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

## 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) . . . . . 27
	Total . . . . . 326

## President's Corner

With the block sale approaching, we wanted to send this as a last reminder (inset). Carol Frederick and Paula Wolfston have really done a terrific job of organizing this event. It isn't too late to participate. Give Carol (547-9389) or Paula (591-9596) a call!

Salon, Ferndale Foods, Alpha Services, Clowns of Color, Ferndale Fire & Police Departments and Keith Weber-Century 21. We encourage you to patronize these businesses and let them know how much we appreciate their support.

We also had a terrific time at the Block Party that Gordy Oliva and Allen Liggett organized. Gordy and Allen would like to thank Carol Frederick and Clare Rasch for manning the registration table, Bill Frederick for grilling, Jeff Kercorian and Scott Sobolewski for setting up, Rev. Maxwell at St. Luke's Church at Lewiston & Livernois for tables, Ric and Lisa Pawloski for use of their grill and Tiffani Gagné for the use of a kiddie pool. To the many others who helped; thank you very much.

**Neighborhood  
Block Sale**  
**Friday, August 25th**  
 &  
**Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00a - 6:00p**

We have two new block directors: Lower Oakridge-Andrea Townsend, replacing Jess Soltess and Upper Maplehurst-Lisa Pawloski replacing Leslie Oliva. Thank you for stepping forward Andrea and Lisa!

*Karen Breen-Bondie*  
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**Gerry Kulick  
Community Center**

These local merchants made the party possible at greatly reduced expense to the association: White Dairy Restaurant, Wetmore's, New York Bagel, Riley's Ice Cream, Gordy Oliva Classic Remodeling, Holiday Market, Woodward Avenue Brewers, Judy Palmer-Remax Showcase Homes, Magic Bag Theatre, WOMC, Blondie's Hair

For those of you who missed the story in The Mirror (8/12/01), the Ferndale Recreation Department will be holding a "shower" for the Gerry Kulick Community Center on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Since the shower immediately follows our Block Sale on Friday and Saturday, we thought that if you had toys and games in very good shape with all the pieces included, you may want to donate them to the Community Center. **Ⓟ**

In addition, everyone is invited to contribute individually by visiting either Target or Toys-R-U's and getting the list of items that have been registered for. The community center is registered under the lullaby club gift registry at Target (Ferndale Kulick Ctr) and under the children's registry at Toys R Us (Kulick Ctr [last], Ferndale [first]). Unfortunately, neither registry is available online.

The block association officers are currently reviewing our financial situation in order to determine how much we can donate on behalf of the WPIA.

The dedication and grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd.

**Treasurer's Report**

Here are the most recent collection averages from Phil Kauffmann:

Upper Oakridge . . . . .	81%
Lower Oakridge . . . . .	90%
Upper Drayton . . . . .	53%
Lower Drayton . . . . .	73%
Upper Woodland . . . . .	93%
Lower Woodland . . . . .	93%
Upper Maplehurst . . . . .	98%
Lower Maplehurst . . . . .	56%
Lower Lewiston . . . . .	70%

Total . . . . .	78%
Bank balance . . . . .	\$1,799.78

**WPIA Website Address Change**

For an online version of this and past newsletters, visit the Woodland Park Improvement Association's website at <http://hometown.aol.com/wpiaferndale>.

**Featured Homes**

Beginning with this issue, I would like to feature at least one Association home per issue. Would you like your home featured or like to nominate a home? Let me know!

**Annual Meeting Summary**

We had a wonderful turnout for the annual meeting back in March. Gary Meier, Ferndale Schools Superintendent and Cristina Sheppard-Decius, DDA Manager, were our featured speakers.

A number of topics were covered including increasing yearly membership dues. After a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted upon. An increase from \$12 to \$15 was voted unanimously in favor.

Block directors will also begin collecting in the third quarter for 2002 dues. If you would like to save your block director some time and legwork, please drop off a check for \$15 to their home (see back page for listing). Please make sure your address and phone number appear on your check. If you drop off cash, please include a note with your name, address and home phone. If you have an email address, please include that too.

