



Neighborhood Notes from the Cambridge Woods Neighborhood Association President November/December 2005

Happy New Year!

With winter now upon us, I hope you find yourself in good spirits, company, and health. With the coming new year it is a time to reflect on the past year, and look forward to the coming new year.

The ending of the year is also a time for our association elections. As usual, we have both returning individuals and some new individuals that comprise the CWNA Board of Directors. As I said at the November General Meeting, I agreed to carry on as President for a final term with some reluctance. This reluctance has to do with my belief in the sustainability of the association, which is manifested in new leadership. My acceptance was to continue with some continuity, active participation in the City of Milwaukee's Northeast Area Plan and addressing recently revamped Action Items of the University Neighborhood Association. Please welcome the following remaining members of the Board:

Else Ankel, Vice President
Rebecca North, Treasurer
Debra Slakes, Secretary (Returning)
Birger Pahl (Returning-Chair of Communications)
Leslie Fillingham, At-large (Returning-new Chair of Fun & Games)
Jim Lewis, At-large
Karen Martinsen, At-large (Returning- Chair of Safety)
Sheldon Oppermann, At-large

The new Board held its first meeting together already, dealing with the early task of revising our by-laws. I would like to share the goals stated in the by-laws as we reflect on the past year and to help guide us in the coming year:

- 1) Work to achieve, maintain and celebrate the aesthetic quality of our neighborhood, including homes, businesses, institutions and public areas
- 2) Promote communication and coordination with government, private and public resources
- 3) Celebrate and encourage neighborhood aspects and behaviors that serve the goals within this Article and oppose those that do not

In 2006, we will host all our bi-monthly meetings at the Urban Ecology Center on the third Thursday of the month beginning with the January 17 meeting. Please join us at this (and all of our meetings) and contact us if you would like to request a speaker. Our January speaker will be the Commissioner of Department of Neighborhood Services, Marty Collins. The oversight of DNS covers the pertinent quality of life aspects that neighborhoods and residents seek and desire.

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