

WEXFORD WATCH

WEXFORD VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

July 4th Celebration

The Wexford Village's Fourth of July Parade and Picnic is on Wednesday, July 4, at 10 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to decorate their bikes, wagons, etc., and gather at the intersection of South Woodmont Circle and Sawmill Road. The parade will travel along Sawmill into Wexford Park, where a picnic (hotdogs, chips, drinks, and dessert) and games for children and adults will be waiting. Each year, we have

an estimated 200- 250 children, parents, and friends join in the parade and picnic. This is one of two community events that Wexford Village hosts for its residents (the other is the egg hunt).

Come celebrate our nation with your neighbors and meet Parade Marshals Alder Mark Clear and State Assembly Representative Brett Hulsey!

Free Little Library

Wexford Village now has its own Little Free Library. You might have noticed it where the path parallel to Old Sauk Road intersects the Eastbourne Circle path (just east of High Point Church). Feel free to take or leave a book at any time. Children's books are especially popular if you have extras to donate to the Little Free Library. This is a community treasure that we hope all residents will enjoy.

For more information about the Little Free Library movement, its worldwide mission, and

its origins here in Madison, visit <http://www.littlefreelibrary.org>. If you have any questions about Wexford's Little Free Library, e-mail Lisa Hofmeister at lhofmeister@gmail.com.

Thanks to Denny Marx, who financed and built the library during this past winter, and thanks to Susan and David Tait who offered up a corner of their property to host the library.

Garage Sale Recap

The Wexford Village Garage Sale was held on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12. We had at least 28 participants, which is the most we've had in several years. Many sellers commented that they had good sales with increased traffic in the area.

This is the first year that we relied exclusively upon Web based media, such as Craigslist, Madison Stuff Exchange, and other sites, to publicize the event.

Thanks to Cindy Griesbach for organizing the event.

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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.

Art Cart

The Art Cart will be at Wexford Park on July 5 9 a.m. - noon and on August 6, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The Art Cart is a free traveling art program that provides creative, outdoor art-making experiences to children, ages 3+ and their families.

Traffic Circle

Some residents have expressed concern regarding the maintenance of the traffic circle at the intersection of Sawmill Road and North Westfield Road. Wexford Village is talking with the City Council and City Traffic Control about the continued maintenance and appearance of the circle island.

Thanks to Ron and Emily Rueckert for the many hours they have spent pulling weeds and maintaining the traffic circle.

Ice Rink Maintenance

The City Parks Department is bringing in a load of dirt for building a berm around the ice rink area. We need volunteers to assist in that project. Contact Ken Schmidt at kschdt@charter.net to help.

Thanks to Jerry Watts for snow plowing the ice rink and, thanks to Greg Dalwiche for his help in flooding the rinks during the past winter.

Park Awareness

Wexford Park closes at 10 p.m. If you see anything happening in the park after that time, please call the police department. We have had problems with vandalism and other mischief, and we do not want similar problems in the future.

Wexford Park Fund

Each year, Wexford Village residents graciously contribute \$2000-2500 to the Wexford Park fund. Past projects included tree plantings in Wexford Park and, most recently, a picnic table set for Wexford Prairie. This year, the fund purchased flowers and other planting supplies for the flowers in Wexford Park. We also hired a student helper to remove brush and buckthorn trees in Wexford Park, which were cut

down by Simon Widstrand, park volunteer and retired Parks Department Manager. The student will also widen and mulch the Wexford Park paths.

The City Park Department has jurisdiction of the area and, unfortunately, allocates few funds for the maintenance of the parks. It is through the generosity of public groups, such as Wexford Village residents, that the parks are maintained.

Lot 416

The land area adjacent to Stricker Pond, behind Backbay Circle, is now maintained by the City Engineering Department. That area was previously managed by the City Parks Department as a prairie area, but due to the flooding in recent years and the destruction of the prairie, it was aban-

doned by the City Parks Department. The Engineering Department now maintains that area by pruning the willow trees along the bike path in Sticker Pond and cutting grass along the shore in July and October.

Circle Islands

Wexford Village has 34 circle islands. The association has removed some shrubs to make for easier maintenance, but many of the islands require additional care. We encourage any resident or group of residents to assume ownership of these islands by pruning, planting, etc.

If you can assist in the maintenance, contact any of the Wexford Board members. We want to make these areas as attractive

as possible.

Remember that these islands are shared public property and individuals should not place yard waste on the islands. Besides the poor appearance, the piles impede our contractor from cutting the grass and might also kill the grass underneath.

Thanks to the many Wexford residents who already maintain islands.

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

Residents' Landscaping

There have been complaints of the landscaping in some of the lots of Wexford Village homes. While neighbors might not agree on landscaping, the Wexford Village covenants only state that "all areas of lots not used as a building site must be kept in lawn or cultivated as a family garden or otherwise landscaped. No noxious weeds or unkempt areas are allowed."

We also abide by the City of Madison standards for grass length, prairie establishments, trees, and shrubs growing over walking and bike paths. The concern of "visual screening" is a contentious issue and has a number of interpretations. The Wexford Village Board of Directors is addressing this issue and will establish more detailed guidelines.