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# NEWSLETTER

Next Neighborhood Get-Together at Simpson United Methodist Church  
**February 22 – Dessert 6:30 p.m.-Discussion 7 p.m.**

## Annual Elections

The annual election of officers for the Williams Woodland Park Neighborhood Association will take place at the Tuesday February 22nd association gathering. In preparation for these elections, nominations will be made at this month's gathering. If you are interested in running for a position or you know of someone who would do a great job and is interested, please come and make your vote count. Positions are currently held by the following individuals:

President- Aaron Butler  
 Vice-President- Rebecca Gremaux  
 Secretary- Rachael Handel  
 Treasurer- Gene Loch

## Begin or Renew your Association Membership Now

Please fill out the form below to renew your membership or begin your new membership for the year 2011. We are asking for contact information and e-mail addresses so we can remind you of neighborhood events and to alert you to any information that might have immediate importance (safety Issues, etc.). Dues are \$20.00 per year. If you are unable to attend a meeting to submit your dues, please mail or deliver to Gene Loch at 2402 Webster.

### WILLIAMS WOODLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Membership Form 2011

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ WORK NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OVER 18 \_\_\_\_\_

## WWPNA MINUTES

January 25, 2011

Meeting is called to order.

Peter Bolokowski introduced the guests he invited to help our neighborhood realize the state of the existing tree stock. Tom Meyers is an independent arborist who is available to advise WWPNA residents about their trees. Chad Tinkel is an arborist with the city in charge of managing every tree on city property. Chad presented information regarding the devastation that the emerald ash borer is having across the country and specifically in Ft Wayne.

The Emerald Ash Borer is a beetle native to China that has found its way to America and spreading rapidly. With the current demand of infected trees, the city isn't able to keep up with treatment. They are currently spending all of their efforts in tree maintenance on removing dead Ash trees.

There are ways of treating infected and protecting healthy Ash Trees. However, the current parks budget for trees only allows for the city to treat 10% of the Ash tree population with a remaining budget to remove the ones that are already dying or dead.

Chad presented a Tree Inventory for our neighborhood, which quantifies every street tree. Our neighborhood is in danger of losing 61 Ash trees. And if the 10% of trees being treated were distributed evenly around the city, that would mean our neighborhood would only get 6 of the 61 trees treated. If we as a neighborhood wanted to save any more, we would need to have them evaluated for chance of survival and treat them ourselves. This would also include any Ash trees on private property. Tom Meyers gave rough estimates for treatment of trees at \$18-20 per inch in diameter of the tree. He mentioned 2 brands of treatments; 'Triage' which kills the bug, and 'Merrit' which protects a tree from being infected.

Tinkel seemed to think that without treatment, our neighborhood will likely lose all 61 Ash trees within the next 3 years. This would dramatically change the way our neighborhood looks and feels. He recommended anyone that any homeowner that loses an Ash tree in the park strip in front of their home apply for a replacement street tree via the street tree program. The Street Tree program applications are available the first week in April and are granted on a first come first serve basis. There is some minor paperwork and a \$50 fee

for anyone requesting a tree. There was discussion about our neighborhood organizing a group to help deal with the tree issues. One suggestion was to organize a list of homeowners that are willing to having a street tree planted and submitting all of the applications the first week they are available to help ensure our neighborhood remains the Wooded oasis amidst the city that it is known for.

Another threat against our neighborhood trees seems to be AEP. Many of us have received notices that our trees are in conflict with the power lines that serve our homes. Pete presented a few images of good old-growth trees that are slated for removal if nothing is done.

It seemed to be the general consensus that we would like to save as many trees from being removed for power line infractions as possible since we may lose many to the Emerald Ash Borer. Pete has been in contact with Don Orban who said he will be receiving a list of trees from AEP that they wish to remove. He will provide the neighborhood with the list to allow us to comment and review what will be affected. We will then have the opportunity to give Don Feedback/ provide recommendations for him to approve or deny AEP removals. \*It was brought to the groups attention (and important to note) that AEP is in many cases the at fault for many of these tree removals, since a majority of our trees were here long before the power company decided to install their lines. But in an effort maintain safe and reliable service in our neighborhood we are trying to find solutions that are good for all parties.

