

# Third Ward Neighborhood Association



**Wednesday January 14, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson Susan Miller. Steering Committee members in attendance were Eileen Immerman, Susan Miller, Peter Hable, Marian Ritland, Jackie Tollefson, Bob Schwartz and Roger Gravrock. Members absent were Jim Coy and Patrick Stafford.

## Chair Report - Susan Miller

Susan stressed the importance of Third Ward neighbors volunteering so we can maintain and expand activities that benefit the families of the Third Ward. Please look over the established and new activities being proposed and send a message on our website or by email to become an active part of TWNA.

## Established Activities \_

- \* Neighborhood Picnic - 1st part of September (Packers schedule considered)
- \* Home Tour - August 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> TBD: 2026 1:00pm/4:00pm
- \* Halloween Treat Bag Giveaway: October 31 4:00-5:00pm at Demmler Park
- \* TWNA Thrift Sale - 2nd Saturday in September
- \* Eau Claire Marathon - Sunday May 2nd

New Ideas: Movie Night - Indoor or outdoor, a Trolley History Tour of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, Bark In The Park: an event for 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Dog owners. Please consider volunteering to help make these ideas a reality.

## Welcome Brochure - Eileen Immerman and Jim Buck

Copies of the brochure with basic information and a map of the Third Ward were available to look over. A great way to welcome new neighbors to the Third Ward. If you have new neighbors or are aware of new families moving in please contact Eileen Immerman and she can get you brochures to share. Thanks Jim it looks great!

## Demmler Gardens Report - Susan Miller

Susan shared information from John Joadwine that included future plans. 1. Enlarge the gardens 2. Add new beds 3. Pursue additional grant opportunities 4. Look into partnerships through UWEC to have students volunteer for Service Learning credits.

## Treasurers Report - Marian Ritland

We have done well with our fundraising efforts the last couple of years and now show a balance of \$13,090.00. We are open to ideas on ways we can spend some of this money to benefit our neighborhood. Some of the ideas for activities could be partially subsidized by TWNA? We welcome your input.

## Communications - Eileen Immerman

Introduced Jim Buck who is helping with the Welcome brochure and other media projects and Dr. Casey Butler who is posting on our social media (Facebook and Instagram) accounts with relevant information for TWNA.

## UWEC - Jake Wrasse

Eileen read UW-EC's report: Cabaret performances at the end of January dates and times can be found on UWEC's website. This is a fundraiser for the Music and Theatre Departments. The week of March 16 is Spring Break. Commencement is May 16th. The new Science building will welcome classes in the fall of 2026. The old Phillips Science building will come down in the fall of 2027 and the area will become a green space as well as additional parking. The site of Zorn Arena will also become a green space.

ECPD - Brandon Dohms No report

City Council - Aaron Brewster No report

## Home Tour Report - Eileen Immerman

The date and time for the tour are TBD but possibly Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. We can always use volunteers for this and if you know of anyone that would be interested in having their house on the Tour please contact Eileen Immerman.

## For The Good of the Neighborhood - Sue Peck and Rachel Keniston

There is a home in the area where these ladies live that was troublesome. The children living there were showing signs of not being well cared for, there was suspected drug use and sales, the outside of the house was neglected as well as the inside, garbage never removed etc. The landlord has a reputation for not maintaining his properties and the renters were not motivated. These issues created an unsafe environment for the children, adults and the neighbors. Sue and Rachel have done an exhaustive amount of research into who and what agencies we have in Eau Claire to help in these situations. Their information is on our website and they strongly encourage us to be diligent when and if we see neighbors in need. In addition, this information went out to all subscribed residents in February. We strongly encourage residents to report concerns and then send us a report you have done so, so we can keep track. Instructions are on our website.

## Pollinator Garden - Steve Betchkal and Ellen Terwilliger

The TWNA has pledged \$2,500.00 to get this project started. The committee has chosen a potential spot that would allow for shade plants as well as those needing more shade. The plants would be native to our area. The first year is devoted to eliminating the sod and getting the area ready to plant. Ellen is a Master Gardener and has offered to draw up a plan for the garden. Next steps are to discuss with the city what their role will be. We are hoping they will offer to remove the sod. More information to come and again this is another opportunity to volunteer in your neighborhood. The 1st year is garden preparation and then the next  $\frac{2}{3}$  years will require watering and weeding until the plants really take hold.

Reminder: There will be NO meeting in February

Peter Hable motioned to adjourn. Submitted by Jackie Tollefson, Secretary