

**Spring Is Here:** But winter won't leave. **The Cabal Gathers:** Notes from the First Quarter meeting. **State of the Economy:** humor. **Classified:** Items for sale. **The Association:** We are the Lollipop Guild.

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# SPRING IS HERE

...according to the calendar, even if the weather seems to be about one month behind expectations.

Anyway, **clean up your yard.** Fix your mailbox. Get rid of that stuff that you don't want and don't need (our pickup day for the City Spring Cleanup is May 16). Try to ignore the dandelions (They're everywhere! They're everywhere!). In other words, greet the sun and your neighbors with a cheery smile and the hope that everything improves.

Six owners still haven't paid their **Associations dues** for 2011; they'll find yet another notice enclosed with this issue of the *Promulgator*.

The City of McHenry will be **175 years old** on May 10. A good reason to party on a Tuesday.

There will be **no trash pickup** on Monday, May 30.

Geoffrey Blake — **Alderman, Ward 4** (you are here) — was reelected.

**Neighborhood Activities:** remember those? We're still looking for some. Make a suggestion, especially if you already have a few households interested. A meet and greet at a picnic would be nice. And with fewer children around...

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## The Cabal Gathers

On the cold and rainy evening of April 19, a few brave souls ventured forth to the castle of Lord Bown for the quarterly meeting of the Woodcreek Property Owners Association. Herewith, a summation of their musings:

- What are the responsibilities of owners regarding downed trees and limbs? We haven't encountered any problems with these, but the consensus is "if the tree grew on your property, you should remove the fallen pieces".
- The Pond. After much consultation with many people, we have decided to *not* attempt to "improve" the retention pond through landscaping and the installation of plants. The pond banks do not appear to be degrading, and the pond level seems to have stabilized at a point that is higher than last year's low level. So for 2011, we're just observing the pond conditions to see how they change. The advice that we've received is that we shouldn't need to add plants to the banks, that natural growth should occur and anchor the sides. We might need to cut the vegetation monthly.
- We did ask some local landscaping companies for their estimate of the cost to maintain the

Woodcreek common areas. All of the estimates were higher than what we currently pay to BLC Landscaping; so we're not changing companies.

- No crimes have been reported in Woodcreek.
- The City of McHenry will not be resurfacing any streets this year, and might not resurface any next year.
- President Mike Bown asked Gary Afeld about painting our street signs; Gary declined to bid on the project, and suggested Rob Fry (he did the "McHenry Welcomes You" signs, among others). Fry's bid ranges from \$1608 to \$1920, depending on the work (see the document "Signs by Fry", available on the Woodcreek website). We do have a competing bid of \$1000.
- The locations of the July and October meetings have changed again. Please see the last page of this newsletter.
- Old news, but worth repeating: the City of McHenry is not enforcing homeowner association rules; the permit application for improvement projects asks if you've received approval from your association, but the City will not confirm your answer (assuming that you answered "yes"). However, the Architectural Committee may still need to approve your project, and if you fail to receive the Committee's approval you can be sued for non-compliance.
- Homeowners who are in arrears of Association dues will have a lien placed on their property; the cost of that lien must be paid by the owner when they finally pay their Association dues. For homes that are in foreclosure, the foreclosing bank will need to pay the delinquent dues and the cost of the lien.

## State of the Economy



## Classifieds

Got something to sell? Want to buy something? Advertise your services? Send your information to [wpoa@WoodcreekMcHenry.org](mailto:wpoa@WoodcreekMcHenry.org), and we'll publish it on the Association website, and include it in the *Woodcreek Promulgator* if your advertisement is still valid at the time of our next publication (the first week of the month following a quarterly meeting; the next issue is August).

### For Sale: 1997 Bryant 182 Limited



18-Foot Bow Rider — 8-Foot Beam — 4.3L V6 — 250 Hours • GARMIN COLOR GPS MAP / FISH FINDER • Kenwood AM/FM Radio with 6 Speakers • Standard Horizon Marine VHF Radio • Ritchie Compass • Removable Cooler • Bimini Top, Bow and Cockpit Covers • Sunbrella Canvas Top • Full Boat Cover • Bryant Trailer with Swing Tongue and Brakes • PLUS MANY EXTRAS

**Asking \$10,500.** Call Dave at 1-815-814-0403.

You can see photographs of the actual boat on the Woodcreek website (under “Items for sale”); or just drive down the street to 6207 Ojibwa Lane.

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## The Association

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.

- ★ **July 19, 2011**, at the home of Bill Conley, 6614 Matanuska Trail.
- ★ **October 18, 2011**, at the home of Jerry Hawkinson, 6615 Sycamore Court.
- ★ **January 17, 2012**, at Dunnhills, 1501 S. Route 31 (tentative).

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