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THANK YOU! Ron Kuhar and Nate Klieve for writing articles in this edition! If you have an idea for a future story or would like to submit one, please let us know.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, the neighborhood block party is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th. Menu and itinerary will be similar to last year’s gathering. Watch for a flyer or postings on Facebook.

Please connect with the Summer Wind Group page on Facebook and stay up to the minute with events and announcements.

Hartford’s city-wide rummage sale is happening on Saturday, June 4th.

Members will be circulating a petition next month regarding bylaws changes. Establishing a “super” quorum of 53 members at a member’s meeting has been determined to be too difficult.

If you have suggestions, comments, or would like to help the HOA, please visit our website or send us an email.

City of Hartford Fire/Rescue “CERT” Team Who Are They and How Can You Help?

By: Ron Kuhar



The idea for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) originated in the late 1980's through the Los Angeles Fire Department as a result of the California wildfires. The original concept was to train volunteers from the community to assist emergency service personnel during large natural disasters when professional resources were likely to be stretched to the limit.

In 1993, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) having adopted the CERT concept, expanded CERT training to make it applicable to all hazards. Post 9/11, President George W. Bush asked all Americans to volunteer in service to their country. He placed CERT under his Citizens Corps program to combine the power of volunteerism and disaster preparedness as a grass roots component of homeland security.

The goal of Citizen Corps was to provide opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds. One specific avenue to this end was to offer citizens free CERT training.

CERT training encourages citizens to engage in a number of activities to help prepare themselves and their communities, including:

Personal Preparedness Developing a household preparedness plan and disaster supplies kits, observing home health and safety practices, implementing disaster mitigation measures, and participating in crime prevention and reporting.

Response Training Taking classes in emergency preparedness, response capabilities, first aid, CPR, fire suppression, and search and rescue procedures.

Volunteer Service Engaging individuals in volunteer activities that support first responders, disaster relief groups, and community safety organizations.

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Prior to 2012, CERT training was provided in Washington County by the Volunteer Center of Washington County and funded through a Department of Homeland Security - Urban Area Security Initiative federal grant. Training was offered free to the community with the purpose of helping all citizens become better prepared for disaster. Through CERT training students obtained the skills necessary to take care of themselves, their families, and their associates during the first critical 72 hours of a disaster while waiting for professional responders to arrive. Students could take CERT training without necessarily joining a coordinated team.

Federal funds for CERT training eventually dried up, leaving the local program adrift. The Volunteer Center sought community partners who might be interested in keeping this vital training program afloat and to provide CERT trained individuals with an outlet through which to serve during disaster.

Finally, in October of 2014, Hartford Fire Chief, Paul Stephans, a strong supporter of the CERT concept and CERT trained himself, answered the call. He made the decision to organize a local CERT team to be sponsored by Hartford Fire and Rescue. Chief Stephans, who functions in the dual role of Fire Chief and city emergency manager, was convinced that a strong CERT team would be an asset to the community and help to stretch scarce resources in the event of a disaster.

The new Hartford Area CERT team is trained and coordinated under the complete control of the Fire Chief, who makes the ultimate decision as to whether or not the team is called out for service. No CERT team is ever permitted to self deploy. There are currently twenty (20) members on the Hartford Area CERT Team. Meetings are held at 6:30pm every fourth Wednesday of the month at the Fire House.

Summer Wind Home Owners Association is well represented through Hartford Area CERT with three active members, Chris Reinke, Lynn Bennett, and myself, Ron Kuhar. We would like to extend a hearty invitation to anyone who would be interested in joining us to help make our community a safer place to live. There is a spot for everyone!

CERT volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, complete an application, pass the basic CERT course curriculum, clear a background check, and meet other qualifications as set forth by the Fire Chief and the local CERT coordinator.

If you desire more information or wish to become a member of the Hartford Area CERT Team, you may call or email area coordinator, Ron Kuhar at: (262) 397-8379 or ronkuhar@att.net. You also may stop in at any one of our monthly meetings and see for yourself what we are all about. Being a CERT team member not only helps the community in which you live but provides you with the training necessary to help your own family if a disaster should occur.

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Community Events & Announcements

**Happy Birthday
Hayden Martin!**



Hayden turns 7 on May 19th

Aston & Brody Warner and Alex Hoffman got a ride to school on this fire truck! What a great experience and lovely spring weather!



The Warners and Hoffmans would like to give another big thank you to the Lincoln Elementary PTO, Chief Stephens, and the Hartford Fire Department!

