

Walden Woods News

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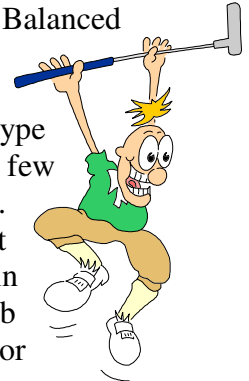
RECREATION AND SOCIAL NEWS


Swimming Pool: Re-decking on the bridge between the pool and the parking lot is underway. The decking in the pool area will be done next year to free up some 2006 budget money for the re-activation of the fountain in the nearby pond. **The pool will open early this year on May 19** and stay open for the 2 weekends after Labor Day. Elite Management is going to hire an Attendant (not Life Guard) to monitor pool use 10am-6pm. For security and safety reasons, we will use a combination lock this year and change the combination on July 1 and August 1. Our primary concern is having an open, unattended pool.

Derby Day Party: Permission was received from the Board of Directors to serve alcohol (beer, wine and bourbon) in the meeting house for this **May 6th event. See enclosed flyer for further information.**

Tag Sale? Rumors are flying that there may be another Community Tag Sale this year. Unlike last year's centralized sale down by the pool area, however, this year's event may allow each participating resident to conduct the sale at their home. The Conservancy Board of Directors is taking the matter under consideration and will be announcing their decision in the coming weeks.

Golf Outing: It's all set! **Walden Woods will have their very first Golf Outing at the Traditions Golf Course in Windsor on Sunday afternoon, September 10th.** Balanced teams of four will be arranged by individual average score to compete in a Scramble type tournament for fun and a few extraordinarily cheap prizes. Anyone who has not yet expressed his or her interest in participating should contact Bob Ellis, 688-5949 or wwgolf@sbcglobal.net.



Winter Holiday Party: This year's party will be on December 2, 2006. It is hoped that having the party earlier will improve attendance by avoiding the conflicts people have with company or family parties. 

COUNTRY WALK UPDATE

A number of duplex and town-house model homes are now available for viewing by prospective buyers. Eleven of the homes have already been sold and all will be occupied this summer. Landscaping along what will be Scarlet Lane will be completed within 30 days.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION APPROVED

At the March 29th Special Homeowners Meeting that preceded the Board of Directors Meeting, the amended and re-written Certificate of Incorporation was unanimously approved by the homeowners in attendance. The certificate, a legal document that describes how the Walden Woods Conservancy operates as a Common Interest Community will now be registered with the state to replace the original certificate.

LANDSCAPING PLAN CHANGED

Ah, the best laid plans Due to the unexpected expense of replacing the meeting house doors that were damaged by high winds this winter, we will have to forego the meeting house landscaping upgrade planned for 2006. Instead, we'll rely on volunteers to help make the area look nicer by cleaning up the beds for the season. If you want to help, contact Deb Giampolo, 688-4699.

CPR CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGED

There's good news for those of you who were reluctant to sign up for the CPR class only because the announced schedule of three 3-hour classes would be too difficult to attend. Walt Piszchala, a Walden Woods resident and certified CPR instructor, is now offering a 2-hour Wednesday evening class (one night only) that will focus only on adults who might need CPR.

Walt can also conduct classes that cover CPR for babies and children as well as basic first aid for cats, dogs and people, but feels the Adult CPR class is better suited to our community's needs. The class costs \$45.00 per person and is limited to 20 people. If interested, contact Joe Palladino, 248-9337 or jjpall@comcast.net.

TOWN NEWS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Living Today In Yesterday's Homes: That's the theme of Windsor Historical Society's house tour that will take place on Saturday, May 6th from 10 am until 4 pm. Six homes representing the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries will be open for visiting. Each of these homes is occupied by owners who love architecture and historic character and embrace adaptations for contemporary comfort. Once again the Windsor Historical Society is collaborating with the Windsor Jester's theatrical group whose members will portray early homeowners, greeting visitors in historic costume and sharing details of their lives.

Tickets are \$20 in advance of the tour and \$23 the day of the tour. Tickets may be purchased in Windsor at Ashley's Distinctive Jewelry and Gifts, the Beanery Bistro, Bill Selig Jewelers, Century 21 Wm. R. Smith Realty, Classic Hair Design, Creative Fibers, Curves, Cutting Edge, Dom's Broad Street Eatery, Flowers by Timothy Snelgrove, Heirlooms Antiques, KoKo's, the Water Closet Bath & Book, Whistle Stop Café and the Windsor Historical Society. For more information call the Windsor Historical Society at 688-3813 or visit online at www.windsorhistoricalsociety.org.

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute: This is the replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC that's touring the country. A tribute to all men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, the exhibit will be on display on the Windsor Town Green April 27 through April 30. The 8-foot high by 370 foot-long wall is the largest exhibit of its kind and Windsor will mark its very first visit to the Northeast. Like the actual memorial, it lists the names of men and women who died in the Vietnam War, and features computers with databases and printers to help people locate names on the wall. An exhibit of artwork by veterans of many U.S. conflicts is featured. Supplies also will be available so people can make rubbings of individual names to remember.


