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

FYI: Neighborhood House Count

Upper Oakridge 32	Upper Maplehurst 40
Lower Oakridge 20	Lower Maplehurst 48
Upper Drayton 40	
Lower Drayton 37	Lower Maplehurst 48
Upper Woodland 40	Lower Lewiston
Lower Woodland 43	(north side only) 27
	Total Households in WPIA 327

WPIA Website: www.wpiafermdale.org

President's Corner

Happy 80th Birthday WPIA!

The Woodland Park Improvement Association was formed in 1924 to protect the neighborhood against condemnation and rezoning problems, which arose from the widening of Woodward Avenue. The association was incorporated in 1946.

The organization has been active and aggressive in maintaining the character of the neighborhood, housing issues, zoning issues, physical improvements to the neighborhood. Since 1953 the association has provided snow removal service for its residents.

The continuation of these efforts—and others—depend on the willingness of its residents to become actively involved.



Karen Breen-Bondie
President

Block Party Cancelled

I am disappointed to report that the block party is cancelled this summer.

I asked the block directors to send out their feelers for a chairperson, however, none was found for the June 10th date. If you are interested in chairing or co-

chairing next year or have any questions, please contact any officer or your block director.

New WPIA Website

The website is undergoing changes and we have obtained a new domain name. Go to www.wpiafermdale.org.



There will be a WPIA community forum where you can post questions, notifications and discuss what is going on in our great neighborhood. We hope you enjoy the new look and features!

2nd VP Needed

Anne Williamson will soon be moving and that means we need to find a 2nd Vice President. If you are interested in overseeing the Beautification Committee and Beautification Award, please call Karen Breen-Bondie at 248.399.2607.

Treasurer's Report

by Katrina Collins

As of April 30th, our account balance is \$1,911.82. We have collected from 73% of the association:

Upper Oakridge	58%	Lower Oakridge	35%
Upper Drayton	85%	Lower Drayton	70%
Upper Woodland	70%	Lower Woodland	74%
Upper Maplehurst	93%	Lower Maplehurst	65%
Lower Lewiston	37%		

It's never too late to pay your dues or get caught up on previous years' dues. If you want to show your support, especially of the new Woodland Park garden plan, your dues will do their part toward this end.

Block Sale

by Carol Frederick

It's time again to think about clearing out those household items you no longer care to own and earn a little spending money at the same time!

The next Association Block Sale is scheduled for Saturday August 28th and Sunday August 29th. The advertising fee to partake in the event is a bargain once again, and for just \$7.00/household we will place our ad in as many local papers as we can afford. Payments can be dropped off with your block director or to me at 640 W. Woodland, 248-547-9389. Also, please expect that friendly visit from your block director asking for your approval and signature for the city petitions. "Happy Sales to You..."

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2002 Beautification Award Winner - REVISITED 331 W. Drayton

I previously neglected to include details regarding the home of our first Beautification Award winners. My apologies!

Style: Brick Bungalow

Owners: Neil Wilson & Al Tetkowski

Children: None

Pets: None

Years at this Residence: 5

Year House was Built: 1928

Price Paid for House in 1999: \$ 187,500

Square Feet: 1450

No. of Rooms: 7

Bedrooms: 3

Baths: 1.5

Interesting Facts:

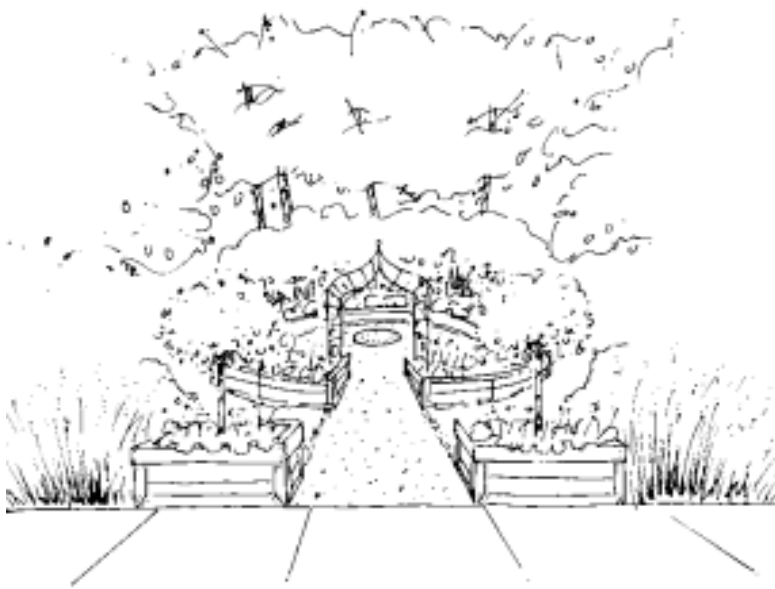
Neil is a life-long Ferndale resident. He went to school at St. James, Taft Elementary, Lincoln Junior High and graduated from Ferndale High in 1978.

He was renting and had been looking for a house in Ferndale for about two years before he came across this house. Neil told the real estate broker exactly what he was looking for and received a call late one night. The broker told him, "You have got to see this house, I think it's the one!" When they arrived at the house, there were only three lights in the house that worked. They actually toured the house with a flashlight! As soon as he saw the house, Neil knew that this was the one!

