



WEXFORD WATCH



Issue 140

June-July, 2006

**THE WEXFORD
WATCH
IS FOR
NEIGHBORHOOD
EDIFICATION AND
DOES NOT SPONSOR
ANY PERSON OR
ACTIVITY LISTED
HEREIN, UNLESS SO
NOTED.**

**EDITOR
DAVID TOLMIE,
7434 SAWMILL RD.**

**SUBMISSIONS IN
WRITING BY THE
FIFTEENTH OF
EACH ODD MONTH
TO
wexfordwatch@yahoo.com**

Wexford Board News by Don Michalski

The Annual Fourth of July Parade will be held on Tuesday July 4th. The parade participants will gather at about 9:45am at South Woodmont with the parade beginning at 10:00am and continuing to Wexford Park for the food, games, and other activities that will follow. We will need volunteers to help with this event.



This is a time for gratitude for all the Wexford residents that contributed to the Wexford Playground Fund. More than \$1,700 was designated by residents for this specific activity, which is then matched by other private and public donations. Also, a special note to all of the participants in the Wexford Park Fund Raiser held at the Casbah Restaurant on the evening of May 6th. Besides the fund raising activity, it was a great social event for many Wexford residents.

Special thanks to the thirty-five individuals who participated in the Annual Wexford Park cleanup on Saturday, April 22nd. We accomplished mulching of trees and trails, trash pickup, and garlic mustard removal.

The Madison Park District has initiated a no or minimum cutting of specific park areas. Originally, the park district had intended to not cut the grass near the street adjacent to Westfield and Sawmill, but after conversations with the Park District and our alderperson, the city has made concessions on this issue.

The Wexford Directory is in distribution. Special thanks for Wexford Board members Trish Watts and Sabi Atteyih for all of their creativity and special efforts to make the directory a very useful book for Wexford residents. It should be noted that there are several advertisements in the Directory which subsidized about half of the cost of printing the Directory. The Wexford Board is also considering accepting ads for our bi-monthly Wexford Watch, which could offset most of the printing costs. Please support these businesses if you get the opportunity.

About thirty households participated in the Annual Garage Sale on May 12th and 13th. Despite advertisements in the Middleton and Madison newspapers, the weather of that rainy weekend may have had a subduing effect on shoppers and bargain hunters. Also, we would appreciate any comments or suggestions from individuals that participated in the event.

At press time, we have had no word from the City regarding the traffic calming project at Sawmill and Westfield.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1** Board News
- 2** Wine Tasting & Auction
- 3** Special Thanks
Bulletin Board
Calendar
- 4** Park News,
Library News

Wine Tasting and Auction at the Casbah Gives Park Playground Fund a Big Boost

On the evening of May 6, about 40 Wexford residents and friends gathered at the Casbah Restaurant for Wine Tasting and a Silent Auction to benefit the Wexford Park playground. With soothing classical guitar music in the background, guests feasted on a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres and sampled wines from the Mediterranean that complemented the food while bidding on auction items. Auction offerings ranged from catered dinners to gourmet food baskets to plane flights and Water Park passes. Door prizes provided by local merchants were also awarded to many lucky winners.

In this festive and friendly atmosphere an additional \$2,101 was raised for the park playground fund. This will be matched by the Madison Parks foundation giving us an additional \$4,202. This money along with the other donations from neighborhood residents, the homeowners association and area businesses will be used toward new climbing equipment intended for older children, bringing us closer to our two year park improvement goal.

A project of this scope would not be possible without such generous support from the neighborhood. We would like to thank everyone who attended and bid in the auction, Sabi Atteyih and The Casbah Restaurant & Lounge for hosting the event, and the following businesses and individuals for contributing items and services.

If you have the opportunity, please support these local merchants with your patronage and thank them for their contributions to our fundraising effort.

- ▶ Sabi Atteyih, Wexford resident, Casbah Restaurant Chef and Owner
- ▶ Wei Liang, Wexford resident, BodyAscent Healing Way Massage and Bodywork
- ▶ Super Suppers in Greenway Station
- ▶ Grape and Company in Sauk Point Square
- ▶ Holiday Inn & Suites on John Q. Hammons Drive
- ▶ Beauty Blossoms in Sauk Point Square
- ▶ Carol Thompson Cosmetics in Sauk Point Square
- ▶ Duncan Edward European Hair Design in Sauk Point Square
- ▶ P.F. Chang's on University Avenue, Middleton
- ▶ Abuelos Mexican Food Embassy on University Avenue, Middleton
- ▶ Jewelers Workshop in Sauk Point Square
- ▶ Great Clips For Hair on Gammon Road, Middleton
- ▶ Atlanta Bread Company in Sauk Point Square
- ▶ Chipotle Mexican Grill on Old Sauk Road
- ▶ Doug Hill, Wexford resident and UW music professor

All the Wexford Village residents who contributed items to the theme baskets, including the Kosola, Strong, Underwood, Schmidt, Duffy-Rhodes, Tolmie, Mackey, Campbell and Giesler families.

