



May 28, 2009

RE: Storm Water Runoff Charge

Dear Five Oaks Resident,

We have received your letter concerning the amount of storm water charges the mobile home park owner has assigned to you as a resident in Five Oaks Mobile Home Park. The purpose of this letter is to explain the basis for the charge to the mobile home park owner and to inform you of the intent to forward this issue to the Common Council for its consideration at a meeting later in June or July.

The City of Menasha adopted Ordinance O-19-08 relating to the creation of a storm water utility in October, 2008 with an effective utility start date of January 1, 2009. This ordinance allows the City to equitably fund the cost of constructing, operating and maintaining our storm water system to meet the regulations for storm water discharge established by the Environmental Protection Agency. Attached to this letter is a copy of the ordinance.

Sections 9-4-7, 9-4-8 and 9-4-9 refer to the basis of charge for the various classifications of customer within the City. Section 9-4-9(3) establishes how the storm water runoff charge shall be determined for manufactured housing communities and this is the basis for the charge to the owner of Five Oaks Mobile Home Park. The basis for charge considers the amount of impervious area (roofs, driveways, patios, walks, private streets, gravel surfaces, etc.) relative to the average amount of impervious area for a single family residence, which is considered an Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU). Based on that formula, there are 432 ERUs in the mobile home park and the total charge for Five Oaks Mobile Home Park for 2009 is \$28,080. According to our records, there are 298 lots in the mobile home park.

The letters we have received are requesting that the residents of Five Oaks be treated as a single family homeowner relative to the storm water charge. A single family residence is assessed a charge equal to the fee for one ERU, or \$65 for 2009. In order for manufactured housing community residents to be considered as a single family residence, the existing ordinance language needs to be amended. It is expected this issue will be considered by the Common Council at an upcoming meeting in June or July.

Sincerely,

Donald Merkes
Mayor

Mark Radtke
Director of Public Works

Greg Keil
Community Development Director

Enclosure
C: Menasha Common Council

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Mayor Merkes
Rec'd 5/19/2009



Five Oaks Park, LLC.
1830 E. Edgewood Dr.
Appleton, WI 54913
(920)735-1221

May 7, 2009

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My answer to them was, Five Oaks Park is a land leased community, the single family home owners are residents and taxpayers of the City of Menasha. I do not pay the property tax to the City, your constituents, your residents the home owners in Five Oaks Park do. The residents pay a monthly personal property tax on their home and indirectly pay the property tax assessed on Five Oaks Park by the City through their monthly lot rent. To clarify to all, you pay the tax on your home, Five Oaks Park pays the tax on your lot, common areas, parks and improvements. Five Oaks Park property taxes are incorporated in your monthly lease payment.

My question again was why do residents of the City of Menasha pay approximately \$65 a year who live on public streets and those in Five Oaks Park on private streets pay \$110? More talking in circles was done with that question also. That is our formula and we would have to change the ordinance was their answer. I left that meeting frustrated. But before I left the meeting I asked the City officials present, the mayor, director of public works and the city planner to please change their ordinance so that all homeowners in the City of Menasha are taxed equally and fairly for services rendered. Why should the residents of Five Oaks Park pay approximately \$10,900 more a year in storm water assessment because they live on a private street. I also informed them that the 255 home owners and the voting age people living in those houses could severely influence Menasha politics if they voted as a block of votes. **In politics the squeaky wheel gets the grease.** If you write or call, they will listen. We do need to TV stations or newspapers to do it for us. **PLEASE CALL OR WRITE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND DO IT TODAY! AND ATTEND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 18TH AT 6:00 p.m. LET THE CITY KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THESE CHARGES.**

Mayor Donald Merkes
140 Main St.
Menasha, WI 54952
dmerkes@ci.menasha.wi.us

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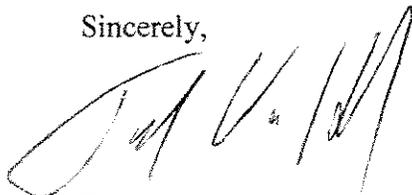
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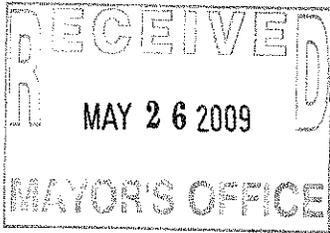
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1190 Fieldview Dr.
Menasha, WI 54952
kbenner@ci.menasha.wi.us

We cannot change Washington, they are spending our grandkids money like drunken sailors. We can however demand accountability today in our local city and state government. Lake Park, and the steam plant were all poorly planned, over taxing you should not be another poor decision.

