



Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association

Newsletter

May 2008

Hello Perkins Park Area Neighbors!

Cheers To

Walgreens for making a \$1.7 million investment in our neighborhood by constructing a beautiful building and bringing 24-hour service to our neighborhood.

Jeers To

Neighbors who don't keep their pets under control. You must be in control of your animal at all times. If you tie your pet up outside, remember you must keep your pet at least 5 feet from the public right-of-way. If your pet is off your premises and is unleashed or uncrated, it is considered "at large" and it can be picked up by the Humane Officer. Pets are not allowed in city parks.

Upcoming Events

Public Informational Meeting on the Reconstruction of Velp Avenue. 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2008, Elmore Elementary School, 615 Ethel Avenue, Green Bay. The meeting will be conducted as an informal, open house format. A short presentation will be given at 5 p.m. and repeated at 6 p.m. Maps showing the proposed design will be on display. Wisconsin Department of Transportation representatives will be available to discuss the proposed project and address any questions or concerns.

The proposed project will reconstruct Velp Avenue from Norwood Avenue to US 41 to replace worn pavement and sewer systems. Sidewalk and grass terrace areas will be installed and several side street intersections will be modified to improve safety along the roadway. Roundabouts are planned at the intersections of Velp Avenue with Atkinson Drive, Military Avenue, and Memorial Drive. New right-of-way will be purchased along the length of the project as a result of the widened roadway footprint and intersection modifications. Impacts and modifications to the existing driveways along the project are also expected. In addition, several buildings will need to be purchased for the reconstruction project. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in 2011.

Farmers' Market on Broadway

Runs from June 4, 2008 through September 24, 2008 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The market is located on Broadway between Walnut and Dousman (on our side of the river).

International Bayfest

Leicht Memorial Park, 200 Dousman Street, Green Bay
Friday, June 13 – 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday, June 14 – 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday, June 15 – 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Music! Song! Dance! International and Domestic Foods
Tents! Fireworks! Boat Parade!

Admission: \$5, Children (12 and under) are free. All visitors will receive free admission with a non-perishable food item during the first hour of each day. Free parking available all weekend in all downtown city ramps, lots, and streets.

Green Bay Kids' Day – Wednesday, June 25. Free to all Green Bay Kids. All Kids' Day events are provided for free, including baseball, movies, inflatable games, music, swimming, bowling, lunch, soda, and much more. Many of the events are taking place at Leicht Memorial Park. Events include:

- Lunch with the Mayor. Lunch will be provided to the first 2,000 people by Green Bay Area Public Schools at 11:30 a.m. (adult lunches are \$1.50).
- Meet special guests from the Green Bay Packers who will be signing autographs.
- Free soda from Triangle Distributing.
- Arts and crafts projects and face painting from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. provided by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin and Girls Scouts of Lac Baie Council.
- The Police Department will be handing out free bike licenses and will be conducting crime prevention activities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- PMI will provide a variety of huge inflatable games for children to enjoy from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- DJ from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Showmobile.

There are numerous other events occurring for kids on June 25 throughout the City including:

- Free admission for kids to Resch Aquatic Center at Fisk Park from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Free admission for kids to Neville Public Museum.
- Free admission for kids to Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame.
- Free kids movies at Marcus Cinema East.
- Free bowling at Rivera Lanes.
- Free disc golf at Triangle Sports area.
- A Green Bay Bullfrogs baseball game at 7 p.m. at Joannes Stadium.

Note: Wristbands are required for free admission to all events and promotions. The wristbands are available to Green Bay youth ages 17 and under in our area at the Resch Aquatic Center at Fisk Park, Brown County Library Branches (Central and Southwest), City Hall Welcome Center, and Fort Howard Neighborhood Resource Center.

What's Happening in Your Neighborhood

Annual Meeting of Neighborhood Association

The Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 27, at 7 p.m., in the Perkins Park enclosed shelter at 600 North Fisk Street. Anyone who is

18 years of age and older and who resides in or owns property or a business within the Association's boundaries is welcome to attend the meeting.

With a goal of joining together as neighbors to enhance and protect the quality of life, social well being, and aesthetic values in our neighborhood, we will elect the Board of Directors who will represent your interests for the next two years. If you are interested in being an active member of the Neighborhood Association and possibly functioning in a leadership role, call Donna Sheedy at 499-0159 for additional information. We would love to see new faces that represent the varied ages of property owners within our association take a greater interest in the activities of the Association. It's a great way to get to know others in our neighborhood.

