



## **The Woods Lore Summer Edition**

### **Summer Calendar of Events:**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – Block Watch meeting at 7:30 p.m.**  
Cindy Garner's- 6924 Lakebrook Blvd.

**June 29<sup>th</sup> – FNWC meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
Hard Rd. Library – Snouffer Rd. Development

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – BWCA Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**  
Dorothy Martin's – 2171 Fernleaf Ln.

**July 27<sup>th</sup> - FNWC meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
Hard Rd. Library

**Aug 28<sup>th</sup> - FNWC meeting at 7:00 p.m.**  
Hard Rd. Library

## **The President's Report by Dorothy Martin**

BWCA board and some of our members have communicated with members of Columbus City Council, including Council President Andy Ginther, Hershel Craig and Michelle Mills about various community issues. Last month, these councilmen were gracious enough to attend and participate in our community town hall meeting held over at Brookside Elementary School and introduced themselves to many of you and our neighbors. To continue the communications started at this meeting, over the next few weeks, we plan to engage our council representatives to address a variety of matters in hopes of forming a closer partnership with city council and other representatives of our local government. More to come on this....

I've also been contacted by Marie Keister who is heading up the possible multi-use bike/pedestrian path parallel to 161 from Sawmill to Linworth. This is an exciting project for our neighborhood & bikers. If you have an interest in attending these future meetings, let me know. I'll keep you posted.

We also continue to make progress on the proposed apartment complex development at the corner of Snouffer Rd. & Smokey Row Rd. Our partnership with the Perry Township Board of Trustees has increased our strength in numbers as we work to ensure that development in this area is in line with the FNWC's (Far Northwest Coalition) long range plans. The upcoming FNWC meeting at the end of this month on **Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** will be another critical meeting for us to attend. It is held at the **Hard Rd. Library at 7:30 p.m.** – please plan on coming! More to come.....

Civic association dues are still being collected. Don't wait for your friendly neighborhood bill collector to show up at your door– send them in!!!!

Call with any concerns or issues and have a safe but fun summer!

Dorothy  
Hm. - 889-1684

## **Secretary's Report-The Minutes by Brendan Bey**

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. Present were President Dorothy Martin, Treasurer Ping Lu, Garage Sale Chairman Brian Giananelli, Block Watch Coordinator Cindy Garner, and Secretary Brendan Bey. The minutes from the past meeting were read and approved.

Brian Giananelli reported that most comments from the garage sale were positive. He also discussed the idea that a request for more people to volunteer to work in the sale could be made in the January-February Edition of *The Woods Lore*, and in the BWCA website. Brian also stated that he would send a report about the garage sale. That report can be found in this edition. Garage Sale cost to BWCA was \$880 for orange cones, \$330 came from a sponsorship by Mr. Mulch and a realtor and \$580 were actually paid by the association.

The budget report was read and approved (also in this edition) by the board. The two biggest costs were snow removal and landscaping costs for the entrances to the development. The sign that was destroyed in a car accident this past winter near eastern entrance to Snouffer and Thistlewood is being replaced.

There is still a need for residents to help with the collection of dues.

Deed restrictions - Dorothy Martin discussed the idea of creating a deed restriction committee made up of people in the construction business.

There was a concern expressed by the board that those who paid their dues should receive a Brookside Woods Directory and that the board needed to be sure that the list of those paying was accurate. Those residents who do not pay their dues will not receive the directory. We are still in the process of updating our information.

Two thousand dollars was spent to replace dying plants and trimming trees in the Maplewood Park and Entrances and kudos to the new landscaper Rob Blevins for doing a great job by Dorothy Martin and the board. The City of Columbus Park at Brookside Woods has left over mulch that will be used to beautify the city park bed on Aspenwood. Rob Blevins of The Extra Mile Landscaping (614-307-30430) will also clean, weed and do the actual mulching at the city park. He is also available to landscape, mulch or mow for homeowners in the neighborhood.

Cindy Garner reported that six residents have volunteered to help with block watch. Thank you to Judy Hawksworth and Ping Lu of Thistlewood, Craig Casdorpf of Fernleaf, Lynn Kennsinger of Maplebrook, and Dick and Joyce Sebgir of London Plain. Residents are still needed to patrol for two hours early on Sunday mornings during 12 days in the summer as that is when the break-ins have occurred at Brookside Woods.

Officer Carl Johnson of the Columbus Police Department will be returning in October. In the interim, Sergeant Tischlon will take reports of suspicious events/persons or actual

crimes at 645-4139. Residents may also call the non-emergency number of the Columbus Police at 614-645-4545 to report issues of current. It is also worth noting that Perry Township officers used bikes to patrol and they were successful in apprehending suspects in cases in that area in two weeks time. Dorothy Martin discussed applying for funds from the City of Columbus Neighborhood Improvement Funds to pay for block watch patrols of our development.

Many thanks to Lisa Eschelmann and Dave Billman on Crimson Ct. for their help in getting Lakebrook paved and the street corners brought up to code by the City of Columbus. They spearheaded the drive to get this done.

The Wood's Lore will only be sent electronically from now on. Any association member who does not have email will be given a paper copy.

The last meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Dorothy Martin's house.

Respectfully,  
Brendan Bey

### **Treasurer's Report by Ping Lu**

I would like to thank all the residents who already paid \$100 annual dues and the volunteers who collected dues for the Association. I also want to thank several real estate agents and title companies who helped the Association to collect annual dues during home sale transaction process. The due collection is still in process. We strongly encourage those residents who have not paid \$100 dues to send the checks to BWCA official address: Brookside Woods Civic Association, P.O. Box 341042, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

The Association Board asks that ALL residents contribute \$100.00 per family per year to the Association because the funds are used to promote the general welfare of Brookside Woods and its members.

