Spring 1997



Greetings from the Mayor of Griswoldville:

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Griswoldville Preservation Association on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at 7:00pm at the Griswoldville Chapel. A social hour will follow.

Honorary Mayor- Dick Lasher

Griswoldville News:

As part of the Town of Wethersfield's process of updating its Plan of Conservation and Development, Town Planner Stuart Popper has been meeting with neighbors from each of the town's five neighborhoods. Griswoldville is considered part of the South-West Wethersfield neighborhood. Mr. Popper met with neighbors at the Highcrest school on two occasions in February for "Neighborhood Discovery" meetings. At these meetings Mr. Popper had residents identify "Assets" and "Concerns" for the neighborhood and come up with vision statements for their neighborhood. In April Mr. Popper will meet again with neighbors from the South-West corner of town to finalize vision statements and to make recommendations to implement the visions. Mr. Popper has agreed to speak meet with the residents of Griswoldville at the annual meeting, April 15.

Mr. Popper has provided us some interesting demographic data of the South-West corner of town (Griswoldville) from the 1990 census. This data is on page 2.

Griswoldville was featured in the March issue of Wethersfield Life.

1996 In Review:

Things were rather quiet around Griswoldville the past year. No funeral homes or 7-11's were proposed within the borders of Griswoldville. The biggest party of the year occurred Memorial Day weekend at Mill Woods Park. Approximately 40 Burghers and guests had a lovely afternoon picnic at Mill Woods Park. It was such a success that it was suggested to do it again this coming Memorial Day weekend!

Welcome To Griswoldville:

A new beautiful sign was erected by the Association at the corner of Griswold Road and Maple Street. This year the Association would like to erect another sign, this time at the corner of Highland and Thornbush Streets. This will be voted on at the annual meeting in April.

The Association made Donations to:

- The Special Needs Fund, Wethersfield Human Services Department
- Wethersfield Memorial Day Commission
- Wethersfield Camp Council

Membership:

This year's membership drive starts anew with a twist. The membership donation is once again \$10. But in an effort to build membership, we have a special offer: Bring in someone who has never been a member of the Association and you both get in for the same \$10. Split the \$10 with a friend!

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Attached on page 2 is the familiar membership form. Please fill it out and return it with your

donation in the envelope enclosed. Thanks!

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Griswoldville is part of the US Census Bureau's Tract #4926. In 1990 the population was 6,762

| Age Distribution | | | |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Tract # 4926 (Griswoldville) | Wethersfield Total | |
| 0-19 | 19.86% | 19.9% | |
| 20-34 | 16.2 | 19.0 | |
| 35-54 | 27.5 | 25.5 | |
| 55-64 | 14.6 | 12.8 | |
| 65+ | 21.6 | 22.6 | |

| Housing Types | Tract # 4926 (Griswoldville) | Wethersfield Total |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Single Family Detached | 77% | 74.3% |
| Single Family Attached | 0 | 4.2 |
| 2-4 units | 6.5 | 9.4 |
| 5-9 units | .2 | 1.2 |
| 10+ units | 22.3 | 9.7 |
| Other | .2 | .9 |

1996 Executive Board Members

Chairman: Dick Lasher - 529-6158 Historian: Myron Baldwin - 529-0467 Publicity: Damon Herring - 563-6494 Treasurer: Peter Gardow - 257-1925

Asst. Treasurer: Barbara Frasca - 529-0062 Secretary: Janet Zimmerman - 563-7853 Asst. Secretary: Lucy Amato - 529-8002

Barbara Frasca is competing in the Senior Olympics this summer in Phoenix. We all wish her the best of luck!

Mark Your Calendar...

April 15, 1997: Annual Meeting. To elect a new slate of officers and discuss current issues. 7PM at the Griswoldville Chapel.

May 24, 1997: Wethersfield Memorial Day Parade. Saturday 10AM in Old Wethersfield. Griswoldville Picnic at Mill Woods Park 1:00PM October 4, 1997: Griswold Family Reunion and installation of Chapel Cornerstone for the 125th Anniversary.

November 30, 1997: Official Anniversary of the Chapel, with 2 services.

| Membership Form for 1997 Griswoldville Preservation Association | Remit to: Return to: | Griswoldville Preservation Association Peter Gardow, Treasurer 60 Griswold Road, Griswoldville Wethersfield, CT 06109 |
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| Enclosed is my 1997 family membership fee Enclosed is my 1997 family membership AN I would be willing to serve on a committee. | ND neighbors fee in th | ne amount of \$10. |
| Name | Neighbor | |
| Address | Address | |
| Phone | Phone | |

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