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Wexford Board News by Don Michalski

The Wexford Village Association is reviewing the placement of the over 110 light poles that are within our greenway areas. A task force has identified about 10 - 12 poles that could be removed because of their overlapping of lighting with adjacent poles. In some areas, a single pole with a good light could function as well as 2-3 poles. Our lighting contractor is evaluating this project and we will notify affected residents when the decision is pending. It should also be noted that each pole consumes about \$60 in energy costs each year. We will also review all of the lights for possible replacement with more energy efficient bulbs over a period of time.

We respectfully request that residents who have shrubs and trees growing into the bike/walking paths to kindly trim those items, keeping the paths safe and accessible for all residents to use. The Association will also be evaluating the overgrowth of trees and shrubs in many of our circle islands; this is a project that we budget for every 4-5 years.

We have received a proposal from the City of Madison regarding the placement of five speed humps (traffic calming project) along Longmeadow Road. There are about 72 residencies along that street and all have been notified about the placement of the humps. Any concern about this project can be directed to members of the Wexford Board, our alder, Paul Skidmore, or the City Traffic Control Department.

At press time, we have not received any final word about the traffic signals that have been identified for the intersection of Longmeadow and Gammon Road.

Please join in the Wexford July 4th parade and picnic. It is always a great event for the children and meeting your neighbors. The parade participants will assemble at South Woodmont Circle at 9:45 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. the parade will proceed along Sawmill Road and continue to the Wexford Park Pavilion.



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Let's Save Some Water!

It has been noticed that in our neighborhood, we don't always practice good water use when watering our lawns and gardens. In order to help preserve water, here are some practical lawn watering tips that will save water, help keep our lakes and streams clean, and produce healthy, attractive lawns

Unfortunately, keeping the lawn emerald-green, barefoot-soft and dandelion free requires a significant amount of attention, and can have serious impacts on lakes, streams and groundwater. Water from a sprinkler flowing down one driveway might not seem like a big problem. But careless watering on hundreds of lawns can: wash pollutants into lakes and streams, deplete water supplies, and actually damage the lawns it's supposed to help.

A healthy lawn requires about one inch of water per week. As a general rule, apply the water all at once rather than in several light waterings. Before you water, do some arithmetic. If it just rained 1/4 inch, you probably only need to apply 3/4 inch with the sprinkler. Use common sense, however, and consider the weather forecast. If there is a good chance of rain soon after that 1/4-inch rainfall, don't water at all. If the rain doesn't come, you can make up the difference.

You also need to know your lawn. For example, sandy soils with little organic matter will require more water, heavy clay soils less. Sloping lawns are normally drier than level, low-lying ones. Lawns under large trees, especially during cool weather, may need little or no watering. Avoid watering during the middle of the day when evaporation rates are highest and the water you use will do the least good. Early morning watering will minimize evaporation and help newly seeded areas through the day's heat.

How to water and reduce the need for watering:

- It's best to water established lawns at the rate of one inch per week, applied all at one time to promote deep rooting. Frequent, light waterings favor shallow roots and plants unable to tolerate dry periods.
- Water early in the morning. If watering is done in the evening, grass stays wet all night, thus increasing risk of disease. Watering early in the morning puts less strain on public water supplies because the peak load is during evening.
- Established, healthy lawns can survive several weeks of dormancy during summer with little or no water.
- Excess water can keep the soil too moist, which damages roots.
- Let grass grow taller to promote deep rooting and lawns that tolerate dry conditions, mow grass no shorter than two inches.
- Proper fertilizing promotes deep roots and drought tolerance. Improper fertilizing can have the opposite effect.
- Don't fertilize a dry lawn – high concentrations of nutrients tend to draw moisture out of grass.
- Control weeds to reduce competition for soil moisture.
- Don't mow during the heat of day, especially when conditions are hot and dry; newly cut grass blades lose water quickly.
- Don't water if a one-inch rainstorm has occurred in the last week. Also, postpone watering if the forecast calls for rain in the next few days.

For full details see the following web sites:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/water/environmentalWater.cfm>

<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/home.htm>

Neighborhood Crime Watch

The past two months have had a fair amount of vandalism at the park and at residences in our neighborhood. Now that we are in the summer months, this type of activity is on the increase. Please remember that any activity in the park, and surrounding woods, after 10:00pm is illegal and should be reported to the police.

The most important thing we need to keep in mind is that if we witness suspicious activity to call the police immediately at 255-2345 (non emergency). If we don't call the police, they won't know what is happening in our area. We request that when you report an incident to the police that you also fill out an incident report on the Wexford Village website (<http://www.wexfordvillage.org/associationIncidentReport.htm>). This way we have a database of all incidents that happened in our area, and we can use this information for the neighborhood crime watch volunteers, as well as work with the Madison Police Department to solve these issues.

