



Hawk's Landing Homeowners Association March 2008 Update

Note from our President – Richard Williams

Dear Hawks Landing Home Owners,

I want to wish all of you a very warm hello. Over the last few months our neighborhood has been through a lot. For starters we are in the midst of our worst winter in our lifetime. And for those of you not from Wisconsin, like me, it has been brutal. With that said, the Board has been tackling many issues surrounding this winter. Also, there has been some progress on EMS coverage for our neighborhood and traffic issues related to Red Tail Dr.

First, I would like to discuss the winter we are having in Wisconsin. Over the last few months I have received many e-mails and phone calls concerning our streets and their condition. Like you, I have been frustrated at times with the city's inattentiveness of our neighborhood. I want to continue to encourage you to not only keep contacting me, but I also want you to keep contacting the various city agencies to let them know your complaint. I believe with added phone calls and/or e-mails, the city will get the message. The e-mail for the city is <http://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/>

Another issue related to this winter is our mail boxes. The city plows have wreaked havoc on most of our mail boxes. In this newsletter there will be some information regarding how to get your mail boxes fixed or replaced (See "Has your mailbox been damaged?" on page 4 of the newsletter).

Finally, as some of you know, we had our annual meeting in January and discussed many issues facing our neighborhood. In fact, our alderman, Jed Sanborn attended the meeting and fielded questions regarding snow removal, traffic calming devices and critical emergency services for the Far Westside. As I said previously, our Alderperson suggested we continue to call the City in order for our streets to be cleared of snow. He also believed that an ambulance for the Far West Side would be included in the City of Madison's budget in 2009.

Once again the Hawks Landing Home Owners Association wants to thank all of its neighbors for your continued support. We would also like you to welcome our newest board member, Peter Sorce, to the HLHA Board. This is Peter's second time serving as a board member, and Jim and I could not be happier. I hope you all have a budding spring. – Rich Williams

“Slow Down “Yard Sign Campaign is April 16-25

With nice weather just around the corner, it's time to slow down and watch out for kids and other pedestrians! Safe Communities invites neighbors and neighborhood associations to join the effort by posting "slow down" yard signs between April 16 - 25th during our annual "Slow Down" Yard Sign Campaign.

We all need to pay special attention when children and other pedestrians are present, because the faster vehicles travel, the more likely crashes are to occur and the more severe injuries will be. Children and older adults are especially vulnerable. According to the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 5 to 14. Each year in the United States, nearly 900 children ages 14 and under die from pedestrian injuries and another 24,000 are injured in traffic-related crashes.

When child pedestrians are hit by cars, it's usually as they dart out between cars mid-block. Please drive slowly and be on the lookout for kids!

If you're interested in posting signs in your yard, they will be available for pick up while supplies last at all Dane County police stations, beginning April 10th and throughout the campaign. You can also pick up a sign at your local American Family Insurance agency.

Mineral Point Road and Hwy M

Recently Jim Neustadt attended the public meeting regarding proposed improvements to the intersection of Mineral Point, Junction and Hwy M. Basically, the city knows there is a big problem at the intersection. It will only get worse. They said the traffic will triple within 20 years or less. To accommodate this increase they have proposed 3 possible options. The three options are available to see on the Hawk's Landing Homeowners Association Website which is www.hawkslandingha.com

The city engineer did not explain more on how the **relocation of County M** will impact their decision. For those who don't know, north bound County M will be relocated further west starting at Valley View and connect with Pleasant View. This will happen in 2009. It will not be a simple road as each north and south bound lane will split midway.

Suffice it to say there is a lot going on in this area. We strongly suggest anyone (and everyone) pay attention to any future meetings and try to attend.

Hawk's Landing Neighborhood Directory

Enclosed you will find the update of the Hawk's Landing Homeowners Association Board to be inserted into your directory. If you have not received a free neighborhood directory and would like one, please contact Julie Schmitt at 848-2032 or at schmts6@yahoo.com. You may also get updated inserts by contacting Julie.

Hawk's Ball

It's baseball time again! Summer is (hopefully) right around the corner and the Hawk's Ball t-ball and coach-pitch program is back. The program is open to all Hawk's neighborhood residents AND any friend or fellow student of a Hawk's Landing neighborhood player (invite your child's buddies - anyone who wants to can play, learn and have fun!) The program differs from traditional leagues in that kids will learn baseball fundamentals in addition to playing games. The league is open to anyone 8 and under (not yet playing little league) all the way down to kids 4 years old who have never picked up a bat before. The program will run from 6:00-7:15pm for 8 consecutive Mondays starting June 8th and ending with a fun night and party on July 28th. The fields are located in Kingswood Park. Price is \$20 for your first child, \$15 for your 2nd, \$10 for your 3rd - any more than that in your family and they're free! Fees includes a t-shirt and everything else your child will need to swing for the fences, but please bring your own glove and have the kids wear sneakers.