In addition to electing the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, you will have an opportunity to hear Municipal Court Judge Jerry Hanson talk about municipal court and the new programs that have been initiated. Examples of the new programs include truancy court at school, warrant settlement day, single arrest warrant process, records and warrants on-line, and the tax refund interception program.

Mayor Jim Schmidt will also speak about what is happening in the City and will respond to your questions. Representatives of our community policing division will attend and answer questions you might have. We also hope to have other local officials in attendance.

So mark May 27 at 7 p.m. on your calendar to learn more about the neighborhood in which you live or work. And, if possible, please bring a lawn chair to ensure there is seating for all.

Neighborhood Walks

"Who are the people in your neighborhood, the people that you meet each day?" Perhaps all of us remember Mr. Rogers singing that cheery tune to our children just a few years ago. Mr. Rogers was a great neighbor who loved his neighborhood and taught children how to feel that they were a part of the neighborhood. Life's ordinary experiences are lived in the neighborhood and life's ordinary lessons are learned there, too.

The front porch used to be a great place to "get the feel" of the neighborhood. People sat out there at night and talked; they warmly greeted neighbors who walked by.

Mr. Rogers is gone now and so are many front porches. So, how can we "get the feel" of the neighborhood? Let's take a walk!

Our neighborhood walks will begin again on Thursday, May 22. We will meet by the enclosed shelter at Perkins Park and begin walking at 6 p.m. We will walk about 45 minutes to an hour. These walks are held on Thursday evenings in May, June, July, and August. At the end of August, we will decide if we want to continue into the fall.

The neighborhood walks that we had the last two summers were very positive experiences. We had fun meeting new friends and enjoying the well-kept homes and yards in our area. We also took note of a few things that needed some improvement. The manager of Fort Howard Cemetery told us that because of our walks, there was much less vandalism in the cemetery last year.

So, who are the people in your neighborhood? Join us on Thursday nights, beginning May 22, and meet them. We'd all like to meet you! Everyone, young and old, is invited. So come join us for an energetic, uplifting, positive experience walking and talking with our neighbors, the people that we meet each day!

*Sue Costello, Assistant Secretary
Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association*

Pay It Forward

A question which seems small in the workings of the world is, "What can I do right here, right now, to make this a better place?" If you ask, you will always find an answer. Ralph Carpenter, our Perkins Park neighbor, has always asked that question.

Tony Walters wrote in *The Green Bay Press-Gazette* (Sunday, November 18, 2007) that Ralph worked every Packer home game since 1957. That's EVERY GAME!

Here is the rest of the story. Ralph collected discontinued Packer hats and gave them to children attending the games and received nearly a hundred big smiles and big memories. He created special memories of Green Bay for children and their parents alike. The goodwill flowed back in Ralph's direction, too. He has warm letters of thanks from far flung places.

Ralph believes there is something we each can do to better our neighborhood and our world today. We just need to ask what and we will make a difference (and in some unexpected places, too) by being a good neighbor and going the extra mile—or just next door.

*Jean Stein, Assistant Secretary
Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association*

Rail Trail Development

Work is continuing on development of a recreational trail on the old Milwaukee Road Railroad right-of-way from Bond Street to Hudson Street. As reported previously, the City received an \$875,000 grant from the state to assist in the development and expects to acquire the trail in 2008 and begin construction in 2009. Since the proposed trail runs through the Perkins Park area, this is an excellent opportunity for us to begin work on making it happen.

Bill Landvatter, Director of the Parks Department, is currently working on plans for connecting the trail to the Fox River trail and was recently quoted in the Green Bay Press-Gazette as indicating that it may be possible to connect the trails by using the old railroad bridge that spans the Fox River, just south of Mason Street. There is currently a walkway on the east side of the bridge from the east shore of the Fox River Trail. It was even mentioned that this turnstyle-type bridge could be controlled by the bridge tender on the Mason Street Bridge.

In addition, Pat Costello, Treasurer of our Neighborhood Association, is working with others to ensure that the trail will connect with the Mountain Bay Trail which begins at County Highway "J" in Howard.

The Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association is taking on this project as a positive endeavor for our neighborhood. We will need the help and support of many people to bring a completed trail to fruition. Attractions like the proposed recreational trail are what young and not-so-young families are looking for when selecting an area to live.

Community Service Credit

If area students are looking for ways to fulfill their community service credit requirements for graduation, the Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association would be happy to offer you opportunities. Call Patrick Costello at 499-7742 for details.

Yard Waste

The City's spring curbside collection of loose leaves, grass clippings, and garden waste ended on May 2. Until fall pickup begins, yard waste such as loose leaves, grass clippings, and garden waste can be taken to the City Yard Waste site located at 1470 Hurlbut Street (easy to find—heading west on Velp, take a right off Velp onto North Military Avenue, continue over I-43, take the first right, and it is on your left). The site is open daily through November from 8 a.m. to sunset for receipt of all yard waste.

