

# WEXFORD WATCH

## WEXFORD VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

### Annual Meeting

The annual Wexford Village Homeowners' Association meeting is Tuesday, December 4 at 7PM at High Point Church at 7702 Old Sauk Road. Elections for the 2013 Board Members will take place at the meeting (a number of positions are vacant), and the 2013 Wexford Village budget will be presented.

Mark Clear, City of Madison Alder, and George Dreckmann, Director of Streets and Recycling, will each give presentations on the City of Madison's state of affairs and its relationship to Wexford Village. All who live in Wexford Village are encouraged to attend.

### Wexford Village Covenants

There have been a number of questions regarding the covenants that apply to Wexford Village. Wexford Village is composed of twelve different additions, each with a distinct set of covenants (check the web site or your tax bill to find out which addition you live in). Each addition's covenants are similar, with differences generally focused on minimum structure sizes and minimum setback requirements.

The most common concerns pertain to:

- Storage of boats, travel trailers, mobile homes, campers, and other recreational vehicles are not allowed, unless stored in the garage. (This does not prohibit the temporary presence of such vehicles for the purposes of loading and unloading.)
- Only two (2) domestic animals may be kept on a property and must be housed within the principle structure. Therefore, outdoor kennels are prohibited.
- Accessory buildings, such as sheds, are prohibited, except when approved and authorized by the Wex-

ford Village Board of Directors.

- No fences over three (3) feet in height are permitted, except for enclosing private swimming pools and fences that are approved by the Wexford Village Board of Directors.
- Landscaping is not addressed in much detail in the covenants, but all areas not used as a building site, lawn, or under cultivation as a family garden, must have a cover crop or be kept free of weeds. Landscaping of the premise and the adjoining street terrace is the responsibility of the home owner. Complete visual screening of the home is prohibited. Because the covenants do not grant oversight power of landscaping issues, the Wexford Village Board of Directors defers to the City of Madison guidelines for acceptable standards for landscaping.

Refer to the Wexford Village web site for a complete list of the covenants (<http://www.wexfordvillage.org/publicationsCovenants.htm>), and contact a Board Member if you have a question about a covenant.

#### Board of Directors

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

#### Web Site

Visit our web site at [www.wexfordvillage.com](http://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](mailto:pwatts@tds.net).

## Annual Dues

Look for a print copy of the Wexford Watch in late December, which will be mailed with the Annual Dues notice.

## Association Finances

Wexford Village had a successful fiscal year. Many of our anticipated expenses were less than budgeted. Our greenway path repair project was completed during 2011, and the \$7000 budgeted for 2012 will instead be used for repairs in 2013. Greenway light repairs and snow plowing were also less than budgeted. We anticipate a balance of over \$35,000. Therefore, we do not plan to increase the Annual Dues from the \$90/\$45 amount.

## Flowers & Trees

Thanks to Board Members Ken Schmidt and Dick Ihlenfeld for taking care of plants and trees during the hot, dry summer. Ken watered and tended the flowers at the intersection of Sawmill Road and North Westfield Road (which were purchased by the Wexford Village Park Fund). Dick watered the trees in Wexford Prairie (Lot 400) during the summer and monitored the pathway lights (all 99 of them!).

## Alicia Ashman Library Used Book Sale

Friday - Saturday, Nov. 2-3 at the Library

Friends-Only pre-sale Thursday, Nov. 1 5PM - 8PM at the Library

## Water Concerns

Some Wexford residences, specifically those living on the cul-de-sacs, had episodes of brown tap water early this summer. The discoloration was caused by high manganese content in the water of a backup well on Mineral Point Road that was used this summer because of the drought. The issue was resolved with intense flushing of the water mains. The City has assured residents that the brown water did not present any health hazards. If you have questions, contact Wexford resident Linda Herbert (836-4470).

## Neighborhood Watch

In the past few months, numerous incidents involving groups of teenagers have been reported in our neighborhood. These include a woman having her purse stolen at Wexford Park, a resident finding a stolen bike in their backyard, and a couple of disturbances of loud groups throwing glass bottles. On some occasions, the teens involved were not from our neighborhood. If you see this kind of activity, please contact the Madison Police immediately, and file an incident report with the Association (<http://www.wexfordvillage.org/associationIncidents.htm>).

## City Budget Eliminates Services

The Mayor's proposed Operating Budget for the City of Madison eliminates financing for water for Wexford Park. Turning off the water would mean closing the ice skating rink and limit the ability to water plants and trees.

The new budget would also close the yard waste drop-off site on South Point Rd off of Mineral Point, leaving residents with only

the Badger Road location as a drop-off site.

Contact your alderperson (<http://www.cityofmadison.com/election/election/electionWho.cfm>) or the mayor (<http://www.cityofmadison.com/mayor/contact/>) by Tuesday, October 16 if you want to voice concerns on the elimination of these items.

## 4/5 Yr. Old Soccer Needs a Coach!

Anyone interested in a fun, rewarding experience coaching soccer with 4 and 5 year-old kids? Wexford village has a soccer program for this age group which has historically had 2 sessions per year, 5-6 weeks in length, usually beginning around the first week of school for the fall

session and ending around the first of June in the spring. All the necessary equipment (soccer balls, goals, cones, flags, scrimmage jerseys) is provided. If you or someone you know would like to know more, please contact Marty Zietlow at 831-0432.

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

## Farewell from the Board President

After being on the Wexford Village Board of Directors for 19 years and being president for the past 11 years, I am leaving Wexford Village for a new phase in our life. It has been a privilege to be able to serve your interests and participate in various functions during these past several years. Wexford Village has

always been considered to be one of the most active and disciplined neighborhood associations in the City of Madison.

I wish everyone well.

Thank you

Don Michalski