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Cherokee Neighborhood Association

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Upcoming Events

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January 21

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Annual Meeting Jan 21st

Official Call for Cherokee Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday January 21, 2006 starting at 1:00 PM, at the Cherokee Country Club, Center Court Room. We will be electing our new officers for 2006, and there will be a \$1 Raffle as well as a great line-up of Speakers with important topics for discussion. This will be a great time to socialize with your neighbors. Please be sure to attend our Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 21st starting at 1 PM at the Cherokee Country Club. See you there. (See Agenda inserted)

2005 a Record Dues Paying year

We had a total of 171 dues paying members for 2005! That is a new record beating last year's record of 170. Thank you. Let's increase that number again for 2006. Look for excellent rewards and incentives throughout the year for dues paying members. You can use the enclosed return envelope to mail your \$25 annual dues check today. We will also be accepting dues payments at the January 21st Annual Meeting, prior to and after the meeting.

Valuable Inserts:

- Cherokee Neighborhood Assoc. Annual Meeting Agenda is inserted in this Newsletter.
- Cherokee Neighborhood Directory Information Form is inserted in this Newsletter.
 - Cherokee Return Envelope to send your 2006 dues check is inserted in this Newsletter.

You can use the return envelope to mail in your \$25 Annual Dues check and the Directory Form to our PO Box 8452, Madison, WI 53708-8452. Make Check payable to: Cherokee Neighborhood Association

Cherokee Holiday Dinner and Dance 2005

By Cathy Langum

The 2005 Holiday Dinner and Dance was a great time for all! Cherokee Country Club did a wonderful job with the appetizers, meals, desserts and service. Thank you to Cherokee for the use of your beautiful facility.

We also had Clint Whitehorse, owner of Capital Sound DJ's as our DJ for the third year in a row. He generously stayed an extra hour for no charge... Yes! People actually were still dancing at 1 a.m.! Thanks Clint for yet another wonderful time!

During dinner, everyone received an envelope with a gift inside. Partiers were welcome to trade their unopened gift with anyone in the room. This led to much table hopping and hopefully some new acquaintances. At the end of the meal, the envelopes were opened to reveal wonderful gift certificates and gifts.

Thank you to the following businesses who donated gifts to our neighborhood party:

Felly's Floral on Sherman Ave. provided lovely centerpieces that five lucky neighbors got to take home.

Massage East on Sherman Ave. donated several half-hour massages. Thank you to Kira Milanich, Karen Streif, Jamie Lynn Nendza, Tracy Braaksma, Chuck Nendza, Terri Yapp and Chris Kloppenberg for your generous donations.

Mr. Duwayne's on Sherman Ave. donated \$50.00 in products and services. Thanks Steve Nelson!

Benvenuto's provided two \$50.00 in gift certificates.

Cherokee Country Club gave a \$50.00 certificate for dinner in the Sequoia Room. They also provide us with a room for our party and extra bartenders... wonder why we'd need that?

One lucky neighbor received a **Betty Lou Cruise** for two from the von Rutenberg family. The von Rutenberg family also owns **Mariner's Inn** and donated two certificates for the restaurant. Thank you Bill, Jack and Robert von Rutenberg.

My special thanks goes to Eric at **Crave Restaurant and Lounge** on Gorham St. He provided a \$10.00 gift certificate for every person at the party, plus two \$25.00 certificates!

Please everyone, show our appreciation by using the certificates and supporting these generous businesses in our community!

I would also like to thank Barb Kyle, Lisa Schwendemann, Marcie Fry, Jan ford and Lisa Otis for their help with the decorations. Thanks so much ladies! I couldn't do it without you!

Last but not least, I am stepping down as organizer of the Cherokee Neighborhood Holiday Party. It is a wonderful, gratifying job that I am passing on with mixed emotions. Through my involvement, I have come to know so many great people through the years. I hope that everyone who had a chance to attend the Holiday party over the last few years had a lot of fun and that you have plenty of good memories. If you are interested in organizing this event for 2006, please call or email Bill Lorge. Remember, this event is not trying to recreate what I have been doing but an opportunity to use your own ideas. I feel that we have all had fun with what my idea was for this event and now it is time for new ideas and new leadership. Thanks to everyone who helped me through the years and to the entire neighborhood for making this event a huge success and so much fun to plan!



