

# Wexford Watch

Wexford Village Homes Association, Inc.  
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## Annual Meeting Recap

The 2013 Annual Wexford Village Homes Association meeting was Tuesday, Dec 3 at High Point Church. Approximately 40 people attended.

Dick Ihlenfeld, board president, introduced board members that were in attendance, presented the association's finances, and asked for volunteers to join the board.

George Dreckmann, recycling coordinator for City of Madison, gave a presentation on how the one-can recycling program works. There was a video showing what happens to the items put in recycling containers, and Mr. Dreckmann answered questions about the recycling program. To learn more about the city's program, including what you can and cannot put in your bin, refer to the Streets & Recycling website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/>

Many of the board members are returning for 2014, but there are some position openings. If you'd like to be on the board, e-mail Dick Ihlenfeld at [rwi@chorus.net](mailto:rwi@chorus.net) to learn more about the openings. Board members are expected to serve on various committees and attend the monthly meeting.

## Neighborhood Watch Meeting Recap

Last May, Lieutenant John Patterson and Patrol Officer Adria Warren met with residents of Wexford Village Homes Association at the Alicia Ashman Public Library to offer tips on neighborhood safety.

Safety tips from the meeting:

- Display house numbers clearly so first responders can find your house.
- Keep garage doors and windows closed (even during the day) to prevent theft.
- Lock cars that are left out (during the day and overnight), and do not store garage door openers in these vehicles.
- Trim trees and bushes away from windows so burglars can't hide.
- Install motion-detection lights.
- Use timers for various interior lights.
- Put a hold on mail and newspapers when going out of town, and have someone take care of your snow removal/lawn maintenance.

## New Wexford Watch Format

The Wexford Village board is trying a new format for the Wexford Watch. We hope the changes make the Wexford Watch easier to update and send out to residents. If you have questions or comments, email us at our new address [wexfordwatchmadison@gmail.com](mailto:wexfordwatchmadison@gmail.com)

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## Tree Trimming

Members of the Wexford Village Homes Association and Saukdale Condo boards identified dead trees, limbs, and other safety hazards along the Wexford/Saukdale berm. The associations will split the cost of the clean-up project, with much of the work already completed.

If you notice dangerous trees or branches on Wexford Village owned property, contact a board member

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## Clean Sweep Moves

Clean Sweep has closed their Fish Hatchery location and opened up at 7102 US HWY 12 near the Dane County Landfill.

Clean Sweep is a place to bring hazardous household materials, such as paint-related products, pesticides, and aerosols. A list of accepted materials and open hours is available at:

[www.danecountycleansweep.com/household.aspx](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com/household.aspx)

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## Spring Cleaning

As you're maintaining your yard this summer, note the city yard waste pick up times on the streets website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/>

Yard waste drop-off sites are now open 7 days a week from 8:30-4:30.

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## Mowing and Lawncare

Wexford Village Homes Association has extended our contract with Barnes for mowing and TruGreen for weed control/fertilization. We've used these companies for many years, and they give our association a discount for paying for the whole year in advance.

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- Make a list of all valuables in case you need to file a police and insurance report.
- Use window stops on 1st floor windows.
- Leave a spare key with a neighbor instead of under the doormat.
- Place a sturdy piece of wood in sliding door tracks or use a foot-activated lock to make them difficult to open.
- Call police if you see strange activity.

If you'd like to be on the neighborhood watch e-mail list, fill out the form on the Wexford Village website: <http://www.wexfordvillage.org/neighborhoodWatchSubscribeForm.htm>

## Wexford Park Shed

A new storage shed is in Wexford Park. The dimensions 9x13, and it is located next to the current shed. It sits on rot resistant chemically-treated landscaping timber skids, which are on a bed of crushed limestone for ventilation and water drainage underneath. The current shed is on a concrete slab. The option to use limestone saved a significant amount of money in building costs and time. The new shed does not have electricity.

This new space eliminates the need for board members to store park equipment in their homes, and we no longer need to track who has what equipment.

Wexford Village Homes Association paid \$2000 for the shed. The City of Madison Parks Department paid for the rest and did the installation.

## July 4th Parade and End of Summer Party

The annual Independence Day cookout and parade will be Friday, July 4. Parade starts at 10am on Sawmill and ends at the Wexford Park pavilion. Decorate your bike, trike, skateboard, or stroller, and line up by 9:45 to participate. Volunteers are needed to serve food and help with games. If interested, contact Dick Ihlenfeld ([rwi@chorus.net](mailto:rwi@chorus.net))

For the second year, an end of the summer party will be held at Wexford Park on Saturday, September 6 from 5-9pm. Last year, over 175 people of all ages enjoyed an evening together grilling burgers, roasting marshmallows, and sharing favorite potluck dishes. This year, the neighborhood association will be providing beef and veggie burgers. More information on this event will be available closer to the date.

If you want to lead a game, play a musical instrument around the campfire or help out in any other way, contact Monica Bear at [claybear@chorus.net](mailto:claybear@chorus.net) or Lisa Hofmeister at [lrhofmeister@gmail.com](mailto:lrhofmeister@gmail.com).

## Board Meeting

Wexford Village Homes Association board meets at 7 pm the first Tuesday of every month (except December and July) in the High Point Church. We donate \$150 to the church for letting us use their space. All homeowners are welcome to attend.

## Art Cart

The Art Cart will be at Wexford Park on Wednesday, August 6 5-7:30pm. The Art Cart is a free, traveling art program that provides creative, outdoor art-making experiences to children ages 3+ and their families. Activities include both group and individual projects, with a variety of materials.

## Past Wexford Events

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was on April 19. Thanks go to Stephanie and Dave Farnia for hosting the event, which had previously been canceled.

The annual Wexford Park Clean-up Day was April 26. Thanks to all who helped and to Ken Schmidt for supplying treats.

The annual Garage Sale was May 9-10, and 29 homes participated. Thanks go to Cindy Griesbach for organizing the sellers.

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