For brush pickup, call Public Works at 448-3535. Branches, limbs, shrubs, and the like must be cut in lengths of less than eight feet and placed at the curbside with cut ends facing the same direction. Root balls must be removed.

Road Construction

As most everyone can attest to, winter took a toll on our area streets. Potholes that have not been fixed should be reported to Public Works by calling 492-3731.

Dousman Street, between Military Avenue and Platten Street, is closed in conjunction with a sewer and pavement replacement project that will extend through August. Access to businesses and local residents will be maintained at all times from the east end of the project via one-way westbound traffic. Businesses just east of the Military/Dousman intersection will have eastbound and westbound access throughout the construction period.

Park Shelters Available for Rent

Perkins Park has two shelters that are available for rental through the last weekend in October. The enclosed shelter has a capacity of 75, has 6 picnic tables, can be heated, and is available for \$75. The open air shelter has a capacity of 100, has 16 picnic tables, and is available for \$75. Electricity is available in both shelters. If interested in renting one of the shelters, call 448-3368.

Skateboard Enthusiasts

Green Bay is home to the largest outdoor poured concrete skateboard park in the state and has beginner, intermediate, and advanced areas. The Joannes Sk8 Park is located at 315 South Baird Street (Green Bay's east side) and is open in daylight hours, but never past 9 p.m. Skating is at your own risk. No supervision is provided. Proper safety equipment (helmet, knee and elbow pads, shoes, etc.) is highly recommended.

Report a Neighborhood Problem On Line

Green Bay has established an on line problem reporting site (http://www.ci.green-bay.wi.us/geninfo/report_problem.html) where residents can report issues to:

- Public Works (graffiti, pot hole, long grass, catch basin clogged, overhead street light out or blinking, traffic signal out, manhole cover off/missing, white goods at curb, etc.)
- Inspection – Exterior (litter; building maintenance; improperly stored or accumulating garbage; yard drainage; parking on front or side setback area; unlicensed, inoperable, or abandoned vehicles; pet waste, etc.)

This is an anonymous reporting system. No personal information is taken. You will need to be specific in reporting

the description of the problem and the location as the City will not be able to contact you for further clarification.

Interior inspection issues can also be reported at this site; however, your name, an e-mail address, and/or a telephone number will need to be supplied for the report to be considered valid.

Lifeguard Training

Looking for a fun and exciting summer job? Take the Lifeguard Training Course and learn the skills necessary to become a lifeguard. The course is open to fun, enthusiastic students who have intermediate swim skills (Red Cross Level 5 and above) and would enjoy an existing outdoor summer job. You must be 15 years old to take the class and 16 years old to lifeguard. Call 448-3365 for more information.

Improve Your Neighborhood – Report Crime Promptly

Sometimes neighbors don't report criminal activity because they don't want to bother the police. They assume police are too short-staffed to respond or they believe that there isn't much an officer can (or will) do about a problem anyway. Whether the issue is petty vandalism, graffiti, or something much more serious, the police cannot act without first hearing about the problem from you. Calling won't guarantee that the police can fix the problem, but failing to call can guarantee that the problem will continue and may even escalate. And, don't assume someone else has called—make the call yourself.

Green Bay Neighborhood Guide to City Services

Whether you recently moved into the Perkins Park Area Neighborhood or have lived here a while and would like a free copy, you can pick up a copy of the guide at City Hall (100 North Jefferson Street) or call 494-2931. The Guide will direct you to important phone numbers as well as make you more aware of basic City ordinances and services the City offers.

Landlord/Tenant Concerns

It is important that all neighbors residing within the boundaries of the Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association feel they have an "equal voice" in their living conditions. It is hoped that landlords are doing thorough background checks on potential tenants and it is also hoped that all landlords address the living conditions for their renters. Please contact us if you have a question or need advice.

The President's Corner

Calling All Gardeners

We are looking for individuals with a love of gardening who might be interested in maintaining the flower bed located at Perkins Park (corner of Bond and Military). The City no longer maintains flower beds in parks, so we are looking for individuals who love flowers and the outdoors who would be willing to maintain the bed throughout the growing season. The City will supply the flowers and mulch, the volunteers would supply the labor. Water is available near the flower bed which also makes maintaining the bed easier. So, if you take pride in our neighborhood and would be willing to make it a more beautiful place to enjoy life and raise families, call 499-0159 for more information.

