

Walden Woods News

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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), Ruth Johnson (688-5128), or Joe Sikora (219-0713).

ANNUAL REMINDERS

Winter Parking Ban: From November 15th until April 15th, all vehicles must be removed from public roads from Midnight to 6 a.m. every night. If you have a special function or emergency, just call the Windsor Police Department's Non-Emergency Line @ 688-5273 to avoid a fine and/or having the vehicle towed. **Parking on our narrow private roads, of course, is not permitted overnight anytime during the year. This includes all Country Walk roads as well as those on the Knoll and the Ridge.**

Decorations: Exterior holiday decorations must be tasteful, displayed no more than 30 days before a holiday and removed no more than 15 days after the holiday. Wreaths or door decorations are the exception and may be kept up throughout the winter season, if desired.

2007 BUDGET ALMOST READY



All homeowners are encouraged to attend the November 29th meeting of the Conservancy Board of Directors (**7:00PM START TIME**) when the 2007 Budget will be presented as the first item on the agenda. Copies of the prepared budget will be distributed and homeowners will have the opportunity to discuss line items with the board members and the Property Manager representative, Frank Goeckler.

The proposed budget will be broken down by Council and will reflect the following:

- the anticipated 2007 operating expenses (routine landscaping maintenance, snow plowing, maintenance of amenities, etc.) based on 2006 experience and anticipated utility and service increases,
- additional expenses for committee-related activity (i.e., newsletter, special landscaping needs, and social events), plus
- reserve contributions needed to cover anticipated capital expenditures for 2007 and beyond (fence replacements, meeting house repairs, road re-surfacing, etc.)

Barring unforeseen changes after the presentation, the budget will be finalized and mailed to all homeowners prior to the Annual Homeowners Meeting in December when it will be voted on for final approval and implementation.

WINE TASTING PARTY STIMULATES THE MIND AND PALATE



Thirty-Five Walden Woods homeowners attended a very informative wine tasting party held at the Meeting House on October 14th. Coordinated and hosted by the Recreation and Social Committee, the "party" took a surprising twist toward a classroom-type atmosphere when attendees became enraptured by all the information provided by wine expert Jim Nussbaum of Bert's Spirit Shop. Jim spent two hours talking and answering questions about the finer points of how to taste and judge a variety of wines. For those of you unable to attend the event, here's some of Jim's advice on the best way to taste a wine:

1. Hold the wine in your mouth, purse your lips and inhale gently through them. This action accelerates vaporization, intensifying the wine's aromas.
2. Chew the wine vigorously, sloshing it around in your mouth to draw out every last nuance of flavor.
3. After swallowing, exhale slowly through both your nose and mouth. The better the wine, the more complex, profound and long lasting the residual aromas will be.

Participants sampled 13 different wines, from a Port to a Pinot Noir to a Cabernet Sauvignon to a Merlot. Of special interest was the Menage A Trois wine, so named because of its blend of three kinds of grapes. Snacks, coffee and tea were served afterwards and everyone had the opportunity to order the wine(s) of their choice at discount prices. Smarter and happier, all the attendees, including Jim, were quite pleased with the event and talk has already begun about a return engagement in 2007. Cheers!

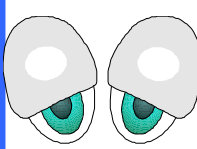
HOLIDAY PARTY

DON'T FORGET TO RESERVE DECEMBER 2nd ON YOUR SOCIAL CALENDAR. That's the date of our third annual Holiday Party at the Meeting House (7-11PM) and as everyone who has attended the first two will tell you, it's a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit with old friends and neighbors, meet new neighbors that may become "old friends", enjoy the music and refreshments provided by the Recreation and Social Committee and sample the potluck offerings of the great chefs living here in Walden Woods. And it's all free!!!

If you haven't yet received your invitation, it should be arriving at your house in the next few days. Look for it, mark your calendar, and **BE THERE!**

We'll be disappointed if you don't make it.

Notice Operandi



Here's one of those quick but annoying tests to see how observant you are. *Answers are on page 4 if you really have to peek.*

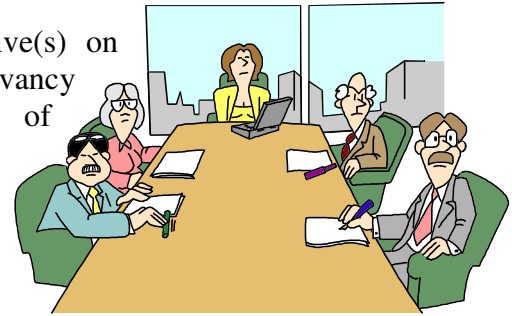
1. Which color is on the bottom of a traffic light?
2. Which way does Lincoln face on a penny?
3. What number is at the extreme right-hand end of an AM radio dial?
4. Are there more red stripes or white stripes on the American flag?
5. On a five-dollar bill, how many corners contain the numeral 5?
6. Which major TV network uses lower case letter in its logo?
7. What are the three colors of the 7-11 sign?
8. Does the Pillsbury Dough Boy wear a hat?
9. Which direction is Whistler's Mother facing?

