

THE REAPER



Newsletter of the Community of Old Brook Farm

January 2010 Edition

It's Snowing Out There!!!

Those among us who have a serious appreciation for Winter should be delighted with the current weather. Those of us who suffer with arthritic conditions don't always share in the enthusiasm for the snow and cold. None-the-less, this morning the sun was shining on the freshly fallen snow and, despite the bone chilling temperatures, it was beautiful. I must confess even I was momentarily seduced into enjoying the season's beauty.

Then came the phone calls from unhappy residents. As happens every winter, a few of our neighbors failed to recognize their responsibility relative to snow removal, and left their vehicles parked on the street overnight. When the snowplow came through, vehicles left parked on the street prevented the plow driver from clearing all of the snow from our streets. As a result, we have places in our addition where the heavy snow remains on the street, places that can be difficult to maneuver when driving through our neighborhood.

Vehicles were left parked on the street in several areas, including one in the 6200 block of Sunbury, two more at the corner of Sunbury and Seaforth, two in the 6200 block of Old Brook Drive, and another in the 5300 and 5400 block of Brookfarm Place. These vehicles hampered snow removal and have created problems for all who drive our streets.

Please remember, our Old Brook Farm Association contracts for snow removal. The City of Fort Wayne cannot be relied upon to plow the streets of our addition in a timely manner. It is important that all vehicles are off the street during periods of snowfall so the contractors can do a good job of snow removal. Each time our streets are plowed the bill is in the hundreds of dollars, and the bill is the same whether the crews were able to remove all the snow or whether vehicles parked on the street prevented the crews from getting it all. So... PLEASE park off the street when it snows, at least until the snow plowing is finished. THANKS for your cooperation in this matter.

Official NOTICE:
Annual Dues Assessment for 2010

The Board of Directors has set the 2010 annual Dues Assessment at \$30.00. This \$5.00 increase is the first in our dues in more than 25 years. The discount for early payment remains in effect for 2010. To take advantage of the early discount...

Mail your check for \$25.00 prior to the meeting date or pay while attending the Annual Meeting. Payments postmarked or delivered after March 21, 2010 will not qualify for the discount.

Mail Checks to: Old Brook Farm Association
P.O. Box 15764 Fort Wayne, In 46885

After March 21, 2010, any outstanding dues will be declared delinquent and become subject to collection activity and legal action. Other action under consideration is the publishing of delinquent Dues Assessment lists in all future newsletters and on the Association website.

Association Board Meetings
Scheduled for 2010

The 1st Thursday of the odd months has been established as the meeting dates for the Board of Directors. Board members will rotate the hosting of the 7:00 P.M. meetings. For 2010, the dates are Jan 7, Mar 4, May 6, Jul 1, Sep 2 and Nov 4. Anyone desiring to meet with the Board can arrange to do so by contacting our Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce Oliver, at 485-9222.

Addition Garage Sale Dates...

The Board is proposing that our 2010 garage sales be scheduled for May 14-15 and August 6-7. You will be asked to approve these dates at the Annual Meeting on March 21st.

2010 Annual Meeting Scheduled
for March 21, 2010

The Old Brook Farm Association 2010 Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2010. We will gather in the Reception Hall at the St. Joe Township Governmental Complex. Doors will open at 1:00 P.M. for registration and paying of Dues.

A formal "Call to Assemble" will be mailed in February to each Old Brook Farm property owner. The mailing will include a proposed agenda and complete details. Door prize drawings, including cash prizes, will take place following the meeting. You must be present to win.

Did You Know???

A complete list of Old Brook Farm Officers and Board members can be found on our website, along with contact information for all.

Also on the website: Restrictive Covenants, By-laws, Concerned Citizen Watch information, a Marketplace, coupons, upcoming dates and events of interest, useful links and other items of interest. Take a moment to visit our website at:

www.oldbrookfarm.org

Would You Like to Get Involved?

Anyone who would like to serve on the Board should contact us before the March 4 Board meeting. Four Board members and all three offices are up for election. The Board will present a list of candidates for these positions, however, more than one candidate can be presented for any given position. If interested please let one of us know.

We are looking for someone with very good written communications skills to serve as volunteer editor of our quarterly Association newsletter, The Reaper. If interested please contact Ed Redmon or Bruce Oliver.