

# PARK RIDGE

## Neighborhood Association

### HISTORY

In October 2005, The Wilke Family distributed invitations for a Post Trick-or-Treat Neighborhood Open House. Many Neighborhood Families arrived after Trick-or-Treat to an evening of food, drink and fun. Several conversations on the topic of starting a neighborhood association showed interest.

In late April 2006, a Core Group of Residents met at the Wilke Residence to discuss a mutual desire to create a neighborhood association in the Park Ridge Neighborhood. Plans were made to take the next step to have an all neighborhood meeting, at which a vote was to be held to make sure all neighbors wanted an association.

On Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at the Curry Park Golf Course Club House, residents of the Park Ridge Neighborhood met at 7 pm, to hear a short presentation from the president of the Neighborhood Association Council (NAC) of Wauwatosa. A survey was distributed to collect information on what people would like to see and how they wanted to participate. Many people shared stories of the neighborhood, old and new. With much enthusiasm, all voted YES they wanted to proceed and start a neighborhood association. After the vote, the group also decided the name would be "Park Ridge Neighborhood Association", this is after the original subdivision name: Park Ridge Subdivision. The boundaries were also determined to be the same as the original subdivision plat (of which a copy was present). The group also agreed to an annual membership fee of \$ 15.00 / year.

In mid September 2006, a meeting was held at The Meulemans Residence with the core group and individuals who indicated an interest in participation (in the survey). The purpose of this meeting was to assign roles, such as officers and committee chairpersons. Also, to set a date and theme for a Neighborhood Social / Membership Drive. It was decided that a Post Trick-or-Treat Social / Membership Drive would be appropriate. The group set goals for planning the event, drafting and adopting bylaws, appointing officers of the board though volunteering of individuals this year, elections would be the following year.