For wonderful information on home security and the crime watch program, please see the following website from the Madison Police Department: <http://www.madisonpolice.com/crimepre.html>.

If you are interested in joining the Wexford Neighborhood Crime Watch program, please contact Dave Tolmie at 836-8784, or e-mail him at wexford_ncw@charter.net.

Neighborhood Bulletin Board

- ❖ For sale: high-quality toddler bike seat. Used about 20 times, manufactured by Rhode Gear. \$50. Contact Todd or Kris Wiegand at 824-9746.
- ❖ Please remember to clean up your trash at the park. If you see trash at the park when walking through it, take a minute to throw it away. It is also important to clean up after your dogs as well. Let's do our best to keep the park a clean and safe place to enjoy.
- ❖ If you are unhappy with the poor landscaping in the traffic circle at Sawmill and Westfield, please contact the Traffic Engineering department and file a complaint. Wexford was promised that the city would keep this looking nice, and we need to hold them to their promise. Let's all call to help keep Wexford a beautiful place.

Mark your Calendars

Wednesday July 4 th 9:45 (parade line up)	Wexford Village 4 th of July parade. Decorate your bikes, bodies, and strollers, and you even have time to make a float!
Saturdays June 9 th – August 25 th at 6:00 - 7:00pm	Greenway Station presents the Sounds of Summer Concert Series: http://www.greenwayshopping.com/calendar.asp
August 24 th – 26 th	Middleton Good Neighbor Festival. http://www.middletonfestival.com/

Be sure to check out the Wexford website for events, information, and pictures from neighborhood festivities. You can find this site at: <http://www.wexfordvillage.org>

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Park News by Ken Schmidt

Wexford is helping to pay to keep a porta-pottie at the park all summer this year. We will pay for the weeks that MSCR does not plan to have one for their activities held at the park. This will make the park a better place for all our family activities.

Many of the plantings around Wexford are starting to overgrow into the walking paths and over the greenways. Please keep all trees and shrubs trimmed at least one foot back from the walking paths and no branches lower than 8 feet hanging over the paths. Trees hanging over the greenways should be trimmed to 8 feet above the ground so the mowing crews are able to cut under them. Branches should also be removed near any lamp post so that the light is able to properly illuminate the paths.

Brush pick up for Wexford is the second week of the month. Do not place brush at the curb prior to the first week of the month for pickup.

Library News

Check out what is happening at the Alicia Ashman Library.

- ❖ **Dance Dance Revolution** – Wednesday July 18th at 2:00pm: Show off your dance moves on the big screen. Always wanted to try DDR? Beginners welcome.
- ❖ **Crime Scene Camp** – Thursday July 19th at 3:30pm: Are you a fan of CSI? Would you like to try out real crime scene investigation equipment? Come to the library to learn how crime scene professionals solve true mysteries. (Attendee must be between the grades of 6 and 12.). The first registration date for this event is scheduled for 7/5/2007.
- ❖ **Traveling Lantern Theatre Company** – Monday July 23rd at 2:00pm: Enjoy a thrilling live theatrical performance of classic children's tales. This summer, the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company presents Peter Pan and Sherlock Holmes Takes the Case.
- ❖ **Harry Potter Party** – Wednesday July 31st at 3:00pm: Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday and the release of the new book and movie at a Harry Potter Party hosted by the library teens. Call 824-1780 beginning 7/16 to register.
- ❖ **Mystery Tasting Party** – Tuesday August 7th at 4:00pm: Ever wondered whether you could tell the difference between different brands of root beer? How about pizzas? Come to the library where we'll do blind taste tests of several different kinds of mystery food and drink (not necessarily pizza or root beer) and vote for our favorite flavors! (Attendee must be between the grades of 6 and 12.) The first registration date for this event is scheduled for 7/24/2007.
- ❖ **Teen Filmmaking Workshop** – Monday August 6th – 10th at 1:00pm: Have you ever wanted to make a movie? Sign up for this week-long workshop and work with other teens to write, direct, act, film, and edit your masterpiece! Finished films will be shown in a Teen Film Fest this fall. Go online or call 824-1780 to register beginning July 9th.
- ❖ **Soda Pups Dog Show** – Wednesday August 15th at 2:00pm: Imagine a six-pound Pomeranian in a remote control toy Hummer! See what happens next in this fun-filled dog show. Call 824-1780 beginning 8/1 to register.

See the website for further details: <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/about/ashman.html>