**Happy Birthday
Rylie Lintner!**



Rylie turns 8 on April 23rd

**Happy Birthday
Lyliana (Lulu) Bartlein!**



Lulu turns 1 on May 28th

**Congrats to Nate and
Danielle Klieve!**



Their second child, Otto William, was born April 13th at 10:49am weighing 8lbs 6oz and 21" long. Future Hall-of-Famer!

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Build it and They Will Come... Probably.

By: Nate Klieve

Why does a team with a winning percentage below .500 that draws attendance in the bottom quarter of the league deserve a new stadium? Why should we (taxpayers of Wisconsin) foot the bill for it? Why should someone in the northern part of the state care about a pro franchise in the southern part of the state? What guarantees a winning team will be assembled in the new stadium to draw fans, increase revenue, and stimulate the local economy? These, and many more, are completely valid questions. You might assume they are questions about the debate from last year on the new Milwaukee Bucks arena. They could be. But they are actually questions that would have been asked in the years leading up to the MASSIVE Miller Park project. Last year we heard politicians and talking heads around the state throw their talking points out about the stadium. While I follow politics, I know far more about sports than I do about policy, tax implication, and legality. So humor me as I talk myself through some logic from a sports fan's perspective.

It might be bold, but I believe most people in Wisconsin, and definitely most in southeastern Wisconsin, would not want anything to happen that would take the Milwaukee Brewers out of town. Since the construction of a beautiful stadium, having an MLB team in this relatively small market has become a sense of pride and a part of the culture. You still cannot say we are a baseball state. We know how that debate ended, we got it done, built the stadium, and secured the future of a major sports franchise in Milwaukee and Wisconsin. Since we know the outcome, let's look at what happened leading up to the new stadium, what has happened since, and what that has meant for the city and state.

From the time the Brewers became the Brewers in 1970 until the opening of Miller Park, the team was 2357-2533 (48.2 winning %) with two playoff appearances, two division titles, and one World Series appearance. Since Miller Park opened in 2001 (I have excluded this season), they are 1148-1281 (47.2 winning %) with two playoff appearances, one division title and no World Series appearances. But as sports fans, we usually think of what has happened most recently. So what about the 10 years prior to Miller Park? In that time the team was 815-900 (47.5 winning %) with no playoffs and no division titles. SO even though there could be no debate that the team stunk, we built a stadium worth hundreds of millions of dollars. There was no long standing history of winning, excellence, or outstanding performance to warrant it, but it still happened.

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it was in the old Mecca. It's a loser venue that a loser owner filled with loser players and coaches. True that if we look at the last 10 years to see what is fresh in our minds it doesn't look great (364-522 [41.1 winning %], four playoffs and a few lottery picks), but remember all the things we have to be excited about. They have two young studs in Giannis and Jabari, a young coach with his own hall of fame credentials, and new ownership that doesn't appear to be interested in moving the team (signed a 30 year lease last week to keep the team in Milwaukee).

Here is one last Brewers comparison that speaks closer to the political side of things. Since the opening of Miller Park, attendance has jumped an average of almost 7,000 per game over that of County Stadium. This is obviously not because of the stellar play in the new stadium as the team averaged 97 LOSSES the first four years there. It is because it energized the base. It had things around it and in it that made families and coworkers come. It made being a Brewers fan cool again. And it did it without an immediate success on the playing field. Even if the entire entertainment district does not happen around the new proposed Bucks arena, it will put more people through the door. They'll buy beer. They'll buy souvenirs. They'll go out to eat before or after. All of those things are good things for Milwaukee, and the health of its biggest metropolitan area is good for Wisconsin.

Let's compare that to the Bucks since their entering the NBA in 1968-69. All-time they are 1983-1905 (51.0 winning %) with 28 playoff appearances, 13 division titles, two league titles and one world championship. How is THAT for a history of success (at least by comparison)? Starting to think the Bucks might be more deserving of a world class stadium than the Brewers were when they got theirs?? Here's another reason to bull-doze the Bradley Center (BC), the Bucks winning % is 16 points lower there than

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Membership Meeting Minutes 3/22/16

I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:00pm

1. Tim Michalski (candidate for Mayor) Speech
 - a) Improvements to the City of Hartford Downtown
2. Vote for Board of Directors
 - a) Mike Carlson - President
 - b) Andy Bath - Vice President
 - c) Dawn Helm - Treasurer

