with the care of the rinks this winter. A big thanks to them, but we certainly do need more volunteers to help keep them in good skating condition for next year. If you like fresh air and little exercise and playing with water, you'll have a great time volunteering. I also want to give an extra big thank you to Jerry Watts for plowing the rinks for us. His help makes caring for them so much easier and in many cases they were open for skating again the next day after a snow fall.

One of the projects that we want to continue working on again this year is the woods clean up and restoration. The goal is to remove the invasive and undesirable trees so that the oaks and other hardwood trees can thrive.

Neighborhood parks in Madison rely mostly on volunteers. So in 1983 the Madison Parks Department created, the People for Parks program which encourages citizens to take an active role in the maintenance and enhancement of their parks. Donated funds for specific projects are matched, allowing increased flexibility. Contributions of parkland, benches and trees have enhanced our parks. Stewardship efforts are visible through Earth Day clean ups, tree mulching, hiking trail repair, planting and weeding gardens, prairie seed collecting and assistance at special events. These activities involve individuals, community organizations, businesses, school groups and neighborhood associations throughout the community.

Remember our Earth Day / Park Day clean up is April 22nd.

Wexford Village Crime Watch

Spring is in the air, and crime will soon start to increase as the temperatures rise. Please be sure to keep your eyes and ears open to suspicious activities or people in the area. Report all such events to the police. If you'd like to be on the Wexford Village Crime Watch e-mail list to be notified of incidents in our neighborhood and Crime Watch meetings, please go to the Wexford Village website and sign up. Together we can all keep Wexford Village a safe and wonderful place to live.

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