The Snow Removal Committee presented a comprehensive study of alternatives. After much discussion, a motion was presented and passed unanimously to stay with the current contractor and continue to explore other options for the Association for snow removal. Further discussion will take place during the next annual meeting in March.

**Traffic Committee**

Due to some restructuring of this committee, we will give a report of their findings and standing with the City of Ferndale and the Police Department at a later date.

**Kids' Perspective**

I thought it would be a nice change of pace to get a kid's perspective of living in Ferndale. We start this issue with the following article from Peter Ciaverilla, our featured writer.

It would also be interesting to hear from long-standing residents. What changes have you seen? What has surprised you the most? What was the downtown area like? You get the picture. Send me your article, 250 words or less, via email ([kbbondie@aol.com](mailto:kbbondie@aol.com)) or drop it off at 657 W. Drayton. I would be very happy to publish your contributions.



**Living In Ferndale**

By Pete Ciaverilla

This is a brief perspective of Ferndale from a 13 year-old's point-of-view.

In the ten years that I have lived in Ferndale, many things have changed since I moved here. Certain things such as the schools have been positively and negatively affected. For example, all of our schools have been renovated within the last four years. The down side is the setup of the schools is changing because our enrollment is decreasing.

Proposed restructuring may mean that my younger brother, Andy, 9, will have to cross Woodward for fifth grade, while a perfectly good elementary school is situated right up our street. High school will enslave me in a year; the four-year sentence would seem a lot shorter if they had an ice hockey team!

However, I don't want to get down on Ferndale, for it has many good qualities. One of those qualities is the fact that I can go anywhere in the city I'd like, by either walking or riding my bicycle. I've established many friendships of all ages. It's also very nice having my grandparents right around the block.

Drive out to Novi or Troy and many people don't know their next-door neighbor. I can talk to my neighbors everyday about yesterday's Red Wings game because we have such a tightly woven community.

The arts, unique restaurants, convenient shopping, we've got it all!



**467 W. Drayton**

**Owners:** George and Gay Tarvis      **Style:** Craftsman bungalow  
**Children:** Garrett, 20 and Gretchen, 16      **Square Feet:** 2500  
**Pets:** A dog, Oliver      **No. of Rooms:** 10  
**Years at this Residence:** 23      **Bedrooms:** 4  
**Year House was Built:** Early 1920s      **Baths:** 2  
**Price Paid for the House in 1985:** \$49,500

**Interesting facts:** George and Gay are the fifth owners of this unique home. John Thomas, a longtime Association resident and neighbor of the Tarvis's, recounted that it took the builder, who was also the original owner, six to seven years to build this home. The original owner hauled all the boulders by horse and buggy from a stone quarry in Pontiac.

Mr. Thomas also relayed that the house was built by the same builder as the other stone house on Maplehurst (see reverse).

In the years that they have lived here, they have remodeled the kitchen, sanded the hardwood floors and done minor home improvements.



**519 W. Maplehurst**

**Owners:** Don and Carol Mullan      **Style:** Craftsman bungalow  
**Children:** Carol has two grown children      **Square Feet:** 1400  
**Pets:** 2 dogs, 4 birds      **No. of Rooms:** 8  
**Years at this Residence:** 16      **Bedrooms:** 3  
**Year House was Built:** Approx. 1917      **Baths:** 1.5  
**Price Paid for the House in 1985:** \$52,000

**Interesting facts:** Don and Carol can be seen around the neighborhood walking their scottie and westie. They are the sixth owners of this stone house. They keep their birds (two large and two small parrots) in a separate room off of the dining room. Pictured below is their living room.

One of their neighbors mentioned that this house was the second house on the block to be built. The Mullans have remodeled the kitchen, installed central air and replaced the windows.

When they noticed that an oak tree was dying, they commissioned a Hazel Park artist to carve a blue jay as a memorial to their bird.