This is great fun for the kids!! Any parent who has trouble resisting the smile of a child when the bat makes contact with the ball is encouraged to help coach (everything is very informal). Email hawksball@charter.net for a registration form. If you'd like more information or have questions, email the above address or contact Bob Kessel at 848-9253 or John Lindauer 848-3207. Swing batter batter swing!

Update on Dues

We would like to thank those homeowners/lot owners who responded quickly to their first dues notice. We still have three homeowners that did not pay the interest and certified letter fees that were incurred as a result of failing to pay their dues on time. We are still pursuing these homeowners and if action is filed and a lien is put on the property, an update will be put in the newsletter with names of the homeowners that have failed to pay their dues in their entirety. We also have one homeowner that has not paid their dues at all and we are in the process of filing a lien against them. In the future, please be sure to pay your dues upon receipt of your first notice that comes out in January and is due by the end of that month. Your neighbors appreciate your prompt payment because it saves them money!

Hawk's Landing Fireworks

Would you like to have fireworks in your neighborhood, not have to go anywhere on July 4th? Bill Esbeck has been working very hard at making that happen for our neighborhood. He has worked with Jeff Haen regarding the use of the driving range for the fireworks. The HLHA Board is supporting this display, but it comes down to money. Bill has received a donation from First Choice Dental for the first \$5,000 and now he need to raise another \$6500.00 to make this happen. If you are interested in sponsoring part of the fireworks or make a donation, please contact Bill Esbeck at hawksfireworks2008@gmail.com

Events Committee Update

GIVE YOUR INPUT AND KEEP THE BALL ROLLING.....with events like: a neighborhood garage sale, holiday parties, ladies night out, 4th of July Fireworks and Kids parade, Halloween and Easter events, progressive dinners and much, much more. Come and express your interest in having these events continue at an informal 11 AM get-together SATURDAY, APRIL 5 at the KLUBHOUSE. WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK on WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN. RSVP TO Gail Schomisch: busninc@charter.net Candance Bangerter: cmbangerer.yahoo.com, Co-chairs, Hawks Landing Events or JUST SHOW UP!

Has Your Mailbox Been Damaged this Winter?

If your mailbox was damaged by the city snow plows, you may want to see if your mailbox is covered up to \$75.00 if installed correctly. You can go to the city's website to get information on their new policy regarding mailboxes and whether or not yours may be covered up to \$75.00.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/documents/MailboxPolicy.pdf>

Just a reminder, according to Article 4.09 "...Only mail boxes (and support columns) approved by the Developer or the Committee shall be used in the Subdivision." You can get some of the parts (specifically the black mailbox) at hardware stores as well as Menard's and Home Depot. If you need specific parts related to Hawk's Landing, you can contact Brian Majewski from American Postal Manufacturing. His e-mail is brian@postalproducts.com. Telephone number 1-800-229-4500 ext 1017. His Fax is 1-800-570-0007. If you need parts, be sure to reference "Hawk's Landing".

If you need a "Hawk's Landing" sticker that goes on the side of your newspaper box, you may contact Julie Schmitt at schmts6@yahoo.com

Retail/Office @ Hawk's Landing

Exclusive Cycles has opened up in Hawk's Landing Circle. Haen Real Estate is still looking for tenants such as a coffee shop/ice cream shop and cleaners to serve the Hawk's Landing neighborhood

Earth Day April 19, 2008

It is time to get ready for the 12th Annual Earth Day Challenge - a city-wide trash clean-up event. Last year approximately 1500 volunteers from neighborhood associations, scout troops, local businesses and student organizations from the UW and area high schools cleaned up trash in 75 Madison parks and surrounding communities! If you would like to participate in the Earth Day Challenge, please call Laura Whitmore, Parks Community Relations Coordinator at 266-5949 or email lwhitmore@cityofmadison.com **no later than April 11th** with the following information:

- Which park(s)
- How many people will participate
- Time of your event
- The extent of your project (only trash pick up, mulching around trees, etc.)
- Tools needed (rakes, shovels, trash bags)
- Thank you bags needed (The Thank You Bags tend to be geared toward young children)
- Is this a youth group participating in the United Way Youth Service Day?

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