Thanks to you all for making this such a success as a fundraiser and social event for the neighborhood!

The Park Playground Improvements Committee:
Jeanne Duffy, Jennifer Giesler, Sue Hunt,
Chris Gomez Schmidt, Sarah Underwood

Special Thanks

- ★ The Wexford community would like to extend a very warm thank you to Randy Ruplinger and all the parents that volunteered to help with this springs Junior Soccer League. As always the children and parents enjoyed it. Great job everyone!
- ★ This Easter Wexford had fantastic weather to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Our deepest thanks to Patricia Bear-Watts for all her hard work and planning for this very successful event. She could not have done this alone, so many thanks to all that assisted her with bringing our community together on such a beautiful day.
- ★ A very hardy thank you to Don Michalski for organizing this years Wexford garage sale. Too bad the weather did not cooperate with us, but people still came anyway. All in all it was a success. Here's to blue skies next year.



Junior Soccer League

Residents Bulletin Board

- ★ **Vehicle and garage break-ins have been happening in our neighborhood along Longmeadow. Please keep your doors and windows locked on your garages and vehicles to help protect yourself. Also please keep your eyes open and be sure to report all suspicious activity and break-ins to the Police Department.**
- ★ Your good neighbor, Dennis Harrington, is offering FREE tree and branch chips to anyone who wants them. Dennis has a tree service in Wexford, and can be contacted at 831-3538.
- ★ Please remember to check your landscaping along all side walks and paths. Make sure that there are no branches or shrubs overhanging them. There are a lot of walkers and bike riders that are out this time of year, and overgrown areas pose a safety risk to our residents.

Mark your calendars!

Friday, June 9th	Registration for Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales: Summer Library Reading Program 2006
Wednesday, June 28 th at 7:00pm	The first concert on the Capital Square by the Madison Chamber Orchestra.
Saturday, July 1st	Rhythm & Booms will return to Madison's Warner Park. (Rain date is Sunday, July 2, 2006).
Tuesday, July 4 th at 9:45am	Wexford Village 4 th of July parade down Sawmill Road to Wexford Park for games, treats, and fun for all ages.

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>

Park News

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Earth Day Park Cleanup. We had about 35 people cleaning, mulching, weeding, and raking. There is still a lot of Garlic Mustard in the woods that needs to be pulled and removed. Anyone that can help would be greatly appreciated.

Due to the Parks Department budget cuts this year there are going to be areas of the park that are not going to be mowed. To try and cut as much as possible the parks department has asked us to help by mulching around all the trees in the park. We will also be responsible for weeding and edging around the trees throughout the summer. In order to keep the park looking nice and an asset to the village we are going to need a lot more volunteers throughout the summer to assist. Some of the jobs available will be: mulching, weeding, flower garden (planting, watering, weeding), watering the new trees later in the season if it gets dry. There are also the two village signs that need to be planted and cared for throughout the summer. All help would be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity for students to earn volunteer hours. Please contact me if you can help in any way and if you have any questions or park concerns. Ken Schmidt

If you notice any suspicious activity in the park after dark, please call the police department immediately. There was a lot of vandalism done last year in the park and village and we want to try and prevent that from happening this summer.

Library News

Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales: Summer Library Reading Program 2006: Join us for our annual summer reading program. Registration begins at all Madison Public Library locations on Friday, June 9th. Pick up a reading record and get ready to read! The summer reading program is for pre-readers through teens. For every 5 books or 5 hours a child reads or is read to they can win an exciting prize.

Summer Lunch Bunch 2006: Wednesdays, June 14 - July 19 at 12 p.m. Register for the entire series beginning May 31.

Summer Lunch Bunch is a weekly program for kids entering grades K-5. The program features a librarian reading from a chapter book ([The Enormous Egg](#) by Oliver Butterworth) while the kids enjoy their sack lunches. The program is six weeks and in that time the librarian will complete reading the book aloud. This program also includes games, crafts and short booked based films that compliment the selected book. Children are encouraged to bring their lunches, in addition a small snack is provided. Summer Lunch Bunch is a popular program that requires registration, so please call early to register. Don't worry if you have to miss a week, because each week begins with a recap of what is happening in the story.

Open Monday through Friday: 9:00 - 9:00 and Saturday:
9:00 - 5:00

See the website for further details:

<http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/about/ashman.html>



Hatha Yoga and Summer Program classes

Mindful Movement • Stress Reduction
Core Awareness • Balance • Strength

Call for a Free Trial Offer
a way of life

Paik's Traditional Martial Arts Center
360 Junction Road, Madison, WI 53717 **608-347-9390**