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Notice !!!!!!!

**This issue contains an important
Survey about your Park!
Please fill it out & Mail promptly!
Thank You !**

Pioneer Park is the Finest Membership Park in The Wisconsin Dells—Lake Delton Area. Possibly Wisconsin. Making this so are the family member-owners who enjoy its four-season splendor, plus the contributions of a dedicated Board of Directors, Park Staff and Volunteers.



MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope each and every one of you had a great holiday season. As I sit here in front of my warm fireplace and writing this, I am thinking that Spring is only a few months away.

Along with those same thoughts, my wife Mary and I spent a few weeks in Arizona with family and friends in mid January. When we left Phoenix it was 72° and when we landed back in Milwaukee, it was 12° plus a bitter wind and a lot of snow.

I am in touch with Theresa Newman at the Park on a regular basis and it sound like there is a lot of snow there. Ron Halvensleben of our grounds crew, keeps the entrance road and clubhouse parking lot cleared. Quite a few members have been at the Park to clear snow form their roofs.

Everything else seems to be OK. The Board of Directors received at least 12 or 14 applications for the manager's position and has narrowed it down and agreed on the top three candidates. At the pre-budget meeting on Saturday, Feb 13th, we will make our final decision. We would like to have a new manager on the job by the end of March.

As I said above, the pre-budget meeting is on Feb 13th at 10am, followed by the annual budget meeting on Saturday March 13th, 10 AM, all in the Clubhouse. So, if you are interested, join us at these meetings. All members are welcome and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Andy Alotti, Site #285

Halloween Party Ended Great Park Season

This year the weather was cold for the annual Pioneer Park Halloween Party on October 10th, but thankfully, no rain or snow. The sun did shine on us for a part of the day. The cold did not keep a lot of the members and their children home, however, there were a few less than the preceding year. This hardy group came for the fun and memories they make with friends and family at the popular Park event.

We had a lot of volunteers again, which was needed and much appreciated. Many talented kids decorated some great pumpkins. The Costume Parade was huge again, with many participants. Thanks to Mary Otto for leading it with year and making it easy for the kids to follow her yellow bird [Big Bird?] vehicle.

The Witches Brew lunch went very well. We went through many hot dogs, lots of witches brew (soup) and hot chocolate. A great crew of workers made serving an easy task. The wonderful desserts that were donated were gobbled up. That fired up the kid's engines for the rest of the day.

Special thanks goes to Judi Evenic, Site #233, for braving the cold and painting the kid's faces. Ron Halvensleben and his grounds crew did a bang up job on making the Haunted House. Because of the weather, we had to cancel the Hayride. The cold did not stop the many Trick or Treaters. It was nice to see people out by their campfires, waiting for the costumed children to come by. Thank you all for braving the cold. You looked like you were having a good day too.

The kids and many adults really enjoyed the movies at the Clubhouse in the evening. These were donated by Jack and Jeannie Weber, Site #26. Jeannie and her crew served up pizza for everyone. The pizza was again donated—as for many, many years past—by Dale Hochstein, Site #74, of Eaton's Pizza in Fond du lac. Next time you see him, tell him how much the Park appreciates the generosity of this charter member. Better still, those who live near Fond du lac or are passing through, stop by one of his retail locations.

Again, we can't say it loud or long enough: All this would not have happened without all you, the helpers, the donor and, especially, those who participated.

THANK YOU

Chairperson, Theresa Newman #359
Co-Chair, Jeannie Weber #226

Its Time for Arizona Reunion

Calling all Pioneer Park snowbirds, alumni and guests in Arizona. The annual winter reunion will be Thursday, February 11th, 2010, in Phoenix at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 1418 N. Central Ave. Phoenix. Beginning at 11:30am. Parking is available or there is a light rail stop at Central and McDowell Avenues. Attendees will order off the menu (\$7-12 price range) with separate checks. All persons are welcome. For planning purposes, please confirm your attendance by calling:

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8840 E Sunland Ave #115
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Park Member Death

Rudy John Kuzel, 73, Site #210, died Oct 1st, 2009, in Racine. He is survived by his wife Connie; sons Kraig and Brian Kuzel; a daughter, Colleen Kernan; 3 grandsons; and a sister, Judy Kuzel. He served as president / shop chairman of UAW Local 72 at the AMC-Chrysler Assembly Plant in Kenosha leading up to the shutdown of auto building operations in Dec 1988 that cost 5,000 jobs and left just 800 production workers in an engine plant. He waged a vigorous battle with the Chrysler President Lee Iacocca to make this the most expensive auto assembly plant closing in the US by obtaining extended supplemental benefits for employees and an educational trust fund of their children. Sincere Park condolences are extended to the family.

