
Woodland Park Newsletter

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Letter From the President

The Woodland Park Improvement Association, its officers and directors, wish you a prosperous and enjoyable 1996. The Association, which exists to promote and maintain the residential character and quality of our neighborhood, is made up of all of the residents of the Woodland Park Subdivision, which is bordered by Woodward Avenue on the east, Pinecrest on the west, Oakridge on the north, and the north side of Lewiston between Livernois and Woodward as its southern boundary. For seven decades, the Association has provided snow removal; aggressively fought against attempts to rezone portions of the neighborhood as commercial; fought in court to safeguard the residential quality of the neighborhood which contributes to its desirability and high resale

value; and has sought to promote a sense of common good and commitment to our neighborhood which helps to make it such a pleasant place to live.

The officers and directors who work to make the Association effective are all volunteers. In order to keep this organization vital and able to work to preserve the neighborhood, it is essential that every resident and member pay the very low annual dues of \$12.00 per household. Your block director will shortly be asking you to make your annual dues payment. Please do so promptly. Residents of Lewiston, please take note: you are without a block director again this year. We need someone to step forward and take over this responsibility. It takes very little time, and will help preserve your home investment.

Consider what the neighborhood would be like if there had been no Association over the past 70 years: a commercial strip that would extend at least two houses deep into the neighborhood west of Woodward; one way streets; commercial parking lots west of Woodward; and all of the alleys closed off for commercial use. All of these ideas have been proposed for our neighborhood; all have successfully been stopped by the Association.

Our annual meeting is February 29, at 7:00 pm in the music room at Roosevelt School; we hope to see all of you there.

Lyle Russell

ANNUAL MEETING

If you missed the above paragraph, the 1996 annual meeting of the Woodland Park Improvement Association will be

on Thursday, February 29, 1996, at 7:00 pm in the music room of Roosevelt School. Please plan to attend. Our annual election of officers and directors will take place at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Eric Shapiro continues to do an excellent job with the treasury. At the beginning of this year, our treasury had a balance of about \$3,000.00, most of which will be appropriated for snow removal. We check competitive prices for snow removal every year. Most services charge by the house, at prices ranging from \$35.00 - \$75.00 each winter. While our arrangement is a bargain, and although the treasury is in good condition, the failure of Lewiston to find a block director is a problem. The Association will have to consider whether to continue to provide snow removal if someone does not step forward.

Summer Party

Frank Fernandez assumes the director's chair for the 1996 summer party, to be held on about the third Wednesday in June, depending on weather and the last scheduled day of school for the Roosevelt School. Frank will be sending an

announcement out in the spring detailing the schedule.

A warm "thank you" is due to Bill and Carol Frederick and all those who helped them for reviving our annual summer party, beginning in 1989. After an absence of several years, the Fredericks organized and ran the party every summer through 1995, a difficult and time-consuming job.

Once again, local merchants made the party possible at greatly reduced expense to the Association. We encourage you to patronize the following businesses, whose contributions make the summer party possible: the Western Market, Wetmore's, Battels, Mel Farr Ford, Aetheria, Foodland, Tony's Sports Bar, Alpha Services, PianoWorks, Jeffrey's Restaurant, WOMC, Witbeck Appliance. The Ferndale Police Department, as it has been in past years, was generous with both its time and resources.

The Woodland Park Improvement Association

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Annual Meeting

Yes, it's time for that rarest of events, our annual meeting. This year, our annual meeting will take place on Thursday, February 29, at 7:00 pm, in the Roosevelt School band room. Leap to your calendar right now and mark this unusual event!

Questions About the Annual Meeting?

See page 3 for full details.