

THE WOODCREEK PROMULGATOR

January 2021

Newsletter Make Over

You might notice a change in the newsletter from previous editions. Our previous editor, Ed Floden, moved away from Woodcreek during 2020 and is no longer producing the newsletter. We will miss Ed's unique sense of humor and editorial prowess. We will try to make the newsletter informative at least, if not entertaining.

The Winter Meeting of the Association will be Tuesday, January 19 beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Send email to mbown1118@gmail.com to request Zoom meeting details.

WPOA Secretary Opening

WPOA officer positions for Vice President and Secretary are expiring and are up for election. The Secretary position, previously held by Ed Floden, is vacant - we need a volunteer to fill this position. Officer duties only take up a handful of hours a year of your time. The current officers have all held their positions for several terms, we need to get some new faces involved. If interested in either officer positions please contact one of the current officers (listed on last page). Elections for the two new officers will take place during the January meeting. All WPOA officer positions are 2 year terms, descriptions of the officer duties are available on the WPOA website (www.woodcreekmchenry.org)

Sign of the Times

After months of planning and deliberation we finally replaced all the street signs in the subdivision. The old signs were nearly 20 years old, falling apart and beyond repair. The new signs are attractive and maintenance-free. Thanks to Jerry Hawkinson for leading the replacement and installation efforts.



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WPOA Fee Increase

Two significant expenses this year forced us to exceed our budget and will result in having to increase association dues. In August a storm knocked down one of the willow trees into the pond on the common lot at the entrance. The cost to cut up and remove the tree was \$2500. The tree service informed us four other willows beside the pond were in similar condition and are at risk.



This unplanned expense, along with

the cost of replacing our street signs, will result in us having to increase the association dues for the next few years. Once we build up reserves to cover future risks we will review the yearly fee for reduction. The yearly association fee for a single lot will be \$150, a double lot is \$200. We regret having to make these increases but rising maintenance expenses left us no choice. The association fees had not been increased for 14 years.

Yearly Association Dues Notice

Included with this newsletter you'll find your annual association dues notice. Please remit your payment promptly, and before April 30. Any payments made after April 30 will have a \$15 Late Fee assessed. The late fee covers the time and effort to chase down and process delinquent payments. As always, if you have any questions regarding your dues please contact us

Local Elections

If the 2020 National elections left you wanting for more you're in luck. The April local elections will have races for City of McHenry Mayor, City Clerk and the unexpired term of our 4th Ward Alderman. Ryan Harding is currently our alderman and is running for re-election. In addition, School Board positions for Elementary District 15 and High School District 156 are open.

Notices and Advertisements

Woodcreek residents may place advertisements or list items for sale in the newsletter. If interested, contact mbown1118@gmail.com. We reserve the right to edit content.

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Association Meetings

Quarterly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the first month in each calendar quarter. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM. All neighborhood residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. During the pandemic we have been meeting virtually with Zoom meetings. If you'd like to attend a meeting, email Mike Bown at mbown1118@gmail.com to request an invite. In-person meetings are typically held at the McHenry Moose Lodge, 3555 N. Richmond Road.

- **January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom meeting**
- April 20, July 20 & October 19 at TBA (details to be announced at a later time)

WPOA Officers			Term End
President	Mike Bown	815.245.0956	Jan 2022
Vice President	Jerry Hawkinson	815.385.4696	Jan 2021
Treasurer	Gerry Stueckemann	815.344.7958	Jan 2022
Secretary	Vacant		Jan 2021
Park Commissioner	Peter Kim	253.355.0611	Jan 2022

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About the Woodcreek Promulgator

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