

THE BREEZE

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In this issue Rob Young wrote an article about the Japanese Beetles causing problems in our neighborhood. **THANK YOU** Rob Young for writing this informative, yet entertaining article.

Unique Historical Event on September 16th from 12:00 – 3:00pm by The Hartford Historical Society. The Pleasant Hill Cemetery Tour will explore the fascinating and sometime tragic history of Hartford's early settlers.

Please consider joining a committee. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and help make this a fun, safe, and welcoming neighborhood. The Social, Neighborhood Watch, Welcoming, and Communications committees are always looking for help. Please contact Andy Bath for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS The Social Committee's Annual Block Party is scheduled for Saturday, August 19th at 3:00pm. *A special Guest will kick off the party at 3:15; the kids will love this guest.

If you have suggestions, comments, or would like to help the HOA, please visit our website or send us an email. Also, don't forget to join the Summer Wind Group page on Facebook.

Expansion of South Wilson Avenue is Back on "The Table"

By: Andy Bath



On Friday, July 7th, Mike Carlson, John Snyder, and I met with Jason Schall, City Engineer, to inspect the drainage concerns and begin to formulate a correction plan. During this inspection, a question regarding the expansion of S. Wilson Ave was asked, which was presumed to be dead due to costs associated with the disruption of the natural wetlands. To all of our surprise, Jason shared with us that this project was discussed in some detail at their last Public Works Committee meeting. This project would have positive and negative implications to our subdivision; therefore, further questioning was in order. Rachel Mixon, City Alderperson and member of the Public Works Committee, was willing to meet with me in order to bring me up to speed with this project's progress.

In order for this story to work and be complete, all of the who, what, where, when, why, and how questions had to be asked. The format of this article is segmented into these categories in an effort to keep things fluid and simple. Answers were received from a combination of Rachel and Jason's responses and meeting minutes from the Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 27th, (which is posted to our website). Please feel free to contact me or Rachel Mixon for further questions concerning this project.

Q: Who's idea was it to discuss this project?

A: This project was placed on the "back burner" years ago due to the costs associated with it. This doesn't necessarily mean that it was never going to happen. A new developer (Greg James) is interested in developing the Red Oak Condominium property and is seeking clarity as to what the City will require as far as S. Wilson Ave. improvements at this time. Mr. James claims that he will not be

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JAPANESE BEETLES – INVASIVE SPECIES OR 60's ROCK ICON COVER BAND??



By: Rob Young

"What are those little round things that look like they have paid \$19.95 for an Earl Scheib paint job?" Those little beauties are *Popilla japonica*, commonly known as Japanese Beetles. These little guys can turn a healthy tree or plant into a skeletal shell of itself in no time, often causing so much damage that they will completely kill the infested plant or tree.

This beetle "Revolution" originated in Northern Japan and they were first discovered in the United States around 1916; seems like "Yesterday." They have been established

mostly in Minnesota (another reason other than the Vikings to dislike Minnesota).

Japanese Beetles can feed on as many as 300 different species of plants. They are mostly attracted to apple, birch, cherry, crabapple, elm, horse chestnut, maple, mountain ash, oak, plum, willow trees, raspberry bushes, strawberry plants - pretty much anything with a leaf. The larvae feed on roots and grass and can cause irreversible damage to lawns. These pests cost an estimated \$450 million each year in management alone. The good news is that the life expectancy of the adult Japanese Beetle is one year. The bad news is that their eggs hatch every 10-14 days.

So, many of you are shouting, "Help!" What can be done to eradicate these destructive pests? Here are some tips to say "Hello, Goodbye" to the Japanese Beetles.

- 1) Hand picking: Pick the beetles off the trees and/or plants. Put the beetles in a pail or bucket with water and dish soap. It is best to do this in the morning when the beetles first wake up, so that they are still half asleep and unsuspecting of their impending demise.
- 2) Chemical: Japanese Beetle killer is available at any hardware or garden store. Remember that these sprays will only cause "Helter Skelter" on the beetles that are on the plant or tree. So be prepared to spray nearly every day (I speak from experience).
- 3) Japanese Beetle traps: These traps are comparable to chocolate for kids. Think about it first though...the trap attracts Japanese Beetles, so it is best to keep it in an area that is away from your plants or any area where you don't want 10,000 beetles to "Come Together." If you don't have a trap, then you can open a can of fruit cocktail, leave it in the sun for a week, then place it in a pail filled with water (only up to the top of the can of fruit cocktail). Remember, if you build it, they WILL come.
- 4) Geraniums: If you are having problems in your garden with Japanese Beetles, plant Geraniums around the edge. Japanese Beetles are attracted to Geraniums, but once they feed on the Geranium, their nervous system shuts down and it's game over.