News From & About The Park

Just a note to let you know how things are going at Pioneer Park this winter. Grounds people Ron Halvensleben and Johnny Oleson did a great job in closing down things for the season last fall. Jim Smyth, Site #80, helped with the water shut off. The grounds guys were happy to have an extra set of hands with so much to do at the end of the season. Thank you Jim, Ron and Johnny for all of your hard work and making certain the Park was secure for the winter.

So far, this year we've had a couple of large snow storms. Then it rained two days before Christmas followed by some very cold weather. Yes, it was below zero on more than a few nights. The usual January thaw came in the middle of the month and warmed things up to about 40° one or two days. There is nothing to worry about, we have Ron here to take care of things and he does that so well. Thanks Ron for all you do.

Everyone and everything in the Park is in good shape. A lot of members stopped by in Nov & Dec. It was good to see them enjoying the Park in the winter. Those who are coming to the Park at any time, please remember to sign the register for in the Clubhouse. It's for your own safety in case there is an emergency where you must be notified.

The back gate is locked, but it is open for those of you that have keys. And to those members using the main entrance, thanks for remembering your gate cards. Good show!!

If you have any question, I answer the Park phone at all times and will try to help you in any way possible. I also check the Park email once or twice per week. Terese Smyth, Site #80, is keeping the Park web site up to date. Thanks, Terese. Don't forget you Town of Lake Delton taxes are due Jan 31st. If you haven't received a bill, call Carol at 608/253-4621. She will see that you receive it.

See you all in the Spring and don't forget "THINK SPRING".

Theresa Newman, Site #359
Any questions? Call me at the Park: 608/254-8162

Thanks To you, You & You, Park Activities Were a Hit

The Pioneer Park Activities Committee had a great year. Members who participate, attended or volunteered know we did a lot of fun stuff. This couldn't have been possible without the many volunteers who were a part of these functions. So, give yourself a big hand and a very big pat on the back.

Thanks also to the name people who contributed prizes, desserts and other things. There was an outpouring of many donations for the Pig Roast and for the Halloween Party. These are much appreciated. The events of the past season would not have been successful without volunteers and donations. These kindnesses motivate our committee to work harder.

Looking ahead to the 2010 camping season, we hope to have more improvements at the Outpost this coming Spring.

If any of you have ideas for the Activities Committee, please jot them down and give them to me, Theresa Newman, Site #359, or email me at: vegaste@aol.com

There are still some Pioneer Park Cookbooks for sale, so remember to pick one up at the Clubhouse. The book includes Pioneer Park memories along with some great recipes. A lot of hard work went into making the book possible, thanks to Carol Ruenger, Site #113, and her loyal volunteers.

Again, thank you for supporting your Pioneer Park activities by attending the events or being a VOLUNTEER. With the continued support we saw last season carrying over to this year, we can get more good things done. You know, of course, all proceeds go back to the Park and the events of functions you have asked for. Again, I want to give big kudos to those of you who gave your time.

Theresa Newman, Site #359, Chairperson

See Separate Insert in This Issue

Survey About Future of Pioneer Park

The Pioneer Park Long Range Planning Committee is currently looking 1 to 5 years into the future. The Structures and general condition of the Park have degraded due to use/age and will need to be addressed in the near future. The staff can continue patching some items, but others (like the pools, for example) will need to be totally rebuilt relatively soon.

The Park will need to spend nearly \$20,000 this fall and spring to just bring the state mandated screens on the bottom of the pools up to code. This work is now in a state-grace period and will not be extended next year.

The Park currently has an architectural firm looking into projects to provide ideas and costs to redo the pools, structures, roads, septic fields, etc. Architectural plans are needed to obtain bank loans. The Park can plan for the future by allotting funds for these upgrades by raising dues in the future or taking another loan after the current load is paid.

There have been many discussions about various topics that have brought mixed and sometimes heated emotions. The Long Range Planning Committee would like feedback from members on these various subjects. Your ideas are important.

Please fill out the survey in this issue and return it to the office by May 15th 2010. You may return it in person or mail it back to the Park. All surveys must have the member's signature and site number.

Thank you from the Long Range Planning Committee

Pete Allmann #436 — Randy Fiore #393
Jerry Hoopher #12 — Jim Smyth #80
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