2005 Halloween Fest Fun!

By Lisa Helmuth, Event Co-ordinator

A great time was had by all at the 2005 Fall Halloween Fest. Over 30 kids and their parents enjoyed cider, pizza, games, prizes, and laughter in the warm October sunshine near our beautiful Cherokee Lake. Thanks to Molly Lorge and Tracy Drill for cohosting this event -- and special thanks to all the little ones who dressed up and were ready for fun! See you next year!

Call for Candidates for Neighborhood Association Board

By Sherry Miner, Nominating Committee Chair and Bill Lorge, President

Election of Officers at Annual Meeting

Elections for Cherokee Neighborhood Association officers will be held at the 2006 Cherokee Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting. All dues-paying adult residents in the neighborhood are welcome to run for any of the four offices.

If you are interested in serving as an Officer for the Cherokee Neighborhood Association for the 2006 year, please come to the Annual Meeting on January 21st where we will be electing our four officers. If you would like to be a candidate for any of the offices, or if you have questions about the duties of the officers, feel free to call or email our President Bill Lorge at 245-1000, BillLorge@aol.com, or the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Sherry Miner, at mtminer@charter.net, 249-9874. If you can't attend the meeting, but would like to be considered for election, please contact Sherry or Bill.

Officers that are up for election are:

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Our Neighborhood Park and Playground

Please come to the Annual Meeting on January 21st to hear valuable information about our Park and Playground area. Our Alderman Paul Van Rooy and Simon Widstrand, Park Planning Supervisor, will both give a presentation on the future of our Park and our Playground area.

I have been told that because of the future development by Cherokee Inc., that our Park will be expanded, so they will address this at our Annual Meeting. If you are interested in the future of our Park, please come to this meeting. Thank you – Bill Lorge, President.



Santa Claus came to Cherokee

By Bill Lorge, President

Santa Claus rode up and down every street in our Cherokee Neighborhood on Christmas Eve again this year. Santa was taken around in a Red Sleigh Convertible driven by Santa's Elves Jeane Kropp and Jay Laurie with our Neighborhood Association President Bill Lorge riding along wearing his Elvis sunglasses! Santa was escorted by our own local Fire station's Fire Engine # 10 and Ambulance with both running their sirens and flashing their lights. It was exciting to see Santa in our Neighborhood right before his big night. Special thanks to Lt. John Sutter from Fire station #10 and our own neighborhood fireman Pete Buechner who helped us get our escorts and special thanks to our own Al Goedken, and of course, Santa Claus. It was a beautiful day, we hope everyone enjoyed seeing Santa again this year.



Neighborhood Garage Sales - May 19 & 20

Submitted by Lisa Otis

Does the recently returned sunshine turn your thoughts to Spring? It does me - and to our neighborhood garage sales to be held in May. Thinking of a new twist this year, and it'll take some pre-planning, I'd like to offer the idea of a craft sale where our talented neighbors and friends can showcase and sell their creations at one location. Would anyone be interested in participating in such a sale, or even hosting this event at their home/garage? Also, if anyone has other suggestions for enhancing this well attended community event, I'd love to hear from you. Replies can be sent to Its-mine93@aol.com.

Should we be a 501C3?

Come to the Annual Meeting to hear our own Attorney Tom Springer talk to us about the pros and cons of our Neighborhood Association becoming a 501C3 status so we can raise money that will be tax deductible for projects like our Playground fund, and also to possibly allow our \$25 Annual dues to be deducted from our Federal Income Taxes.

Apparently, the largest cost to do this is usually Attorney fees, however, Tom is a Lawyer who lives here on Manitowish Way and he has offered to donate his time to prepare this process for our Neighborhood, so it will be a very minimal expense. I personally think it is a great idea, but want to run it past the membership at our Annual Meeting. So please attend so you can listen to Tom's presentation and he will be pleased to answer questions. Thank you – Bill Lorge, President.



Winter Snow Shoveling Rules

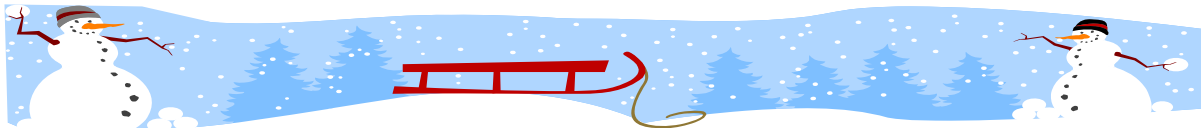
Don't get a hefty ticket for not shoveling your sidewalk when it snows. Fines are large and if your sidewalk is not shoveled after you are ticketed, you may receive another larger fine if the City has to shovel your sidewalk, a minimum of \$40.00.

