



Woods' Lore

Brookside Woods' Bi-monthly Newsletter

November - December 2007

**Brookside Woods
Civic Association**

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Jan 14, 2008 7:30 PM
The Boulware's home

www.brooksidewoods.org/

All neighbors welcome!

President's Report

The 2007 year for the Brookside Woods Civic Association has ended. It has truly been a year of significant changes. I am now serving as president after several successful years given to us by Arthur Pellegrini.

Unfortunately, no one has stepped forward yet to take over the position of Parks Person. The position requires only a few meetings per year and is one of coordination and not volunteerism. We request that some member of the community step forward to help with this important position. Please feel free to contact anyone on the Board if you are interested.

The new entrance at 161 is a much needed improvement. I would like to thank all Brookside Woods Home Owners for their contribution to make this possible. More plantings will occur this spring when our Ohio weather is more suitable for flowers.

Last but not least, my thanks go out to all those who helped with the holiday bows. Even though there is no longer a Women's Club, many of you heard my pleas for help and volunteered your time. It does give our community a festive feel.

Everyone please have a happy and safe holiday season.

Mike Boulware

Brookside Calendar

Jan 14, 2008 BWCA Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, location Mike Boulware's House
March 10, 2008 BWCA Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, location Barb Boyd's House
April 2008 Community Garage Sale, Date TBD

Far Northwest Coalition

There were no Far Northwest Coalition (FNWC) meetings for September or October. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 28th at St. Andrews Church. Even though there were no FNWC meetings the past months, I did still stay busy with a couple of other Civic events. In September I was asked to attend a Columbus Development meeting to represent the Far Northwest Coalition's approval of the city's 2007 Northwest Plan, which has been a work in progress for over two years. I also had this same opportunity before Columbus City Council on October 22nd. It's a good thing that they only give presenters three minutes! The new 2007 Plan replaces a 1991 Plan that was long over due for revision. The 2007 Northwest Plan was adopted unanimously by City Council. The plan lists many problems related to land use and traffic planning but does not provide well defined solutions, timelines or sources of funding.

For those interested, the report is the "Northwest Plan 2007" in the drop down box at:

<http://td.ci.columbus.oh.us/Bizdevelopment/PlanList/index.asp>

Handypeople Available

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| HANDYMAN -- Odd Jobs around the house, power washing, etc | Clyde Welch 614-571-8262 |
| Baby Sitting and Pet Sitting | Kati McGuire 799-8625 |
| Baby Sitting and Pet Sitting | Darby McMullen 889-1838 |
| Baby Sitting and Pet Sitting | Emily Heskett 718-0056 |
| Beginner's Piano Lessons | Kelly Dahn 889-5260 |

Have a skill to share – send information to Barb Boyd to be listed.

Play Group

Neighborhood Playgroup
When: Select Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 am
Who: Infants to 5 year olds and a parent
Please call Lisa Leonard at 798-8357 or more information.

Neighborhood Safety

Neighborhood Safety by Safety Officer Mark L. Griffith

Winter is approaching and that means snow. Please keep your sidewalks swept clear of snow. Salting for ice is a good idea. And be careful walking this winter as ice is sometimes hard to detect and it's easy to be swept off your feet.

A raised level of awareness and common sense are invaluable in preventing and minimizing crime and being safe. If you have an issue, after you make your report to the police, then when you have time, send me an email (safety@brooksidewoods.org) so we can keep track of any problems.

Public Service Notice by Mark L. Griffith

The City of Columbus will be conducting an engineering study within the 2-3 months on the merits of reducing the speed limit on Snouffer Road from 45 mph down to 35 mph. This action is the result of multiple requests by local residents spearheaded by local resident Joe Macomber who recently made an appeal on the evening news. This effort along with a recent fatality and past accidents has prompted the City of Columbus to initiate the speed limit study. Results of the study will be published as soon as they are released.

Treasurer's Report

Hopefully everyone has had a chance to admire the changes made to the Maplebrook entrance. I know I love being able to see the signs so clearly. In the spring perennials will be added and I'm sure it will be a great improvement. The last major expense we have before the next membership drive in April is the unpredictable snow removal. Let's all hope for a mild winter, and if we do require plowing services that we all enjoy an upgraded quality. Remember, if you're looking for an opportunity to volunteer on a limited basis, to get to know your neighbors, to get a little exercise, the membership drive needs your help in April. Please share any suggestions you have for improving our community with any of the board members.

Wanda Boudinot