



Neighborhood Notes from the CWNA President September/October 2005

Happy Halloween!

The kids are back at school, the leaves are changing colors and falling, and pleasant days are getting fewer- Scary indeed!

Let me first begin by acknowledging that we have heard a few complaints regarding our neighborhood effort to retain a well kept housing stock with our annual housing survey. The intent of doing a housing survey is to reduce visible signs of code violations. This effort relies on donated time of volunteers and is done in conjunction with the City of Milwaukee's Department of Neighborhood Services. Each of the complaints was contacted personally, and the Neighborhood Quality Team along with the CWNA Board has put into place some procedures to minimize complaints in any future notifications.

As stated in the last Neighborhood Notes, two surveys were recently conducted and were recently distributed. The surveys had to do with the potential re-use of Columbia Hospital for UWM and potential Mountain Bike facility in Cambridge Woods. Although these surveys are not definitive responses to these issues, they are useful feedback tools to help guide CWNA Board members when they meet and discuss these issues with external parties. As stated earlier, the summary responses were distributed, so I will just highlight the highest response from each of the surveys:

- Columbia Re-use Survey- 49% favor UWM's acquisition of Columbia under negotiated conditional uses with the neighborhood groups and City of Milwaukee.
- Mountain Bike use in Cambridge Woods- 84% favor starting and supporting a 'Friends' of Cambridge Woods Group

Turning to the month of November, it means election time for our organization. The nominating committee has been busy working on slate of officers and how to keep the association sustainable. The election will be held at the General Meeting on **Thursday, November 17, at Riverside High School**. We are having the meeting back at the high school, since our speaker will be the new principal of the school, Dr. Daniel Donder and will include a tour of the school for those that are interested.

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