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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 Households in WPIA . . . . .	326

## President's Corner

We're getting a fabulous start on summer so far. School's out! Let the fun begin!

Some of you receiving this newsletter are new residents of Woodland Park, and to you we offer our warmest welcome and a special invitation to become active and continue in this tradition of community involvement.

What does the Woodland Park Improvement Association do? What does it stand for?

Through eight decades, this organization has contributed to the stability and value of our neighborhood. The Association would not be the success it is today without the contribution of many giving volunteers.

We have sought to protect our territorial boundaries, worked with the city to monitor and control traffic patterns, organized yearly block parties to instill a sense of community, placed luminarias out on Christmas eve and provided snow removal, for a nominal fee, to all residents.

As with all organizations, we continue to evolve. Here are some of the changes I have to report in our executive board and block directors.

Lisa Canada, our 2nd VP, has stepped down and filling her vacancy is Anne Williamson, one of Lower Lewiston's block directors. Anne thought we

should recognize some of the beautiful homes and busy neighbors and, thus, will be heading up the Beautification Committee (see p. 3 for more information). Anne has some awesome ideas in store for us!

After many years of dedicated service, George Tarvis has stepped down as Upper Drayton's block director.

Thank you, George, for your dedication and hard work. It was a pleasure working with you.

George and Gay's stone house was featured in the August 2001 issue of Homestead (back issues--with color photos--are available online at <http://hometown.aol.com/wpiaferndale>).

Following in his footsteps, quite literally, will be Nicole Cotter and Judy Garlock. I have added their contact information on the reverse. Thank you Nicole and Judy for stepping up to the plate!

**WPIA Annual  
Block Party!**

**Saturday, June 29**  
**Noon - 4pm**  
**Details Inside**

Just last week, Upper Maplehurst Block Director Lisa Pawloski moved back to St. Joseph, Michigan. If you live on Upper Maplehurst and want to lend a hand to Diane Dengate, please give her a call at 398-2251. I'm certain she would be very grateful.

Allen Liggett continues to seek volunteers and raffle prize donations for this month's block party (see enclosed flyer). For those of you who are interested in seeing how our organization works, are interested in meeting your neighbors or simply want to lend a hand, give Allen a call! The block party is always a great way to get your feet wet. It's a lot of fun!

*Karen Breen-Bondie*  
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**Treasurer's Report**

Phil Kauffmann reports that our present bank balance is \$1,508.57. We paid out \$4,000 from December through March to our snow removal contractor, Jack Aldred. Phil would like to thank all the residents who paid their dues and made his job a pleasure. Here is the street-by-street payment breakdown:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Upper Oakridge . . . . .	65% . . .	81%
Lower Oakridge . . . . .	55% . . .	90%
Upper Drayton . . . . .	90% . . .	53%
Lower Drayton . . . . .	81% . . .	78%
Upper Woodland . . . . .	85% . . .	93%
Lower Woodland . . . . .	95% . . .	93%
Upper Maplehurst . . . . .	80% . . .	98%
Lower Maplehurst . . . . .	63% . . .	69%
Lower Lewiston . . . . .	56% . . .	70%
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>76% . . .</b>	<b>80%</b>

Phil would like to point out that through discussions with the city and Mr. Aldred, it was the city plows that caused much of the slush on top of the sidewalks that made it difficult for Mr. Aldred to clear the sidewalk on affected streets. That is perhaps why dues collections on Upper and Lower Oakridge are low this year.

It isn't too late to get your 2002 dues up-to-date. You may pay dues at the block party on Saturday, June 29th or through your block director.

REMINDER: Block Directors will begin collecting dues for 2003 in the fall.

**Annual Meeting**

We welcomed Ferndale Mayor Bob Porter and Police Officer Steve LaRowe as our speakers for the evening. For a recap of everything discussed, please see the 4/16/02 meeting minutes (available online at <http://hometown.aol.com/wpiaferndale>). I will be following up with Mayor Porter regarding traffic concerns that resulted from our survey and concerns about mail delivery. It was also beneficial to have Ferndale Police Captain Tim Collins (a Woodland Park resident) present for our traffic discussion.

Upon assessing our bank charges from Comerica, it was decided that we will switch banks to Ferndale-based Credit Union One. Our treasurer, Phil Kauffmann, will look into the details of the change.

After a change of heart and a quick re-assignment of some job duties (thank you, Darcey and Carol), I am happy to report that I am NOT stepping down as president as I announced at the annual

meeting.

**Block Sale News**

Last August's Block Sale was a huge success! For the past few years, our Vice President, Carol Frederick, has been the organizer with the help of a few residents. Last year, resident Paula Wolfston joined Carol as Block Sale Coordinator.

Many of you have been inquiring as to when the next block sale will be held. Carol and Paula will be chairing block sales every 18 months so that all Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer seasons can be covered. Details for the 2003 Spring/Summer Block Sale will be forthcoming.

**WPIA Website and Archive**

Just a reminder that you can find past issues of Homestead, meeting minutes, bylaws and photos from our block parties at our website:

<http://hometown.aol.com/wpiaferndale>



**Woodland Park's  
Beautification Committee  
and Contest**

Our new 2nd Vice President, Anne Williamson, has initiated what we believe is the first beautification committee and contest for our neighborhood association and we are very excited! Allen Liggett and Darcey McLaughlin both volunteered at the annual meeting as committee members.

The award will be based on the overall appearance of the structure including landscaping and gardening. During the month of July, the committee will judge houses and select a finalist. The winner will be notified and a story and photo will follow in the next Homestead newsletter. Anne is also looking into presenting the winner with a custom-made brass plaque. Good luck to all!

If you are interested in participating on the committee or have any questions, please contact Anne at 542-3895.