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NEWSLETTER

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

A Safe Place to Call Home

Greetings Neighbors! I hope that all of you are doing well as the summer comes to an end. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of watching your children when they are outside and of educating them about safety regarding the roads in the neighborhood. As many of you likely already know, two of our neighborhood children were struck by a car while riding their bikes on Suttentfield earlier this month. Thankfully neither of the children were hurt severely, but they were both taken to the hospital in an ambulance. In this case there were some extenuating circumstances regarding the driver, but I think we should all look at the situation as a learning experience.

Parents, please remind your children to be sure to look both ways when crossing the street. This is especially important on our side streets where there is parking on both sides of the street. On these streets children should be told to cross only at the corners and not between cars. When David and I walk the neighborhood we often see both children and adults walking out between cars. While adults can see better and are more noticeable, it is important to remember that children pay more attention to what adults do than what they say. We need to be positive examples and follow street rules ourselves.

Second, it is important that children remember that even though bicycles and pedestrians may have the right-of-way, they are also the ones who are going to be hurt if there is an unfortunate accident. There are too many times that I see people walking in the street or riding their bikes out toward the middle of the road and ignoring cars, acting as if they are the ones who belong on the street. People often drive too fast in our neighborhood and it is up to us to act defensively and to do our best to reduce the possible risks. Additionally, it is important to remember that alleyways are roads and should be treated as such.

As a final point on this subject, I would like to remind all of the adults to drive very carefully in our neighborhood. This area is replete with active children who are often on the go. We all need to be careful to drive defensively and to look closely and carefully when driving down our crowded streets. If all of us drive slowly it will hopefully wear off on our visiting drivers or at the very least slow them down when we are out as well.

I know that much of the above sounds almost as if I am blaming the victim, but that is not my intention. I have also been in contact with the neighborhood liaison officer and others about what we can do to keep the speeds down in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, though, we cannot control what others do. The best we can do is look at what we can control and minimize the risks from our end. I want all of our children to be safe and for this neighborhood to continue to be known as a great place to raise kids. To that end, I hope the above thoughts can assist with keeping our children as safe as possible when in the neighborhood streets.

In other neighborhood news I would like to thank Marlo Salawou for volunteering to take over the duties of neighborhood secretary. The neighborhood association is only able to function as well as it does because of the gracious volunteering by so many of our residents and I want to be sure that she is recognized for stepping up when the position became vacant.

I would also like to remind people that the Holiday Home Tour committee is collecting gloves, mittens and hats to be placed on the neighborhood's tree during the Festival of Trees. Donations can be brought to the meeting or dropped off at Rebecca Gremaux or Judy Summers' houses. Anyone who wants to help with the tour in any other way is also always welcome. This year's tour is shaping up to be a great event as always and any and all assistance is always appreciated. -- And now here is this month's thought, originally written by German novelist, poet and humanist Johann Wolfgang von Goethe: "All truly wise thoughts have been thought already thousands of times; but to make them truly ours, we must think them over again honestly, until they take root in our personal experience."

WWPNA Minutes

August 30, 2011

The August meeting of Williams Woodland Park Neighborhood Association was called to order by President Richard Friedman. He asked everyone to introduce him or herself.

Old Business

The success of the ice cream social was discussed. David Brandon was thanked for coordinating this year's social. It was agreed that in the succeeding years, water should continue to be provided.

New Business

Joanie Loch volunteered to provide the dessert for the September meeting

Fire pits were discussed and a news article about them was read to the group. If one wishes to file a complaint one can call 311.

Book club will meet Thursday, September 29th at 7pm, at Rebecca Gremaux's house at 2420 Webster Ave. The book is *Room* by Emma Donahue. All are welcome to attend.

Reminder that the Senior Information Fair is scheduled for September 22 and that more information is available at the city's website.

The apple pressing is tentatively set for October 9th from 2 – 6pm at Peter Bolakowski's. Peter will check the apple supply to make sure that there will be enough apple's to hold the event and will report back at next month's meeting.

