



Walnut Grove Homes Association November 2016 Newsletter

2017 Annual Meeting Announced

The Annual Meeting of the Walnut Grove Homes Association will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017, from 1 PM to 3 PM at the Stark Realtors Building, 206 North High Point Rd, Madison WI 53717. All Walnut Grove residents and homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Agenda will include a review of the 2016 budget and an opportunity to discuss the proposed 2017 budget, election of new Board of Directors members and other relevant items.

Serving Your Neighbors on the WGHA Board of Directors

We live in a wonderful neighborhood with beautiful and well cared for greenways. Our homes have held their values and we are considered a prime neighborhood in Madison. Our Homeowners Association is key to maintaining the desirability of the neighborhood by ensuring adherence to the architectural guidelines detailed in the neighborhood's Covenants and Deed Restrictions to maintain community standards. The WGHA also welcomes new neighbors as they move in, and holds a number of social events to help foster our members' sense of community. WGHA is unique in Madison in that, in contrast to other Madison neighborhood greenways, which are owned and maintained by the city, we own our greenways and are responsible for their upkeep.

We are now faced with a need for new directors on the board. If you recently enjoyed the bonfire, you know why this has become a neighborhood tradition. But it can't happen

unless residents offer their time and talents by participating in the Board's activities.

Please consider putting your name in nomination for a director's position on the board.

According to our Bylaws, returning and newly elected Board members will meet shortly after the Annual Meeting to choose among themselves for the principal officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), and agree on other responsibilities. In a change from previous years, the Board has been moving to a model where individual officers help each other to complete tasks so that no individual becomes overburdened.

Nominations for positions on the board should be sent to Mary Nellis in writing (2 Harwood Circle North, Madison WI 53717) or email to mmmnellis@yahoo.com by **December 10th**. Please be sure to include your name and address and preferred contact information (phone or email). The names of all the nominees will then be included in the official notice of the annual meeting sent to all residents and presented to the WGHA membership at the January 29th Annual Meeting.

Interim President's Message

After what seemed like an eternity of campaigning, we are finally out of the Presidential election season. Personally, I am looking forward to plugging our home phone line back in again, after having been driven to silence it due to the continual election-related calls. And now, whether you view the result of the recent Presidential election as a tragedy or

a triumph, I ask you all to segue with me to the election of our Board of Directors and our WGHA Annual meeting.

One of the important actions to be taken at the 2017 Annual Meeting (see above) will be the election of members of our Board of Directors. This year, for a variety of reasons, we have a greater number of vacancies (up to seven) to fill than usual. Vacancies on the Board include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social, Architectural Control, and Communications/Block Captains. This then means that we also need a larger-than-usual number of neighbors to volunteer to run for the board and help fill the necessary functions. Be aware that current and former officers and board members are willing to help the new board get up to speed so that they won't have to start from scratch.

This is truly a neighborhood organization, and to be successful, we need neighbors who are willing to help undertake the responsibilities necessary to keep the Association and its activities afloat. **Please seriously consider volunteering for election to a seat on the WGHA Board.**

Block Captain Appreciation

Block captains are a vital part of our ability to communicate with Walnut Grove residents. Several times a year they deliver a newsletter to your door, and also forward WGHA messages to those who choose not to participate in NextDoor or other electronic communication systems. We are so grateful to those neighbors who have stepped up to do this. Bravo and thanks from your neighbors!

Leann Johnson (Colony Circle)
Valerie Mau (Colony Drive/Millstone Road)
Debbie Reisner (Colony Drive)
Jen Mayhew (Farmington Court)
Katherine Bidwell (Farmington Way 7001-7126)
Mary Bucknell (Farmington Way 7201- 7314)
Danielle Bashirullah (Foxboro Circle)
Jacqui Suleski (Greenhaven Circle)
Mark DuRussell (Harwood Circle N)
Cathy Foltz (Harwood Circle S and N. Westfield 101-213)
Alice O'Connor (N. Westfield Rd 406- 502)

Garret Olsen (N. Westfield Rd. 601 and Rye Circle)
John Pinto (N. Westfield Rd 609 and Walnut Grove Dr. 517-613)
Laura Lang (Oldfield Rd. 301-325 and Whitacre Rd. 7402-7419)
Mary Kay Battaglia (Oxwood Circle)
Susan Carpenter (Round Hill Circle)
Eileen Goode (Southwick Circle)
David Miller (Springwood Circle)
Kim O'Brien (Stonecrest Circle)
Sandy Olson (Walnut Grove Drive 301- 515)
Jen Braico (Whitacre Road 7301-7322)
Ken Sadeghian (Winterset Circle)

Thanks also to **Julie Vincent** and **Jack and Shirley Merrill** who have been dedicated block captains for years and to **Tina Hogle** for great help in preparing newsletters and posting to NextDoor.

If you would like to add your name to these volunteers we have a few openings on the following Streets:

Walnut Grove Drive (517-613)
North Westfield Road (302-314)
North Gammon Road
Farmington Way (7401-7417)

WGHA Board of Directors

Mark Schmitt (Interim President)
215-4971, dr.science@tds.net
Mary Nellis (Secretary)
829-1033, mmnellis@yahoo.com
Karen Kollath (Treasurer)
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