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## Officers

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| President . . . . .                      | Karen Breen-Bondie .      | 657 W. Drayton . . | 399-2607 |
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| Treasurer . . . . .                      | Eric Shapiro . . . . .    | 429 W. Drayton . . | 398-7886 |

## Block Directors

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| Upper Oakridge 414-671 . . . .   | Katrina Collins . . . . . | 550 W. Oakridge . . | 547-0609 |
| Lower Oakridge 225-391 . . . .   | Mary Ann Page . . . . .   | 341 W. Oakridge . . | 541-9014 |
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| Lower Drayton 215-413 . . . .    | Darcey McLaughlin . .     | 241 W. Drayton . .  | 542-4682 |
| Upper Woodland 415-671 . . . .   | Bill & Carol Frederick    | 640 W. Woodland     | 547-9389 |
| Lower Woodland 151-393 . . . .   | Phil & Carol Kauffman     | 225 W. Woodland     | 545-3354 |
| Upper Maplehurst 415-667 . . . . | Ken Kamerschen . . . .    | 578 W. Maplehurst   | 544-7481 |
| Lower Maplehurst 156-391 . . . . | Beth Breneau . . . . .    | 304 W. Maplehurst   | 541-4489 |
| Maplehurst Even Nos. . . . .     | Allen Liggett . . . . .   | 390 W. Maplehurst   | 541-0494 |
| Lower Lewiston 156-490 . . . .   | Dale Gaden . . . . .      | 430 W. Lewiston . . | 541-1889 |

Please note that Livernois is the dividing point of upper and lower addresses

## Haven't Paid Your Dues Yet?

Just "mosey" on over to the Block Party and find ANY block captain or officer and present them with your check in the amount of \$12. You can spot us by looking for the BRIGHT YELLOW NAMETAGS we'll be wearing!

This gives you the perfect opportunity to support our great Association.

## Neighborhood Job Postings

Are you or your children interested in earning extra money? Can you provide lawn cutting, babysitting or snow removal services for your neighbors? If you would like to have your name advertised in the next issue of **homestead**, please contact Karen Breen-Bondie at 399.2607 or e-mail kbbondie@aol.com.

## WPIA Annual Meeting Notes

Our guest speaker, Dwayne McLachlan, Ferndale assessor, noted that property values increased 45% in the last five years. A comprehensive handout accompanied his presentation.

Ellen Hill, after serving many years as Association secretary, stepped down. Darcey McLaughlin was voted in as her replacement. All other board members remained unchanged.

Katrina Collins presented changes to the Association's By-Laws, which were approved unanimously.

Thank you Dwayne, Ellen, Darcey and Katrina for your participation! We hope to see more residents at next year's March meeting.

Hopefully, I'm doing something right. Are my newsletters keeping everyone too apprised, perhaps? Does it pain you to hear, as much as it did for me to see, only a dozen residents present at our annual meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>?

It's a fact: Association involvement has dwindled significantly. WHY? What can we do about it?

Karen Breen-Bondie  
President

## Block Party - Wed., June 16th

This year's Block Party is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (rain date, June 17<sup>th</sup>). See the enclosed flyer for details.

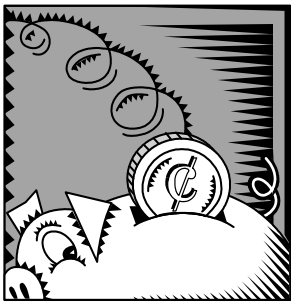
Please bring enough servings to feed 25 people. Volunteers are still needed to assist in set-up and clean-up.

This year, we will have face painting for the children. If you are interested in organizing games and/or competitions (three legged race, water balloon toss, etc.), please let Anne know. She can be reached at 248.647.1700, during business hours.



Help Wanted: We are looking for someone to care for our infant in our home on W. Woodland beginning in September or October. 20-25 hours a week and must have references. Please call Lisa at 541.5843.

Wanted to Buy: Single Children's Bicycle Trailer in very good condition. Call Karen at 399.2607.



### Treasurer's Report

By Eric Shapiro

To date, \$2,347 has been collected, which isn't enough to even cover the past year's snow removal expenses.

As always, Upper and Lower Woodland and Upper and Lower Drayton have done well. All others have been weak with Upper Maplehurst and Lower Oakridge contributing zero. We are at a serious turning point regarding our future.

If there is anyone willing to assist our block directors in collecting dues on these streets, please contact our Association president, Karen Breen-Bondie at 399-2607. This is yet another wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors!



### Future Association Yard Sales

It was suggested by Vice President Carol Frederick that we continue to hold Association-wide yard sale, either annually (in conjunction with the PR

Rummage Sale the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of May) or bi-annually.

If we switch off one year in spring and the next year in the fall, it would provide an opportunity to sell both summer and winter items.

Are you interested? Do you have any ideas? Call Carol Frederick at 547-9389.

### Wetmore & Thermo-Fire Committees

Thank you to the following individuals who have agreed to work with Wetmore's and Thermo-Fire to ensure our interests are conveyed and agreed upon:

Wetmore Committee Volunteers:

- Bill Frederick\*
- Robert Greenfield
- Darcey McLaughlin

Thermo-Fire Committee Volunteers:

- Diane Fernandez
- Bill Frederick\*
- Allen Liggett

These individuals will meet separately with the businesses to arrive at landscape, physical improvements and maintenance plans.

\*Dual committee liaison who reports to Association board of directors.



## Synopsis of City of Ferndale's Property Taxes after Proposal "A"\*

Two values are calculated annually

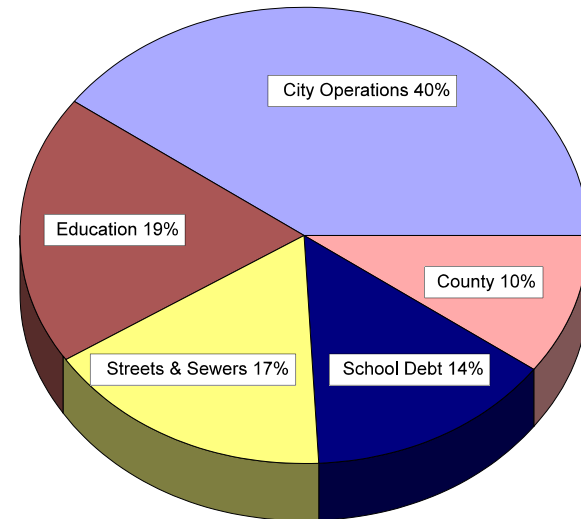
- Assessed value/SEV = 50% of market value
- Capped value = prior year's taxable x inflation rate (1.016 in 1999)
- The smaller of the two values becomes the new taxable value
- Millage Rate x Taxable Value = Property Tax Bill

In the year following a property transfer, the new assessed/SEV becomes the new taxable value.

Summer taxes in 1999 = .046

Winter taxes in 1999 = .0049864

### Typical Tax Distribution Homestead Property\*



\*From Dwayne McLachlan's presentation to the Association on April 21, 1999