Pete said he looked into some alternatives to removing some of the trees in an alleyway parallel to Creighton. He was able to get rough estimates from contractors to perform a non-invasive directional bore to bury the power lines below the brick alley way. This cost was roughly \$6000. On the other hand to remove just 1 of the multiple large trees along the alleyway, he found estimates of \$4000 each. This suggests that we may be able to convince AEP of other options than tree removal.

Please stay tuned for more information regarding these issues. In any case, if you have received a notification from AEP and would like to keep your tree, please be sure to contact the person listed and express your concerns. AEP cannot remove a tree from your property without your approval. They do however, have the right to trim them.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Chili Cook Off!

The third annual WWPNA Chili cook-off will be held during February's meeting. Beverages and table service will be provided. Bring a side or desert to share if you like. The competition has been fierce, so whip up your best pot of chili, and come ready to take on a heated challenge!



## Williams Woodland Park Neighborhood Calendar of Events

by Rebecca Gremaux

The new year is here and it's time for us to put out our new calendar of events so start thinking about which one you would like to host. We have the traditional events that we hold every year like the picnic and the ice cream social, and there is plenty of room for new ideas and new events. So please feel free to talk to people and see how we can best create our fun times. A sign up list will be circulated at the meetings and by e-mail so pick your pleasure and sign up for the fun.

### RECYCLE RECYCLE RECYCLE

Don't forget to order your new recycle bin from the city! It's as easy as calling 311 and making the request or going online to [recyclefortwayne.org](http://recyclefortwayne.org).

### Real Estate Review

by Rose Blevins

(reprinted from last month's edition)

Our current available homes are:

2316 S Harrison	3 bedroom	2 bath	\$69,900
2428 S Harrison	Triplex		\$68,500
2415 Hoagland	4 bedroom	2 1/2 bath	\$185,000
321 W Suttentfield	5 bedroom	2 bath	\$89,900
312 W Taber	3 bedroom	2 bath	\$99,900
125 W Creighton	4 bedroom	3 1/2 bath	\$80,900
2417 Webster	3 bedroom	2 1/2 bath	\$149,900

### WWPNA January 2011 AGENDA

Old Business:

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Marketing Committee

Holiday Home Tour Committee

Officers Reports:

## Attention Students !!!

### Fort Wayne Enterprise Zone Scholarship Program

The Fort Wayne Urban enterprise Association has announced its' scholarship program for 2011. The UEA will award the winner of the scholarship up to \$1000 a year for two or four years depending on the length of the degree program in which the student enrolls. The scholarship awards committee will consider past academic performance, work experience, volunteerism, leadership ability and financial need as it evaluates the candidates. Applicants must have resided in the Fort Wayne Enterprise Zone Service Delivery Area for the past two years, must receive a high school diploma or equivalent prior to the start of the degree program chosen, must be accepted for admission in an accredited college or university located in the state of Indiana, must enroll in a course of study leading to an associate or bachelor's degree and must enroll as a full-time student in the college or university. The student must complete sufficient course work each year to graduate in the normal period of attendance for the program. Completed applications with all required documents must be submitted to the UEA by 5:00pm, March 4, 2011. Questions about the scholarship program should be directed to Kirk Moriarty, UEA Director, 260-422-2304, [kirk.moriarty@ci.ft-wayne.in.us](mailto:kirk.moriarty@ci.ft-wayne.in.us) or Lydia Von Uderitz, Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, 260-426-4083, [lvon@cfgfw.org](mailto:lvon@cfgfw.org).

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**TWO LOCATIONS:**

Cinema Center Downtown - 437 E. Berry St.

Cinema Center @ Indiana Tech - 1600 E. Washington Blvd.

### Upcoming WWPNA Social Events

**Feb. 22, 6 PM - Chili Cook Off**