The rule of thumb is to be sure your sidewalk is cleared by noon the day following the snowfall. We are also responsible for ice on the sidewalk. Also, remember, a single shovel path will not prevent you from getting fined. The entire sidewalk is supposed to be cleared. Property owners will be issued a citation with an initial fine of \$102.00. All subsequent violations at the same property will result in a \$164.00 fine.

Let's keep our Neighborhood fine free, and safe for walkers during these winter months. Please see our Directory or web page for a list of people who provide snow-shoveling services right here in our Cherokee Neighborhood. For more information call City of Madison Building Inspection at 266-4551 and their web page is: <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/BI/snowRem.html>

Raffle Drawing for Cherokee Aerial Photo

At our Annual Meeting on Saturday January 21st, please remember to bring some \$1 bills with you for our Cherokee Neighborhood Raffle drawing. The winner will get to take home a huge aerial photo of our entire Cherokee Neighborhood. The actual photo is 36" x 36" - Large enough to hang up on your wall! Good luck!



Alternate side parking for Winter

Nov 15 – March 15, regardless of snow or not, the City of Madison enforces the Alternate side parking rules seven days a week. You need to park on the odd or even side of the street that the date after midnight falls on. Enforcement is from 1AM – 7AM everyday. Fines are \$10 each morning per vehicle and are issued by the Police Department. Remember: Park on the odd side when the date after midnight falls on an odd numbered day, or park on the even side for the even numbered day during the morning hours of 1 AM – 7 AM. For more information call the Snow Emergency Hotline at 261-9111 or the Madison Streets Department at 246-4532, or go to their web page: <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/streets/Winterparking.html>

Update Directory Form

Please be sure and send in your updated directory information so you are correctly added to our next Neighborhood Directory. The Directory form is inserted inside this Newsletter. One free Directory was already delivered to all 2005 dues paying members, and any new dues payers in 2006 who did not pay dues in 2005 will still get the Directory, so be sure your dues are paid soon for 2006. Contact Bill Lorge or Clare Huhn at 243-8374 or email at cpna-news@charter.net if you have any questions. If you want to update your form information online, please go to:

http://www.madison.com/communities/cpna/pages/DirUpdate2005.php?php_page_set=0

We are not certain when we will print our next Directory, it may be awhile, but please fill out this form and send it to our PO Box with your check so we have your information when we do print our next Directory. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Directory, including people who will help us process the advertising space that brings in a nice profit for our Neighborhood. Thank you – Bill Lorge, President.



We Won! - Our Postal Box is staying!

It's nice to win one! Special thanks to Jenifer Winiger, our neighbor who lives on Comanche Way, who brought this important issue to my attention last month. The USPS planned to remove our Postal Mail Box located on top of the hill by our Neighborhood sign at the entrance to our Neighborhood, at the Intersection of Comanche Way and Wheeler Road. Jenifer contacted me, I emailed our "Cherokee Email List", about 200 people here and in the Cherokee Condos, and from that email, other neighbors like Connie Smalley and Pat Larsen helped out even more. Bottom line, I called Cong Baldwin's office, who said they would help. Then I called the USPS, and found out we would lose it based on low usage. I gave them good reasons why not, informed the USPS that I contacted our Congressional Delegation and that our Neighbors will be calling. Bottom line, WE WON! Based on the calls from so many of our Neighbors who were updated on this issue via our Cherokee Email Network, the Madison Postmaster decided NOT to remove our Postal Box. However, based on my calls, I learned that our Postal Box has less than 25 pieces of mail per day put into it. This is low. The criteria to keep this box in the future will be if it has an average of more than 25 pieces of mail put in it on a daily basis. So, let's make sure and use this Postal Box whenever we can. That will ensure that we keep it, and we really should keep it here. Every 6 months the USPS will survey the usage of this box, so if you have a big mailing, put it in this Postal Box. It will help us keep it here. Thank you – Bill Lorge, President.

PS – People who are on the Cherokee Email Network are always informed first of important issues like the Postal Box removal. If you want to get on this important email list, just email our President Bill Lorge at: BillLorge@aol.com and put "Cherokee Email List" in the subject line.