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## FYI: Neighborhood House Count

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

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Article contributions are welcome. Send to kbreenbo@comcast.net

## President's Corner

As we enter our 81st year, I'd like to wish you a happy holiday season. Welcome, new residents, to the neighborhood!

For more than 50 years, our organization has provided sidewalk snow plowing services to its residents. This service currently costs \$4,000 per season. This is the second year with a new contractor and our contract stipulates that snow plowing will commence when 2 inches or more snow falls.

Won't you help us keep this tradition going for all our neighbors by contributing your dues this year? We would like to implement many things to keep our neighborhood vibrant, including the park plan on W. Oakridge and depend on your contributions to do so.

Here's our historical timeline:

1924 . . . . . WPIA formed  
 1946 . . . . . WPIA incorporated  
 1953 . . . . . Snow plowing services commenced

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any sidewalk ornamentation that can be removed during the winter months, it is suggested you do so and replace it in the spring so it does not get damaged during the snow removal season.

## WPIA Website

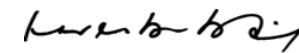


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Please view our new website addition. In the "Forum" section, we have added a section where you can post and view contractor referrals and recommendations. Thanks to Bill Frederick for the great suggestion!

## 2nd VP and W. Lewiston Block Director Needed

We have two board openings that need to be filled ASAP. If you are interested in overseeing the Beautification Committee and Beautification Award, and/or live on Lewiston and want to help out, please call.



Karen Breen-Bondie  
 President

Annual Meeting: Monday, 3/21  
 Roosevelt Elementary 7pm

## Treasurer's Report

No formal report from our Treasurer, Katrina Collins at printing time; however, I know that we are dangerously close to not being able to make our January payment. Please pay your dues when your block director comes around or sends you a note or drop off your payment (only \$15) to your block director (see last page).

## A First for the Garage Sale

By Carol Frederick

"Rain Rain Go Away", was spoken by participating garage sale residents the days before and morning of our scheduled August weekend. But not everyone's spirits were dampened. And even though the weather did not fully cooperate, many residents proceeded with their sale, while the remaining gambled for better weather on the rain date weekend and won. This was the first Woodland Park Improvement Association garage sale where we had to use our rain date weekend.

Katrina and I would like to thank all who participated for making the event a success. We look forward to holding our next sale. Look for your flyer in the spring of 2006!



322 W. Maplehurst

**Owners:** Tom and Peggy Binkowski  
**Children:** 3 grown boys; 4 grandchildren + 1 on way  
**Pets:** 1 cat, Jujube  
**Years at this Residence:** 17  
**Year House was Built:** 1927  
**Price Paid for House in 1987:** \$72,000  
**Interesting Facts:**

Tom and Peggy moved to Ferndale from Detroit in October of 1987. In 1999, Tom and two sons worked each Sunday for three years to complete a large family room addition with a fireplace. Tom and Peggy have many charming antiques and knickknacks throughout their home. Her favorite antique haunt is the Ann Arbor Antiques Market. There are vintage glass

## SEEING DOUBLE?

Actually, no. But isn't it intriguing that in our beautiful neighborhood there actually are some homes that are alike? This house and the house on the facing page are the twins that we are featuring in this issue. We'd like to feature more (yes, there are more!) so watch future newsletters.

**Style:** Tudor  
**Square Feet:** 2047  
**No. of Rooms:** 9  
**Bedrooms:** 3  
**Baths:** 1.5

canisters, metal and tin signs, a Hoosier cabinet, an ice chest, library card catalogs, antique linens and many other delicate touches. Thank you, Tom and Peggy, for sharing!



Tom and Peggy's Family Room Addition



291 W. Drayton

**Owners:** Mark and Brandi Ernst  
**Children:** 1 boy, William Joseph, 2 weeks old  
**Pets:** 1 dog, Bock, a Basenji  
**Years at this Residence:** 1 year in February  
**Year House was Built:** 1926  
**Price Paid for House in 2004:** Approximately \$270,000

**Style:** Tudor  
**Square Feet:** 1700  
**No. of Rooms:** 9  
**Bedrooms:** 3  
**Baths:** 1.5

## Interesting Facts:

Previous owners updated the kitchen and half bath. A Florida room was added 30 years ago. When the Ernsts renovated their full bath, they discovered newsprint from the 1930s used as insulation. Their basement also has a water closet with a toilet in it, no sink. Congratulations on birth of your son and welcome to the neighborhood!