



# Walden Woods News

## March 2007

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WALDEN WOODS NEWS is a monthly publication produced and distributed by homeowner volunteers for the edification and enjoyment of all Walden Woods homeowners. Questions, ideas and news contributions may be submitted to any member of the Communication Committee: Bob or Polly Ellis (688-5949), or Ruth Johnson (688-5128),

### SPECIAL NOTE TO TOWNHOME COUNCIL RESIDENTS:

As explained in the Country Walk article, each of the Councils in Walden Woods has at least one Director to represent their Council's interests on the Conservancy Board of Directors. Every Council, that is, except yours. You are entitled to have one Director, but as yet, no one has volunteered to fill the position. If you are interested and want to find out more about the Director's role and responsibilities, please contact Deb Giampolo, 298-8782, [dgiampolo@hotmail.com](mailto:dgiampolo@hotmail.com), Joe Palladino, 298-9337 [jjpall@comcast.net](mailto:jjpall@comcast.net), or Anna-Marie Brown, 688-5258, [ambmail@gmail.com](mailto:ambmail@gmail.com).



### COUNTRY WALK NOW "OBSOLETE"

If you bought a home in Country Walk, you should know that you have just lost that distinction. You no longer live in Country Walk.

No, no, we're not talking about anybody from town hall exercising that court-approved *eminent domain* thing and you don't have to start re-packing those boxes you just finished unpacking last week. You still own your home. But **you are now a resident of Walden Woods.**

"Country Walk" has a nice ring to it and may be an effective marketing tool for the developer – but that's all it is. When you bought your home, you became a member of the **Walden Woods community** and are entitled (and welcome) to enjoy all the amenities and partake in all the activities that our community has to offer. *It also means you are subject to the same rules and bylaws that govern the safety and appearance of our community.*

If you haven't had time to read all the documentation that was given to you at the time of your closing, you should know that, like New York City, we are divided into five boroughs – except in our case, they're called "Councils" and they're determined by the type of home you live in and the level of maintenance service you receive. As a *Country Walk* buyer, you either live in the Duplex or Townhome Council. The rest of us live in the Woodmoor, Ridge, or Village Councils. Each Council has its own elected Director(s), each of whom also serves on the Conservancy's Board of Directors.

So, say goodbye to *Country Walk* and say hello to your new Walden Woods neighbors. We hope you enjoy the lifestyle here and become an active participant in your new community. If you want to join one



of the many committees that help create and sustain that lifestyle, please contact Bob Ellis, 688-5949, [pollyandbob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pollyandbob@sbcglobal.net). You can find out more about these committees and Walden Woods in general by visiting our website, [www.waldenwoodsct.com](http://www.waldenwoodsct.com).

## “NEW” MEETING HOUSE



In case you haven't noticed, our Meeting House is getting a facelift. Earlier this month, the original roof was replaced, along with the flashing around the chimney, at a cost of about \$13,000. Now we're going through the throes of replacing the wooden siding with vinyl, a change that was approved by the Conservancy Board of Directors after research indicated it was more cost effective (\$26,400) to do so rather than having it repainted every five years. Despite some nasty rumors to the contrary, the new siding will be white, not the glow-in-the dark chartreuse that On the Green resident Shirley Freeman wanted.

Thanks to effective planning by our Board of Directors and our Property Manager (and the monthly “donations” of residents), we have sufficient reserve funds to handle the cost of the maintenance without incurring a special assessment. We will, however, have to endure the temporary unsightliness of having a dumpster on premises during the demolition of the wooden siding and then a “pod” to store the supplies needed to install the vinyl. Both units will be housed on the west side of the meeting house to minimize inconveniences and allow continued access to the meeting house for all meetings and events scheduled this month. The work should be completed before the Great Egg Hunt party scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>.

