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MEET THE NEW BOSS: SAME AS THE OLD BOSS

EVERY YEAR AT THE AUTUMN MEETING of the Woodcreek Property Owners Association, two or three of the Board of Directors positions are up for re-election to two-year terms. Nominations are made for those positions, and a election is held immediately afterward. The new directors assume their duties at the Winter meeting in the following January.

At the October 2009 meeting, the positions of President, Treasurer, and Parks Commissioner were expiring; and the incumbents – Mike Bown, Gerry Stueckemann, and Bill Conley – were re-elected. The offices of the Vice President (Jerry Hawkinson) and Secretary (Ed. Floden) are up for re-election this year (2010).

Have you ever thought about having a say in the running of Woodcreek? Why not consider becoming an officer of the Board of Directors? Any Association member who attends the October meeting may nominate a candidate for office, and vote for the candidates.

As a homeowners association, WPOA is required to have a Board of Directors to manage the assets and services of the Association. The members of your Board of Directors are volunteers; they are not paid for their time. If we cannot find Association members to serve on the Board, we would need to hire a management company; and a management company wouldn't work for free.

Comics Section



Due You Know?

THE NOTICE FOR YOUR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES accompanies this issue of the *Woodcreek Promulgator*, and you'll notice that we've kept the dues to the same amount as last year, despite our spending \$700 over what we'd budgeted for last year.

Not that the Association is running out of money; we've a cushion for unexpected expenses. But please send in your payment as soon as possible: the deadline is June 30.

Around the 'Creek

IF YOU LIVED IN WOODCREEK PRIOR TO 2010, you may have noticed that at the intersection of Ojibwa Lane and Curran Road (formerly Draper Road, but that's another story) the oncoming traffic from the south has been hard to see, because of the **overgrown brush** on the west side of Curran Road.

Rick Johnson contacted our alderman, Geoffrey Blake, and suddenly, there was a City crew out there, whacking the bushes! (*Thanks to Rick for the photographs.*)



Now you don't need to pull into the intersection as far, just to see if there's a northbound vehicle.

And, another "**SPEED LIMIT 35**" sign was posted on southbound Curran, just south of Chickaloon Drive.

Ojibwa Lane is scheduled for resurfacing this year, possibly in May or June. As this roadway is wider than normal, a pedestrian/bicycle lane might be marked on the pavement. (Yes, there are people here who don't always use a car.)

The **retention pond**, mentioned in our last issue, remains a concern. Since the City removed the gate at the pond's outlet, the level of the pond has been abnormally low, exposing the erosion control blanket around the sides of the pond. Because the pond was designed to maintain a higher water level than it now has, the blanket may not be adequately protecting the banks of the pond. We are asking the City for a clarification on the water level; we would like to keep it higher, of course. However, the blanket needs to be replaced; we have estimated that cost at approximately \$3300.

Looking Good in the Neighborhood

SPRING IS HERE, and once the snow has melted on your lawn, please take some time to look around your property. The maintenance of your lot is the concern of everyone in Woodcreek, and the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions does state "All lots...shall be maintained in such manner as to prevent their becoming unsightly, unsanitary, or a hazard to health".

What's the condition of your mailbox? Did it get a little bent from the snow flying off a passing plow? Straighten it up! If your mailbox isn't doing what it should – protecting your mail – consider replacing it with a new one.

If you're planning a remodeling project this year, especially if you'll be changing the exterior of your house or a feature that is outside, be certain to contact the Architectural Committee (call Jerry Hawkinson, Vice President of the WPOA). Alterations to the exterior of your house require the approval of the Committee.

Community Events

WHAT DO YOU want to do this year in Woodcreek?

We've asked this question every spring for the past few years, but we never seem to get many answers, or interest.

The Association used to hold an annual picnic, and bonfire; events which anyone in the Woodcreek community could attend. We've even held a weekend garage sale in conjunction with a sale in Glacier Ridge.

But in the past five years or so, few members seem to have any desire to meet their neighbors at a local gathering. Even the past two Winter Quarter Meetings, which were held at Dunnhill's, were lightly attended. And last year, we offered \$300 to anyone who wanted to organize a "cul-de-sac" party. We had no takers (but you probably guessed that).

So we're asking (maybe, for the last time): what events could we hold for the Woodcreek community? When should we schedule them? And would you attend those events?

Please tell us! Send e-mail to wpoa@WoodcreekMcHenry.org. Send snail mail to WPOA, P.O. Box 721, McHenry, Illinois 60051-0721. Or call one of the Directors (you'll find their telephone numbers on the back page).

What *do* you want?

Quarterly Meetings

Ever wanted to see sausage made? Then attend a meeting of the Woodcreek Property Owners Association Board of Directors! See Robert’s Rules of Order thrown out of the window! Hear discussions of items that will cost you money! Eat a cookie or two!

If you would like to know what’s happening in Woodcreek, and what you can do to keep it a nice place to live, come to a meeting! Otherwise, we’ll legislate without you!

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 meetings for the remainder of 2010:

- ★ **April 20**, at the home of Gerry Stueckemann, 6630 Hayward Court.
- ★ **July 20**, at the home of Heide Oravetz, 6522 Sycamore Court.
- ★ **October 19**, at the home of Mike Bown, 1118 Matanuska Trail.

Behind the Scenes

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

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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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