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NOWHERE TO GO

The next meeting of the Woodcreek Property Owners Association will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. But *where* that meeting will be, is up in the air. Our usual location, at Firewood Restaurant & Sports Lounge, will not be available: the restaurant unexpectedly closed on December 30th. We didn't know that until the *Northwest Herald* published a story on January 2nd.

So we're looking for a new location. If you have a suggestion for a meeting place, contact a Woodcreek officer. You can find contact information on the back page. Our preference is for a local restaurant with a meeting space: Marzano's (we've held our annual meeting there, before)? Village Squire? Windhill Pancake Parlor? Or maybe at your house?

We'll post information of the meeting location on our website, WoodcreekMcHenry.org, and on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/WoodcreekPOA>) and Facebook (<http://facebook.com/WoodcreekMcHenry>).

WHOLE LOTTA CHANGES GOIN' ON

If you've been reading *The Woodcreek Promulgator*, then you should know that in next year (2017) we can make modifications to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (a.k.a. 'the CCR'). To that end, we're working on a CCR Action Plan; and we need volunteers to work on the CCR changes. We intend to name the members of the CCR committee at the January meeting — so please attend, and we may not appoint you to the committee.

In fact, there is currently a debate about an owner's request to install a dog run. The CCRs do not specifically mention such a purpose; its size and location are still to be determined. This is one of the items that ought to be addressed in the CCR changes for next year... with your help.

BERM-A SHAVE, OR IT'S THE PIT

On Thursday, November 5, 2015 there was a meeting at Meyer Material (a.k.a. Aggregate Industries US) with three representatives of Meyer (Randi Wille, Director of Land & Environment, Mid-America Region; Pat Pfeiffer, Plant Manager; and Frank O'Laughlin, Regional Environmental Advisor) plus Ryan Schwalenberg (Director of Construction and

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Neighborhood Services)from the City of McHenry. Woodcreek was represented by Dick Stueckemann and Mike Swanson, and there was also two gentleman representing the Burning Tree subdivision.

This meeting was first suggested by Randi Wille, after he had received a visit from the City of McHenry regarding complaints of dust at the Burning Tree subdivision boundary. Randi explained that Meyer was stripping land and backfilling along the southern property line.

The windy days in the first half of October contributed to the problem. At least one Woodcreek resident complained that she needed to keep her windows closed because the dust was so prevalent; and an investigation by Mike Swanson concluded that the fast movement of trucks on the dirt roadways was a big producer of the dust. Mike suggested to Randi that trucks drive less quickly, and perhaps the roadway should be sprayed with water to minimize the raising of dust.

At the meeting, Pat Pfeiffer told the participants that they shouldn't see that much dust again; he said that he would shut down operations for the day, if necessary.

In the spring of 2016, Meyer will be mining in the east/west tree line between Woodcreek and Glacier Ridge, starting at the west end and moving east towards Glacier Ridge. A crusher will be moved into the area, which is expected to increase the noise there.

Randi Wille said that if we have any questions or concerns about pit operations, we should call him on his mobile phone at 847.417.2658.

Allen Miller, the General Manager of the Aggregate Division, did not attend this meeting. He is retiring at the end of the 2015 mining season.

[Thanks to Mike Swanson for his meeting report, and to Gerry Stueckemann for her contribution.]

IN-AND-OUT

Welcome to Daniel and Kristen Kroening, the new occupants of **6613 Hayward Court**.

6107 Ojibwa Lane has finally been sold, to Melissa Van Treek. We don't have any more information on the sale.

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FROM THE FOURTH QUARTER MEETING

(The meeting took place on October 20, 2015, so some of this information may have changed.)

6107 Ojibwa Lane has not yet been sold.

There have been complaints to the City of McHenry, from Burning Tree, about dust from the gravel pit. A meeting with Meyer Material is being planned; Mike Bown will follow up.

Jerry Hawkinson replaced the vandalized street sign at Ojibwa Lane and Matanuska Trail, and repaired the signs at Curran Road and at Pin Oak Court. Suggestions were made on the preservation of the street signs: a clear coating of marine varnish? And, if Woodcreek were to abandon the maintenance of its street signs, would the City of McHenry install its own signs?

Blue doggie waste bags have been found in the west end. While we're grateful that there's a dog owner who is cleaning up after their pet, we'd really appreciate it if they would take the bags home and put them in the trash instead of dropping them on someone's lawn.

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THE ASSOCIATION

Quarterly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the first month in each calendar quarter.

- ★ **January 19**
- ★ **April 19**
- ★ **July 19**
- ★ **October 18**

Meeting locations to be determined.

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