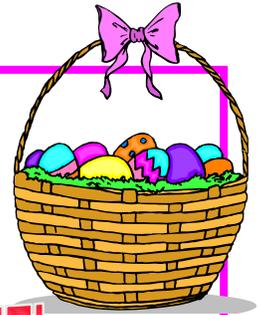


## PLAYING WITH WORDS

*The following are similes and metaphors supposedly found in high school essays last year. Whether or not that's true, they should make you laugh.*

1. Her face was a perfect oval, like a circle that had its two sides gently compressed by a Thigh Master.
2. His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliances like underpants in a dryer without Cling Free.
3. He was as tall as a six-foot, three-inch tree.
4. The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.
5. From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and Jeopardy comes on at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30.
6. She grew on him like she was a colony of E.Coli, and he was room-temperature Canadian beef.
7. Her hair glistened in the rain like a nose hair after a sneeze.
8. Long separated by cruel fate, the star-crossed lovers raced across the grassy field toward each other like two freight trains, one having left Cleveland at 6:36 p.m. traveling at 55 mph, the other from Topeka at 4:19 p.m. at a speed of 35 mph.
9. John and Mary had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who had also never met.
10. He fell for her like his heart was a mob informant, and she was the East River.
11. The plan was simple, like my brother-in-law Phil. But unlike Phil, this plan just might work.
12. The ballerina rose gracefully en Pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a fire hydrant.
13. He was deeply in love. When she spoke, he thought he heard bells, as if she were a garbage truck backing up.





## INVITATION

### WALDEN WOODS SPRING SOCIAL AND EGG HUNT!

- WHEN?** SATURDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2- 4 PM
- WHERE?** MEETING HOUSE (outside if weather cooperates).
- WHO'S INVITED?** ALL RESIDENTS OF WALDEN WOODS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN AND/OR GRANDCHILDREN - ALL AGES!
- WHAT'LL WE DO?** THERE'LL BE EGG HUNTING AND GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN, REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIALIZING FOR EVERYONE
- HOW MUCH?** **IT'S FREE**

**R.S.V.P. – BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH**  
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## TAG SALE III

Good news for new homeowners and those of us who still have “junk” left over in our basements, attics and garages. During their February meeting, the Conservancy Board of Directors sanctioned the third annual “running of the bulls” – otherwise known as the Walden Woods Tag Sale.

No plans have yet been made as to when, where and how, but Ruth Casagrande, the coordinator of last year’s successful sale, has agreed to again head up this year’s event. Specifics will be announced as planning progresses.



## DATES TO REMEMBER



For those of you who like to fill out your social calendar early, here's a schedule of 2007 events that are being planned by our very active Social Committee.

**GREAT EGG HUNT**, Saturday March 31, 2-4pm, at the Meeting House. Contact Joyce or Dick Armstrong, 285-0803 [r\\_armstrong@comcast.net](mailto:r_armstrong@comcast.net) if you plan to attend

**Memorial Day Pool Party**, Monday May 28, 11am to 3pm

**Walden Woods Walk**, Sunday June 24, 2-4pm, start at the Meeting House

**Tag Sale**, to be announced but probably in September.

**Golf Outing**, Sunday September 16 at Traditions

**Wine Tasting Party**, Saturday October 13, 7-11pm at the Meeting House

**Holiday Party**, Saturday December 1, 7-10:30pm at the Meeting House

**ALSO, DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT MEETINGS:**

**Mon, Mar 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00** Village Council Board Meeting at the Meeting House

**Wed, Mar 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00** Conservancy Board Meeting at the Meeting House

**PLEASE NOTE THAT BOTH THE VILLAGE AND THE CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETINGS NOW START AT 7:00**



## NEW ARRIVALS

Welcome to:

Desiree Hennessey, 16 Scarlet Lane

J. Michael Silvia & Bettie Williams-Silvia, 47 Last Leaf Circle

Brian & Christine Onessimo, 419 Pond Bridge

## GOSSIP COLUMN

The following anecdote, involving a Pierce Blvd. couple, comes to us from a "reliable source." For obvious reasons, however, the identity of the participants will remain anonymous to protect the editor.



One night before bedtime, Jane Doe was, looking in the bedroom mirror when she said to her husband John *"I feel horrible. My hips are too big, my tummy's not flat, I'm going bald and I've got three chins. I look fat and ugly. Pay me a compliment to make me feel better."*

John replied, *"Your eyesight's damn near perfect."*

If you think you know the couple, you can send flowers to "John" at Hartford Hospital where he is now recovering.



## WALK WALDEN WOODS



The Social Committee recently announced that the very first Walden Woods Walkathon originally scheduled for last November will be conducted June 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM. Although details are sketchy at this point, coordinators Janet Terkildsen (aka "sure I can do that") and Genevieve Lattimer are planning on making the event an opportunity for all homeowners to exercise, socialize and donate goods for the Windsor Food Bank. Should be a rewarding experience in more ways than one. More details to come.



**Overheard at the Meeting House:**

"My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually. Today, I drove past a store that sells sweat pants."