II. Officer Reports

1. President
 - a) Park Commission will be applying asphalt on service drive.
2. Vice President
 - a) Newsletter is generating revenue through selling ad space - \$1,275 thus far
 - b) Facebook page is up to 70 members
 - c) Would like to add electronic voting to bylaws
2. Secretary
 - a) Nothing to report
3. Treasurer
 - a) 2016 budget posted on the HOA website
 - b) The group discussed the pros and cons of \$75 vs. \$95 dues.
5. Architecture Chair
 - a) Showed photos of approved mailbox

III. Committee Reports

1. Neighborhood Watch
 - a) Our liaison officer, Officer Rohre, is currently out on medical leave.
2. Social
 - a) The summer block party will include a similar lunch and event as last year's party.
 - b) The group discussed holding Trick or Treat on the Saturday before Halloween.
3. Youth
 - a) No minimum age to join
 - b) The committee will hold a costume party before Trick or Treating again.
 - c) Events for summer block party are being discussed.
4. Moms
 - a) Idea for a 'lending library' - see littlefreelibrary.org for more information

5. Committee as a Whole

- a) Discussed possible creation of special committee to coordinate neighborhood rummage sale with the citywide rummage sale being held June 4th.
- b) A Summerwind kickball league was discussed.

IV. New Business

A. Reminders

1. **Please SLOW DOWN** - people are driving way too fast in the subdivision with kids and families out and about.
2. Please make sure to stop at both stop signs.
3. Double and triple check for people walking, riding bikes, etc. when making turns.
4. Pick up after your dogs while on walks.

B. Construction in Subdivision

1. The road going through to Red Oak is still listed on Plat Surveys; at this time it is not on any agenda for road construction within the city.

C. Trick or Treat

1. Motion to change Trick or Treat to the Saturday before Halloween from 5-7pm indefinitely approved

D. Use of newsletter additional revenues

1. 25% to social committee approved
2. \$100 to welcoming committee approved

E. Lending Library and Bench

1. Funds from newsletter used to build library and bench approved
2. Scott McFarren will build library; Steve Ross will build bench - all plans must be approved by architectural committee before building.

F. Budget

1. Dawn will update the budget to run on a calendar year, per the Summerwind HOA bylaws.
2. Invoices for dues, which will technically be a special assessment, will be mailed out this June.

V. Old Business

A. Subdivision Sign

1. Kaerek Homes said that a sign usually runs between \$2,000-\$3,000 through the company he uses.
 - a) The sign would be placed on the west side of Wilson.
 - b) Andy will talk to Kaerek Homes about getting a sign.

Member Spotlight-Get to Know Your Neighbors

Meet the Klieve's



Q: Family member names, including pets?

A: Danielle, Nate, Finley, Otto and Clay (our dog)

Q: How long have you lived here and where did you move from?

A: Just over 3 years and Danielle's parent's basement. (Vernon, WI...it's a long story...a good story not a bad story though)

Q: Hobbies?

A: As a family we love to go for walks around the subdivision. Nate plays golf and coaches basketball. Danielle takes classes at Rec center with friends and spends time with her sisters. Finley loves to play outside and read books. Otto loves to eat, sleep and poop (all an equal amount). Clay loves to beg for food.

Q: Favorite Band(s)?

A: Foo Fighters, Finley loves Dave Grohl and we can't blame her.

Q: What's your favorite destination?

A: Perth Australia really is one of the most beautiful places on earth. The beaches are amazing but there is enough to do in the city as well.

Meet the Ross'



Q: Family member names, including pets?

A: Steve, Nicole, Anika, Alexander & Raina (our dog)

Q: How long have you lived here and where did you move from?

A: 10 years and from Milwaukee Area

Q: What's on your "bucket list"?

A: Family road trip out west, would love to just drive and see as many things as we can.

Q: What is one item in your house that should be thrown away but you probably never will?

A: Textbooks from College, we both kept ones we thought we may need to look back at eventually.

Meet the Bath's



Q: Family member names, including pets?

A: Andy, Jody, Riley and Austin (only have fish)

Q: How long have you lived here and where did you move from?

A: 2.5 years. We moved from Wauwatosa but grew up in the Fox Valley area.

Q: Hobbies?

A: Andy loves fishing, working, bonfires, and socializing. Jody loves family time, photography, traveling, and pop culture. Riley loves dancing, reading, singing and spending time with friends. Austin loves trucks, Monster Jam, discovering new things and could teach a paleontologist a thing or two about dinosaurs.

Q: What is on your "bucket list"?

A: Travel all 50 states, we all love to explore.

Q: What's your favorite destination?

A: Hands down, Disney World. The kids still talk about our trip there last year. We can't wait to go back...this fall, right Andy?!;-)

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