The Holiday Home Tour Committee reports that there are currently 7 houses signed up to participate in this year's tour. An open invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join the committee. Please contact Rebecca Gremaux for further details about when the next meeting will be held.

Williams Woodland will be decorating a Christmas tree for the Embassy Theatre's Festival of Trees yet again. The theme for this year is "Let It Snow." The tree is going to be decorated with pairs of mittens and anyone who would care to donate a pair or two is encouraged to contact Rebecca Gremaux or Judy Summers. The hope is that the person who gets the tree after the festival will donate them to a local organization for those in need.

The neighborhood picnic will happen at Peter's Bolakowski's in the 2500 block of Hoagland Ave. on September 24 from 1:00 – 6:00pm which follows the mini-marathon that will come through the neighbor-

hood earlier in the day. Hamburgers and hot dogs are provided, all that we request is that neighbors bring a side dish and lawn chairs to sit on. Gene Loch will be grilling for the event.

Rebecca brought up that in previous years we have put up wind socks on the light poles for the event. Due to the inferior quality of previous wind socks, it was proposed that we purchase more durable ones that can be reused. Richard proposed that we allocate \$300 dollars for the purchase of 12-15 at 15-17ea. Marlo seconded. Motion was passed. Tammy Sanchez's has offered to make a flier to distribute to neighbors before the event. A request for volunteers was made for painting the street with chalk.

A grant was used to purchase soil to replace soil for next year in the community garden. Joanie Loch will be bringing applications to the meeting next month for those who want to join the co-op community garden next year.

Because the current secretary is no longer able to fill the position, it was requested that someone volunteer for the position. Marlo Salawou agreed to take the position. According to the by-laws, the executive committee is able to appoint a person to fill the vacancy and it confirmed Marlo as the secretary for the remainder of the year.

Richard asked if anyone has any issues to bring up to the neighborhood liaison officer. It was recommended that if anyone sees something suspicious they should call the desk sergeant.

The treasurer reported that neighborhood started the month with \$13,234.06, spent \$347.28, and there is \$12,886.78 remaining.

-Tree committee discussed the status of trees. Pete proposed that a meeting be planned so that they can discuss further where things stand. It was stated that if someone has an issue with a tree previously planted by the city it is important to contact the city within one year of it being planted so that it can be replaced.

Justin Vedder reports reported about the current PAPA status. He talked about improvements along Fairfield from Creighton to Rudisill. The vacant Duemling Clinic on the corner of Home St. and Fairfield Ave. is currently being considered to be renovated and turned into a social services agency's main building.

The building formerly occupied by Los Lagos that is on the border of the neighborhood has been purchased although it is currently unknown who and what the space will be used for in the future.

Cider Press Cancelled. There are essentially no apples to press this year. So like farmers, we chalk it up to a bad season and wait in hope of next year.

On your mark, get set, go!

What: Fort 4 Fitness race on Hoagland Avenue

When: Saturday, September 24 @ 7:30a-? (whenever the last runner comes through)

Who: All WWPN neighbors and friends come pack the sidewalks on Hoagland Avenue to have some fun, cheer on the runners, and show thousands of people in Fort Wayne what an amazing neighborhood this is!

Other: Bring your noise makers, wear your silliest hat, halloween costume, or both, and bring a friend! Contact Amy McComas if you can help with preparations (painting the street, hanging banners, providing refreshments for the neighbors, etc) at

amypaulmc@msn.com



NEXT YEAR'S GARDEN

Well, the co-op run community garden has achieved modest success this year, with a good supply of lettuces, greens, beets, cherry tomatoes, a modest supply of full size tomatoes and an over abundance of cucumbers! Throw in some peppers, turnips, potatoes, carrots and sugar-snap peas and I've got to think most of us are pretty happy with our success.

Planning has begun for next year's crop and the garlic will soon be planted. Those wishing to join will need to come to September's meeting prepared to invest \$25 and some sweat (don't know how many of us will really manage sweat in October). We will get

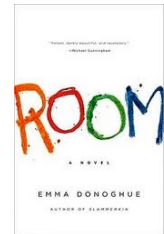
started pretty quickly with some planning, and small crop planting this fall, and be ready to get our early crops in as soon as the soil can be worked in the spring.

