

WEXFORD WATCH

WEXFORD VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Money Matters

Wexford Village ended the fiscal year 2011 on a positive financial note. Our total income from all sources, including dues, park donations, interest, and grants have totaled \$64,688, close to our budget estimates.

Several expenditures this year are one-time costs, including the Wexford Directory, walking path repairs, and Wexford Prairie improvements. With these considerations, our total expenses for the year would be about \$54,000 in fixed expenses. Our net balances for the year are the Park Funds \$2869, Lot 400 contingency fund \$15,000 and our general fund \$26,179. In light of these financial surpluses, the Wexford Village Board does not see a need for a dues increase for 2012.

The City of Madison Grant for Wexford Prairie, also known as Lot 400, was used for the installation of a 324-square-foot patio, with much of the work being done by members of the Wexford Village Board. An additional picnic

table and benches were purchased for the patio and six trees were planted by The Bruce Company.

We encourage Wexford and non-Wexford residents to visit the Wexford Prairie and enjoy this recreational area in addition to Wexford Park.

One major expense this year was repair of the walking paths within Wexford Village, at a cost of about \$8500. Wexford Prairie's repairs were a large portion at \$4200. Because of the state of disrepair of many of the walking paths, we contracted with Bartelt Paving to fill in cracks with hot tar for all areas west of North Westfield Road, north of Old Sauk and south of Longmeadow. This proposal was lower than we had anticipated with a total cost of about \$4300. This maintenance method is recommended instead of recoating

because it lasts longer.

Wexford Village established two new long term agreements with our facility contractors, Barnes Inc (greenway mowing) and MCJ Services (sidewalk snow removal). Both have signed a five-year contract (2012-2016) with minimum inflationary clauses. Wexford Village received cash discounts for early payment for our Barnes Inc and Tru-Green contracts.

| Major Expenditures-2011 | Cost |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Wexford Directory | \$1926 |
| Lawn Applications (2) | \$4707 |
| Light Repair | \$4685 |
| Light Utilities | \$6600 |
| Storm Sewer Assessment | \$4840 |
| Snow Plowing | \$4230 |
| Mowing | \$24,000 |
| Path Repairs | \$8556 |
| Park Improvements | \$3880 |
| Total (with misc. expenses) | \$67,926 |

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.

Community Libraries

Have you noticed the "little libraries" that have sprouted up in front yards around Madison? They are a grass roots campaign to encourage a love of reading right where people live. The motto is "take a book, leave a book." A few Wexford Village residents are entertain-

ing the idea of creating our very own Wexford Free Library. We have assembled a small cast of individuals interested in helping, perhaps by donating a site in their yard or by donating their expertise in carpentry. If you are interested in helping with or donating to this

project, please contact Lisa Hofmeister at lrhofmeister@gmail.com or call 608-237-6941. You can read more about the little libraries at:

<https://www.littlefreelibrary.org>.

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.

Flowers and Ice

Each year, Wexford residents donate a significant amount of money to the Wexford Village Park fund, typically about \$2500. These funds are then designated toward enhancing park areas including Wexford Park.

These enhancements include flowers for three identified garden areas: Wexford Park's gardens at the intersection of N. Westfield Road and Sawmill Road, the sign areas at the intersections of Old Sauk Road and N. Westfield Road, and Sawmill and N. Gammon Roads. Funds cover the cost of flowers and the time of the students, who help maintain those areas during the summer.

Ken Schmidt completes most of the work and coordination, including planting and watering gardens, and performing general maintenance through-

out the year. One of our primary contractors has indicated that the landscaping of our garden areas is unique within the City of Madison.

Ken also coordinates the efforts that make the Wexford Park ice skating area available. Volunteers are needed to help in the daily maintenance of both skating rinks. The City of Madison does not offer these services and all work must be driven by local residents for the enjoyment of our residents. If you would like to assist in any manner, please contact Ken at kschdt@charter.net.

The Wexford Village Board thanks Ken and the other volunteers for all of the work done to enhance the local scenery of our neighborhood.

Lussier Volunteers

The Lussier Community Education Center is starting its fourth year and is looking for volunteers for its various activities. Located on South Gammon Road adjacent to Madison Memorial High School, the center allows adults to use the computer lab to search for jobs and provides Memorial High School students with disabilities opportunities to gain work experience. Youths participate in everything from service projects to gardening.

Service partners include Madison Col-

lege, which runs English and General Educational Development (GED) classes, while the Literacy Network offers one-on-one English tutoring, and the West Madison Senior Coalition offers senior lunches. Madison School and Community Recreation (MSCR) also provides a variety of enrichment and fitness classes. Over 100 individuals visit the Lussier food pantry each month.

For more information or to volunteer, email info@lcecmadison.org.

Wexford Village Board Opportunities

The Wexford Village Board continues to seek additional members. There are a couple projects that need some individual attention. We're looking for someone to help new Wexford residents feel more welcome and increase participation in our community events and help revitalize our social activities. Please contact one of the board members or email wexfordwatch@yahoo.com.

Redistricting

Due to redistricting within Madison, Wexford Village will be represented by Alderperson Mark Clear in District 19. Alderperson Clear may be contacted by email at district19@council.ci.madison.wi.us. Wexford Village wishes to express our gratitude to Paul Skidmore who represented our association for these past many years.

Box Tops for Education

Glenn Stephens, Wexford Village area grade school, maintains a fundraising program to collect cereal box tops. In October, the group raised \$725. You can make your contribution by dropping the cereal box-tops at Glenn Stephens School in the box in the school lobby or by leaving the box tops at Lisa Hofmeister's home at 9 Manor Hill Circle.

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