



Fall Member's Meeting Notice ...

The annual Fall Meeting of the Woodstream Home Owners Association (WHOA) membership will be on **Wednesday, November 5th, 2008 at 7:00PM at the Pickerington Public Library**, located on Opportunity Way, across from Pickerington Central High School. At least one member of each household should attend this meeting. Elections for Directors of the Board will be held that night.

Two New Directors Are Needed ...

The Board of Directors of the Woodstream Home Owners Association (WHOA) consists of three members. The Board conducts and authorizes the business of the Association. Per our By-Laws, the Directors serve one-year terms and are to be elected at the annual members' meeting held each fall. Chuck Grabner and Dan Kalmanir have notified the Board that they will not serve on the Board beyond their current term. As with any organization, rotating the Board members stimulates the vitality of the group.

Directors meet periodically to ensure the business of the WHOA is effectively carried out and to determine if any additional actions are needed. The Board also maintains oversight of all WHOA committees. Board meetings are held at the discretion of the Directors. Usually, the Board meets in person more-or-less quarterly. Special situations can require impromptu meetings. Most issues and discussions are conducted via e-mail, so Board business is not a burden on anyone's busy schedule.

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Anyone interested in serving on the Board should notify the current Board members of their desire to serve. Nominations, including self-nominations, will also be open at the Fall Members' Meeting, before and until the election. However, we'd prefer to know in advance that we have enough interested candidates to ensure a valid election can occur. Please consider serving your Woodstream community as a Director. We Need You !!!

Officers and Committees ...

Other key staff positions need to be filled to make the Association run more smoothly. We need a Secretary and a newsletter Editor. Additional members for the Block Watch, Landscape, Architecture, Social, and Rules Enforcement Committees are always needed to share the work. Please contact the Board members or one of the committee chairs, listed on this page.

Polling Place Changed ...

The Fairfield County Board of Elections has combined many of the Voting Centers throughout the county. Although each of you should've been notified of the new polling site, this is a gentle reminder not to go to the Pickerington Public Library on Tuesday, November 4th. Our precinct (Vi-C.Pic), now votes at the Senior Citizen Center in Pickerington at 150 Hereford Dr. That's off Pickerington Road, a block this way from Victory Park.

Please Watch Your Speed !!!

It's just a fact of life today ... everyone's in a hurry. But, a moment's inattention could lead to a lifetime of misery for a parent or for the driver.

Please observe the 25 mph speed limit and stop at all the stop signs throughout Woodstream.

Violators should be reported to the Sheriff's Department at **614-837-2499**.

We need more members on all of our Committees. Please consider joining one of them to help your community. Current committee members might also consider moving to another committee for a change of pace and experience.

Landscape Committee Report

The new entrance is finally complete! It was a difficult project but worth the work and wait. The stone was harvested from Southern Ohio and the color was chosen to match the stone pillars. The plants from David Ochs are all in great shape and will bloom and grow in the spring. The sprinklers have been repaired and are now adjusted to water the new plants.

The Landscaping Committee is working on several other projects. Some damaged and dying trees along the fence are about to be replaced. Wilson Landscape has agreed to replace them without charge. We are working with the builders to have them fix the grassy area along the East fence on Busey Road.

We'd love to hear your ideas. Please consider joining the Landscaping Committee to help keep Woodstream a great place to live.

Ann Brocker... Email: landscape@woodstreamhoa.com

Block Watch Committee Report

This is really about "awareness". I still see a lot of garage doors open in the evening which is a security/safety issue. There's still a lot of speeding and running stop signs, even at times when kids are getting off the school buses. It's especially bad back in the "Village". People assume because the lots aren't sold out that there isn't much traffic, but there are little kids on bikes around there. Not really a block watch thing, just an annoyance. Maybe this would be a good time to remind people not to keep valuables / money / holiday gifts in their cars. Make sure they lock their cars and put down the garage door.

Tip I heard recently: Keep your car keys on your night stand and if you hear something that could indicate a break in, hit the "emergency" button on your remote key so that the car alarm/horn goes off.

Call 9-1-1 for any Emergency

Non-Emergency number for POLICE: 614-837-2499

WHOA's web page has more valuable home security information and safety tips. Please check it out at:
<http://www.woodstreamhoa.com>

Kathy Whittington: blockwatch@woodstreamhoa.com

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Social Committee Report

Community Garage and Bake Sales were held June 20th & 21st. Thanks to all who donated for the Bake Sale. We made over \$50. Money made is used for other events during the year.

Our 3rd Annual July 4th Bike Parade was held on July 5th, due to rain. We had 26 children register. First & Second place winners were:

0-4 year olds 1st Place – Mia
0-4 year olds 2nd Place – Matthew
5-8 year olds 1st Place – Sydney
5-8 year olds 2nd Place – Jonathon
9-12 year olds 1st Place – Hannah
9-12 year olds 2nd Place – Brandon

Special Thanks to all who donated baked goods and water, to the judges, and, especially, to the Violet Township Fire Department.

Upcoming Events:

We will be having a costume parade for the children on Sunday, October 26th at 2:00. A rain date for Sunday, November 1st has also been set. We will be meeting at the model home and having light refreshments afterwards. Please watch for flyers. Woodstream Trick-or-Treat will be Friday, October 31st from 6-8 p.m.