This year's gardeners are 'grandfathered in' and I believe we will only have 3 empty slots for a total of 10 families. If you have questions please e-mail Joanie at joanie_loch@yahoo.com.

WWPN and Friends Book Club will meet on Sept. 29 at 7pm at the home of Rebecca Gremaux. She lives at 2420 Webster Street. The book for the month is **Room: a novel** by Emma Donahue.

Summary:

Narrator Jack and his mother, who was kidnapped seven years earlier when she was a 19-year-old college student, celebrate his fifth birthday. They live in a tiny, 11-foot-square soundproofed cell in a converted shed in the kidnapper's yard. The sociopath, whom Jack has dubbed Old Nick, visits at night, grudgingly doling out food and supplies. But Ma, as Jack calls her, proves to be resilient and resourceful--and attempts a nail-biting escape.



Real Estate Review

by Rose Blevins

A bad tooth demands treatment- either expensive painful treatment or extraction. Extraction removes the problem, but leaves a noticeable hole. September 1st the house at 2518 Harrison was demolished. The possibility of rehab on that house would have been questionable, but another noticeable hole has been put in our neighborhood.

However, we are very happy that some of our vacancies have been filled this summer. Five of our homes remain on the market. Two of them -2316 Harrison and 125 Crieghton-have been extensively renovated and waiting for a long time. Do you know of anyone whom you would like to be one of our neighbors?

2316 S Harrison	3 bedroom	2 bath	\$67,900
2415 Hoagland	4 bedroom	2 1/2 bath	\$172,000
125 W Creighton	4 bedroom	3 1/2 bath	\$69,900
2318 Webster	4 bedroom	2 1/2 bath	\$99,900
414 Pontiac	Rent to own, details unknown		

Best Practice Neighborhood Initiative

This year the city is offering a program for "Best Practice Neighborhood Initiative." This program provides training and tools to select neighborhoods and residents to work with community development agencies, developers, and local government to help form a plan to make improvements that will benefit their neighborhood and surrounding area's. Williams-Woodland is among a large list of inner Ft Wayne neighborhoods able to participate in this program. A group of 4 residents from our neighborhood has been solicited to apply for this opportunity to participate in 6 training sessions. Only 5 teams (neighborhoods) of 4 individuals each will be selected to participate. During these training sessions the 5 teams will formulate a strategy to combat some of the problems they identify within their neighborhood as well as build upon assets that they currently have. The second phase of this process invites the neighborhood groups to **apply for a grant** to complete the project that they have formed. this is a tremendous opportunity for our neighborhood to show how well we work together to accomplish something for the greater good of our community.

Justin Vedder has been working with PAPA to help identify some improvements that the 7 neighborhood partnership would like to see happen on our side of town. One of their recent initiatives is to help promote revitalization along Fairfield Ave. Four of the 7 neighborhoods within PAPA are eligible to participate. PAPA hopes that in the event that one (or more) of those eligible PAPA neighborhoods is selected to complete their project, that they somehow consider making Fairfield Ave a priority in their plan. There is a long road of classes and work ahead before any of our ideas to make Williams-Woodland better can be finalized. You are encouraged to attend this month's neighborhood meeting to give input or find out more. Applications are due by the end of this month! So hopefully you are able to participate to try and get this done before September 30! You can also visit <http://www.leadershipfortwayne.org/> to read more about this program.

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

Upcoming WWPNA Social Events

Sept 24, 7:30 AM - Marathon & Picnic
Sept 27, 6:30 PM - Neighborhood Meeting
Oct 31, Halloween Bonfire

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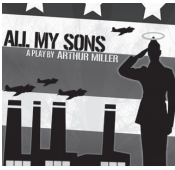



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2011—12 season

- ▼ *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*
September 30, October 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 2011
- ▼ *All My Sons*
November 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 2011
- ▼ *Purely Dance 2011*
December 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 2011
- ▼ *The Pot Boiler and The Real Inspector Hound*
February 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2012
- ▼ *The Good Person of Szechuan*
April 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 2012

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