



THE WOODLANDS WARBLER

March 2008

March 4, 2008 Annual Homeowners Meeting Highlights

The complete minutes of the March 4, 2008 WHOA annual meeting will be posted on the website after they have been approved. Some highlights of the meeting follow:

- Deb Anderson was elected to serve on the WHOA Board replacing Tom Crippes as his term expired this March.
- Representatives of 27 households attended the annual meeting.
- The WHOA Board chose to post the agenda and documents related to the annual meeting on the website and ask homeowners to bring copies to the meeting rather than have the association incur the printing and mailing costs. This seemed to work well and saved the association over \$150.00. If you missed the meeting, these documents are still available on the website.
- Jim Katter, President of the WHOA thanked many groups and individuals for the time they volunteered to the Woodland's community in 2007.
- Arlis Olson presented the treasurer's report including 2007 income and expenses and the 2008 budget. These documents are available on the website. Some homeowners had questions about how some figures in the 2008 budget had been determined. Board members explained that they were using their best judgment to estimate costs for 2008, but that exact figures would not be known until bids or estimates are received. President Katter explained some of the larger anticipated costs for 2008 to include, a fountain for the fifth addition, flag pole repair in the fifth addition, irrigation/well modifications and trail crack repair.
- Arlis Olson also reported that the results of the last audit had been positive. Any homeowner who would like to view the entire audit may contact Arlis (856-5578). One suggestion from the auditor is to do a financial review in the off audit years as a way to ease the audit process and reduce the costs in the audit year. The Board agreed with this

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suggestion. The auditor also said that some associations do an audit every third year. President Katter polled the audience to see if there was an interest in pursuing a by-law change to have an audit every third year. The consensus of the audience was that we should continue the present practice of an audit every two years.

- Board members discussed the vandalism that occurred in the Woodlands last year. Board Member Scott Fildes stressed the importance of paying attention to what happens in the neighborhood, talking to your children about what they know about activities in the Woodlands and, not hesitating to call the police when you notice activity that seems unusual or suspicious.
- Some homeowners at the meeting had some concerns about some specific occurrences. For example, when the lawn service blew clippings into the street by their home, when dandelions overtook an area in front last summer, when there was a problem with lights in an area etc. Board members asked residents to please communicate with the Board when they are aware of incidents such as these. Board members are aware of things in their immediate area, but may not be aware of something near someone else's home, so it is important to let Board members know of concerns. Following is your Board member contact information:

WHOA Board President Jim Katter,	jtkatter@izoom.net	856-5296
WHOA Board Vice President Scott Fildes,	bscott@sherbtel.net	856-0421
WHOA Board Director Deb Anderson,	djanderson@izoom.net	856-3299

Gardening Committee



At the February 16, 2008 WHOA Board meeting, the Board discussed how helpful it had been to have a Path Committee last year and unanimously agreed that having a Gardening Committee would be fabulous as well. Robin Carlson volunteered to be the chairperson of a Gardening Committee for 2008. If you are a current member of the Garden Club, or if you would be interested in being on a Gardening Committee for 2008, please contact Robin Carlson at 856-2702 or robinc856@aol.com.

THANK YOU Robin for your willingness to organize and lead this committee!!!!!!



WHOA Phone Book



Homeowners who attended the annual meeting had the opportunity to update their email address for the WHOA phonebook. If you have a change that needs to be made, you may email the Woodlands secretary Jan Hewitt at hewitt@sherbtel.net. Printed copies of the WHOA phone book were distributed in October 2007. If you did not receive one, or if you need another, email Jan Hewitt and she will send you an electronic copy.



Annual Livonia Township Clean Up Day

Mark your calendars! Saturday, May 31, 2008 will be the Annual Clean Up Day for Livonia residents. The event will be held from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Township Hall. Check the Livonia Township homepage for additional information.
<http://www.livoniatownship.org>.

Neighborhood Watch



Janet Huss has been working with Roxanne Schroeder from the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department to advance our Neighborhood Watch program. Janet and Roxanne will be using email to notify residents about crime related events. If you have not already let Janet know that you want to be included in the emails, please contact her so that you can be added to the list. Also, watch for information in the future from Janet and Roxanne about a phone tree.

Janet Huss
jahuss@izoom.net

Woodlands Yard Sale



If you are interested in participating in the neighborhood yard sale on May 1 and 2, contact Robin Carlson @ 856-2702 or robinc856@aol.com.

Staying Up to Date in the Woodlands



Thanks to Laurie Grasso for revitalizing our Woodlands website. The website now contains all the WHOA Board minutes and copies of the Warbler, so it is easy for you to stay up to date with happenings in our community. If you have additional ideas for Laurie and the website, please contact her.

Woodlands Website <http://www.woodlandsoflivonia.com>
Laurie Grasso grasso@izoom.net



The Woodlands Welcomes New Residents

Christopher and Kristin Mason, 27090 145th St. NW

Kids (and kids at heart) Activity (ages 8 and up)

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