This problem is sure not to go away, but hopefully these tips will help to save your plants and trees.

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to proceed with the project if the city requires curb and gutter, sidewalk, and pavement improvements at this time. He is willing to pay for curbs and sidewalks only at this time. Greg James also developed Hartford Square 1 & 2 behind the old Kmart.

Q: What is this developer planning to build?

A: He proposes eight single story 4-unit condominium buildings (32 units total) and has received conceptual approval for the use and layout from the Plan Commission.

Q: Where will this development be?

A: The location of this development is included in the Public Works Committee meeting minutes. A picture of that map is included in this article.

Q: When is the soonest that this project could start?

A: Regardless of who pays for this project, the City would have to include it in their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The earliest that funding could be available would be 2022.

Q: How can the wetlands be disturbed; I thought they were protected? Will the DNR allow this?

A: Any wetlands that are removed will have to be replaced somewhere else (short answer from Rachel).

Official information from the dnr.wi.gov website about this specific topic

In March 2012, Governor Walker signed into law 2011 WI Act 118 [exit DNR], which for the first time requires certain applicants to mitigate for unavoidable adverse wetland impacts approved under a wetland individual permit per 281.36, Wis. Stats. [exit DNR]. Compensatory mitigation involves the restoration, enhancement, establishment or preservation of wetlands to compensate for unavoidable adverse impacts to other wetlands. There are three avenues for satisfying compensatory mitigation requirements of wetland individual permits.

The three types of compensatory mitigation

Wetland Mitigation Banking:

A wetland individual permit applicant can purchase credits from an approved bank to satisfy their compensatory mitigation requirement.

In-lieu fee program:

A wetland individual permit applicant can purchase credits from the DNR sponsored WI Wetland Conservation Trust in-lieu fee program to satisfy their compensatory mitigation requirement.

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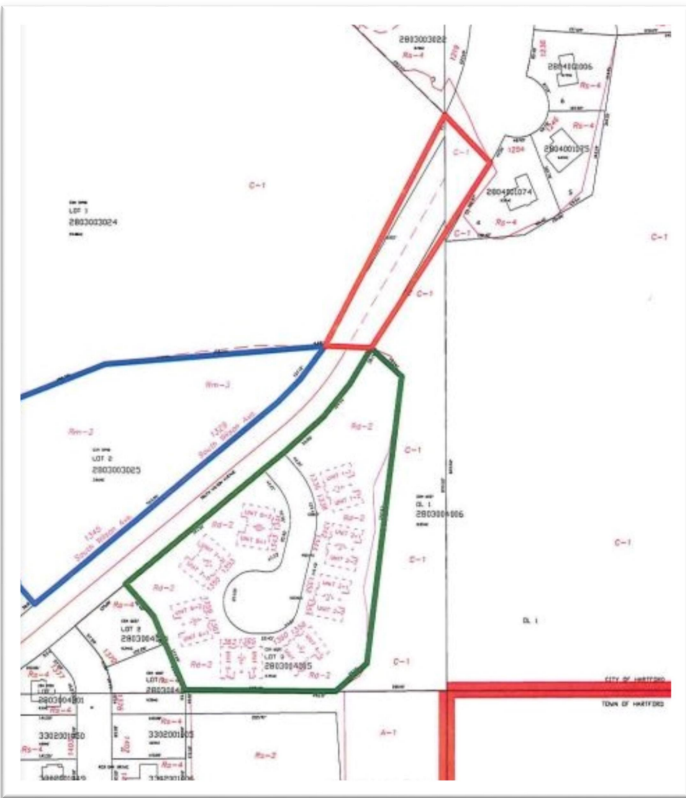
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Area highlighted in green is the location of the proposed Red Oak's Condominium Development

Permittee Responsible Mitigation:

A wetland individual permit applicant can satisfy their compensatory mitigation requirement by completing a mitigation project within the same watershed service area or within a half mile of the permitted unavoidable wetland adverse impact.

The new Wisconsin regulations identify participation in mitigation banking and in-lieu fee programs as the preferred avenues to satisfying compensatory mitigation requirements.

Q: Somewhere else in Hartford?

A: No. New wetlands can be created anywhere in the state according to the DNR.

