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January Meeting

The holidays are a wonderful time to relax and reflect. But eventually the New Year comes upon us and we turn an eye toward the future: what will this next year be? The Association Officers do the same thing. This year we hope that you will be part of the conversation about the future of Williams Woodland Park where we will ask these 3 questions at the

Tuesday January 28th Association Meeting:

1. What do you want our neighborhood/surrounding community to look like in 5 years?
2. What things about the neighborhood catch your attention and make you excited about where you live?
3. Vote on your favorite yearly events

We will also provide a delicious hot chocolate bar with a variety of toppings for all who attend!

This feast will begin at **7:00 pm**.

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2020 Elections

Williams Woodland Park's yearly elections are upon us! Four positions are available: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. You (or a neighbor) can put your name forward at the January and the February meetings. The election itself occurs at the February meeting after all names have been put forward. In order to cast a vote, or to run for office, you must be a Dues Paid member.

After the officers have been elected, they can appoint up to 5 At-Large members (this does not happen right away, but is something that can happen throughout the year). These are neighbors that want to be involved and are willing to step into a more official capacity. This is a really good place to start if you want to feel out what it's like to be an officially elected officer of the neighborhood.

Chili Cookoff

The February meeting is also our annual Chili Cook-Off. Neighbors are invited to make a pot of chili to share. We will then vote on the best chili and the winning chef will receive the Neighborhood's rotating prize. All types of chili are welcome. This is a fun event and a great way to either showcase your secret family recipes or try a new recipe. If chili isn't your specialty, please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share!

ALL IN: Alley Life and Lighting Initiative

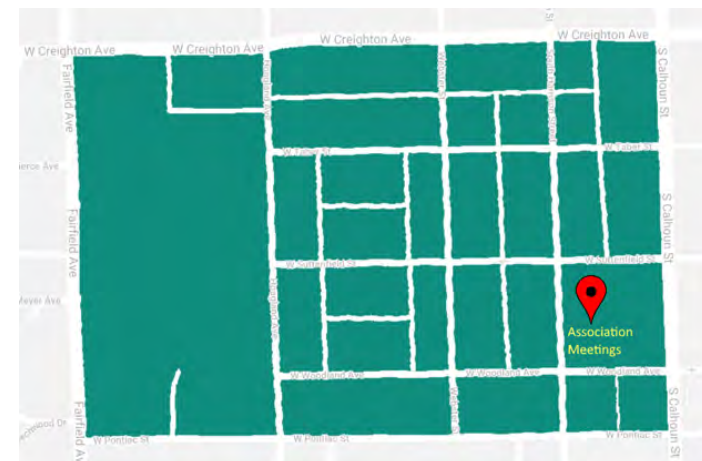
by Sarah Stegenga

A few of your neighbors met with Mayor Tom Henry recently to discuss a safety and beautification initiative that Williams Woodland Park Neighborhood plans to pilot.

Please join us at the January association meeting to learn more about this exciting initiative that could provide you with some free lighting for your property. Please be sure your 2020 dues are paid as well, so you can vote on any proposed expenditure.

Williams Woodland Park FAQ

- Our boundaries are Creighton, Calhoun, Pontiac, and Fairfield.
- There are 200 homes, plus 70 apartments in Fairfield Manor
- Association Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month, at 7pm at Simpson United Methodist church on Calhoun, January – November (no meeting December)
 - Occasionally there is an alternate location or start time. This is communicated out in the newsletter and the Facebook page
- ALL residents (homeowners, renters, property owners, business owners, etc..) are welcome to the Association Meetings
- Dues are \$25/year/household
 - Dues are voluntary
 - Dues paying members can vote at association meetings and are eligible for certain grants
 - Dues are NOT required to come to Association meetings or Association hosted events
- We have a 'Neighbors Only' Facebook group that is a great resource for connecting neighbors and the Association:
[What's Up in Williams Woodland - For Neighbors Only](#)



Our deepest condolences to Marie Mante and family at her grandmother Margaret Lottie Freiburger's death, January 13th.

Our condolences also to Judy King and family at the death of Robert "Bobby" Johnson, who roomed in her home, December 5th.

Congratulations to Grant Neuhaus on the recent completion of your nursing degree!

Something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Looking for a restaurant or business recommendation? Questions about your membership? Contact your officers, listed below.

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Time to pay your annual dues!

Anyone who has not yet paid their dues for this year can deliver or mail them to our Vice President, Amy McComas, at 343 W. Suttentfield St. Or better yet, come to our next Association meeting to drop them off in person.

As a reminder, your 2019 dues are for the year 2019—January through December 2019—so the sooner you pay them, the more value you'll get out of them. There

are many benefits to being a member: it's your link to city government, a great way to get to know your neighbors, and it gives you an official vote on important matters that can affect the neighborhood.

Dues are \$25 per household
(a pretty good deal for all we have to offer!).

Now available to pay dues online:

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