Neighborhood Sign

Late last fall, the Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association sign was installed by the Park Department and Public Works on the south side of Dousman Street between Military Avenue and Fisk Street, near the Community Gardens. The location was chosen as an entry way into our neighborhood and it is a

great addition to the area. Landscaping will soon be added. If you are willing to help maintain the landscaping, call 499-0159.

Your Neighborhood Needs You

You have chosen to live or own a business within our neighborhood for a variety of reasons. As neighbors, we need to work together to keep our neighborhood safe, healthy, and attractive to others. We need to get to know one another and help build the kind of neighborhood you want to continue living in. One of the best ways to do that is to become involved in your Neighborhood Association. We meet at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month at St. Jude's Parish Center, 1423 Kellogg Street, lower level. Another opportunity is at 6 p.m. every Thursday evening for the Neighborhood Walks that begin from the shelter at Perkins Park. These are great opportunities to meet others and let us know what we can do to make our neighborhood better. Please consider joining us!

*Donna Sheedy, President
Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association*

The Alderman's Corner

Spring Safety

It looks like Spring has finally arrived. As the temperatures rise, so does the amount of outdoor activity. Please use extra caution when you drive and watch out for pedestrians, bicyclists, and especially young children playing outside. When you or your loved ones head out for a walk, run, or ride, especially if going alone, it's a good idea to inform someone where you're going and when you expect to return. If your outing is expected to last until dusk or later, make sure to wear reflective clothing so drivers can see you, so you have a safe return. It's a good idea to carry identification, emergency contacts, and a cell phone in case of an emergency.

Construction Update

The reconstruction of Dousman Street, from Military Avenue to Platten Street, is underway. Construction should be completed by August. The committee for reconstruction of Military Avenue has been meeting and working on plans for the reconstruction of Military Avenue in 2010. No final plans have been agreed upon at this time. The businesses are looking to form a Military Avenue Business Association. They are also looking to start a website to provide information as to what is happening on Military Avenue and in the area. Watch for this very soon.

*Steven Deneys
10th District Alderman*

Important Phone Numbers You Can Use

Green Bay

Mayor Jim Schmitt.....	448-3005
Alderman Steve Deneys, 10 th District.....	499-6609
Alderman Chris Wery, 8 th District	490-9282
Chief of Police, Jim Arts	448-3234
Fire Chief Jeff Stauber.....	448-3280
Animal Control.....	448-3201
Building, Housing and Zoning Inspection	448-3300
Crime Prevention.....	448-3171
Drug Hotline	432-8383
Housing Authority	448-3400
Housing Rehabilitation	448-3402
Integrated Community Services	448-4540
Neighborhood Division	448-3400
Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department	448-3365
Police, Non-Emergency Response.....	448-3200

Public Works	492-3731
Transit Information Center	448-3450
Water Utility.....	448-3480
West Side Community Police.....	492-3785

Brown County

County Executive, Tom Hinz.....	448-4001
Sheriff Dennis Kocken.....	448-4200
Supervisor Pat Evans, District 10	494-5224
Supervisor Jesse Brunette, District 8	497-8808
Clerk of Courts, Lisa Wilson.....	448-4155
County Clerk, Darlene Marcelle	448-4016
District Attorney, John Zakowski	448-4190
Energy Assistance	448-4540
Household Hazardous Waste Facility	492-4950
Human Services.....	448-6000
Register of Deeds, Cathy Williquette.....	448-4470
Treasurer, Kerry Blaney	448-4074
Veterans Services Department	448-4450

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Board Members

Donna Sheedy, President	1101 North Locust Street
Patrick Costello, Treasurer.....	420 North Locust Street
Jean Stein, Secretary.....	804 North Locust Street
Sue Costello, Asst. Secretary	420 North Locust Street
Ralph Carpenter.....	901 North Platten Street
Agnes Parins.....	1400 Kellogg Street

Mission Statement

The Perkins Park Area Neighborhood Association's mission is to join together as neighbors to enhance and protect the quality of life, social well being, and aesthetic values in our neighborhood. We will strive to foster and partner with government, agencies, and local businesses to preserve the economic well being of the area. We will accomplish this by communicating important issues to residents and local government.

Newsletter

The Perkins Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter is a quarterly publication distributed to everyone within our association's boundaries. Copies are also distributed to local elected officials, government agencies, sponsors, and area businesses. We will accept submissions from anyone having business with the association to include opinions, stories, information, or pictures as long as they pertain to the neighborhood. We may request some editing of content due to space and appropriateness.

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Boundaries

South side of Velp Avenue, east side of Military Avenue, north side of Shawano Avenue, and both sides of Platten Street

