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Upper Oakridge 414-671 . . .	Katrina Collins	550 W. Oakridge .	547-0609
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	Heather Kolwich	372 W. Lewiston . .	545-9140

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 only . . .	28
		<u>Total Households in WPIA . . .</u>	<u>327</u>

Holiday Greetings!

This year certainly did fly by! At this time last year we were fretting Y2K. This year wasn't a very active year for the association. That's good and bad.

I apologize for failing to organize and plan an annual meeting in the spring. After an eight year "stay-at-home mom" stint, I returned to work full time at the beginning of the year.

My attempts to secure our previous DDA manager as a speaker for our annual meeting were futile. Perhaps I will be more successful with the new manager, Cristina Sheppard-Decius. Watch for the spring newsletter for date, time and location.

Many of you may have noticed that the parking lot behind Revolution Gallery was completed in the spring. My thanks again to the residents that helped in the planning: Bill Frederick, Allen Liggett and Diane Fernandez.

The association would also like to extend thanks to Kevin Breck for his continued legal counsel; it is very much appreciated.

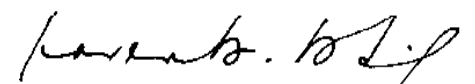
Please pay your dues when your block director comes around so we may continue to provide the long-standing Association services such as snow removal, luminaries and the block party.

Speaking of the block party, due to construction along Livernois this summer, we had to cancel this year's picnic. We are looking forward to next summer's party. We're shooting for a Saturday in June. Watch for future information!

Many residents turned out at the City Council's meeting last December in opposition of the proposed parking lot at the SE corner of Geary Park. The Council decided to put the parking lot plan on hold and to revisit making Earl Blvd. a one-way street or

leave as-is (parking was moved to the north side of the street) until the fall of 2000. I have not heard whether or not the city has proposed any further changes.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous 2001!



Karen Breen-Bondie, President

"Welcome new residents to our wonderful neighborhood. The Woodland Park Improvement Association has been in existence for 70+ years. One of the oldest in the state."

Treasurer's Report

Eric Shapiro reports that we collected only \$2,856 last year; our goal is \$3,924. Each year we pay out between \$3,500 and \$4,000 for snow removal services. As you can see, this doesn't even cover costs for the block party or the printing of this newsletter.

We *finally* have two block directors for lower Lewiston, which will help in our shortfall. Thank you Anne Williamson and Heather Kolwich for stepping forward! We are excited to have Lower Lewiston represented.

I know a few of you take a hard and fast stand against paying for snow removal services and would rather do it yourself. If you have a hard time justifying the payment for a job you already perform, why not consider it a "donation" to your neighborhood fund? Many of our senior citizens DEPEND ON THIS SERVICE. In the name of goodwill, I urge you to reconsider.

Here is the breakdown, by street:

Upper Oakridge - 25 out of 31
Lower Oakridge - 19 out of 20
Upper Drayton - 35 out of 40
Lower Drayton - 30 out of 37
Upper Woodland - 40 out of 40 YEAH!
Lower Woodland - 43 out of 43 GREAT JOB!
Upper Maplehurst - 28 out of 40 } C'mon Maplehurst, we're counting on YOU!
Lower Maplehurst - 17 out of 48
Lower Lewiston - 0 out of 28 No block director in 1999; Help 'em out this year!

We're looking forward to providing you with these services for many years to come.

Home Security: While You're On Vacation

Before You Leave:

Lock your doors and windows. (many criminals enter through unlocked doors and windows)

Ideally, you or someone knowledgeable should inspect your locks, doors, and windows to determine whether they are adequate and well-installed.

Do not leave a spare key outside your home.

Make a checklist of security precautions you want to go through before you leave. Check each item off as you do it.

Store valuables securely, preferably somewhere else. If this isn't possible, at least don't leave them out in the open.

Leave an itinerary with someone you trust in case of an emergency.

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Don't advertise your travel plans to casual acquaintances or strangers.

Don't load your car the night before. Load it just prior to leaving.

Your Place Should Look and Sound like You Are Still Home:

Put lights on timers. Outside lights should be turned on at night either by a friend or with a timer. Never leave the house dark.

If it's possible, have a friend stop by to take in your mail, newspapers and other deliveries. If this isn't possible, cancel all deliveries and mail.

Arrange to have your lawn cut/snow shoveled while you are away.

Arrange to have garbage put out for pickup.

Leave shades/curtains in the position they would normally be while you're home. If this isn't possible, leave them closed.

Have a radio or TV on a timer and set to a talk-show station.

If you have a dog, arrange for it to be fed, watered, walked etc. at home rather than taken to a kennel.

Some General Guidelines for Home Security:

Do not leave notes on door indicating anticipated time of return.

Close curtains at night.

Make sure exterior lighting is adequate. Motion detectors/dusk detector outdoor lighting is good to invest in.

Don't give personal information to strangers over the phone.

Report repeated nuisance and obscene telephone calls to the telephone company. Don't talk or debate such a caller. Record time/date of each incident.

Install good locks on doors and windows.

Inventory expensive items you own. This can be done in written form, photographically or with a video camera.

The last is actually the easiest.

Window mounted air conditioners should be anchored to prevent removal.

If you believe someone is in your home, call the police.

Don't admit someone claiming to be a delivery/repair person until you confirm their identity; especially if you did not order anything.

Neighborhood Watch Concepts Should Be Implemented:

Know your neighbors.

Work together for your mutual security.

Report any unusual or peculiar activity.

Know your local police officers.

And remember, lock your doors and windows.

For an online version of this and future newsletters, visit the Woodland Park Improvement Association's website at <http://hometown.aol.com/kbbondie> (follow the WPIA link at the bottom of the page). I also plan to create a newsletter archive. Keep checking for additions and changes!