

Old Towne Neighbors

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January is time for New Year's Goal Setting

We need to set our agenda for the year and develop new plans for our neighborhood. At the January meeting, we hope to come up with some new ideas. One thing to work on is the possibility of obtaining a \$4000 grant for artistic or cultural purposes.

M'Lynn Hartwell will be there to tell us about the nonprofit corporation sponsoring a community website for Traverse City. If you want to take a look at it before the meeting, go to www.wearetraversecity.com and check it out. Should Old Towne participate in this website with newsletters, announcements and bulletin boards or chats. Bring your ideas on how we can most effectively utilize this new community resource.

Congratulations to Cecil McNally

Cecil McNally of Union Street is the newest member of Planning Commission. He brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the commission due to his degree in Urban Design and his term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Ladies' Night at Brady's

All the women in the neighborhood are invited to join us for pizza and beer or soft drinks. Come at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28. All of the women in the neighborhood are welcome.

Andrews University Students

Professor Philip Bess and the architectural students from Andrews University will be back for their final presentation to the City Commission study session on Monday, February 11. Their plan for Old Towne will be presented and we need to be there to give input. Some of the proposals are exciting but there are some that do not fit the neighbors' vision of what we want our neighborhood to be.



An organized neighborhood has a stronger voice in the city

December Meeting Notes

In December we welcomed Traverse City's new mayor, Margaret Dodd, and new City Commission members Anne Melichar and Rick Csapo to our meeting. This was our chance to talk to them and let them see what goes on at our neighborhood meetings.

We discussed the Andrews University plan. This plan is still undergoing revisions.

The **Neighbor of the Year Award** was given to **Deering's Market**. They have been great neighbors to everyone, especially the children of the neighborhood. Our neighborhood street party in August would not be as successful as it has always been without the hot dogs and brats provided and grilled by Deerings Market.

But the high point of the meeting, besides the punch, cookies and fruitcake (yes, fruitcake and it was good), was the white elephant gift exchange. There were lurid red lamps, a wily weasel, a gargoyle, happy faces, and the world-renowned Deerings turkey jerky. Some of the gifts were extremely popular and hotly contested. And some weren't.

Thursday January 10

7:00 p.m.

St Francis Church

Family Center

Enter through parking lot

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Sector Officer's Report
6. Announcements
7. Old Towne's participation in community website



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President:

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Mary Pollock 941-5002

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Holiday Decorating Award

John and Dimi Burgess of 215 East Ninth Street are the winners of the 4th Annual Old Towne Outdoor Holiday Decorating Contest. For their elegant patriotic themed, two story wreath, they win a plaque, made by John himself as our official Old Towne award maker, and a \$50 gift certificate to downtown. Last year's winner, Rob Mikowski of 143 East Ninth, receives a very honorable mention for his wonderland of lights.