

WEXFORD WATCH

WEXFORD VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Parks and Water

Wexford Village has received confirmation that we are the recipient of a City of Madison Neighborhood Grant for \$2650. The grant will focus on the improvement of Wexford Prairie, also known as Lot 400, located between Longmeadow Road and Middleton Street. This grant will cover the costs of replacing several trees and adding additional shrubs. A patio of approximately 400 square feet will be constructed with patio blocks donated by a Wexford resident. This area will be constructed with a gravel and sand base, with a private contractor completing excavation. Wexford residents will be placing the blocks. Additional benches and tables will also be acquired to provide a conversation and resting area.

We have discovered that Lot 416 (adjacent to Stricker's Pond) actually belongs to the City of Madison Park District and Wexford Village will assume responsibility for its maintenance. Additionally, Westaire Corporation (the developer of Wexford Village during the 1970-1990s) has formally re-titled ownership of eleven parcels of land, including six cul-de-sac islands and five other areas, for a total of 3.2 acres of green-space. This will not incur any tax liability or consequences for Wexford Village since it appears to have been a bureaucratic misadventure. We have already been maintaining these parcels of land.

Inquiries have been made regarding the assurances that the City of Madison

Engineering Department would dredge the retention pond (aka - Lake Wexford) adjacent to Sawmill and Highpoint Road. The City will be inspecting the pond and providing an evaluation of the need for dredging within that area.

Common Areas

This is a great time for neighbors who live on a circle to rake, trim, and clean the green area on your circle islands. This is Wexford Village property and any assistance that you can provide will reduce our maintenance costs.

Neighborhood Lighting

During the fall of 2010, identification numbers were painted on all of the 107 walking path light poles in Wexford Village. Dick Ihlenfeld, Wexford board member, has assumed the responsibility

for identifying and reporting problems with the lighting to our electrical contractor, PKK Lighting. If you see a light on during the day, a light out at night, or a damaged pole, please report the incident

to Dick at 831-5359 or email him at rwi@chorus.net. Please provide the number painted on the pole as it aids the contractor in locating the pole.

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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.

Web Site

Visit our revised and updated web site at www.wexfordvillage.com.

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.

Grounds Keeping

Wexford Village has contracted with Tru-Green to apply crabgrass preventer this spring in addition to the typical herbicide and fertilizer application that is applied each fall. We will use the crabgrass prevention program for two years to try to curtail the serious encroachment of crabgrass in many greenways. This will entail a cost of \$2200 per year and the problem will be re-evaluated in 2013.

Barnes Inc will continue to mow all of the Wexford greenways as part of a four year contract that continues through the 2012 season. The cost of 20 cuttings is about \$22,500 per year.

The Annual Park Cleanup Day will be on Saturday, April 30, beginning at 9 am. Garlic mustard needs to be pulled out and brush needs to be removed from the woods and placed at the curb for pickup. Around the third week of May, we will be planting the flower beds. With City Park budgets being more constrained, it becomes more important for volunteers to step up to keep the Park looking great. If you can help for any hours during the summer, we welcome and greatly appreciate your participation.

Liability Policy

The Wexford board has added a \$1 million liability policy to cover the actions or inactions of the board members. The intent of this new policy is to protect the board members and Wexford Village as a whole from unforeseen liability that may be incurred. This is in addition to the general liability policy that covers any injury to an individual due to incidental events such as tree limbs falling, cracks in walkways, injury from damaged light poles, etc.

Upcoming Events

Volunteers are needed for the Annual Park Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 30th at 9 a.m. at Wexford Park.

Wexford Village Community Garage Sale is Friday and Saturday May 13th & 14th.

Tour de Cure, a bike ride to raise funds for a cure for diabetes, is Saturday, May 21st at American Family Insurance. Visit www.diabetes.org/tour for information on riding, donating, and volunteering.

The Restoring Hope Transplant House is holding its annual Restoring Hope Ride on Saturday, May 14, in Middleton. The ride begins at the Capital Brewery. For more information, visit www.restoringhope.org/hoperide.

Directory

The Wexford Village directory is being published for 2011/2012. Look for your copy this spring. Update your contact information at <http://www.wexfordvillage.org>.

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

Ice Skating

We had another great year for ice skating on the ice rinks in Wexford Park. Thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted in the rink maintenance, especially Greg Delwiche for his very active role and Jerry Watt for his devotion to plowing the snow on the rinks in preparation for icing.

New Police Rep

Please welcome Officer Emily Becker as the Wexford Village Neighborhood Liaison Officer for 2011. She has worked as a patrol officer in the West Police District since 2007. You can contact her at EBecker@cityofmadison.com or leave a phone message at the West Police Department 608.243.0500.

West Side Farmers' Market

The Lussier Community Education Center is starting a new farmers market this year. The CLEC is located on Gammon Road, on the grounds of Memorial High School.

The market will be open from 4:00-

7:00 pm each Thursday, beginning June 2 and going through October 20.

For more information, visit <http://lcecmadison.org/happenings>.