

Spring 1999



**Greetings from the Honorary Mayor of
Griswoldville:**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Griswoldville Preservation Association on Tuesday, April 13, 1999 at 7:00pm at the Griswoldville Chapel. A social hour will follow.

Bring a neighbor!!

Honorary Mayor- Dick Lasher

**Wethersfield Little League Wins Press Box
Approval for Mill Woods Park**

Things were rather quiet around Griswoldville the past year until December.

Despite residents' urgent requests not to degrade the character of Mill Woods Park, Wethersfield Little League was granted approval to build a press box containing loudspeakers so they could announce games, every day, seven days a week during baseball season. The building will be 18 feet tall, 14 feet wide and 14 feet long. It will also contain cable lines, electrical outlets and telephones. Residents are concerned about their quality of life and property values due to the installation of the permanent PA system. A portable system was used sparingly over the last several years (Opening Day, All Star Games, Etc.) with little objection. Furthermore, there is a possibility of the Little League installing 60-foot tall stadium lights on the field. The building of this structure, the possibility of a lighted ball field, and overall increased use of an overly overused facility should be a major concern of the neighborhood.

Did you know that George Washington was in Griswoldville at least three times? The general traveled the main route between New York and Boston, (the first post road in America) which ran through Griswoldville; then crossed the Connecticut River on the Wethersfield ferry (1673-1795).

The object for which this Association shall be formed is to preserve the residential nature of Griswoldville's historic area. To be watchful for the health and safety of all residents. We do mutually agree to associate ourselves, always having before our eyes our community. The Association shall not be engaged in politics in any way. The Association shall be a non-profit organization.

MILL WOOD'S 'NEW' FENCE

Park & Recs, Kathy Bagley has green lighted the GPA proposal to replace the fence surrounding Mill Woods Pond and Pool. The proposal consists of business, civic-minded groups and individuals sponsoring sections of the new green fence. The proposal also includes plaques that will identify the wildlife and natural fauna with sponsors names included.

For more information or to become a sponsor, call Deby Gould @ 563.6192

The Association made Donations to:

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

Membership:

It is important to remember that your small \$10 donation for membership is crucial to the efforts of the community. The membership roster numbers count big when the Griswoldville Association needs to have a say at Town Hall in matters that affect the health and growth of our community. Attached on page 2 is the familiar membership form. Please fill it out and return it with your donation

Thanks!

Did you know that the oldest surviving house in Wethersfield is located in Griswoldville? Three local historians have identified the unmarked house during the past 60 years.

Harry Wells' 3 Legged Pig:

Last year Harry Wells, the horseradish king of Griswoldville had a tag sale at his house on Griswold Road, corner of Highland Street. A dear white-haired lady noticed a live 3-legged pig tethered to Harry's front porch eating a cabbage. She asked how much he wanted for the live pig. Harry responded "that pig is not for sale!" "The kids keep him as a house pet. Last year why le we were all sleeping a fire started in the basement where the pig slept. The pig ran up to our bedroom and squealed so loud we woke up and he saved our lives. Not only that but just last month while I was cutting hay with my tractor it tipped over and pinned me down. The pet pig ran out and pulled the tractor right side up. The pig saved my life again". The dear old lady sad "that's quite a story but how come the pig has only 3 legs?" "Well" said harry indignantly, " a good pig like that you don't eat him all at once!!"

By Your Humble Servant,
Dick Lasher, Hon. Mayor

Barbara Frasca is and her teammates of the basketball playing Senior Huskies were profiled in the *Hartford Courant* in January. Barbara and her team were also profiled in a segment of NBC's "NBA Inside Stuff" program. The Senior Huskies have been qualified to compete in the 3-on-3 competition for October's Senior Olympics in Orlando Fla. We all wish the best of luck to Barbara and the rest of the Senior Huskies!

1998 Executive Board Members

Chairman: Peter Gardow - 257-1925
Vice-Chairman: Damon Herring - 563-6494
Treasurer: Janet Zimmerman - 563-7853
Secretary: Martha Mayer
Chairman Emeritus: Dick Lasher - 529-6158

Mark Your Calendar...

April 12, 1999: Annual Meeting. To elect a new slate of officers and discuss current issues. 7PM at the Griswoldville Chapel.

Agenda:

May 29, 1999: Wethersfield Memorial Day Parade. Saturday 10AM in Old Wethersfield.

June 5, 1999: Griswoldville's Giant Garage Sale!

1998 In Review:

The Griswoldville Giant Garage Sale:

On Saturday, September 12, 1998 Griswoldville held the first Griswoldville Giant Garage Sale. Over 20 families participated in the daylong event to clean out basements and attics. The excitement shown by the neighborhood has led us to do it again. This year the event has been scheduled for **Saturday, June 5, 1999.**

Griswoldville Christmas Caroling:

December 20 proved to be a most beautiful late afternoon for caroling! Folks from Griswoldville as well as other sections of Wethersfield, Cromwell, Newington and even some visiting relatives all the way from California turned out for this special event. Those of us caroling had a fun time socializing and singing. We hope those of you listening enjoyed or caroling! Following about an hour and a half of singing, the carolers gathered in the lower level of the Griswoldville Chapel and shared pizza, chips, goodies and beverages. Thanks to the generosity of out neighbors, the carolers collected over 10 grocery bags of non-perishable food that was delivered to the Wethersfield food pantry. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this fun, annual event. We hope more of our Griswoldville neighbors will have the opportunity to join us in December of 1999!

If you would like to join us, please remit this attached coupon - Thanks!

**Membership Form for 1999
Griswoldville Preservation Association**

**Remit to: Griswoldville Preservation Association
Return to: Janet Zimmerman, Treasurer
 51 Merriman Road, Griswoldville
 Wethersfield, CT 06109**

Enclosed is my 1999 family membership fee in the amount of \$10.
I would be willing to serve on a committee. Please call me with details.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

