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NEWSLETTER

Next Neighborhood Get-Together at Simpson United Methodist Church
May 31 – Dessert 6:30 p.m.-Discussion 7 p.m.

Neighborhood Pride!

by Richard Friedman

This month, with spring in full bloom, I would like to discuss the beauty of our neighborhood, and in particular, the maintenance of that beauty. In April, many neighbors got out and participated in the annual neighborhood clean-up. For those who have never joined us for this event, I would like to explain what takes place. Each year, the city sends out a full size garbage truck that goes up and down the alleys and streets with us while we clean up all of the remaining leaves, clear brush, and pick up any trash that may be sitting in the alleys. This year we had a good number of people join in, around 15 or so. But, unfortunately the number is relatively small, and though we were able to clean up about half of the alley ways, just think what we could do if more neighbors participated. The truck we had was far from full, but with more volunteers we might have finished the whole neighborhood in our allotted four hours.

Speaking of cleaning up the neighborhood, I would like to take the opportunity to thank one very special neighbor who works year round to keep our streets and sidewalks looking great. Surely everyone at this point has noticed one particular gentleman walking his dog each day with a bag in hand who stoops to pick up any trash that he sees along the way. Many a time, I have noticed that Ed Fenstermacher's bag is completely bursting with garbage that he has been so kind as to pick up for all of us. While I'm sure he doesn't necessarily think of his contribution as anything that particularly selfless, we should all take the time to thank him for the service he provides for our entire neighborhood. With that in mind, I challenge everyone in the neighborhood to think of ways that they could keep this neighborhood beautiful. Even if it's not nearly as large a contribution as Ed's, just taking the time to pick up any stray liter that you see lying about in the streets in front of your house or in the alley helps make Williams Woodland a more enjoyable place to live.



Along the same lines, I would like to remind everyone about two important dates coming up in the near future. The neighborhood-wide garage sale for this year will take place on June 11. This is a great opportunity to clean out some of those unused items that you keep in storage "just in case" and that seem to always be in the way. It is also a great time to pick up new items that your neighbors may no longer want, but would look just great in your house. The neighborhood covers the advertising for this event, so it only costs your sorting and pricing time. Two weeks later, on June 25, Carrie Bubbs will be running this year's plant exchange. While the garage sale took care of your extra indoor items, this is your chance to get rid of those outdoor plants that you just do not like anymore or would like to trade for something different. This is a unique event and well worth it for those who want to change things up a bit in their yards.

That in all for this month. I wish you all well and hope to see many of you at this month's meeting. The weather is getting quite nice so you can no longer use that as an excuse for staying home. And with that said, here is Margaret Mead with this month's quote: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

78 Edition- Nationally Recognized

by Abby Grider

Abby Grider traveled to Washington D.C. on Saturday, May 14th, along with Memorial Park's show choir (78 Edition) and the school's small group of Vocal Jazz. They were headed to the nation's capitol to compete in the Heritage Festivals as an advanced choral group. The 78 Edition is made-up entirely of seventh and eighth graders the same goes for Vocal Jazz. Memorial Park was the only middle school competing, they were up against high school groups across the nation. Although, this didn't interfere with the accomplishments they had. Both groups were awarded a gold standard. The Vocal Jazz had the highest score over any other group competing. Their success was recognized and 78 Edition and Vocal Jazz were invited to compete at the national level in Carnegie Hall, NYC. This will take place in the 2011-2012 school year. The students excitement is high and they strongly hope they will be able to compete in this privileged event.

Congratulations Graduates!

Kyle Fenstermacher and Alexander Graham are graduating from South Side High School. We are having a 'street' graduation party on June 12th from 2-5 in the 2400 block of Webster. Snacks and cake at the Fenstermacher's (2435), and the Graham's (2415). All neighbors invited!

Congrats to neighbor's David Shearer and Richard Friedman who both received Master Degrees from IPFW this spring.



Our Woodland Park

By Pete Bolakowski

Applications for street trees have been turned in but we were informed that the city hasn't run out of funds for trees yet. So if you were still considering a street tree, please call a member of the Tree Committee for information.

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Trees Trees Trees

The Tree Committee has been hard at work gathering and disseminating information about our parkway trees. There are also neighbors who are in need of tree removal or tree trimming on their private property. We are thinking that there is a possibility that we might be able to obtain a group rate if we all use the same contractor. If you have a tree that needs attention and are interested in getting a quote, please contact Pete Bolakowski at 341-4875.

TO FLOWER OR NOT TO FLOWER

This is the time of the year that we usually put up flower baskets to bring that extra beauty to the neighborhood. They are beautiful to look at and also help to delineate the neighborhood. We face several challenges in order to accomplish that this year. We are in need of a person to coordinate the watering crews. This person is especially critical because the plants can quickly die if not watered regularly. The coordinator's job would be to schedule and remind the water volunteers that this is their week. The second challenge is the watering crews. We have discovered in the past two years that the watering really needs to happen daily which means that watering crews would be signing up for at least an hour every day for a week. So the question is "to flower or not to flower"? Do we have enough desire to have flowers on our lamp posts to move forward with planting the baskets? The good news is that the funding for this project is totally taken care of by a grant from Urban Enterprises Association and water is contributed by Pete Bolakowski. All we need are a group of committed individuals. Anyone interested? Please contact Rebecca Gremaux at 414-3507 if this appeals to you.



Real Estate Review

by Rose Blevins

We are excited that there is a sale pending on the refurbished house at 312 Taber. We have six other wonderful opportunities for an acquaintance you would love to have as a neighbor.

2316 S Harrison	3 bedroom	2 bath	\$68,900
2415 Hoagland	4 bedroom	2 1/2 bath	\$185,000
321 W Suttentfield	5 bedroom	2 bath	\$89,900
125 W Creighton	4 bedroom	3 1/2 bath	\$80,900
2417 Webster	3 bedroom	2 1/2 bath	\$149,900
2515 Hoagland	3 Bedroom	2 Full Bath	\$109,000

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Vacation Bible School

Simpson UMC will be having Vacation Bible School August 8 – 12. The program is open to children 3 years to completed 4th grade. Cost will be \$10 and includes a T shirt. Look for more information in the July newsletter!

Advertisements If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Steph Johns at Stephanie.olivia@gmail.com.

Upcoming WWPNA Social Events

May 31, 6:30 PM - Neighborhood Meeting

June 11, 8:00 AM - Neighborhood Yard Sale

June 12, 2:00 PM - Graham Fenstermacher Graduation Celebration

June 25, 10 AM - Plant Swap

June 28, 6:30 PM - Neighborhood Meeting