Q: So you are saying that private wetland property in Hartford can be developed as long as new wetlands are created somewhere else in the state, even it is in Green Bay for example?

A: Yes, if it fits certain criteria according to the DNR.

Q: Are there other reasons, besides the developer's, for completing this project?

A: This project would allow better access to our subdivision and surrounding subdivisions for emergency personnel. It would also create another entrance/exit for residents to use for quicker access to and from Hwy 83.

Q: Does the City have an estimated cost to complete this project?

A: Jason Schall explained "The extension of S. Wilson Ave. would include approximately 715' of new roadway with curb & gutter, sidewalk, and some storm sewer. The cost for the street improvements would be about \$318,000. This cost does not include any wetland mitigation. The project would disturb approximately 1 acre of wetlands. At this point I do not know what will be required for mitigation (whether the City would buy credits in a wetland bank or try to mitigate another area of wetlands within the same watershed). I do not have a good cost estimate for the wetland mitigation, however, I would anticipate a minimum cost of \$110,000. This would give a total project cost of at least \$428,000." (I didn't verify if this estimate includes inflation).

Q: What options are the City considering?

A:

1. Do not join the two ends of S. Wilson Ave.
2. Take action to join the two ends of S. Wilson Ave. and require that any development of the Red Oak Condominium property include ROW improvements (curb and gutter, sidewalk, pavement) as part of the development.
3. Take action to join the two ends of S. Wilson Ave. and require that any development of the Red Oak Condominium property include provisions for the installation of ROW improvements (curb and gutter, sidewalk, pavement) when the two ends of S. Wilson Ave. are connected. This would likely take the form of the City installing the improvements and special assessing the owners of the Greg James development for the costs of the improvements.
4. Take action to join the two ends of S. Wilson Ave. and have the City install and pay for the ROW improvements (curb and gutter, sidewalk, pavement) when the two ends of S. Wilson Ave. are connected.

This potential project would have good and bad impacts on our subdivision and City. Hartford is a growing community, and developers like Greg James play an important role in what we are and can become. The increase in property tax revenue from these units and another 32 families supporting the local community is generally a good thing. Having another entrance/exit to our subdivision for emergency personnel and our general use could also be considered a good thing. The location of this development should not impact the views for most of us, especially since the units are one story and the land currently looks like an undeveloped neighborhood.

Certainly there are concerns with the completion of this project that we all need to consider and not only as a Summer Wind HOA member. The construction of this project will be an interruption to our normally quiet neighborhood. There would be an increase of traffic using this newly constructed road, which will impact some of our members directly. Will the City be paying for any of this project? Nobody has the answer to this question, only speculations at this point. Even if the developer agrees to pay for the entire project, the City might have to front the money and invoice the developer at a later date(s). Even a short term loan like this could be risky for our City because repayment could be dependent on the developer's success.

The protected wetlands are a prominent feature of our subdivision, and I couldn't help but think about the future of the other privately owned wetland property surrounding our subdivision. I was able to get a response about this concern directly from Kathi Kramasz, The DNR Water Regulations and Zoning Specialist contact for this region. She explained that she "couldn't see the DNR issuing a permit for a new subdivision that is completely in wetlands." This reassuring statement greatly reduced my concern about new subdivisions popping up in the wetlands using the Red Oak's Development as a case study for why it should be allowed. She also told me that she "doesn't know anything about the Red Oak's Development project because there isn't a pending permit application on file. If a project makes it to the permitting process [which is towards the end of the process] there is no guarantee that the permit will be issued by the DNR."

As it stands right now, without the S. Wilson Ave. project moving forward, the development of Red Oak's Condominiums is dead. As mentioned several times, there are pros and cons to this project being completed. As a

subdivision, we can discuss this issue at future member's meetings and come up with an official HOA stance to convey to our city officials. In the meantime, a related follow up question for the city would be how are they going to encourage business development that will support this population boom? The City of Hartford and its residents would benefit from having more dining, retail, and entertainment options. I will continue to monitor this developing story and provide you with updates as they become available.

I want to thank Rachel Mixon, Jason Schall, Kathi Kramasz, and all city officials for your help with this story.

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Meet the Stachowicz's



Q: Family member names, including pets?

A: Jodi, Jake, Laina (9), Carrington (6). We have a peach-faced love bird named "Tulip" and a hedgehog named "April."

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

A: We moved to Hartford 15 years ago and Summer Wind in January of 2017. Jodi is originally from Iowa and Jake is from Marshfield.

