



Woods' Lore

Brookside Woods' Bi-monthly Newsletter

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Sept. 10, 2007 7:30 PM
The Pellegrini's home

www.brooksidewoods.org/

All neighbors welcome!

President's Report

I PAID MY DUES! WHAT'S HAPPENING

The dues collected were to be directed to improving the entrances, improving snow removal and repair infrastructure. I have retained Greenscapes Landscaping to design and, if approved by the board, provide new plants and signage for the 161 entrances. The project should be started by early fall. The changes will include new signs and a new entrances designs which retain the wall and include the following plants; Black Eyed Susan, Purple Coneflower, Green Gem Boxwood, Lillyturf, Gold Mop Falsecypress and Patriot Hosta. The designs will beautify the 161 entrances and will require very limited maintenance. Plant of the perennials will probably be delayed until spring to limit costs. The other entrances will be upgraded as funds allow.

Chip Mays, who has been responsible for mowing, will now assume responsibility for weeding and care of the entrances. The entrances except for 161 are now looking good.

Chip has made a proposal for snow removal with Brookside becoming an "A" rather than a "C" client. This will cost substantially more than in past years. If we have a bad winter we could run out of money. Until then we should have excellent snow removal. There will be little money left for any other expenditures. However, the 161 entrances will be a one time expense.

Parks

A Special Thank You

You may have noticed a new flag flying in Maplebrook Park. Our thanks to Jeff and Julie Rayis of 6680 Maplebrook for the donation of the new flag. Jeff and Julie run Flag Express.

Mark Gresham will be donating and installing a new net for the soccer goal at the city park. All you soccer players get out there and S-C-O-R-E! Thanks Mark.

Brookside Calendar

Sept 10, 2007

The annual Brookside Woods community at which new officers are elected/installed is usually held at the Hard Road library. Unfortunately both libraries are undergoing renovation and meeting space is not available. Art have tried to obtain space at schools and a church without success. So, the annual meeting will be held at Art's house 6882 Oakfair, beginning at 7:30. In the past attendance has been variable. If you plan to attend, please call Art (761-8547) or email him (apellegr@columbus.rr.com)

Far Northwest Coalition

The Far Northwest Coalition (FNWC) met for our regularly scheduled meeting at the Northwest Library on May 30. In attendance were Columbus City Attorney, Richard C. Pfeiffer and Assistant City Attorney, Stephen C. Dunbar. Also making a presentation to the FNWC was Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Executive Director, Jerry Borin.

Several questions were directed at Columbus Attorneys Rick Pfeiffer and Steve Dunbar. Inconsistent speed limits throughout the city; especially enforcement around residential areas; the status of the fourteen homes along Hard Road that have been scheduled for demolition and the enforcement of city codes regarding signs. Although most issues raised at our meeting could not be answered, concerns which are important to any of us should be submitted to the attorney's web site www.columbuscityattorney.org for further review and/or action.

Jerry Borin from the Columbus Zoo spoke at length about the many changes taking place at the zoo and surrounding property. First, the old Wyandotte Lake Water Park was repurchased from Six Flags in 2004. It was kept open as a water park in 2005 and 2005. Presently the old water park is gone and that area is being expanded from 17 acres to 32 acres of land and water fun. As many of you can see, the landmark roller coaster is staying. All construction for this part of the zoo should be completed by May of 2008. 2007 marks the 80th anniversary of the zoo. Asia Quest, the golf course and the new parking lot have already been completed. Powell Road relocation, the new outdoor park, front entrance and Polar Frontier will all be ongoing projects for 2007. Over \$160 million in capital improvements are scheduled over the next few years.

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

Although I've had no official reports of any crimes in the neighborhood for the past several months, someone did report that a neighbor had an intruder enter their home at night via the back door. I do not have confirmation on this but as a general rule; everyone should be making sure their downstairs is secure at night before they go to bed. I was told this person had multiple dogs that did not even bark. So don't assume your pet will alert you. If you have sliding doors, consider a special lock or a simple wooden stick cut to the right length can be very effective.

Another issue is "control your pet". I've had a confirmed report that a neighbor dog bit a resident while he was working in his yard. It is the responsibilities of all pet owners to control their pets. In this instance, the adult neighbor did go to the emergency room but was OK. But what if a child was involved? Do not let your pets roam free. If you do not have a fenced yard then use a tie up and restrain them to your yard. If you walk your pet, then use a leash. And it is your responsibility to clean up after your pet and not your neighbors. You may think you know your pet, but how many reports do you hear on the news about pets that out of the blue decide to attack someone? Just be smart and be safe and control your pet. And if your pet does do something, then be neighborly and apologize for it.

As always, a raised level of awareness and common sense are invaluable in preventing and minimizing crime and being safe. If something looks strange, then report it. Remember that you are to call the police first and then later, report it to me (safety@brooksidewoods.org).

Treasurer's Report

Dues continued to trickle in since the last newsletter and now 78% of neighbors have contributed to the membership fund. We are looking forward to being able to budget for some major projects and neighborhood improvements, the first to be landscaping the 161 entrances. We also anticipate having to pay more for snow removal this winter. We have incurred expenses in repairing the electrical/lighting of the Maplebrook Park which is an ongoing project.

Once again, thanks to all the neighbors who have paid their dues and to the volunteers who helped make this a successful process. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Wanda Boudinot

NOTE to new neighbors: please send information to Denise Badgley at dbadgley@columbus.rr.com so that the directory can be kept up to date. Any current neighbors who need to update existing information can send them to the same address.