

WEXFORD WATCH

WEXFORD VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Parks, Trails, and Lights Updates

Wexford Village is implementing the City Of Madison Neighborhood Grant as mentioned in the spring edition of the Wexford Watch. The \$2800 grant is for construction of a 320-square-foot brick patio adjacent to the path in Wexford Prairie (Lot 400). A contractor has removed 8-9 inches of soil and created a stone and gravel base. The placement of the sand layer, weed barrier fabric, and patio blocks is being completed by members of the Wexford Village

Board of Directors.

The grant also includes the purchase and planting of ten shrubs and trees and purchasing a couple benches. We will move the benches and table on the hill in Wexford Prairie to a more suitable area. Bartelt Paving reconstructed the bike path in Wexford Prairie, removing old asphalt and adding a new base and asphalt for a 60-foot segment. Another 841 linear feet was repaired with hot pour crack sealant.

We also accepted a bid to repair cracks in the bike paths bounded by Longmeadow Road, Gammon Road, Highpoint Road, and Old Sauk Road. This includes repairing 3700 linear feet of cracks at a total cost of 4,134.

Stoplights are being installed at the intersection of Old Sauk and North Westfield Rd. The targeted completion date is early September, near the beginning of the school year. Any comments regarding the construction may be directed to Traffic Engineering.

Directory Distribution

The 2011-2012 Wexford Directory was distributed by several members of the Wexford Village Board of Directors. We printed 800 copies for all current residents and an additional 70-80 for future distribution to new Wexford Village residents. The Wex-

ford Directory includes the alphabetical homeowner directory, property listing by street names, services offered by Wexford residents, services offered by Wexford children, a summary of Wexford covenants, and a Wexford village map.

All the Cool Kids...

Wexford Village Joins Facebook

The Wexford Village Homeowner's Association is getting with the times and now has Facebook page. Announcements and events are posted on the Facebook page in addition to the regular Web site. If you are a Facebook user and press the "Like" button on our Facebook page, the announce-

ments and events will appear on your Facebook page. In addition, we have enabled the discussion board feature. Our hope is that the discussion board will help connect neighbors with common interests, such as getting a softball game going or starting a garden club.

To access the page, simply search for "Wexford Village" from the Facebook home page. Once you are on the page, make sure to click the "Like" button to receive updates. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Aquino at tom.aquino@gmail.com.

Board of Directors

- Don Michalski, President, Covenants, Social
- Ken Schmidt, Vice President, Parks
- Paul Stang, Treasurer
- Tom Aquino, Secretary
- Darrell Fleming, Architectural Review
- Jim Rather, Block Captains, Architectural Review
- Patricia Watts, Directory, Web site, Social
- Matt Nelson, Covenants
- Dick Ihlenfeld, Contracts

Additional Positions

- Dave Tolmie, Neighborhood Watch
- Troy Dreyer, Wexford Watch
- Brianna Wolbers, Wexford Watch

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

There is a position available on the Board for the Welcoming committee.

Correction

Last edition, we mentioned that Lot 416, by Strickers Pond, belongs to the City of Madison Park District. However, maintenance of Lot 416 will remain with the City of Madison, not Wexford Village.

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.

Wexford Village Events

The Wexford Village Garage sale took place on Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14. The event had 20 participants. Feedback from various individuals has indicated that Mother's Day was a good time to host the event. Based on that input, future garage sales will be on the Mother's Day weekend.

The Wexford Village Fourth of July Parade and Picnic was very well attended. Although it is difficult to determine an exact attendance, a tally of hot dogs consumed provides us with an approximate measurement and about 180 hot dogs were consumed. Sincere thanks to

all of the Wexford volunteers who helped with the decorations and serving food, and especially Aaron Achenbach for his masterful organization of games for the children and adults - entertaining everyone for well over an hour.

Wexford Village has two social events during the year, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Fourth of July. There has been some suggestions about having a fall event, such as a bonfire, fall festival, etc. Send any suggestions to a board member.

Budget Update

An update on the financial picture of Wexford Village: Presently, we have about \$59,000 cash on hand. Our anticipated expenses for the remainder of 2011, include mowing (\$9000), lawn care (\$2300), light utilities (\$3500), the Wexford Directory (\$2500), storm sewer assessment (\$2400), repair of

walking paths (\$7000), snow plowing (\$1000). We are currently below budget on light repair, we only spent \$2100 and had budgeted \$6000. The total expenses for the rest of the year should be roughly \$30,000. Based upon these numbers, Wexford Village can anticipate a budget surplus in 2011.

Green Madison

Green Madison presented at the June 2011 Wexford Village Board of Directors meeting; this is a brief summary of the information shared at that meeting:

Green Madison offers an attractive loan program through Summit Credit Union to help finance projects that will yield energy savings over time. Green Madison is a federally funded program that works with the City of Madison residents and businesses to lower energy costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and stimulate the local economy. The effort is aligned with Focus on Energy, the statewide Wisconsin utilities program for energy efficiency and renewable energy, to provide access to educational resources and financial incentives for energy efficiency improvements. More information is available by phone at 877-399-1204 or email at greenmadison@cityofmadison.com.

Aldersperson Change

Wexford Village has been represented on the Madison Common Council for many years by Alder Paul Skidmore of District 9. However, effective January 1, 2012, Wexford Village (being north of Old Sauk Road) will be incorporated into District 19, with Mark Clear being our alderperson. Alder Mark Clear can be contacted by e-mail at district19@cityofmadison.com.

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU'D LIKE MENTIONED IN THE WATCH, E-MAIL THE INFORMATION TO WEXFORDWATCH@YAHOO.COM

Community Ponds

Strickers Pond, located on the northern edge of Wexford, is one of five kettle ponds in the Middleton and Madison area. Kettle ponds are a glacial formed depression. As glaciers receded, they left large chunks of ice which melted and sank into the earth, resulting in a puddle or "kettle pond." Madison area kettle ponds have a depth of 2-6 feet,

typically sustained by groundwater and/or precipitation. Efforts by the City of Madison to keep the water levels under control after heavy rains, including draining and pumping, have allowed the ponds to retain their boundaries.

Additionally, the Middleton and Madison Park systems have introduced water

lilies to Strickers Pond. Residents have noticed a prolific spread of lilies during the past few years in Strickers Pond. However, water lilies can only grow in water 18-24 inches deep and therefore cannot grow in the northern three quarters of Strickers Pond.