



Neighborhood News

The Newsletter of The Old Third Ward Association, Inc.
Winter 98-99

Dear Neighbors,

1998 has been an incredible year for the Old Third Ward. We started in March by winning the Lilian Mackesy award from the Outagamie County Historical Society for our Walking Tour. Many kind words were said and we were given a plaque.

In May, we took part in a Sesquicentennial Celebration sponsored by Appleton Heritage Society. Bus tours recreated the last Trolley Car run (which went through our neighborhood) and Sally Johnson skillfully narrated a slide presentation of the neighborhood architecture and history.

July saw the dedication of the Frank Council Memorial at Prospect and Walnut Streets. At this time Alderman Kathy Meyer gave the OTW a plaque and a letter of appreciation from the City and from the Historic Preservation Commission.

August was the month of the Grand Block Party. MidWest Living Magazine and Toyota honored the work we have done with a thousand dollar check and a party. Word from the editors who attended is that ours was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the Home Town Pride Award Events. Remember we were one of sixteen winners and one of four who were given a party. While addressing the crowd at this event, Mayor Hanna recognized the neighborhood as an example of what democracy and care can do.

September brought us to the Home Tour. Good weather and hard work brought us a smashing success. Attendees seemed excited to learn the history in these homes and have asked for more. Volunteers were numerous, enthusiastic and charming. We give many thanks to these volunteers and to the members of the Home Tour Committee for their energy and determination.

No wonder, then, that those of us who have been doing much of the organizing for the past five years feel a bit tired and look forward to electing some new board members to carry on. At the annual meeting on December 13, we will be holding elections to fill the vacancies of those whose term has expired. Several neighbors have expressed a real desire to become involved.

We will also be discussing possible uses for the money we have now accumulated. Some suggestions which have been made so far: Explore becoming an Historic District; Continue research and publications regarding the people and the homes; Pursue National Historic Register Status for additional homes; Consult with those who wish to restore their homes.

Do come to the Annual Meeting and help us to continue.

Emergency Shelters Seeks to Sell

Emergency Shelters owns the small house on Sixth St. just west of the County Family Services Building. We were contacted by both Emergency Shelters and the County for our opinion of such a sale. The OTW Board voted to veto such a move owing to the County's agreement not to demolish any more houses and owing to the negative effect this could have on adjacent property. Both Emergency Shelters and the County listened and have agreed not to pursue the sale. In light of this, if Emergency Shelters can find a donor who would remove the house, a neighbor has offered to buy the land. Or, if anyone knows of someone who could use a small house with no garage (for an elderly relative, perhaps), they should contact Emergency Shelters.

Old Neighbor Says Hello

When searching for musicians with a connection to the neighborhood for our block party, I tracked down Fred Sturm who now lives in Rochester, N.Y. Fred and his family used to live on the corner of Fifth and Elm and Fred taught Jazz Studies at Lawrence. His schedule prevented him from coming to the party but he was thrilled to be asked. He wished to be remembered to everyone.

Pictures

Several elderly former neighbors have brought us photographs and stories about growing up in the OTW. We are making copies of these photos and hope to conduct interviews to record the stories. More information is welcomed. If we continue to collect plaques and historical information, we will soon be in need of a permanent storage space.

OTW BEER

OTW Beer is still available. Pat Flanagan graciously purchased extra beer following our August party. Six-packs of OTW Lager are available for the sale price of \$5.49 at Flanagan's Liquor Store on College Ave. Pat has offered to give us a portion of the proceeds.

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Voting memberships are open to residents, both homeowner and tenant, and non-resident property owners.
"Friends" are non-resident, non-voting members who wish to support the purpose of the association financially.

Membership Categories

Friend	\$10 or more	Sponsor	\$100 or more
Resident/Property Owner	\$15 "	Sustain	\$250 "
Family	\$25 "	Benefactor	\$500 "
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