

Walnut Grove Homes Association

News In A Nutshell
October 2011

WGHA President's Message...

I was walking the greenways a few weeks ago assessing the pathway replacement project that Greg Peterson managed over the summer (nice job Greg!) – but was saddened to see what some residents consider acceptable use of the common areas. I saw a fire pit and lawn chairs in one area, children's toys strewn about other areas, and the ground cover worn to mud where children have been playing and digging.

I have never supported restricting child play in the greenways – I even admire those kids willing to put down the game controller and get dirty once-in-awhile – but there has to be some consideration and respect for the common areas that belong to all residents of Walnut Grove.

It's a difficult position for the board – we cannot prove who has done what damage to the greenways, or who is responsible for littering toys about.

Not to ignore the positives – we can recognize those residents working hard to improve the condition and appearance of the greenways and circles: Gail and Mark Schmitt, Lori and Dave Platz, my wife Laurie, Julie Webber, and others I am sure to be omitting (please let me know about your involvement.) Of special note are all the residents of Winterset Circle – whom you should read about in Greg Peterson's article in this issue.

The WGHA Board is authorized to enact special assessments to cover costs of damages – but we prefer to first appeal to everyone's sense of personal and neighborly responsibility. If you or your children have littered or damaged the greenway – please begin clean up and restoration of the affected areas. We will be assessing the condition of the Greenways next spring and contacting individuals about remaining problems.

Please join us for Walnut Grove's Annual Bonfire
At Walnut Grove Park Saturday October 22nd, 2011 at
4:00 PM until 11:30 PM

There will be games and refreshments will be provided.
Please RSVP to Kathy McComb at kamccomb@tds.net
Make sure you bring a stick for roasting marshmallows!!!!

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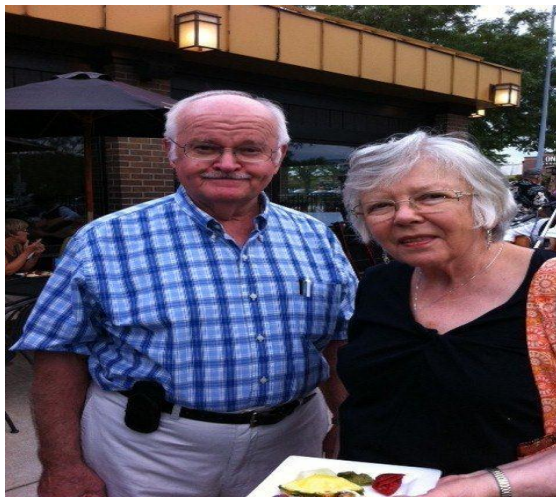


THANK YOU to Katie Lyons for putting together this year's Fourth of July parade at Walnut Grove Park!

A BIG thanks to Kathy McComb for organizing a GREAT neighborhood gathering at



Neighbors Working Together



Two circles have been awarded contributions for renovations this year. Greenhaven Circle and Winterset Circle and have recently begun work on their projects to improve the appearance of the circles.

Greenhaven Circle residents have planned improvements to the circle including new plantings, low maintenance mulch beds and removal of overgrown existing plantings. A circle work day was planned for Sunday October 9th complete with a cook-out and pot-luck.

Winterset Circle residents have been busy removing overgrown shrubs and a dying apple tree in preparation for new plantings. Their plan features a new tree, flowers and native grasses.

We look forward to seeing the results of their hard work! So keep an eye out!



Special thanks to Matt Schreiner, Randy Wade and Ken Sadeghian for their planning efforts and to all residents who's hard work has made these projects possible.

Truly a wonderful time was had by all who attended!

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

We are looking for new ACC committee members to review application requests. This volunteer opportunity has a very limited time commitment based on number of submissions throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more about this opportunity, please contact the ACC Chair, Denise Clearwood at 608.833.7446, pineclear@charter.net.”



Leaf and Yard Waste collections will start on October 3rd and continue for as long as the weather permits. For more detailed information



<http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/leaf/LeafWest.cfm>

Free Yard Mulch is still available at both
Garner Park (On Rosa Rd. just off
Mineral Point Rd.)
and
Elver Park (In the parking lot just off
McKenna Blvd.)

Etiquette and guidelines for the listserv

- ❖ Garage sales should only be posted for WG addresses.
- ❖ Advertising for business purposes should not be posted
- ❖ Self-promotion, consulting offers should not be posted
- ❖ Political campaign messages and/or issues advocacy should not be posted/ This is not to exclude, non-campaign city government related informational messages
- ❖ Religious messages should not be posted
- ❖ Posting that could be construed as defamatory, libelous, obscene or offensive by individuals, organizations or institutions should not be posted.
- ❖ Complaints about a neighbor/neighbors should not be posted

Fall Fun around Town

Hay Bales of Fun on Madison Parks Hayrides



Enjoy a crisp fall evening with a hayride in Madison Parks. Madison Parks is offering hayrides in [Elver](#) and [Olin](#) Parks and [Cherokee Marsh](#) this October and November. Perfect for scout troops,

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church groups, or family outings –
Madison Parks hayrides will treat your
group to a tour of a beautiful park and
enjoy a friendly campfire with 'smores.

REGISTRATION: Call Madison Parks Office
at (608) 266-4711

MORE INFORMATION: Go to
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/celebrate/hayrides.cfm>

Halloween at the Zoo



Dress up as your favorite goblin, ghoul or
witch and head to the Zoo for a safe
alternative to trick or treating. Halloween at
the Zoo is a celebration for the entire
community that includes free trick or
treating, a fun activity tent and live music.

Walk to each treat stop location to fill up
your bag with sustainable palm oil candy!

This helps orangutan conservation and
deforestation due to non-sustainable palm
oil production in Indonesia and Malaysia.

Entertainment includes face painting, a
bounce house, and Ken Longquist and the
Kenland Band.

Vilas Zoo, Sunday, October 23, 10:00am-
4:00pm

Downtown Madison Family Halloween



10/28 from 2 pm-5 pm

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The Downtown Madison Family
Halloween will offer a day of fun on State
Street and the Capitol Square on Friday,
October 28, 2011. Afternoon activities
for families and kids 12 and under
include Halloween magic shows, hayrides
around the Capitol Square, ghostly songs
and stories, festive Halloween family
portraits, trick or treating at participating
businesses, and more. Stay into the
evening for “Beakers and Broomsticks” at
the Madison Children’s Museum.

<http://www.visitdowntownmadison.com/FamilyHalloween>

HolidayFest Arts and Craft Show



12/ 3 at 9am through 3pm at Warner
Park Community Recreation Center over
100 crafters from around the area will be
selling their wares. There will be holiday
crafts, country crafts, wood crafts,
wreaths, baskets, jewelry and much, much
more.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/WPCRC/programs/HolidayFestCraftShow.cfm>

Lussier Community Center

Is offering a Play and Learn program which provides guided, play-based learning for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. The program runs every Tuesday from 1:00-3:00pm and is bilingual. Families can register on site. If you have young children or know someone who does, there is room for more families to join this wonderful program. For more information or questions, contact Christy or Jamie at 608-442-4161.

A little birdie told me Lussier Community Center was working on the possibility of a Winter Farmers Market. So be on the lookout for more information.



Looking for a new Newsletter Editor

To develop and write *News in the Nutshell*. The newsletter is published 3 times per year. If interested please contact Carrie Olson at 827-5266 or carrie.olson@yahoo.com

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