Sincerely,



Tom



5/21/09

MAYOR DON MERKES,

Regarding the storm sewer water charge being assessed the homeowners of Menasha, why are the residents of Five Oaks Park being charged over 69% (#110. vs #65.) more than the other homeowners in the city?

We've been told "that is our formula and we would have to change the ordinance".

We would appreciate an answer that justifies the additional surcharge that's being assessed the residents of Five Oaks Park.

We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Wallace + Kay Vetter	- 248	MISTY MEADOWS LN
Juan + Bonnie Goy	- 249	" " "
Warren + Barb Letz	247	MISTY MEADOWS LA.
Sharon R Pausig	281	Misty Meadows Lane
Roy + Carolyn Dunkel	282	Misty Meadows Ln.
Wendy Helen	170	Russell Oak Hill Ct

5-20-09

Mayor Donald Meskes —

This is totally unfair —

"The Storm Water Charge"

Why do residents living on private streets have to pay more than the ones on public streets.

We pay the same utilities and taxes like everyone else and yet because of some clause and/or ordinance they (the city) see fit to charge us more.

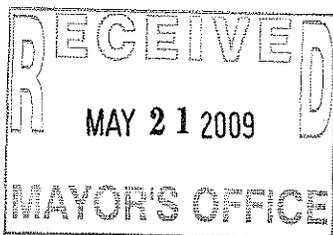
That is total discrimination —
Government politics in our city also.

Sincerely

Adeline Kramer

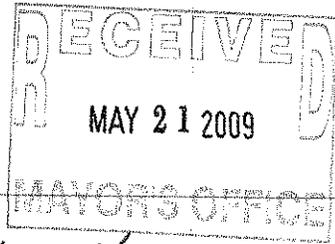


Mrs. Adeline Kramer
140 Bessie Ohalloran Ln.
Menasha, WI 54952



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5-20-09



Dear Sir:

I am very upset about the charge of \$110 per year for storm water. It is not fair that the residents living in the city of Menasha pay only \$65 while we here in Five Oaks park pay more. The reason we are living in a mobile home park is because we cannot afford living in a more expensive home. Please reconsider and equalize this charge.

Thankyou

Florence Krenke



Mrs. Florence Krenke
270 Misty Meadows Ln
Menasha, WI 54952-2675

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5-20-09

TO MAYOR. DONALD MERKES

THIS STORM WATER CHARGE IMPLEMENTED BY THE CITY OF MENASHA AND RESIDENTS OF FIVE OAKS PARK IS NOT FAIR AND IS ALSO DISCRIMINATING.

PEOPLE LIVING IN THE CITY ARE CHARGED A FLAT FEE OF 25.00 WHILE THE RESIDENTS LIVING IN FIVE OAKS PARK ARE CHARGED 110.00 PER MONTH YEAR.

THIS ORDINANCE SHOULD BE CHANGED SO EVERYONE IS CHARGE THE SAME ACROSS THE BOARD OR IT SHOULD BE DROPPED ALL TOGETHER. THERE IS NO REASONS TO HAVE DOUBLE STANDARDS ON THIS MATTER.

THE PEOPLE IN FIVE OAKS PARK PAY PROPERTY TAXES JUST LIKE THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE CITY OF MENASHA. THIS WHOLE MATTER IS JUST UNFAIR

WE WILL BE CONTACTING THE 3 TV STATIONS AND THE RADIO STATIONS ABOUT THIS MATTER

THANK YOU

RICHARD & JUDY SAUNDERS

Jean Debrau

~~John~~

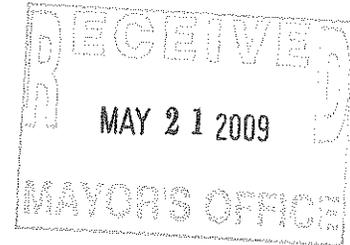
~~Jim~~
Chris & Don Alley

Walter F. Schopf

Debbie Derkes

Donna Faesch

Karen Milligan, M. Ed.
227 Dakota Grove
Menasha WI 54952



May 19, 2009

Mayor Donald Merkes
140 Main St.
Menasha WI 54952

Dear Mayor Merkes,

As a resident of the Five Oaks Park, I am incensed that we would be charged \$110 a year while the residents of the City/Town of Menasha are only charged \$65 per year for the Storm Water Charge. I AM NOT a "commercial development"! I am a individual citizen who pays property tax on my home here in Five Oaks Park, notwithstanding that Tom Van Handel pays the correct amount of property tax. If I live on a private street, then why does the city of Menasha pick up my garbage? Why do I pay *WE* Energies for electricity? You and the folks in city hall there must not understand the land-lease idea.

