



# Woods' Lore

Brookside Woods' Bi-monthly Newsletter

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## Brookside Woods Civic Association

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### NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 14, 2007 7:30 PM  
The Pellegrini's Home

[www.brooksidewoods.org/](http://www.brooksidewoods.org/)

All neighbors welcome!

## President's Report

The dues collection process was a great success. Nearly 3/4 of the Brookside Woods families paid dues. Most at the \$100.00 level. I was gratified by the number of people (12) who volunteered to collect the dues. The collectors were a determined group making return visits (sometimes several) to people they missed on the initial visit. Our grateful thanks to the collectors and to those who paid dues.

A few people made suggestions or registered complaints on the dues return forms. I will try to address some of the issues raised. The most frequent complaint was regarding snow removal. No one in the community is happy with snow removal. The board hopes that the new dues structure will allow us to fix that problem. Some issues such as curb repair and neighborhood lighting are city issues. The board needs try to better navigate the city government. Apparently prior boards had initiated projects but these were not followed up. The present board was unaware of prior projects. There was a suggestion to discontinue the garage sale. There are pros and cons. Future boards will have to evaluate the extent of community support for continuation of the garage sale. The board is happy to consider any suggestions for improvement of the community. All community members are can attend the board meeting or email board members with suggestions.

We have a few months to finalize a contract for snow removal. Entrance plantings are another issue. It could take a few months possibly until spring 2008 to substantially upgrade the community entrances.

I AM DONE

I have been President of The Brookside Woods Civic Association four years. I plan to end my presidency at the September Board (and community) meeting. I respectfully request the members of the Brookside Woods community consider volunteering for president. A few candidates would be great. The next president will be able to function as a manager more than a hands-on worker. They will have a wonderful board to work with. They will have improved internet capabilities courtesy of Mark Griffith. They will benefit from advice from me on how to handle the nettlesome issues that infrequently cross the president's desk.

# Brookside Calendar

July 9, 2007

BWCA Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, location Art Pellegrini's House

## Far Northwest Coalition

There as no Far Northwest Coalition (FNWC) meeting for the month of March. In April we met very briefly to hear the request of Kevin McMahon of HRE Builders for a construction variance for a shared drive way at 7180 Linworth Road. The building plans for this address were at one time approved by Columbus but once the actual construction was finished HRE was found to be in violation of code. As a group the Far Northwest Coalition found this change of direction confusing. We had no problem giving our approval for a construction variance however final approval must be given by Columbus.

For most of 2006 Joe attended Columbus planning meetings for the Northwest area of the city. Prior to 2006 these plans had not been reviews since 1991. A new plan was put to paper late last year. Many of us in the Northwest and Far Northwest Coalitions still had issues and the city planner that we worked with went into private business and was replaced by Lori Baudro. Pressure was put on the city to hold four follow up planning sessions with those from the community coalitions. Lori Baudro held meetings on March 20, April 3, April 17 and May 1. The four major topics included State Route 161, Linworth Development, Recreation and Parks and Safety. Improvement of traffic along SR 161 from Olentangy River Road to Sawmill Road continues to be the hottest item but one which will see the least amount of attention. The city of Worthington will only support a three lane road for that portion of SR161 they control (east of Flora Villa Drive). The Ohio State University has 200 acres bordering the south side of SR 161 which is property controlled in part by the state, the University and the Schottenstein family. A map of who controls what looks like a checker board. OSU has told the city and community groups they will not consider any kind of planning for that land until 2009 or 2010. The University's position is that if anyone wants property along SR161 to look at Brookside Country Club for future development. Columbus' position continues to be one of before any improvements can be made to SR 161 a traffic study has to be completed. There are no funds for such a study until 2008. The study alone could take a year to eighteen months. Isn't politics wonderful?

## Handypeople Available

HANDYMAN -- Odd Jobs around the house, power washing, etc

Baby Sitting and Pet Sitting

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Beginner's Piano Lessons

Clyde Welch 614-571-8262

Kati McGuire 799-8625

Darby McMullen 889-1838

Emily Heskett 718-0056

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**

# **Treasurer's Report**

Thanks to everyone who helped make the membership drive such a success. 74% of the homes in the neighborhood participated, the majority donating the full fee. With the help of neighbor volunteers, selecting a specific week to collect dues, and an increased participation of homes we're now better equipped to plan a yearly budget. Thank you for the feedback and suggestions shared on your membership forms. The most consistent feedback is that we need to improve the snow removal. With our improved finances we hope to be able to pay for better services.

Thank you for the wonderful support of OUR neighborhood!

I would like to include a thanks to the collection volunteers. They were: Carla Wisard, Gwen Reiser, JoAnn Rosenberg, Lisa Eschelman, James Busch, Joe Macomber, Dana Berger, Theran Selph, Donna Locher, Kelly Dahn, Jennifer Wynne, Doug Kruest, Arthur Pellegrini, Terence Tabor and Arlene Olsen.

Wanda Boudinot

# **Parks**

. The Civic Association is currently looking into landscaping projects for the immediate future. In conjuncture with this we are also in need of a new Parks Person. If you are interested in this position, please email or call one of the current Civic Association members.