



# Woods' Lore

Brookside Woods' Bi-monthly Newsletter

May - June 2008

## Brookside Woods Civic Association

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### NEXT BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2008 7:30 PM  
The Boulware's Home

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

All neighbors welcome!

## President's Report

Dear Brookside Woods Residents,

Carla Wisard did a superb job collecting dues from her neighbors on Amur Drive. Her route consisted of twenty one patrons, nineteen have already paid, the remaining two residents have promised to send in their dues as soon as possible!

The other volunteer collectors did a wonderful job as well. We all owe a great deal of thanks to Gwen Reiser, JoAnn Rosenberg, Steve and Linda Eschelmann, Mark Griffith, Sue Lally, Dana Berger, Theran Selph, Donna Locher, Kelley Dahn, Art and Catherine Pellegrini, Terence Tabor, and Brian Scott.

Two hundred ten residents have already paid their dues; we are waiting for the other eighty nine to do their part. IT TAKES ALL OF US!!!

Checks are to be made out to The Brookside Woods Civic Association, and may be dropped off or mailed to :

Mike Boulware  
2056 Thistlewood Drive  
Columbus, Ohio 43235

Our association works to keep our neighborhood a great place and that is reflected in our property values. We need one hundred per cent involvement in order to maintain the services our association provides. Two hundred ten of you realize the important work we have to do- the rest of us need to do our part as well.

Respectfully,  
Mike Boulware

# Brookside Calendar

July 14, 2008

BWCA Board Meeting, 7:30 pm. Everyone Welcome at Mike Boulware's House, look for the sign.

## Far Northwest Coalition

The Far Northwest Coalition (FNWC) met for its regularly scheduled meeting at St. Andrews Church on April 30. The homeowners located at 1945 Snouffer Road (corner of Linworth and Snouffer Roads) were to present to the FNWC for a building variance. Near Snouffer Road they presently have an outdoor utility shed which they wished to convert to a single car garage. They never made an appearance and after waiting for forty-five minutes we moved to adjourn.

We later received an email from the residents stating that they changed their mind about the project. I don't know many have noticed ground was finally broken by Preferred Real Estate Investments for 78 condominium units at 7331 Skyline Drive East. This property was originally zoned for commercial use. However, late last year the Far Northwest Coalition and Columbus approved the conversion of the 7 acres to residential. This property has been sought by several different developers over the past four years. The most recent developer, Centex Homes, left the Columbus area a year ago.

I would like to thank fellow "Thistlewood" resident Mark Griffith for attending the Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission Meeting for me. The results were an improvement over what we currently have on Snouffer Road.

- Joe Macomber

## Neighborhood Safety

Some of the sidewalks around the neighborhood are in need of repair. Be careful when walking or bicycling. Most people don't realize that it's not the city's job to fix the sidewalks but is the responsibility of the homeowner. I've actually had a relative here in Columbus that was issued a warning by the city to repair their sidewalk. Also as I walk around the neighborhood, I still see people leaving their garage doors open late at night.

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 made your report to the police, then when you have time, send me an email ([safety@brooksidewoods.org](mailto:safety@brooksidewoods.org)) so we can keep track of any problems.

# Handypeople Available

HANDYMAN -- Odd Jobs around the house, power washing, etc  
Baby Sitting and Pet Sitting  
Baby Sitting and Pet Sitting  
Beginner's PIANO Lessons  
LAWN MOWING and YARD WORK  
Spanish tutoring

Clyde Welch 614-571-8262  
Kati McGuire 799-8625  
Darby McMullen 889-1838  
Kelly Dahn 889-5260  
Louis Gresham 889-2890  
Tracy Wickom 389-1100

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.

## Treasurer's Report

Thank you to the neighbors who paid membership dues, and to those who went out and collected. Approximately 70% of the community supported the drive. For those of you who did not pay, it's not too late to support your community. If you either choose not to or are unable to for some reason, please let us know why. It may help us to better address your concerns.

Response to some issues addressed in the surveys:

We would like to have the garage sale support itself - the problem is not having the manpower to collect from participants. Simply finding volunteers to collect dues is a challenge. Suggestions?

Anyone who would like to look at the neighborhood financials in detail is welcome to. They are available at each of the meetings. It has been felt that printing them in the Woods Lore would make them too public.

This year, we will attempt to address the primary concern in the community, and that once again is snow removal. We have no major expenses in the budget before the next snow season. We also will be smarter about the upgraded service we enjoyed early in the season which left us short when the major storm hit.

Our goal is to approve a budget for the following year when we meet in September. Please plan to attend, or contact a board member beforehand if you have suggestions or comments. We're in the process of discussing future projects to improve the neighborhood.

Wanda Boudinot

# Garage Sale 2008

by Scott Fair (761-3175)

The 2008 garage sale was a success by most measures:

- While not perfect, the weather cooperated and did not impede attendance.
- Over 1,000 maps were distributed at the 2 entrances, and estimating an average number of people in each car was between 2 and 3, attendance for the sale was approximately 2,500 people.
- Based on my count, there were 71 houses that participated in the sale.
- Informal interviews of select homes reported higher than expected sales dollars.
- Advertising revenue doubled (ads printed on maps) to \$300 (special thanks to Mr. Mulch and Cam Taylor)

I want to thank all of the volunteers who participated in setting up, tearing down, and working traffic control posts. There were 18 volunteers that stepped up this year, and they did a great job. However, over 50 people were contacted and asked to volunteer 1.5 to 2 hours of their time, and we still had 3 traffic control slots open at the time of the sale. At one point, the effort to find volunteers required the solicitation of people while on walks around the neighborhood. It should not be this hard to find volunteers! Please consider volunteering next year, if for no other reason, to keep our streets safe from random volunteer solicitations.

While revenue increased this year, so did the expenses. 2 years ago, when the annual dues increased, we stopped collecting the nominal fee to houses holding sales, which is something that will need to be revisited by the board. The goal has historically been to break even, a reasonable goal.

I have served as the Garage Sale Czar for 2 years, and will follow in the tradition of past Czars to continue to be very involved going forward, but **we are looking for the next Garage Sale Czar**. I would estimate about 10 hours of pre-sale effort is needed (over 2 months), and pretty much the whole day of the sale. The steps needed to complete all of the Czar's responsibilities are well documented, and the role is very well supported. Feel free to contact me with questions regarding the role.

## *Thank You Scott!*

On behalf of the entire neighborhood, MANY THANKS from the Board to Scott Fair for all his efforts with the Garage Sale! He did another wonderful job this year.