The last two years, the Social Committee has sold luminaries for the Christmas Holiday. Last year, the committee had a profit of \$192 to fund our other activities. Orders are placed in early December.

All of these events could not be possible without volunteers. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Melissa Adcock at 920.9561 or melissadcock@insight.rr.com.

Also, ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Architectural Committee Report

Please be sure that you are reviewing the Woodstream Deed Restrictions before you start any exterior project.

These deed restrictions are in place to keep uniformity throughout the subdivision as well as to keep our property values up. With the housing market fluctuations, it is vital that all association members adhere to these deed restrictions. We have been seeing some (not a great deal) of our neighbors completing exterior projects without the Woodstream Home Owners Association Architectural Review approval. We thank those homeowners for taking time to complete the required paperwork and seek the proper approvals.

It is very easy to request an approval from the WHOA Architectural Review Committee. Please go to

www.woodstreamhoa.com and click on the Documents & Forms link. From here, please select the Architectural Review Application Form. Please complete this form in duplicate and send, with necessary attachments, to WHOA Architecture Review, P.O. Box 532, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110. The Architectural Review Committee will answer your request within 30 days from your postmark.

The current Chair, Goran Radivojevic, and Vice Chair, Tony Powers, will be stepping down after the Fall Meeting. Volunteers for these positions should contact the Board of Directors at:

board@woodstreamhoa.com

Should any member of the Woodstream Homeowners Association wish to serve on this committee, please contact our current Chair - Goran Radivojevic - at:

architecture@woodstreamhoa.com

Rules Committee Report

Please read the Covenants and Restrictions to be certain you aren't in violation.

Only written complaints can be acted upon. If any resident notices an infraction, please send a letter to the WHOA PO Box to the attention of the Rules Committee. The issue will be investigated fairly and action taken.

The Rules Committee needs several more members at this time. If interested, please send an e-mail to the Committee Chair, Alicia Coats, at:

rules@woodstreamhoa.com.

Replacement Mailboxes

Woodstream restrictions require all of us to use similar mailboxes. We've learned that the Bronze-colored mailbox previously used by the builders is no longer available. Several very similar mailboxes are available at both Home Depot and Lowes: Home Depot: The Arlington Bronze, T2 size, Mgr# AR15T000, costs \$75.00, or

Home Depot: Solar Group's "Madison", Bronze, Mfr # MAD015BZ, costs \$34.94 (probably not as durable), or

Lowes: The Estate series in Bronze, costs \$62.98.

Post covers for 4x4's are also available, but no one has a post just like our current posts. Try to be as close as possible.

As all mailboxes need repainting at some point, we suggest Rust-Oleum's brand hammered paint, available in a spray can #210880 Brown. It's available anywhere paints are sold. All mail boxes should be in this color.

Where's My Dues Notice ????

Dues are usually due in August. So, why did we not get a bill yet? The operation of WHOA was turned over to the homeowners by the builders in May of 2006. The Board began collecting dues in the summer of that year. In an effort to maintain the "fiscal year", the Directors set it from July to June. Thus, dues were to be collected every summer.

However, we discovered that our true Fiscal Year was set in the Articles of Incorporation to be January through December. To get "back on schedule", the Directors extended this current payment year to 18 months. Henceforth, dues will be due in January, at the beginning of our actual Fiscal Year. As a result, we're all getting a 6-month pass on paying our dues.

We are able to ride out this year with our existing account balance, thanks to our builders paying many of the bills in 2006 and 2007. Had the initial Board held to the actual Fiscal Year, we would've already paid three years of dues (2006, 2007, and 2008). So, we've really saved a year's worth of dues. 2009 dues notices will go out in December for payment in January.

Osage Orange Trees

Ever wonder about that messy tree on Busey Road across from our Woodstream entrance? It is an Osage Orange tree.

It has played an important part in American history. The Osage Indians knew the value of its strong wood and used it to make bows, and tomahawk handles. It was so valuable that Indian tribes from other regions would trade for the strong wood ... the price being a horse and a blanket.

Pioneers used its strength and thorns to create formidable hedge rows. Giving it the nickname "hedge apple". A single row of hedge trees planted a foot apart would yield a fence that was "horse high, bull-strong, and hog-tight". It was also used for wagon wheels and cattle yokes. In WWI, the army used the green fruits to dye uniforms a lovely olive drab color. But in 1874, Osage Orange met its match. A new invention, barbed wire, was now cheaper to use for fencing.

The interesting green fruits of the tree have uses even today. Some believe that if placed in the corners of your basement or garage, insects like spiders, cockroaches, and crickets will be kept at bay. I have tried it and it seems to work. It's cheaper and less toxic than sprays anyway. One method that definitely works is to pick up the hedge apple and smash the offending bug with it.

Hopefully, you now have a new appreciation for the gnarly tree that marks our entrance. So, stop and pick up some green "alien brains" and scare all the creepy crawlies from your basement.

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, Oct. 26th, 2PM – Costume Parade

Tues., Nov. 4th – Election Day
(Be sure to Vote to exercise your right to
select our government leaders)

**Wed., Nov. 5th, - WHOA Members Meeting
(Pickerington Library at 7 - 9PM)**

Luminaria will be available in December

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Sign up now . . .

Be a Block Captain

Be a Safe House

Safety First !!!

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TO: