



**GREEN'S
FARMS**
ASSOCIATION

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Green's Farms Association

P.O. Box 10 Green's Farms, CT 06436

1999 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Green's Farms Association will be holding its annual meeting on **SUNDAY, APRIL 25th** from 2PM to 4PM at the Green's Farms Congregational Church on 71 Hillandale Road. All residents of Green's Farms are invited to attend. At the meeting you will have an opportunity to meet your Green's Farms Association officers and your neighbors and discuss neighborhood issues. GFA Members may participate in the Board of Directors elections. Refreshments will be served. Please Join us.

Green's Farms Elementary School Principal Angela Wormser to Address GFA Annual Meeting



When the Green's Farms Elementary School reopens this coming fall, Angela Wormser will be its Principal. She is the featured speaker at the GFA Annual Meeting which will be held on April 25th from 2-4PM at the Green's Farms Congregational Church on 71 Hillandale Road. Her appear-

ance gives Green's Farms residents an opportunity to find out about the educational opportunities at the school.

Ms. Wormser had held the position of Principal of King's Highway Elementary School in Westport since 1987. She has worked as a teacher and administrator in several school districts since 1973. Angela has received degrees and diplomas from Columbia University, San Francisco State University and Southern Connecticut State University. Her community work includes directorships on The Alcoholism Council, Camphill Village, CT Special Olympics and the Westport YMCA. Ms. Wormser's professional affiliations include The Association for Supervisor and Curriculum Development, Northeast Coalition of Educational Leaders, National Staff Development Council, Phi Delta Kappa, Elementary and Middle School Principals Association and Connecticut Principals Academy.

Muddy Brook ... Or... "Beauty and the Beast"

Muddy Brook is generally a thing of beauty running through the middle of Green's Farms. It starts in the north end of town and meanders in a southerly direction before emptying into Long Island sound in the vicinity of Sherwood Island State Park. It brings to us a colorful waterway, babbling brook sounds, a variety of birds, waterfowl and other animals. Occasionally however, the Beast in Muddy Brook shows up during prolonged or heavy rainfall, creating discomfoting situations for several Green's Farms residents.

The Green's Farms Association addresses many different kinds of problems with various governmental agencies on behalf of Green's Farms residents. The Muddy Brook problem is one of them. It has been with us for several years and is not about to go away. On the contrary, the problem may increase as a result of the untested drainage system to be installed at the Green's Farms School and the building of the new North Avenue Middle School may cause additional water to be fed into Muddy Brook at its origin. As a matter of interest, the Board of Education's application to conduct dam renovation and new dam construction at that site, actually stated "the proposed activity could potentially affect downstream property", THAT'S US!

We seek your support for a course of action to ensure minimal detrimental impact from any actions or projects undertaken relative to Muddy Brook.

Visit the GFA on the Web at <http://www.moffitt.com/gfa.html>

GFA Working On Many Issues

Some of the issues the Association has worked on over the past year and will be discussed at the Annual Meeting include: The Green's Farms Elementary School, the Parcell Public Works facility at the Sherwood Island Connector, racing events on Green's Farms streets, Muddy Brook flooding, Zoning Amendments, West Parish pond and traffic safety and enforcement. We welcome neighbor's ideas on these or any other neighborhood concerns.

Membership - We Need You

The Green's Farms Association is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the residential quality of life in the Green's Farms area. Your membership dues allow the Association to exist and remain a positive influence in the community. Dues pay for our mailings, the costs of our functions and operations and our legal representation. Our Board of Directors work totally on a volunteer basis. By maintaining a strong membership, the Association is able to respond to critical issues in the community and our solid presence helps prevent many problems before they reach a crisis point.

Since its inception in 1971, the Association has been continuously active in zoning matters and public service in the community. The Board of Directors wishes to hear your questions and concerns and urges you to join the GFA or renew your membership so that we may remain a viable positive force in the community. Please return the preprinted Membership Form or the form which appears at the bottom of this newsletter.

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Street Events in Green's Farms

Street events in Green's Farms started as an informal community activity a number of years ago. They consisted mainly of running events, sometimes to benefit a local charity. As such events gained popularity, we now see major road races on foot, on bicycle, on skateboards and occasionally all of the above.

Numbers of participants have grown from a few dozen to hundreds. Participants now appear from as far away as Europe and Africa. Many of these events have drawn commercial sponsorship and substantial cash prizes are used to attract international participation.

The Westport Parks and Recreation Department continues to sponsor relatively small local events without problems but local residents have experienced a number of unfortunate side effects from the larger events. These are generally run by promotions originating outside of Westport and with little or, in some cases, no notification to residents or authorities.

The Green's Farms Association has been made aware of a number of problems. They include arbitrary street closings, installation of signs which are not removed or cause property damage, doctors prevented from leaving their homes on hospital missions, painting of the streets with endurable paint, a sound truck blaring music early on a holiday morning, traffic control by amateurs with no authority and numerous other safety hazards.

Members of the Association have met with town officials and are continuing to do so in an attempt to better focus attention on procedures for such events. These include public safety, Westport police supervision, cleanup, and proper notification of residents. Suggestions have included a permit system with performance bonds to insure proper compliance. We will keep members informed of future developments regarding this issue.

MEMBERSHIP FORM & DUES INVOICE

Green's Farms Association 1999/2000 Season Annual Family Membership Dues \$20.00

Please fill in and return detached form with your check to:

Green's Farms Association, PO Box 10, Green's Farms, CT 06436

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Thank You

I would be willing to help out from time to time by serving on a committee.