#### **The 2011~2012 Budget:**

The total budget is \$19,520, including Mowing/ Fertilizing/Mulch: \$5,930, Landscaping: \$5,800, Snow Removal: \$4,000, Utility (water & electricity) Total: \$1,000, Printing: \$340, Insurance: \$250, Garage Sale: \$1,000, Miscellaneous: \$1,200. To make sure all residents share such operation cost the Board is considering to disclose the information on those residents who do not pay annual dues by the next bi-monthly meeting in July.

Respectfully,

Ping Lu

## **Brookside Woods Garage Sale 2011 by Brian**

The sun made a brief but welcome appearance on the last Saturday in April and helped produce a large turnout for the annual Brookside Woods garage sale. Many sellers and buyers enjoyed the break from the rain as over 900 maps were distributed at the entrances.

A major thank you goes out to all of the residents who volunteered a few hours of their time on the day of the sale. This event would not be possible without the extra hands that are up at sunrise to help set out the sea of barrels and cones, direct traffic throughout the day and clean up the streets once the buyers have gone. Many of the residents who help annually in these efforts returned this year, and it was also nice to have several new faces involved. A big thanks is due to Mark Gresham, Joe Lorenz and Dan Joseph who provided the labor in helping to set up and tear down the traffic barrels and cones on the day of the sale and Joe Bricker of Columbus Oil Company who donated the use of a company truck for moving the items around the neighborhood. The City of Columbus also generously worked with us on its repaving schedule to assure that the streets were passable on the day of the sale. Finally, pitching in this year with traffic control were Mike Berger, Mark Martin, Tom Tenwalde, Gaylord Garner, Rick Allinder, Dave Sanders, Ping, Don Swartwoust and Pete Weisenberger.

A special thank you is also owed to the local businesses that sponsor the sale. The LaBuda Advantage Team realty office of Keller Williams Capital Partners (431-9111 and [www.columbusnorth.com](http://www.columbusnorth.com)); Outdoor Living by Mr. Mulch (792-8686 and [www.outdoorlivingbymulch.com](http://www.outdoorlivingbymulch.com)); and the Worthington dental office of Dr. Anthony Lordo, DDS (885-4754 and [www.DrLordo.com](http://www.DrLordo.com)) all generously pitched in to help with the costs of the sale. Without sponsors like these, it would not be possible to put on an event as organized as the Brookside Woods sale. Their support of the neighborhood was great, so the next time that you are in the market for these services, please consider showing them the same support.

Walking through the streets during the sale, many guests were quick to compliment on how well the event is organized and how much they enjoy visiting the neighborhood every year. Welcoming hundreds of people and their cars to Brookside Woods during a six hour window and moving them through safely and efficiently is a big task. It requires coordination with the police, post office and local businesses, arranging for restrooms and trash disposal, calling for volunteers, securing sponsors to defray the cost and aligning an array of traffic signs that are the envy of ODOT engineers throughout the state.

The help that is offered by residents in this effort never disappoints, but there is always room for more. The 2012 sale will be held on Saturday, April 28, and the Garage Sale Committee will be meeting a few months in advance to start planning. All who are willing to help in any way before, after and during the sale are welcome to participate and can contact Brian Gianangeli at 889-8790 to lend a hand.

While the day of the sale can be busy and crowded, we hope that the benefits of the event justify any inconvenience. This is a day that allows residents to clear out old items, give them a new life for those who need them instead of a spot in a landfill and make a few extra dollars. More importantly, in an age of ever increasing demands on free time, it allows neighbors a few hours to get together in a community effort. Thanks again for the efforts of all who volunteered, the treasures of all who sold and the indulgence of everyone in the neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Brian Gianangeli

**Block Watch: Cindy Garner – Blockwatch Coordinator**  
**email: [blockwatch@brooksidewoods.org](mailto:blockwatch@brooksidewoods.org)**

Vandalism was reported at 2:15 a.m. on Sunday, 5/22/11. It occurred on Maple Brook at Ken Pelfrey's house. They disrupted flower pots and cement benches. A police report was filed.

There have been two reports of mail being stolen in the neighborhood in April. One resident noticed a gentleman in a white older model Cadillac taking mail from boxes.

Has anyone noticed a biker with helmet (red bike) and always wearing sunglasses in the evening meandering around our neighborhood? Dressed like he races his bike but pedaling slowly and looking at our houses?

Lastly, we are having a **Block Watch meeting** at my home at 6924 Lakebrook Blvd. on **Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting will be to review the block watch program and monitoring of the neighborhood on early Sunday mornings this summer. This is the time when most of the break-ins are occurring. The meeting will also be a time to brain storm ideas to keep our neighborhood safe. Call me at 766-4265 or email [blockwatch@brookside.org](mailto:blockwatch@brookside.org) to let me know you are coming or interested.

Hope to see you on the 15<sup>th</sup>!

Cindy

## Neighborhood Notes:

Frank Holtzhauer (who lives in our neighborhood on Winding Brook Ct.) is offering a safe firearm course to residences in our association. Please contact Frank at [fholtzhauer@cph.osu.edu](mailto:fholtzhauer@cph.osu.edu) if interested.

Ann Murray (who lives on Lakebrook) is looking for a mom's group in our neighborhood. Interested? or know of one? Email:aksenne@yahoo.com

A Ridge laminate power trimmer was left under Bob Castor's car on Cloverdale over the Memorial Day weekend – Saturday. Are you missing this? Call Bob at 315-9095.

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