

**Through the Nose:** Due the right thing. **A Few Good Minutes:** What you missed. **Take Out the Trash:** Waste collection and information. **We Want You!:** We're here. Where are you? **Quarterly Meetings:** come on down! **Behind the Scenes:** the cabal.

# THROUGH THE NOSE

...is how you'll be paying in 2011, since the City of McHenry has decided that they need more of your money and the State of Illinois wants a bigger chunk of whatever's left after you buy your groceries and pay tribute to the oil gods. And they said that taxation *without* representation was bad [insert rimshot here].

But fortunately, your Woodcreek Property Owners Association dues haven't changed; they're the same as last year, because we haven't overspent our funds. Darn, did I just jinx us? Sorry about that.

Your Association dues notice is enclosed with this issue of the *Promulgator*; but you probably already noticed that. Please read it carefully, as there may be a quiz. And if you find an error on your notice, please notify us via e-mail or telephone; see the contact information on page 4.



## A Few Good Minutes

For the 90% of Woodcreek owners who did not attend the "big" meeting on January 18, here's a summary of that gathering:

- The retention pond continues to be a major concern. As we've mentioned before, the lowered level (forced upon us by the City of McHenry, et al.) has caused the banks of the pond to be exposed, and we need to find a way to protect them. President Mike Bown will be contacting the McHenry County Soil & Water Conservation Group, for suggestions. The Conleys (BLC Landscaping) will see what plants might possibly be used to retain the soil.
- The "Children Playing" sign on Ojibwa Lane (near 6504) is missing. The City of McHenry will replace it.
- There's a new owner in Woodcreek: Shawn Flynn, at 6502 Sycamore Court. Hi, Shawn!
- You may have noticed that no Christmas decorations were placed at the entrance sign last year. Blame the weather! The extreme cold came too early in December, making the work too difficult.
- Our street signs will be repainted this year. From a distance, they may not appear too weathered; but up close, you can see that they need work.
- The dead trees behind the entrance sign are actually on the property at 1315 Curran Road (the

Pioneer Center house), and we need to get permission from Pioneer before we can remove those trees. We'll also be removing the dead tree at the retention pond.

- We will be asking for competitive quotations from local landscaping firms, such as Harms Farm. Not that BLC Landscaping is doing a bad job, but we want to make a comparison with other companies.
  - A possibility exists that President Mike Bown may be moving out of Woodcreek later this year, due to changes in his day job. Hey, guys and girls! Wanna be President? Elections are this October!
  - Association expenses were down in 2010, despite a rise in the cost of post office box rental, and the purchase of stationery and envelopes.
  - The budget for 2011 was accepted. You can find a copy of it on the website, on the Documents page (it's a PDF).
  - A question arose regarding the storage of Association data. We have a lot of paper records that are not legally important enough to keep in our safety deposit box; but where and how can we store this other data for easy access? Currently, each of the Board officers maintains their own set of records and data. A suggestion was made that we purchase a notebook computer, and use it to maintain a copy of the data (a backup would kept on an external disk).
  - Related to the previous item, all Association documents should be scanned, for eventual inclusion into the data repository – whatever it may be.
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## Take Out the Trash

In 2011, [MDC Environmental Services](#) (a.k.a. Marengo Disposal) will not be collecting trash on the Mondays of May 30 (Memorial Day), July 4 (Independence Day), or September 5 (Labor Day). The trash pickup for those days will occur one day later, on Tuesday.

There *will* be pickups on February 21 (President's Day), October 10 (Columbus Day), and October 31 (Halloween).

**What's Recyclable?** You don't need to separate your recyclable material: just place it all into your recycling tote.

- Newspapers and their inserts
  - Chipboard, such as cereal boxes and pop cases
  - Magazines, catalogs, and telephone books
  - Office paper, school paper, junk mail
  - Paper grocery bags
  - Corrugated cardboard (but please cut them down to 2' x 2' in size, and bundle together)
  - Plastic items with codes 1 through 7 (just about everything)
  - Glass bottles and jars: clear, green, or brown
  - Aluminum and "tin" cans
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**What's Isn't Recyclable?** Tissue paper, aluminum foil, plastic bags (you can usually bring those back to the store, especially if you shop at Jewel or Meijer), ceramic, china, light bulbs, Styrofoam®, or six-pack rings.

If you have CFL bulbs or batteries, you can recycle those at Bjorkman's Ace Hardware on Crystal Lake Road. Or you can wait for the next [McHenry Township Recycling Day](#) on Saturday, April 16, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

RESIN CODE	POLYMER NAME & ABBREVIATION	ORIGINAL USES	RECYCLED USES
	Polyethylene Terephthalate PETE or PET	Soft Drink Bottles Mouthwash Bottles Peanut Butter Jars	Industrial Strapping Automotive Bumpers Luggage
	High-Density Polyethylene HDPE	Milk Jugs Retail Bags Yogurt Containers	Playground Equipment Mailbox Posts Liquid Laundry Bottles
	Polyvinyl Chloride PVC or V	Shampoo Bottles Medical Tubing Window Cleaner Bottles	Binders/Notebooks Automotive Mudflaps Speed Bumps
	Low-Density Polyethylene LDPE	Squeezable Bottles Dry Cleaning Bags Frozen Food Bags	Garbage Can Liners 6-Pack Rings Shipping Envelopes
	Polypropylene PP	Straws Medicine Bottles Syrup Bottles	Automotive Ice Scrapers Bicycle Racks Lawn Rakes
	Polystyrene PS	Dinnerware Egg Cartons Compact Disc Jackets	Light Switch Plates Cafeteria Trays Video Cassettes
	Acrylic, Nylon, Fiberglass Other or O	3 & 5-Gallon Water Bottles	Plastic Lumber

## We Want You!

...to attend the quarterly meetings of the Woodcreek Property Owners Association. We Want You to participate in the discussions and decisions that affect your home. We Want You to be a member of the Board of Directors.

Woodcreek has 68 homes. But on average, less than 10% of those homes are represented at a meeting of the WPOA. Often, the only attendees are the five members of the Board of Directors plus two or three other interested homeowners. These people are making decisions that affect you; and your opinion counts for little, if anything at all.

Sure, we get your complaints and concerns, and evaluate them at the Board meetings. But without you there, we may not be getting the information and feedback that we need to make the best decisions.

This is *your* Association. Come to the meetings. Find out what are the concerns of Woodcreek, and

participate in the management of those concerns. And if you don't like the job that the Board of Directors is doing, consider running for a position on the Board – this year, you could be President! Or Treasurer! Or Parks Commissioner! – and do something about Woodcreek.

If you have any questions about what a Woodcreek officer does, just ask them. Send us e-mail, or call. Better yet, show up at the next meeting. No reservation required.

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## 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.

- ★ **April 19, 2011**, at the home of Mike Bown, 1118 Matanuska Trail.
- ★ **July 19, 2011**, at the home of Jerry and Dick Stueckemann, 6630 Hayward Court.
- ★ **October 18, 2011**, at the home of Bill and Linda Conley, 6614 Matanuska Trail.
- ★ **January 17, 2011**, at Dunnhills, 1501 S. Route 31 (tentative).

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## Behind the Scenes

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

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