



# Walden Woods News

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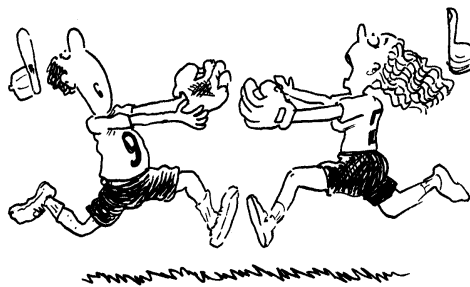
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## BASEBALL ANYONE?

**If you build it, they will come.** Well, we've got "it" almost built, now the question is who are "they" and will they come? In case you didn't know, we're adding a softball field to our list of amenities in Walden Woods. It's not exactly what we had in mind when Culbro agreed to develop Parcel C, but now that the field is nearly ready to use (September?), **what the heck are we going to do with it?**



There are three possible answers: (1) tear down the backstop and fences and pretend the ball field was never there (2) do nothing; leave it up to the natural process of individuals identifying when and how they want to utilize the facility and see if it gets any use, or (3) try to encourage its use by organizing informal, but competitive games between teams of residents. The point here, of course, is that it would be unfair to discard the ball field as an unfortunate folly without making an effort to promote its use.

Are there enough kids in our community with the interest to use the field on a regular basis? How about adults? Could there possibly be enough interest that we could organize teams from each Council for some friendly competition?

To get some answers, let's conduct a survey.. If you or other family members would be interested in playing some softball - whether as part of an organized league of teams or in a pick-up game of scrub, contact Jan Moller, 683-0254 or [moller@comcast.net](mailto:moller@comcast.net). If you and your family have absolutely no interest in playing softball, contact Bob Ellis, 688-5949 or [pollyandbob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pollyandbob@sbcglobal.net). 

### Rock Cats Baseball


Speaking of baseball, all of you received the Recreation/Social Committee's invitation last week, to join your Walden Woods neighbors at a New Britain Rock Cats baseball game on Sunday, August 27th at 1:30PM. The deadline for making a reservation was July 11th. **That's TODAY!!!!** **If you call Janet Terkildsen, 683-1239 or Jan Moller, 683-0254 right now, you might still be able to join the party.** The low cost of \$14 covers a box seat ticket, hot dog, soda, chips and a great time with family and friends.

Think of it as cheap group therapy.

## POOL OF THE FUTURE



Concerned about whether our swimming pool will be able to accommodate the needs of all 336 unit owners once *Country Walk* is fully developed? Consider this: according to the log maintained by Pool Attendant Keegan Stiles, there have been 220 people who visited the pool area from May 30th to June 30th. Discounting the 15 days of bad weather during that time period, this means that the pool has attracted an average of 13 "swimmers" per day for the first month of the summer season. That, of course, doesn't mean all 13 are there at the same time. However, consideration must also be given to the possible difference in demographics between the 180 *Country Walk* unit owners and the existing 156 unit owners in Walden Woods.


Conclusion? Who knows? But if all things remain equal, it **could** mean we'd have an average of 28 people visiting the pool each day by the year 2011 when the last of the *Country Walk* units are scheduled to be completed. Sounds accommodatable - **if . . . .** 

### EULOGY

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The gravesite was piled high with flours. Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes. 

### TAG SALE REMINDER

Ruth Casagrande, coordinator of this year's Community Tag Sale, says there is still an opportunity for homeowners to sign up to participate. All that is required is a donation of \$5 to help pay for the advertising and directional signs. Fourteen homeowners scattered throughout Walden Woods have already signed up to sell their "treasures" in their own driveways from 9am-3pm on Saturday, August 12th. The directional signs and a map provided to each visitor should help keep traffic running smoothly through the community and minimize any inconvenience to other homeowners.

If you're through procrastinating and have discovered a few things in the basement you'd like to get rid of, contact Ruth at 688-9504.

### ZEN QUESTIONS

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1. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
2. What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?
3. Is there another word for synonym?



## POND OF THE FUTURE

Sometimes the wheels of progress move painfully slow - especially when government bureaucracy gets involved. As reported in an earlier issue of the News, homeowner Warren Johnson has filed a complaint with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) against our industrial neighbor Unisource. The complaint centers on the storm water runoff from the Unisource property that's contributing to the contamination of our Walden Pond. The Town of Windsor asked Warren to help in getting State enforcement even though the Town is also being asked to do its part. According to Windsor's Environmental Officer, Cyd Groff, the following improvements need to be made on the Unisource property:



- (1) a large retention pond to slow the rate of runoff and allow settlement of some suspended solids;
- (2) a vortex unit or units to remove suspended solids that often contain chemical pollutants attached to them; and
- (3) an oil separator or separators.