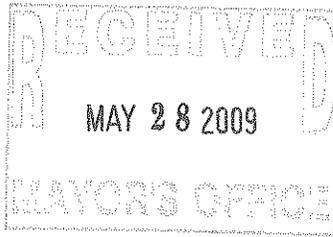
I voted for you in the last election. I can promise you with no uncertainty that I WILL NOT vote for you in the next election if you, Mark Radtke, Greg Keil and Kevin Benner do not find a way to change this inequitable charge. I can promise you that I will campaign against each of you. The residents here can become a large voting block and you each will find yourselves out of office.

My husband and I are not unwilling to pay what the residents of the City and Town of Menasha pay, but are not willing to be over-charged just because you folks there are able to spend tax-payer's money in a spate of circumlocution in giving a decent answer to Tom Van Handel.

I am anticipating that this will be resolved and that we will not be over-charged. We never had opportunity to vote on this. This is not fair. This is not right!

Sincerely,

Karen Milligan
(Mrs.) Karen Milligan



20 May 2009
Bob & Betty MENCHACA
#6 Dakota Grove
Menasha, WI

City of Menasha Officials
and Aldermen Dist. 8.

Sirs;

I am a resident of 5 Oaks Park. I was informed of a 'NEW' \$110.00 City of Menasha "Storm Water Charge" I understand and accept a general levy all citizens. I don't understand or accept an additional fee for the 5 Oaks residents.

My wife and I are retired and living on a limited income. We lowered our standard of living to minimize our housing costs. Now we learn the City of Menasha seems to consider our small community an exclusive resort!!

Our little community of 5 Oaks is an asset to the city. I would guess our burden of services from the city is minimal when compared to other congested communities.

Suppose 5 Oaks were deeded over to the City of Menasha! I can far see additional Police patrol requirements + disturbance calls, probably crime would increase, street maintenance, snow, ice removal, code violations, etc. etc, etc.

In my simple opinion the City is getting a bargain from 5 Oaks and should charge the residents outside 5 Oaks the additional fee!

Bob, Betty Menchaca

Don Merkes

From: Shawn Murphy [srm314@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 9:11 PM
To: Don Merkes; Mark Radtke; Greg M. Keil; Kevin Benner
Subject: Recent storm water charge

Gentlemen,

I am a resident of Five Oaks Park in Menasha. I am outraged at the \$110 I am being charged per year for the storm water charge while the rest of the residents of the city of Menasha are being charged \$65.

First I do not understand why you would consider the park to be commercial land. If it is commercial, why are residents of the city of Menasha living there? I was under the impression that commercial meant business and residential meant residents. I do not operate a business from my residence, nor do any of my neighbors. Therefore, I should not have to pay the \$110 that commercial zones pay.

Second, I pay my taxes like every other citizen of Menasha. I do not pay them to you, I pay them to Mr. Van Handel in exchange for letting me live on his property. I still pay though. There is nothing "special" about my neighborhood that would justify charging me \$50 more per year than the person who lives right outside the gates of this park. Mr. Van Handel has done the city of Menasha a favor by developing this trailer park. You have an additional 255 more home owners because he developed this park. He provides snow removal service for these homes. He makes sure the properties are clean and kept up. These are tasks that would normally be done by the city, but since it is Mr. Van Handel's property, he takes care of it while the city benefits from having these residents. I only see city workers in this park on Thursdays during garbage collection.

In addition, I don't even have storm drains! I have a drainage ditch in my backyard that the city doesn't have to maintain. My storm water is not clogging your drainage systems because you don't have drainage systems in here. I'm sure somewhere along the line the waste from my small home indirectly enters the system, but not enough to justify the extra charge.

Our individual lots are smaller than most lots in the city of Menasha. Our lots and homes do not produce any more storm water than any other property in the city. I received a letter from the city a few months back explaining that I would be seeing a \$65 storm water charge from the city. Now I am told I need to pay \$110. The city needs to stand by what it told it's residents, including the residents that live in the Five Oaks Community. I will be following up on this matter by personally calling each of you to discuss this issue. In addition, I will be calling Mr. Van Handel's office to see what else I can do to help them rectify this matter and make this ordinance fair for all of the city's residents.

Sincerely,

Shawn Murphy
199 Dutch Hollow
Menasha, WI
(920)427-3020

Don Merkes

From: Mary Ann Mulvey [hazeleyez1950@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 9:36 AM

To: Don Merkes

Subject: Fw: Letter to Five Oaks Residents

Sorry Don, I got the letter yesterday 5/19/2009(Tuesday. not Saturday.)