Q: Hobbies?

A: Jake likes to hunt & fish any chance he gets! Jodi likes to drink wine & shop online ☺. Both girls like gymnastics (when they're not injured, just ask about all of their surgeries, haha), and doing many different types of artwork.

Q: What's your favorite band(s)?

A: We love country music. Jake & Jodi like going to concerts and have seen Eric Church, Kenny Chesney & Old Dominion quite a few times!

Q: What's your favorite destination?

A: Hawaii. We got married there 10 years ago and would love to go back someday with the girls for a nice vacation.

Meet the Burns'



Q: Family member names, including pets?

A: Tim, Terri, Tia, Matthew, and Nicholas

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

A: We moved to Summer Wind on June 30, 2017 from Lake Villa, Illinois.

Q: Hobbies?

A: Tia is delving into her passion with theater and playing the drums. Matthew keeps very active by improving his parkour skills and hopefully joining the lacrosse team in the spring. Nicholas loves soccer and will be joining this fall and strives to continuously make us all laugh every day.

Q: What's your favorite band(s)?

A: Tim and Terri enjoy live bands and listening to the faves. Terri is clearly a Bon Jovi fan, while Tim is a Zeppelin fan (The kids somewhat share this, too!).

Happy Birthday Kellan Fulmer!



Kellan's 3rd Birthday is
on July 30th!

Happy Birthday Jennette Fulmer!



Jennette's 33rd Birthday
is on August 8th!

Happy Anniversary Nate & Danielle Klieve!



The Klieve's 7th Anniversary is
on September 25th!

Happy Birthday Stacey Koconis!



Stacey's Birthday is on
August 4th!

Happy Birthday Brad Fulmer!



Brad's 35th Birthday is on
September 17th!

Meet the Hakkila's



Q: Family member names, including pets?

A: Paul, Michelle and Kylie Jean. Our cats are Shellie & Baby.

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

A: We moved to Hartford from California a year ago after Paul retired from the US Marine Corps. We moved to Summer Wind on June 30, 2017.

Q: Hobbies?

A: Wood working and selling Scentsy.

Q: What's on your bucket list?

A: Travel to Disney World.

Q: What's your favorite band(s)?

A: Journey.

Q: If you had a time machine, what era would you travel back to?

A: Back to the 80's for the great music, and we were kids, life was more simple.

Meet the Dahnke's



Q: Family member names, including pets?

A: Wayne and Mary Dahnke

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

A: We relocated to Hartford from Waukesha on October 27, 2016.

Q: What's your favorite band(s)?

A: Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, Jack White, Red Hot Chili Peppers

Q: What's your favorite destination?

A: Sedona, Arizona and Maine (Acadia National Park)

Q: If you had a time machine, what era would you travel back to?

A: Colonial times – to see the birth of America

**Happy Silver Anniversary
Angie & Dan Drew! Also,
Happy Birthday Angie!**



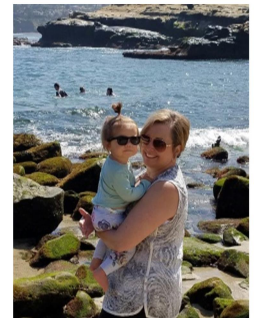
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August 8th and Angie's
Birthday is on August 17th!**

**Happy Birthday
Carter Block!**



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**Happy Birthday
Paula Sowinski!**



**Paula's Birthday is on
August 16th!**

**Happy Birthday
Amber Bartlein!**



**Amber's Birthday is on
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**Happy Birthday
Sharon McFarren!**



**Sharon's Birthday is on
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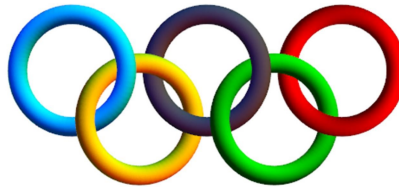
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3pm - ??:??

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Where: Street will be blocked off in front of 1075 Seneca St and then at dusk the fun will move to the inner circle behind the Sowinski's home 1173 Huron Way for a Bon Fire and S'mores

Who: Anyone who lives in the Subdivision; this is a family fun day. Time to get together and hang out with neighbors and meet some neighbors you don't know

What: Walking Tacos will be provided. Everyone bring your own beverages and chairs. If your last name begins with A-M bring an appetizer to share; N-Z bring a dessert to share.

Please RSVP no later than August 11 for food planning to

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