

# WEXFORD WATCH

## WEXFORD VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

### Grounds Keeping

This is the second year for the application of a crab grass prevention herbicide on all Wexford Village greenways. This is a part of our maintenance program to prevent the invasion of crabgrass. This is in addition to the fertilizer and broadleaf herbicide application that was done in late September.

As mentioned previously, we have a five-year contract with Barnes, Inc. for cutting grass on all greenways and island circles with an annual cost of about \$22,500. With the early spring, however, we might require more than the

standard twenty cuttings. Any extra cutting will cost Wexford Village an additional \$1200 per mowing. (Note: Wexford Village mowing costs have risen from about \$18,000 during the mid 1990s to the present contract of \$22,500. An increase of approximately 1.5% per year.)

Weather also had an effect on our snow removal costs. Our annual budget for snow removal is \$5000, but because of the low snow totals this year, our costs were only \$1000.

### New Stoplight on Old Sauk Road

A new stoplight was installed at the intersection of Old Sauk Road and North Westfield in late 2011.

Typically, homeowners in the area of a new stoplight are required to finance the install, but the City of Madison determined that individual households in Wexford Village were not generating more than 10 trips per day at the intersection, and therefore not responsible for all of the traffic and were not assessed. However, each individual unit within Saukdale Condominiums was assessed because the City of

Madison's contention that the condominium association represents one parcel, and as whole, generates more than 10 trips per day.

Because of the discrepancy with the application of the regulation, the Wexford Village Board, along with many other city organizations, has voted to support the Saukdale Condominium Association in their disagreement with the City of Madison's interpretation of the fairness regarding the special assessment policy.

### Bike Path Lighting

Please report any walking path lights that are malfunctioning or have been vandalized to Dick Ihlenfeld at [rwi@chorus.net](mailto:rwi@chorus.net) or by phone at 831-5339. Please provide the pole number located at the base of the pole and a descrip-

tion of the problem. Now that spring has arrived, residents are once again walking and biking on our 3.7 miles of bike paths and we want to maintain a safe neighborhood.

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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](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).

## Association Dues

Wexford Village assessments were due on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. We achieved over a 90% compliance, with a second notice mailed on March 1<sup>st</sup>. If additional notices are required, there will be a late fee of \$10 and a potential lien on properties for non-payment.

## Community Events

### Daisy Girl Scout Troop

Do you have a daughter that will be in kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade this fall and is interested in Girl Scouts? An informational meeting will be held later this year at the Alicia Ashman Library. For more information, contact Natalie Koblenski at [nko-blenski@gmail.com](mailto:nko-blenski@gmail.com)

### Parkwood Hills Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 8AM – 3 PM  
6805 Colony Drive, one block east of Gammon Road

### Alicia Ashman Library Used Book Sale

Friday - Saturday, April 27-28 at the Library

Friends-only pre-sale Thursday, April 26 5PM - 8PM at the Library

### Memorial High School Rummage and Bake Sale

Proceeds benefit the JMM Clothing Closet and student educational opportunities.

Saturday, April 14: 8AM - 1PM at Memorial Field House

Item drop-off times:

Thursday, April 12: 12PM - 6:30PM

Friday, April 13: 7AM - 6:30PM

Questions or to volunteer, contact Beth Moss at [bethmoss@tds.net](mailto:bethmoss@tds.net)

## Upcoming Association Events

The Wexford Village Homeowners Association has four social events scheduled for 2012. Residents should have received flyers with more information on the following events. Information is also available at <http://www.wexfordvillage.com>

### Easter Egg Hunt

Wexford Park Shelter, Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.

There will be an Easter egg hunt for children age five years and younger and another hunt for children older than five years. There will be food and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

### Wexford Park Cleanup Day

Wexford Park, Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9AM.

Contact Ken Schmidt at [kschdt@charter.net](mailto:kschdt@charter.net)

### Wexford Village Garage Sale

Friday and Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up at <http://www.wexfordvillage.org> or contact Cindy Griesbach at [CGriesbach@uwhealth.org](mailto:CGriesbach@uwhealth.org) or by phone at 824-0255.

### Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

Wexford Park Shelter, Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.

Parade begins on South Woodmont Circle and Sawmill Road.

## Youth Soccer

It is time again for soccer! Four and five year old children are invited to Wexford Park at 6PM on Tuesdays, May 1 – May 29. No equipment is needed; just bring a water bottle, your energy, and your enthusiasm.

This is Coach Marty Zietlow's last year. If you are interested in assuming the leadership role for this program, contact Marty Zietlow at [zietlow@mac.com](mailto:zietlow@mac.com) or by phone at 831-0432.

## City Reps

Welcome Captain Vic Wahl as the captain of the West District Police Department, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Captain Wahl has been with the police department for twenty years.

The new 2012 Wexford Village police liaison is Officer Brian Shaul, who is available between 12-8PM. You can contact Officer Shaul at [bshaul@cityofmadison.com](mailto:bshaul@cityofmadison.com).

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU'D LIKE MENTIONED IN THE WATCH, E-MAIL THE INFORMATION TO [WEXFORDWATCH@YAHOO.COM](mailto:WEXFORDWATCH@YAHOO.COM)

## Summer Construction

University Avenue is scheduled for major construction from March 19<sup>th</sup> to October 26<sup>th</sup> 2012. This project includes the roadway from Segoe Road to Allen Boulevard in Middleton. Delays are expected, especially during peak commuting times due to traffic being restricted to one lane. The project includes the removal of all brush behind the Red

Cross building, the construction of sidewalks on the south side of the street, pavement replacement, curb and gutter replacement, street lighting, traffic signals, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water mains, pavement marking, and also the re-modeling of Old Middleton Road.