SEARCH FOR COUNCIL DIRECTORS CONTINUES

All eight Council Director positions that now compose the Conservancy Board (three from the Village Council, two from the Woodmoor, and one each from the Ridge, Duplex and Townhome Councils) will be open for election at the Annual Homeowners Meeting in December. Two incumbents from the Village Council have indicated they will not seek re-election. The newly elected Director of the Duplex Council (*see below*) may or may not seek re-election and, at this time, no Director has been elected for the Townhome Council. **In other words, there's plenty of opportunity for any homeowner who wants to get involved in the running of our community.**

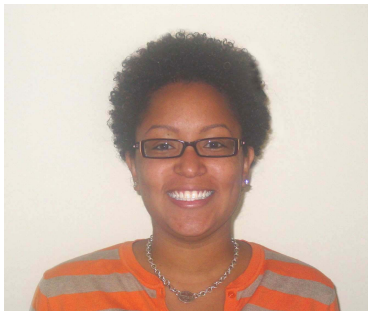
Each elected Council Director will be responsible for making budget-related decisions for their applicable Council. They will also serve as their

Council's representative(s) on the Conservancy Board of Directors, the governing body of



Walden Woods that makes policy, service and budget-related decisions affecting the entire community. **If you are interested in serving as a Village Council Director, contact Warren Johnson, 688-5128 or Bob Ellis, 688-5949. If you are interested in having your name placed in nomination for any other Council Board, Contact Joe Sikora, 219-0713.**

COUNTRY WALK'S DUPLEX COUNCIL ELECTS FIRST DIRECTOR



At a recent meeting of Country Walk homeowners, Anna-Marie Brown was elected as the first Board Director of the Duplex Council. She will serve in that position and on the Conservancy Board of Directors at least until the Annual Homeowners Meeting in December when the new slate of Council Directors will be elected for 2007. She and her mother, Barbara, recently arrived here from Houston and are "eagerly awaiting" their first New England winter. A 2002 Business Management graduate from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas, Anna-Marie was a Manager of Client Relations for an Internet Company in Houston and is

currently looking for a position in the Greater Hartford area where she can utilize her person-person and organizational skills. **Note: *Anyone with a possible lead can contact Anna-Marie at 688-5258.***

On a more personal level, Anna-Marie confesses to being a computer nerd with a love for all the new gadgetry in today's hi-tech world. That love, however, does not extend to the kitchen where Mom handles all the "gadgetry" related to cooking. Books, music (anything but country), the Internet and job searching occupy most of her time right now, but she is enjoying Walden Woods and is looking forward to being an active and involved member of our community.

WALKATHON

The Walkathon event scheduled for November 12th has been postponed until next Spring when the weather's a bit warmer and everyone's life will hopefully be a little less hectic.



Gossip Column

From a reliable, but confidential source, we hear that Dick Armstrong up on Knollwood South had an unusual experience while using the men's room facilities at the Buckland Mall a few weeks ago.

Dick had apparently just sat down when he heard a voice from another stall saying: "Hi, how are you?"

Dick, being the friendly, outgoing person he is, politely answered, "Doin' just fine!"

And the other man says: "So what are you up to?"

Dick was probably thinking the question was a little bizarre but again he answered: "Uhhh, I'm like, you know, just shopping!"

According to our source, Dick really started to get apprehensive when he hears another question "Can I come over?"

Not having to give the matter much thought, Dick politely but firmly answered, "No, . . . I'm a little busy right now!!!"

Then Dick hears the guy say nervously..."Listen Betty, I'll have to call you back. There's an idiot in the next stall who keeps answering all my questions!!!"



COMINGS AND GOINGS

Left: Forrest & Julie Fernandez, 424 Pond Bridge
Arrived: Tom & Kathleen Keenan

Country Walk Arrivals: *

- Brad Nieland, 33 Last Leaf Circle
- Kimberly Reed, 35 Last Leaf Circle
- Kevin & Renee Wilder, 37 Last Leaf Circle
- Timothy & Tameka Walker, 39 Last Leaf Circle
- John & Diane Timpson, 5 Scarlet Lane
- Ty and Hema Giga, 7 Scarlet Lane

* **NOTE:** ACCORDING TO THE *COUNTRY WALK* MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE, 30 UNITS HAVE NOW BEEN SOLD, 14 OF WHICH HAVE CLOSED WITH ANOTHER 9 EXPECTED TO CLOSE BEFORE YEAR-END.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon, Nov 27th Village Council Board Meeting
@ 7:30 at the Meeting House

Wed, Nov 29th Conservancy Board Meeting
@ 7:00 at the Meeting House
PLEASE NOTE EARLY START TO ALLOW TIME FOR BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Sat, Dec 2nd Holiday Party
7:00 – 11:00 (Janet Terkildsen, 683-1239)

ANSWERS TO PAGE 2 "NOTICE OPERANDI"

1. Which color is on the bottom of a top to bottom traffic light? *green*
2. Which way does Lincoln face on a penny? *right*
3. What number is at the extreme right-hand end of an AM radio dial? *170 (or 1700)*
4. Are there more red stripes or white stripes on the American flag? *reds, 7 to 6*
5. On a five-dollar bill, how many corners contain the numeral 5? *six; two other corners say "FIVE"*
6. Which major TV network uses lower case letter in its logo? *abc*
7. What are the three colors of the 7-11 sign? *red, orange and green*
8. Does the Pillsbury Dough Boy wear a hat? *yes*
9. Which direction is Whistler's Mother facing? *left*