

When The Weather Outside Is Frightful: Time for the Winter Quarterly Meeting. **Lowdown On The Pond:** the in and out of the retention pond. **An Update On Building Permits:** a clarification. **On The Web Site:** reading material. **Quarterly Meetings:** you're invited. **Behind the Scenes:** the people.

WHEN THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL

AS WE'VE DONE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, the first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Dunnhill's, 1501 South Route 31, McHenry. There will be free appetizers and a cash bar. Come to the meeting, meet your neighbors, and talk about your community.

The Board of Directors positions of President, Treasurer, and Parks Director are up for election; want to volunteer? And we may need to raise your dues to cover expenditures; got an opinion?

The meeting will begin at 7 PM. Reservations are not needed; but we can better plan for the number of attendees if you let us know in advance that you are coming. Please use the "Contact Us" form on our web site <<http://www.WoodcreekMcHenry.org>>, or leave a message for the WPOA Secretary (Ed. Floden) at 815.403.1996.

Lowdown On The Pond

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED that the level of the retention pond — on Curran Road, in back of 6203 Ojibwa Lane — has been a bit low of late. This is because the boards covering the outlet culvert have been removed by the City of McHenry. The City was concerned that the outflow of the pond was insufficient; those boards were keeping the pond at level that the City deemed too high.

(In fact, there were a few instances in which the water entering the pond from the creek was too great, and an overflow occurred at the culvert.)

The lower level of the pond shouldn't cause any problems. What effect the new level has on the freezing of the pond this winter is not yet know; but the surface of the pond, which is often 75% covered by ice, may freeze even more this year. But ice skating on the pond will not be allowed, even if the ice is thick enough to support the weight.

An Update On Building Permits

IN THE PREVIOUS ISSUE of the *Woodcreek Promulgator*, we reported that the City of McHenry was no longer requiring the approval of a homeowner association before issuing a building permit. This is not quite the case.

On the application for the permit is the question “Did you get HOA approval?” The City will assume that your answer to this question is truthful; if you answer “yes”, the City will accept your veracity, but it will *not* check with your homeowners association to ascertain the correctness of your answer.

But if you’re planning to make a change to your property that does require a building permit, check with the Woodcreek Architectural Committee first!

On The Web Site

WE’RE ADDING NEW DOCUMENTS to the Association web site, WoodcreekMcHenry.org. This just in: the budget for 2009! See where your dues are going. You’ll find the important stuff on the “Documents” page (it’s listed on the left-hand menu).

Quarterly Meetings

The Board of Directors of the Woodcreek Property Owners Association holds its Quarterly Meeting on the third Tuesday of the first month in each calendar quarter. The first meeting for 2010 will be held on January 19 at Dunnhill’s. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

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Behind the Scenes

The Woodcreek Property Owners Association is *you*. We’re just the volunteers who do the busy work.

The WPOA web site is located at <<http://www.WoodcreekMcHenry.org>>. Our e-mail address is <wpoa@WoodcreekMcHenry.org>. If you need to mail something to us, send it to WPOA, P.O. Box 721, McHenry, Illinois 60051-0721.

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