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

Haven't Paid Your Dues Yet?

Block directors should be making the rounds soon. If they miss you at home, please drop off your annual payment of \$12 (\$1 toward dues and \$11 toward snow removal) to your block director. Remember, your dues covers luminaries each Christmas eve, the annual block party in June and the printing of this newsletter.

FYI: Neighborhood House Count

Upper Oakridge	31	Upper Woodland	40
Lower Oakridge	20	Lower Woodland	43
Upper Drayton	40	Upper Maplehurst	40
Lower Drayton	37	Lower Maplehurst	48
		Lower Lewiston	
		(north side only)	28

Total: 327

Happy Holidays!

Welcome new residents to our wonderful neighborhood. The Woodland Park Improvement Association has been around for 70+ years. We've seen many positive changes occur to this northwest corridor of Ferndale.

First, I would like to summarize a few of 1999 events. Recently, the Association has come to an amicable agreement with Thermo-Fire regarding the addition of a parking lot behind their building between W. Maplehurst and W. Lewiston. If you've been by there recently, you will see that work has begun.

It took two Planning Commission meetings and one Zoning Board meeting before the City approved Thermo-Fire's plan. Representing the Association at these meetings, I was very satisfied with the outcome.

At this time I would like to thank Bill and Carol Frederick (640 W. Woodland), Diane Fernandez (159 W. Maplehurst) and Allen Liggett (390 W. Maplehurst) for your participation toward resolution of this matter.

The Association is still in the process of securing an agreement with Wetmore's regarding guidelines surrounding a non-conforming parcel of land that they are using as a parking lot.

As 1999 draws to a close, we are at the crossroads on a few issues. Our treasurer, Eric Shapiro, advises that our bank balance is approximately \$1,500. This is

not enough money to cover snow removal, luminaries, block party funds and newsletter printing expenses for the coming year. Please pay your dues when your block director comes around so we can continue a long-standing Association tradition of providing these services.

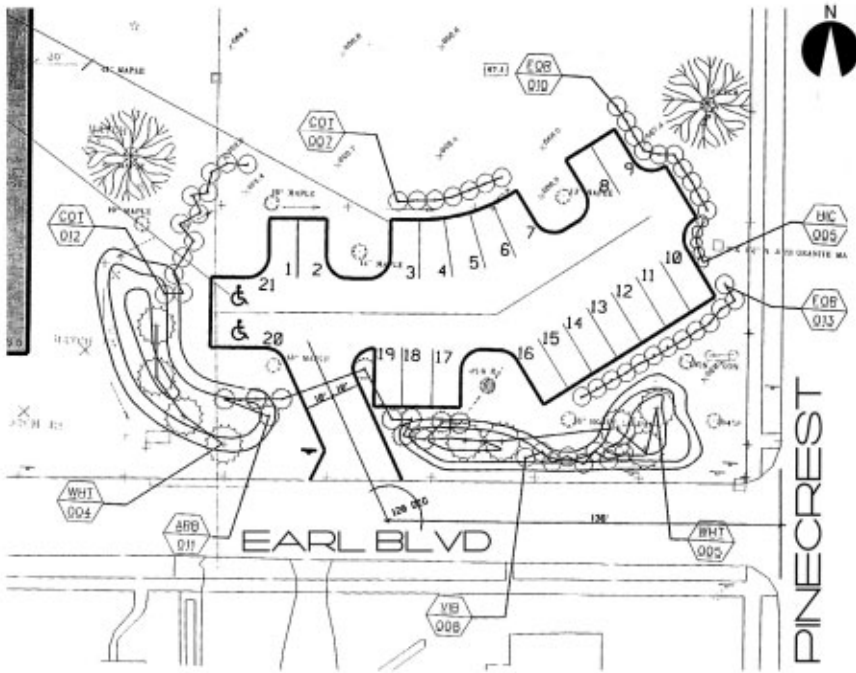
I would also like to thank Tiffani Gagne (360 W. Woodland), Jill Lamphier (372 W. Woodland) and Claire Rasch (361 W. Woodland) for volunteering to chair our annual block party.

We are need of a block director for Lower Lewiston. If no one steps forward, there will not be snow removal this winter or luminaries on Christmas eve for residents on this street.

Please read about the proposed parking lot at the SE corner of Geary Park in the inside of this newsletter. I plan to attend on behalf of the Association to object to the proposal.

We make time for the things we truly want to do. We're always going to be busy. Our neighborhood is worth the time investment. Happy 2000!

Karen Breen-Bondie
President



Proposed Parking Lot at Geary Park

It has been brought to the attention of the Association that the City is holding a public hearing on Monday, December 13th at 7:30 during the regular City Council meeting regarding the status of a proposed parking lot.

The City, in 1998, began construction on a 16 space parking lot at the SE corner of Geary Park. The residents along Earl Blvd. banded together and provided the City with a signed petition halting its construction.

The residents, as an alternative, suggested that the street be turned into a one-way street, allowing parking on the north side (rather than the south as had been permitted in the past). This re-configuration would allow 15 extra parking spaces.

On June 28, 1999, Earl Blvd. was designated one-way. The City stated that they would attempt this for five months and revisit their

position at that time. The City is now proposing a 20 space lot.

That follow-up meeting was supposed to be held on Monday, November 22nd but was rescheduled for Monday, December 13th.

I have three children who use this field each spring and fall. My concerns about this plan are as follows:

1. Appearance: A parking lot along Pinecrest would blemish the visual appeal of the park;
2. Need: The addition of 15 parking spaces created by allowing parking along the north side of Earl Blvd. seems to have alleviated much of the parking problem and certainly made it much safer for everyone because they no longer have to cross the street to enter the park. Is it really necessary to forsake precious park land for a parking lot?
3. Ingress and Egress: I envision difficulties turning around and backing out of this lot when it is full (with cars behind one another causing a big traffic jam along Earl Blvd.).

If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share but cannot attend the meeting, please call Linda Cooke at 399-0343 or Gloria Wojda 398-0498.



This picture, facing Pinecrest and taken in the fall of 1998, shows where construction had begun on a parking lot in the SE corner of Geary Park.