

THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Meet the New Boss; Same as the Old Boss

On the evening of Tuesday, October 16th, 2007, the Woodcreek Property Owners Association Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”, because I’m too lazy to to type *that* whole phrase again) held yet another quarterly meeting. All of the Board members were present when the meeting began at Mike Bown’s house; but unknownst to those in the room, the spectre of change was hovering nearby. Something was going to happen... but for good, or for evil?

Coup d’Etat?

In our last exciting episode, we reported that several of the Board positions were up for election: the President, the Treasurer, and the Parks Director. While we would like to report that a knock-down, drag-out, free-for-all meleé occurred as several members of the Association displayed their eagerness to assume the mantles of responsibility for all things Associative, we cannot make such a report because no such violence occurred, darn it. People got nominated, nominations were seconded, and persons were elected. Bor-ing!

After several hours of exit polls and interviews with pundits, the election results were finally made available. Bill Conley continues as Parks Director, probably because he’s the only guy around here with a green thumb. But stunningly, Terry Mondy was soundly defeated for the position of Treasurer! The new money-counter is Heide Oravetz, who swears that her calculator has batteries.

In the previous administration, Jerry Hawkinson was the President, and Mike Bown was the Vice-President. But despite efforts to relegate them to the dustbin of history, they are still with us. A quick game of musical chairs was played, and Mike Bown is now the President, and Jerry Hawkinson is now the Vice-President. World opinion on this shift of power is still coming in; but we expect Victor Chavez, the President of Venezuela, to denounce the new alignment as “more of the same”.

Oh, yeah: Ed. Floden will continue his duties as Secretary, maintaing the website, mailing stuff to the members of the Association, and writing satirical prose for the newsletter.

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! **PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!**

The Association hasn’t held any events in the past year, due to lack of member interest. So we (that means *you*) have a really nice nest egg sittin’ here in the bank, and wouldn’t you really like to have a party?

So here’s the deal: how about a get-together that’s *inside*, out of the cold, with free appetizers, soda, and a cash bar? At Dunnhills, no less? (That’s the place on Route 31, south of Prime Parkway.)

We’re planning to to hold the next Board meeting there on January 15th, but we need to get an idea of how many people to expect. Oh, and did I mention that we may have prizes for lucky attendees? Hmm?

With this newsletter you’ll find a postcard, pre-addressed and pre-paid, with a couple of questions: how many people will there be in your party? and what is your address? Just fill-in-the-blanks, and drop that card in the mailbox today. Then, on January 15th, c’mon to Dunnhill’s and meet your neighbors! And maybe you’ll win something nice, like dinner at a local restaurant.

Check the WPOA website <<http://www.WoodcreekMcHenry.org>> for updates.

Around the Creek

A few items of which you ought to be aware. If you've got an opinion, please communicate with one of the Board members.

- We're thinking about getting some good (as in 'commercial-grade') illumination for the sign at Ojibwa Lane and Curran Road. Not that the pizza delivery people have been getting lost trying to find Woodcreek, but well-lit sign reminds the riff-raff that we're not a hole-in-the-wall subdivision.
- Thanks to BLC Landscaping for the new holiday theme around the entrance sign.
- Woodcreek is *not* an industrial park. While we have little objection to home-based businesses, please remember that Woodcreek is a residential neighborhood, not a commercial property.
- This newsletter is published only quarterly, but that doesn't mean that we don't have news for you during the months in-between. Please check our website <<http://www.WoodcreekMcHenry.org>>, for current news. And if you would like to be notified when changes are made on the website, please use the 'contact us' form on the site and ask to be added to our e-mail notification list.
- Yes, it's that reminder again:

Article V, Section 5: "Temporary Structures. No trailer, mobile home, recreational vehicle, tent, shack or temporary building shall be exteriorly stored on any lot at any time."

If you need a copy of the Declaration of Covenants, etc., you can download one from the Association website. Click on the "Documents" link in the menu.

- If you have a dog, please keep it confined to your property unless it's on a lease. And even then, please clean up after your dog.
- The speed limit on all roads in Woodcreek is 25 MPH, including the downhill section of eastbound Ojibwa Lane. Don't wait for an ice storm to tell you that you were traveling too quickly when you tried to stop at Curran Road.

More Party Time?

- How about a late spring party? Nothing fancy: we'll rent a big grill, and BYO whatever you want.
- Other options for "getting together": a cookie exchange; a "progressive dinner" (start at one house, and move to a different house for the next course).

WPOA Meetings

Tuesday, January 16th, 2008

at Dunnhill's, 1501 S. Route 31, McHenry (next to the Hampton Inn)

Tuesday, April 16th, 2008

Location to be determined.

Tuesday, July 5th, 2008

at Jerry Conley's.

Tuesday, October 13th, 2008

Location to be determined.

The meetings will begin at 7:00 PM. All Woodcreek property owners are welcome to attend. Please contact Ed. Floden, the WPOA Secretary, at 815.363.4701 (leave a message if he doesn't answer

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