The broker gave him a tip of attaching a note to the offer letter explaining that he was a life-long Ferndale resident and such. As it turned out, the woman that owned the house has passed away and her daughters were handling the estate. They read the letter and recognized Neil's name because one of the daughters was good friends with his sister in high school. They accepted the offer immediately and Neil and Al are now the third owners of this beautiful house!

During their renovation, they came across some motivation snippets and prayers taped to the inside of one of the kitchen cabinets that are still posted as a remembrance to Mrs. Cratty, the previous owner. Something that needed to be done right away was to repaint the entire house and remove the dated carpeting. Underneath the carpeting, they were thrilled to find beautiful oak wood floors that had never been touched. The floors were sanded ; they are beautiful!

What was most enjoyable about renovating the house was trimming the trees and bushes and opening the beauty of the house to the street. Much of the greenery was overgrown when they took possession of the house.



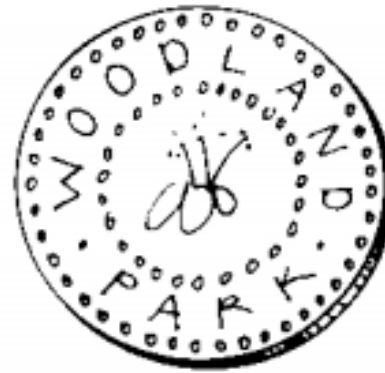
2003 Beautification Award Presentation

607 W. Woodland

Woodland Park (Formerly Proposals B & C in last November's Election)



L to R: 2nd VP and Beautification Chairperson Anne Williamson, Joe Sullivan, Keri Sullivan, Katie Sullivan, Bill Frederick and Carol Frederick.



Formal Garden Medallion

Created by hand by students to act as the center piece for the formal garden of raised planters and trellises.

Hopefully by now many of you have signed the petition that your block director has come around with. The committee consists of **Lori Kodan**, chairperson; **Andrea Townsend**; **Debby Hill** and **Scott Sobolewski**. They have been meeting on a semi-regular basis in order to plan the layout of the park; they also designated the park name as "Woodland Park," in honor of our neighborhood association. Even though the plan is in its infancy stage, they have worked together wonderfully!

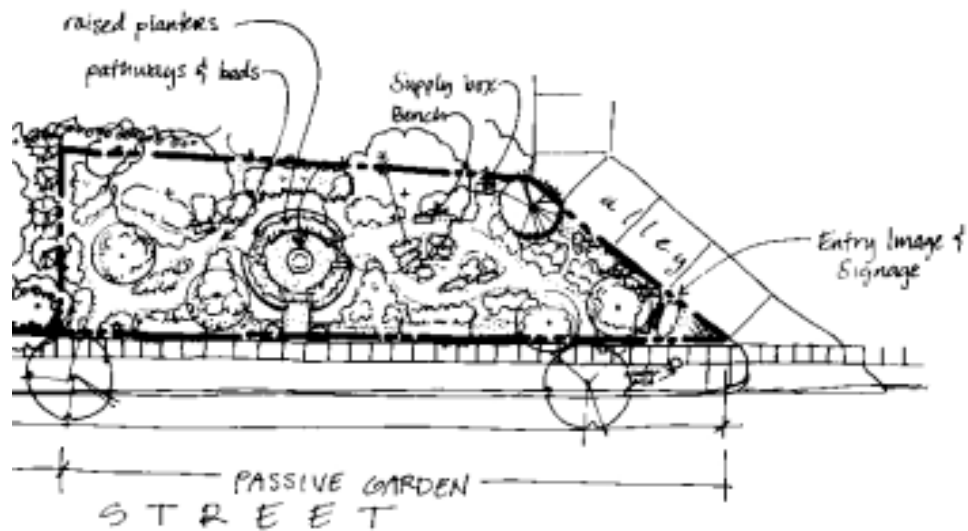
Surrounding this story are details of the design. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to **Stacey Tobar**, landscape architect and Ferndale resident. She agreed to work with us *pro bono* to develop a design. I'm sure you'll agree that her whimsical design is extremely attractive. Stacey is the landscape architect that designed the proposed 9 Mile/Woodward Median

(www.detnews.com/2004/nnroy/aloak/0402/12/y04-59664.htm)

Stacey has also incorporated our city flower, the zinnia, into the plans.



— Park ENTRY IMAGE as viewed from Woodward Ave. —



Some of the park highlights:

- An active play area (west property) and passive garden (east property)
- Rock garden and signage at entrance
- Meandering pathways
- Raised planters incorporating teaching gardens; garden areas for the senses: touch, smell and feel
- Seating and a supply box for gardening volunteers

The first order of business is to approach the city council requesting official city park designation. Please join us on **Monday, June 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Ferndale City Hall** in support of this proposal. It would be great to have a room full of residents so we can truly show how involved we are and how much we will appreciate a park designation. The committee is scheduled to be on the agenda.



Combine existing boulders with an evergreen, ornamental grasses, and shrubs side in screening alley.

Then, optimistically, the work begins! The committee will be actively seeking volunteers to join in on the camaraderie. The committee will also be developing a timeline and funding plan.



Lower Oakridge neighbors and the Woodland Park Committee (from l to r): Deanna Simmons, Dustin Gillispie, Benjamin Simmons, Lori Kodan, Brian Simmons, Stacey Tobar, Scott Sobolewski, Andrea Townsend and Debby Hill.



Landscape Architect Stacey Tobar unfurling the park drawings.