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NEWSLETTER

Next Neighborhood Get-Together at Simpson United Methodist Church
March 29 – Dessert 6:30 p.m.-Discussion 7 p.m.

New Association President

by Richard Friedman

As the new Williams Woodland Park Neighborhood president I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the neighborhood and to speak to those who may not always come to the neighborhood's monthly meeting. To begin, I would like to thank you all for trusting me with this position. From the first time that my partner, David Brandon, and I looked at the house in this neighborhood that we would later buy, I have felt at home and been amazed at the strength and vitality of this small neighborhood.

Two weeks ago as I attended the city-wide Neighborhood President's meeting I was once again reminded of the uniqueness of our neighborhood. So many other neighborhoods spent their time complaining about what they see as wrong, whereas I was able to say that sure, some things could be done better, but overall our neighborhood is doing well and the residents are generally pleased. A lot of that, I think, comes down to attitudes, both those of the individual residents and the neighborhood as a whole. In WWPN, we have chosen to do our very best to cultivate a strong sense of community, to show off the positives in the neighborhood and to take what we have and turn it into the best it can be. By choosing to accentuate the positives while also working to fix that which needs to be improved, we are making changes for the best and I think that it clearly shows.

Following along that vein, I would like to encourage everyone in the neighborhood to attend this month's meeting on March 29th. During that meeting we will be discussing the information I received about how to provide the city with suggestions on utilization of the Fort Wayne Community Trust and City Light Lease Settlement funds. We will review what has been suggested so far as well as the possibility of submitting either a neighborhood or group proposal for the funds. We will also likely be making further decisions about how to deal with the continuing tree crisis in the neighborhood and the commitments that the neighborhood wants to put forth to assist not only with the street trees but also our private trees.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to be your neighborhood president for the next year. David and I are often out walking our three wonderful dogs, Cinnamon (the Shih Tzu,) Schwartz (the black dog,) and Mattie (the Pembroke Welsh Corgi) or working in our yard and I would highly encourage you to talk to me at any time about any questions, concerns or positive thoughts you have about the neighborhood.

Finally, I would like to leave you with a quote by Jane Addams, a pioneering social worker and neighborhood activist: "America's future will be determined by the home and the school. The child becomes largely what he is taught; hence we must watch what we teach, and how we live."

WWPNA MINUTES

February 22, 2011

Meeting is called to order.

Thanks to all the friends and neighbors for making the evening delicious!

Pete Bolakowski worked with Don Orban to draft a proposal for AEP. The compromise involves saving one large tree that AEP marked to be cut down in return for our approval of trimming / cutting all other trees as they were marked. The association agreed to supplement the homeowner's cost of maintaining the tree at a maximum of \$500. This agreement is tied to this specific tree because of its age and significance to the neighborhood; it is not a precedent. Peter will be heading a 'tree committee' to arrange for long-term care of the neighborhood's tree canopy.

Rebecca announced a tentative schedule for the year's events and will be published in the neighborhood newsletter.

The group discussed issues of maintaining our community garden in a productive and proactive manner. If the neighborhood does not find value

The 'NEW' Community Garden

Lets face it – our neighborhood has an incredible ability to work together and make things happen. Watching our community garden become a reality was one of those occasions. Neighbors gathered to build, fill, and plant our boxes, then grow and harvest produce right here in our community. We also met and got to know neighbors that we had sometimes barely recognized before.

All good, right? Summer faded to fall and winter, and when spring rolled around interest had diminished considerably. Only a handful of neighbors wanted to participate in the garden. Notice was given several times to claim your plot, and still we had few gardeners. Summer 2010 saw our community garden as an overgrown lack of participation.

The new option is to make this one garden instead of many small gardens. We would have a garden manager, and shade beds would be planted entirely with shade plants, full sun with full sun plants. This would need a financial commitment from the neighborhood, but some of this could be recouped with a pay per harvest program.

Time to decide what summer 2011 will bring. Your input is greatly appreciated, as there are other communities who would like to establish gardens, and could use our boxes. Please e-mail me at joanie_loch@yahoo.com by April 15th to give feedback. If you are in support of keeping the garden be prepared to commit to some cost and maintenance.

This could be a real asset to the neighborhood, but only if we have broad interest in making it work!

in maintaining the grounds, Andrew Hoffman proposed the neighborhood donate the beds to the city's urban gardening program, or to Neighborlink, providing those who have rented the plots in the past do not want them.

The Chilli Bowl Championship and traveling trophy were awarded to Terry Stumpf! Congratulations!

Nominations were accepted for all open positions. The treasurer office is a two-year term. The new slate of officers passed unanimously as follows:

- Richard Friedman – President
- Rebecca Gremaux – Vice President
- Gene Loch – Treasurer
- Aaron Butler – Secretary

WWPNA February 2011 AGENDA

Old Business:

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Marketing Committee

Holiday Home Tour Committee

Officers Reports:

Our Woodland Park

By Justin Vedder

Arguably one of the neighborhood's most prized assets (among many others) is its history as a Woodland area. However, the emerald ash bore, utility work, and attrition will kill over 100 of our trees in the next three years. In an effort to Keep Williams Woodland Park Wooded, your neighborhood association is taking action:

We are organizing efforts to take advantage of the City supplemented:

STREET TREE PROGRAM:

For a nominal fee of \$75, (less with income restrictions), the city will plant a 2" diameter tree, 8-14 feet in height in the 'City Right-of-Way' (park-strip between sidewalk and street or within 15' from street edge if no park strip)

Please contact us to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are interested in having a quality, affordable tree planted in front of your house please contact a member of the WWPNA Tree Committee below! We will gladly assist you with the necessary documentation. Applications will be accepted by the City starting April 1, 2011, but we'd like to complete all paperwork ahead of time, as trees are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Please don't wait to contact us.

The committee will submit all collected applications on April 1st!

If you are interested in planting a tree elsewhere in your yard, contact us for pricing on 'privately' planted trees as well.

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The tree committee would like to propose a budget in the thousands of dollars to address these concerns. This will be proposed for a vote at the March 29 neighborhood meeting. Please attend to express your thoughts on the use of these funds.

Real Estate Review

by Rose Blevins

Williams Woodland Park has seen no real estate activity this year. However, 2 properties have lowered their prices this year. Although lower property values are a nationwide trend, it is of concern to each of us as it affects the value of our own property. If you have any influence regarding the sale of any of these properties, all neighbors would be grateful.

2316 S Harrison	3 bedroom	2 bath	\$68,900
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	\$94,900
125 W Creighton	4 bedroom	3 1/2 bath	\$80,900
2417 Webster	3 bedroom	2 1/2 bath	\$149,900

Noteworthy on our eastern border are 2 new businesses: Over Awe'd Hair and Nail Salon and Kingdom Wrestling Club. Cash Register Sales has relocated just north of their previous location.

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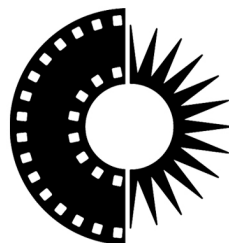
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WWPN Book Club

The March meeting of the WWPN & Friends Book Club will meet on March 24 at Joanie Loch's home at 7pm. The book of the month is Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow. Bring a treat if you wish.

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Upcoming WWPN Social Events

Mar. 24, 7:00 PM - Book Club Meeting

Mar. 29, 6:30 PM - Neighborhood Meeting

Apr. 23, 8:00 AM - WWPN Clean Up

Apr. 26, 6:30 PM - Neighborhood Meeting