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Agenda

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side.**

Saturday morning's weather will be Sunny with temperatures going up to 51 degrees. It may still be a little chilly at 10 a.m., so please bring a coat and a chair to Saturday's meeting.

**Next meeting:
Saturday,
March 13, 2004
@ 10 a.m.**

A Message from the President...

Happy Groundhog's Day. As the legend goes, if the groundhog sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, it means spring is just around the corner. With the overnight temperatures in the 20's and 30's, let's hope the groundhog does not see his shadow! I don't know about the rest of the neighborhood, but spring weather and barbeques sound really good right now. Well, in spite of the cold weather, a fire of activity is brewing for February in Wynbrook. We will be meeting on Saturday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m. by the Wynbrook welcome sign.

First, Susan Carmichael from the Montgomery Clean City Commission has arranged to have 25 teenage volunteers in Wynbrook on Saturday, February 21 between 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. With the help of our 25 teenagers, we will have an afternoon Wynbrook Clean-up Day. About half of the teens will work with Wynbrook adults to clean the Hidden Meadow wetlands, and the other half of the teens will work cleaning up litter and trash along the streets of Wynbrook. We will need adult supervision, so please plan to help participate in this big neighborhood clean-up.

Next, I spoke with our City Council representative Jim Spear last week. He has some discretionary funds that he may be able to use for road paving. I updated him on the situation of the roads in and out of Wynbrook. He and I plan to get Alfa to put the top-coat on all Wynbrook streets that are finished with construction (i.e. Valleybrook Lane, Karen Valley Place and Karen Valley Cove, Hobbie Brook Cove, Whisperwood Court, etc.) so these streets can then be deeded to the city.

In addition, Jim Spear showed interest to mediate the agreement between the City and Alfa regarding extending Sweetwood Way into Plantation Way (Lagoon Park commercial district). This road is affectionately known within Wynbrook as "the dirt road". There are mixed emotions about paving "the dirt road", but I told Jim Spear that there are two considerations that would make this project a positive for Wynbrook. First, we would require a 4-way STOP sign at the intersection of Sweet Meadow Drive and Sweetwood Way. Second, we would require that Wynbrook North remain self-contained and that all stub-outs be removed from the approved city plan. In principle, Jim Spear understood, and I feel we are moving forward in a positive direction. (cont.)

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President's message (cont.) Agenda

If you have questions, concerns, or comments about these ongoing issues, please be sure to come on out on Saturday morning, February 7 at 10:00 a.m. Our special guest speaker will be Corporal W. L. Ford from the Montgomery Police Department (MPD). He is the Eddie Murphy of MPD. His talk will be very funny, entertaining, and educational. He is the gang specialist and assigned to the Community Policing Division.

With warmest personal regards,
Robert H. Traphan
5757 Sweet Meadow Drive (244-7441)

1. Special Guest Speaker:
2. Montgomery Police Department Community Policing Division Gang Specialist Corporal Ford will discuss the gang situation in Montgomery and will also give us advice on our Neighborhood Watch Program
3. Officer's Reports
4. Neighborhood Watch update Goal Planning for Wynbrook
5. Clean-up Day Planning (February 21 from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.)

Where Did Valentine's Day Come From?

The custom of sending special messages and gifts to the ones we love began in the year 270 A. D. The Roman Emperor Claudius found he was having problems recruiting men to serve in his armies. The men wanted to stay home with their wives and children. Angry that helps support his men were more loyal to their wives than to himself, Claudius decided to outlaw marriage!

Couples who were in love searched for someone who would help them get married, even in secret. A priest named Valentine performed wedding ceremonies for these desperate young lovers. When the emperor found out, he had Valentine arrested and ordered his execution on February 14, the day of the Roman festival of love. Valentine's jailer had a daughter, Augustine. She was so kind to Valentine during his imprisonment, that Valentine sent a note with a grateful "thank you" message for all that she had done.

So, the custom of sending Valentines had begun. Valentine, the priest, died because he believed in love. Now he is remembered as St. Valentine, the patron saint of lovers. Today, Valentine's Day is a day we all say "thank you" for kindness done and for the gift of love and caring.



News You Can Use...

Trash Pick-up Reminder

- ☒ **Monday & Thursday Green Receptacle pick-up.**
- ☒ **Wednesday: Bulky curbside trash pick-up including grass and shrubbery.**
- ☒ **Monday: Orange bag recycling pick-up**

Mark Your Calendar

Future Meetings:

Saturday, March 13 @ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 20 @ 6:30 p.m.