Unisource has apparently hired an engineering firm to help them design their own plan for correcting the defects in its storm drainage outflows. No work on the site can begin until the Windsor Inlands/Wetlands Commission has a chance to review Unisource's proposal that is expected to be filed with the town in September. Although representatives from both the town and the DEP have indicated they plan to coordinate their efforts to correct the Unisource problem, no action has yet been taken. The DEP representative handling Warren's complaint is currently on vacation. 🇺🇸

**NOTE: Each of us can do our part in helping to clean up the pond by not depositing lawn litter in our streets or putting anything down the storm drains**

### RIDGE HELP NEEDED

Because of recent departures, we need volunteers from the Ridge Council to join the Standards Committee and the Welcome Committee. Unlike other committees that serve in an advisory capacity to the Conservancy Board of Directors, these two committees serve the community directly and need representation from each of the council areas to be effective. **If you live on Pond Bridge or Picket Lane and would like to become more involved with your community, please contact the appropriate chairperson(s):**

**Standards Committee** - Rick Ericson 683-8999 or richardericson@cs.com.

**Welcome Committee** - Janet Terkildsen, 683-1239 or janterk2000@yahoo.com.

**YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!** 🇺🇸

### VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

If you are a Village Council resident, you may want to make the effort to attend the next Council Board Meeting to be held at the Meeting House on **Monday, July 24 at 7:30PM**. The topic of replacement fences will be the primary item on the agenda.

The Board will be discussing the possibility of having all the remaining wood fences replaced next year and using a special assessment to help pay for them. Although no vote will be taken, the Board will be using the meeting to determine whether there is sufficient interest in this alternative to help resolve the volatile issue of fence replacement prioritization.

**Whether or not you already have your fence replaced, whether you agree or disagree with the special assessment idea, it's in your best interest to attend this meeting.** 🇺🇸

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

**Gone:** Jed and Maria Rodriguez, 438 Pond Bridge

**Arrived:** Robert and Elisa Girard

**Gone:** Karen Machamer, 36 Knollwood North

**Arrived:** Clinton Moffie & Dori Medynski

**Gone:** Carsten Rasmussen, 132 Primrose

**Arrived:** Christine, Leah & Walter Collyer

**Also arrived are our first Country Walk residents** Bret & Cristi Burnham, 31 Scarlet Lane

## GOLF OUTING REMINDER

September 10th isn't that far away now and Bob Ellis, coordinator of the first annual Walden Woods Golf Outing will soon be closing the reservations and finalizing the foursomes that will be competing for pride and meaningful prizes.

If you haven't yet contacted Bob (688-5949, 144 Morning Glory Court) **and** paid your \$45 fee (check payable to Walden Woods Conservancy), please do so as soon as you get through reading this sentence. Pleading phone calls on September 9th will not accomplish anything other than irritating the coordinator.

## WARNING TO HIKERS

The long hiking trail being developed by Culbro is still not ready for use because of the preponderance of poison ivy still to be sprayed. The ivy on the Johnson Trail (along the East side of Walden Pond) has been sprayed, but is still in the process of drying up and dying. The leaves of the sprayed poison ivy are yellow and should still be avoided.

## WINE TASTING PARTY

Okay, everybody knows that anyone who can intelligently discuss and appreciate fine wine is someone you want to sit next to at a dinner party. Suave, debonair James Bond comes to mind. Such a person embodies class and dignity. Such a person epitomizes civility and intelligence.

Such a person could be you - or at least an improved rendition of you - if you sign up for the Wine Tasting Party being hosted by the Recreation and Social Committee on Saturday, October 14th at the Meeting House. You'll not only be able to sample various wines, you'll have the opportunity to **learn** about the wines and order a supply of a particular wine or wines that are especially appealing to your palate (*that's wine tasting talk for "your taste buds like it"*).

Even if you're not interested in becoming a connoisseur, you can still kick back, do a little sipping and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors while listening to some nice quiet music. Not a bad way to spend a Saturday afternoon - especially for the low, low price of \$5.

If you're interested, contact Jan Moller (683-0254, [moller@comcast.net](mailto:moller@comcast.net)) or Cori-Lynn Webber. (285-8433, [cwebberesq@conversent.net](mailto:cwebberesq@conversent.net)). **BUT DO IT NOW!**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Mon, July 24th**  
**@ 7:30** Village Council Board Meeting  
at the Meeting House

**Wed, July 26th**  
**@ 7:30** Conservancy Board Meeting  
at the Meeting House

**Sat, August 12th**  
**9 am- 3 pm** Community Tag Sale  
(Ruth Casagrande, 688-9504)

**Sun, August 27th**  
**@ 1:30pm** Rock Cats Baseball Game  
at New Britain Stadium  
(Janet Terkildsen, 683-1239  
or Jan Moller, 683-0254)

**Sun, Sept 10**  
**@ 1 pm** Golf Outing at Traditions  
(Bob Ellis, 688-5949)

**Sat, Oct 14th**  
**time tbd** Wine Tasting Party  
at the Meeting House  
(Jan Moller, 683-0254 or  
Cori-Lynn Webber, 285-8433)