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## *Wexford Board News by Don Michalski*

Sincere and special thanks to all of the volunteers that participated in the Wexford Fourth of July parade and picnic. These individuals facilitated the food serving, organization of games, and the decoration of the park pavilion. Also, thanks to all the children and parents that participated and made this a very successful event for our neighborhood.

Vandals have struck our neighborhood once again. On the night of July 14<sup>th</sup>, we received reports of at least two incidents of breaking of auto windshields. There were also two light poles on the Sawmill greenway that were destroyed, with an estimated loss of \$700. A police report has been filed, and once again we ask for any information regarding this incident. Tips will be accepted anonymously.

Our lights on the greenways are a major capital investment as well as expenditure for our association. Within the past few weeks, we have spent approximately \$4000 on the repair of a couple major light lines near Apple Hill and adjacent to the drainage area near Eastbourne Circle. The Wexford Board will be reviewing the spacing and the placement of our lights. We invite comments from Wexford residents on this issue.

Dutch elm disease continues to emerge as a health issue with trees on our greenways. Diseased or dead elm trees are mandated to be removed from any infected area. Recently, we have discovered several affected elm trees near Westfield Road.

Homeowners that live adjacent to our walking paths need to determine if any of your trees or bushes are obstructing any pedestrians that use the paths. Also make sure that your trees and bushes do not cover up any of the light poles. Please trim any affected areas.

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## Column from Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk

Greetings! I hope that you had great summers and that the transition to fall is colorful and refreshing. It is, of course, the time when young people return to school and an appropriate time to talk a little about how Dane County works with kids who are at important crossroads in their lives. I'm talking about juvenile justice and the unique approaches that Dane County has developed over the years.

Our goal continues to be to catch kids before they freefall into a life punctuated by court orders, appearances and even prison time. Unlike other counties in this state and nation where new big juvenile jails are constructed to contain a problem, Dane County two decades ago chose a path of in-community programs to keep kids in the community, near family members and other mentors, to get them back on the right path to balanced, quality lives. That's why the population in the Dane County Juvenile Detention Center has remained in the mid-teens for more that twenty years despite the fact that Dane County is such a fast growing county

Dane County invests several million dollars each year to support our unique Neighborhood Intervention Program that emphasizes public safety, accountability and coping skills including intensive supervision for 90 kids. But also including after school youth resource centers, year-round tutoring, alternative middle schools, community service work and youth grants for very important programs. The continued investment and support of our programs and great staff and community partners has enabled us to work with and to support our troubled youth, protect the community and limit the number of secure and costly detentions in state facilities (which cost about \$75,000 per child per year). These are only a few examples of wise investments that Dane County makes in our young people while protecting public safety. I know that it's trite but profoundly true that children are our future. Thank you for all you do in your families and neighborhoods to support and encourage children in our community.

## Mark your calendars!

A few noteworthy events:

Thursday August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1:00pm	Dance Dance Revolution at the library.
Monday August 14 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00pm	Snakes Alive at the library.
August 17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sun Prairie Sweet Corn Festival at Angell Park, near the intersection of Highway 19 and Highway N.
August 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Middleton Good Neighbor Festival at Fireman's Park
September 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Taste of Madison Festival on Capital Square.
Tuesday September 5 <sup>th</sup>	School begins in Madison
Tuesday September 5 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 – 6:45pm	Wexford Junior Soccer League begins at Wexford Park. They will meet every Tuesday through October 5 <sup>th</sup> (weather permitting).

# Playground Improvement Project

Exciting things are happening in our park! This fall you will see the addition of an awesome climber at the playground called a space net. There is a center pole with intertwined ropes progressing to the top; this is a great climber for “kids” of all ages.

The addition of the new space net will conclude our two year playground improvement project. Last fall we added a merry-go-round, a platform with stairs to increase safety on the play structure and four extra swings. We also planted many trees to provide shade (in the future).

Hopefully you have discovered the improvements—keep watching for the space net. We are extremely grateful to all the neighbors, businesses and the Wexford Village Homeowners Association who generously contributed money (and encouragement) towards improving the playground. What a joy it is to see all the children swinging, spinning, running, and smiling!



## Residents Bulletin Board

Madison Metro will be implementing changes in the bus routes and schedules that will affect Wexford residents, specifically routes 8, 15, and 60 to name a few. These changes are currently scheduled to take effect September 3<sup>rd</sup>. For further information see the Metro’s web site at:

<http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/metro/metro.html>

**For Sale:** Super Pet Multi-level small animal cage. This wonderful 4 level cage has three movable comfort shelves, 3 safety ladders, a food dish, and a large Super Pet Safety Wheel. This cage is in like new condition and is perfect for adult fancy rats, ferrets, guinea pigs, and chinchillas. Please call 836-8784 for more information.

Be sure to check out the Wexford website for events, information, and pictures from neighborhood festivities. You can find this site at: <http://www.wexfordvillage.org>

## Park News

### Volunteers needed at Wexford Park

If you can spare a little time we need some help in the park:

- ▶ Weeding and watering flower gardens
- ▶ Watering and weeding at the 2 Wexford signs
- ▶ Edging around the trees and trimming off new shoots
- ▶ Clearing over-growth from the trails in the woods
- ▶ Mulching the trails in the woods

See Ken Schmidt if you can help or want more info. - Thanks

## Wexford Junior Soccer League

All four and five year olds are welcome to join us for soccer at Wexford Park on Tuesdays this fall. We will meet from Tuesday September 5th through Tuesday October 10th from 6:00 - 6:45 pm (six sessions). All skill levels are welcome; the goal of this league is to have fun! Have your child bring a water bottle, no other equipment is necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Ruplinger at 836-9170.

## Library News

Some end of summer events:

- ▶ Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm -- **Dance Dance Revolution**. Show off your dance moves on the big screen. Always wanted to try DDR? Beginners welcome! Call 824-1780 to register.
- ▶ Monday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm -- **Snakes Alive!** Tom Kessenich, a native Wisconsin herpetologist, entrances and entralls his audience with some favorite, exotic snakes. Tom believes snakes have been misunderstood for too long. You'll learn that snakes are not only beautiful and fascinating, they're essential to our environment as well.
- ▶ Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00pm -- **Yu-Gi-Oh!**. Beginners can learn to play Yu-Gi-Oh! from Pegasus' game experts. Already know how to play? Bring your own deck and compete in a tournament. Ages 15 and under. Call 824-1780 beginning Thursday, August 3 to register.

Open Monday through Friday: 9:00 - 9:00 and Saturday: 9:00 - 5:00

See the website for further details: <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/about/ashman.html>

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