The visit by American Veterans Traveling Tribute is presented by Windsor's First Town Downtown organization, with the help of the Town of Windsor and the Windsor Chamber of Commerce.

ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT

by Warren Johnson

Did you know that Walden Woods is home to two vernal pools as well as two ponds? According to the "Friends of Northwest Park", vernal pools, which are temporary areas of standing water, commonly serve as ideal breeding habitat for salamanders. This photo shows one of the vernal pools located just off Walden Meadow Road on the opposite side from the swimming pool and small pond. It drains about six acres of our common areas. You can see the pool on your way out of Walden Woods if you look to your right as you pass in front of the new *Country Walk* road that will be known as Haskins Road. Once the leaves come out on the surrounding vegetation, this vernal pool will be mostly hidden from view.



The tall yellow reeds in the pond are an aggressive and invasive weed known as Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*). Unless removed, Common Reed will take over the vernal pool and displace native plants. CWD, the Country Walk developer, has assumed responsibility for the removal of the Common Reed prior to the time our first new *Country Walk* neighbor moves in. We can expect to see the Common Reed chemically treated or mechanically removed in the coming weeks. 

A LESSON IN CUSSING



A 6 year old and a 4 year old are upstairs in their bedroom.

"You know what?" says the 6 year old. "I think it's about time

we started cussing."

The 4 year old nods his head in approval.

The 6 year old continues, "When we go downstairs for breakfast, I'm gonna say something with 'hell' and you say something with 'ass'."

The 4 year old agrees with enthusiasm.

When their mother walks into the kitchen and asks the 6 year old what he wants for breakfast, he replies, "Aw, hell, Mom, I guess I'll have some Cheerios."

WHACK! He flies out of his chair, tumbles across the kitchen floor, gets up, and runs upstairs crying his eyes out, with his mother in hot pursuit, slapping his rear with every step.

His mom locks him in his room and shouts, "You can just stay there until I let you out!" She then comes back downstairs, looks at the 4 year old and asks with a stern voice, "And what do YOU want for breakfast, young man?"

"I don't know," he blubbers, "but you can bet your ass it won't be Cheerios." 

DATES TO REMEMBER

ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE INVITED TO EACH EVENT
(some are free, some are not)

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| Wed, Apr 26th
@ 7:30 | Board of Directors Meeting at the Meeting House |
| Sat, May 6th
2:30-6:30 | Kentucky Derby Day Party at the Meeting House (contact Jack Keenan, 687-1734 or john.keenan@hsb.com) |
| Fri, May 19th | Opening day of swimming pool season (no, dummy, this is <u>not</u> at the Meeting House) |
| Mon, May 29th
11:00-2:00 | Memorial Day Pool Party (Janet Terkildsen, 683-1239) |

EGGS FOUND ON MEETING HOUSE LAWN !



Jacob and Erik Fernandez with new friend

Twenty-nine offspring of Walden Woods residents participated in the Great Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9th. Picture-perfect weather provided the kids the opportunity (with permission) to use the Meeting House lawn for the event and helped make this an even bigger success than last year's inaugural event.

Before The Hunt, the egg-hunters, their parents and grandparents enjoyed refreshments and challenging games (carrot catching, bean bag tossing and "golf") inside the Meeting House. Stamps, tattoos and notebooks were shared as well and a surprise visit by the Great Bunny highlighted the day. Erik Fernandez was the winner of the Guess the Number of Jelly Beans in the Jar contest and went home with a big purple bunny rabbit.

A good time was had by all, thanks to the planning, coordination and set-up efforts of the Moller family (Jan & Jackie, daughters Hannah and Charlotte), the Armstrongs (Dick and Joyce) and the Dunlaveys (Tim and daughter Catherine).

The BUNNY will be back again next year!!! 

TYPOGLYCEMIA

Although this article is offered primarily to prove a point to my proof-reader who drives me nuts with her constant nit-picking about typos and spelling gaffs, you're invited to read it as well. I'm betting you can.

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MARCH COMINGS AND GOINGS

Nobody left in March. In the last 3 ½ months, we've only had one homeowner leave Walden Woods. Very unusual. Maybe we're all beginning to realize what a special place this is.

A big Welcome to Rosaria Docimo,
37 Knollwood North

IN CASE YOU WANTED TO KNOW

Of the 156 homeowners in Walden Woods, 133 (or 85%) of us have computers with internet access and/or e-mail.

Of those 133, 39 (29%) use Comcast as our connection provider. Other providers used:

- AOL = 30
- Workplace = 20
- SBCglobal = 11
- Yahoo = 9
- SNET = 6
- Hotmail = 5
- Netzero = 4
- Others = 9

