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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

Belated season's greetings and happy new year!

A slight error prevented the newsletter from being distributed in December.

We've been busy this year working on a number of new and exciting things. Our last newsletter (*available online at <http://hometown.aol.com/wpij/erndale>*) introduced the Beautification Award Program to all homeowners (see Anne Williamson's column in this issue).

Our executive board last met in August when our snow removal contractor offered the Association the opportunity to purchase his equipment. It was unanimously decided that we would not purchase his equipment. We will continue to contract snow removal with him until we either find a cheaper source or he no longer is able to provide services. As always, if you have a resource for us, please contact me.

At August's meeting, our Association joined the Woodward Avenue Action

Association (WA<sup>3</sup>). Information about this non-profit organization can be found at [www.woodwardavenue.org](http://www.woodwardavenue.org). I am sometimes notified of sales that businesses along the Woodward corridor offer to WA<sup>3</sup> members. The most recent was 20% off at Borders Books in Birmingham. The easiest way to pass along this type of information is

**WPIA Meetings:**  
**Block Directors' Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Roosevelt Elementary Media Ctr. 7pm**

via email. If you are interested in adding your name to the email distribution list, please email to me at kbbondie@aol.com and include WPIA in the subject line.

Luminaries were set up by your block director. They do such a terrific job! Thanks to Bill and Carol Frederick for purchasing the supplies and distributing. Bill and Carol have been doing this each year for as long as I can recall.

Lastly, welcome new residents to our neighborhood. This newsletter is printed roughly twice a year and distributed by our wonderful block directors. In addition to the things I've already covered in this article, we also provide snow removal to the city sidewalks from December through March. We are dependent upon prompt payment of annual dues to your block director in order to provide this

service. Please help them out by either paying when they visit door-to-door or by dropping off your payment to their home. Dues for 2003 are now due in the amount of \$15. If you are interested in what we've been up to, you will find copies of archived newsletters online. There also is a FAQ area for those who want to know more about our organization.

*Karen Breen-Bondie*  
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P.S.: Our 2003 Annual Block Party is scheduled for Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Details in our next newsletter!

### Treasurer's Report

By Phil Kauffmann

The bank balance of our Association stands at \$330.36. The first snow removal payment of \$1,000 for this winter has been made.

It is imperative that dues and snow removal collections begin this month. Last year at this time we had a bank balance of \$1,517.92. We collected slightly more money this year as compared to last but our expenses were up.

Dues and snow removal income for 2001-02 was \$3,779 as compared to \$3,422 the previous year. There were more funds collected this year, but the participation was off: 77% compared to 81% last year. Our potential income from 326 households is \$4,890. We need to make an all out effort on collections this year and it needs to begin now.

The following is an analysis of the percent of collections by street:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Upper Oakridge . . . .	81%	65%
Lower Oakridge . . . .	95%	55%
Upper Drayton . . . . .	53%	90%
Lower Drayton . . . . .	81%	81%
Upper Woodland . . . .	93%	85%
Lower Woodland . . . .	93%	95%
Upper Maplehurst . . .	95%	80%
Lower Maplehurst . . .	75%	67%
Lower Lewiston . . . . .	70%	56%

Block Directors: Please turn monies in to me as soon as they are received. Let's make this a banner year for collections!



### Snow Removal Obstacles

We've only had one snowfall since this newsletter has gone to print, but there are probably new residents wondering who it was driving that mini-Jeep brushing the sidewalks. Sidewalk snow removal is not a city service. It is paid for by the yearly membership dues.

If you have special ornamentation near the sidewalk that you put up (that is-- hopefully--removable), it is suggested that you remove it during the winter months and perhaps put it back in its place in the spring. While the vehicle's brush is as wide as the sidewalk, the speed at which the vehicle travels doesn't always lend itself to plowing a perfect swath.



## 2002 WPIA Beautification Award

By Anne Williamson

The Woodland Park Improvement Association voted their first "Beautification Award" to Neil Wilson and Al Tetkowski at 331 W. Drayton.

Neil and Al's house received the most number of votes from voting block directors who focused on their attention to landscaping and overall appearance. They will receive a full sized version of the custom-made house plaque shown above to display on the exterior of their home. Congratulations Neil and Al!!

The Beautification Committee will once again be compiling votes and looking for houses that add beauty to our neighborhood. Watch for the spring newsletter for more information.



## A Home With Character

By Lesley Ciaverilla

Are you familiar with the HGTV show "If Walls Could Talk"? Plenty of history abounds when living in an older community with unique architecture. One such example is

the home at 607 W. Oakridge. William A. Fisher, one of the original Fisher brothers and president of Fisher Body Corporation, bought this vacant lot in February of 1927. He then had the home built which remained in his title until 1943. He deeded it for \$1.00 to his chauffeur, Mr. Crookshank as a retirement gift. What a guy!

Steve Powell and his wife lived in the home for many years and have since passed away. They may have been the third owners. This distinctive is home currently on the market for someone to discover.