--- On **Wed, 5/20/09**, **Mary Ann Mulvey** <hazeleyez1950@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Mary Ann Mulvey <hazeleyez1950@yahoo.com>

Subject: Letter to Five Oaks Residents

To: dmerkes@ci.menasha.wi.us

Cc: hazeleyez1950@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 7:17 AM

Mr. Mayor:

On Saturday I received a letter from Tom Van Handle (Five Oaks Park LLC). The letter was in reference to our Storm Water Charge for Five Oaks Park. According to the letter from Mr. Van Handle every homeowner in the City of Menasha will pay a flat \$65.00, and the residents of Five Oaks will pay \$110.00. This is totally out of line. The City of Menasha does not plow our streets or anything else. The City picks up our garbage. Can you tell me the ordinance number please. Just because this is a private park and road should not give you the right to charge us more.

Can you please tell me what other Commercial Development in the City of Menasha will be paying more? If you want a copy of the letter please let me know. Some of the letter is not positive toward you.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Ann Mulvey

274 Misty Meadow Ln.

Menasha, WI. 54952

920-7223890

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From: Mary Ann Mulvey [hazeleyez1950@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tue 5/19/2009 7:10 PM

To: Kevin Benner

Cc: Eric Hendricks

Subject: Storm Water fee

Attachments:

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Kevin:

In the mail today I received a letter from Tom Van Handle, owner of Five Oaks Park LLC. It was dated May 7Th, 2009, but I got it on May 19, 2009.

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Respectfully Submitted

Mary Ann Mulvey
274 Misty Meadow Ln.
Menasha, WI. 54952
920-722-3890

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From: Joanne Roush [jroush714@att.net]

Sent: Thu 5/21/2009 7:02 AM

To: Mary Ann Mulvey

Cc: Kevin Bemmer, Eric Hendricks

Subject: Re: Storm Water fee

Attachments:

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Mary Ann - this is very interesting. But I have to say that as unpleasant as it is for residents of Five Oaks, I do see the city's point here. All of the property is private, so the total storm water fee is calculated based on the total run-off, including from the streets. If Five Oaks is not charged for its streets, then every business will be seeking an exemption for runoff from their paved paths, driveways, and even parking lots. Now it is clear that Tom Van Handle has recalculated the fee to divide it between all the residents. What I'd ask him is to show you how he has calculated each resident's fair share of this fee. What, for example, happens when there is a vacant property? Are you all paying for those as well? Is he adding a mark-up for passing the fee through to you? Since it is nearly double, I would be very interested, were I a resident, in understanding how the storm water fee is divvied up among Five Oaks dwellers. Clearly it is Tom Van Handel who is doing this, since it's being added onto your bill from the park, not your Menasha Utilities bill, right?

Joanne

On May 20, 2009, at 9:33 AM, Mary Ann Mulvey wrote:

-- On Tue, 5/19/09, Mary Ann Mulvey <hazeleyez1950@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Mary Ann Mulvey <hazeleyez1950@yahoo.com>

Subject: Storm Water fee

To: kbenner@ci.menasha.wi.us

Cc: ehendricks@ci.menasha.wi.us

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 5:10 PM

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Respectfully Submitted
Mary Ann Mulvey
274 Misty Meadow Ln.
Menasha, WI. 54952
920-722-3890

May 19, 2009

Dear Alderman Benner:

I don't mind paying for my share of the Storm Water Charge, but when I am singled out that is not sharing equally.

Please consider representing our district fairly.

I am a resident of 5 Oaks Mobile Home Park and a registered voter.

Sincerely in justice

Robert Kramer



Mr Robert A Kramer
140 Bessie Ohalloran Ln
Menasha WI 54952-2669

To whom it may concern:

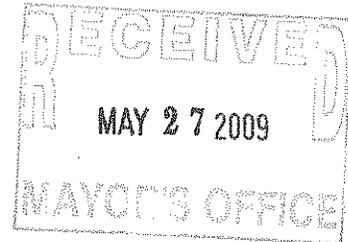
How come we are being charged for something we don't even have? Our storm water goes into the wet lands.

And why are we charged more than the city of Menasha. They are only charged \$65.00 and our charge is \$110.00. Our homes are not of the value of the city homes. And we the home owner pay our taxes every month. Or are you discriminating against us?

I live on fixed income and this extra \$15.15 has to come out of my check. Which we were informed we are not going to get a raise for 2 years.

Balance your budget like we have to do with ours.

Donna Foesch
Five Oaks Park



cc.

Mayor Donald Merkes
Public Works Director, Mark Radtke
Community Development Director, Greg Keil
Alderman District 8, Kevin Benner
Five Oaks Park, Tom Van Handel

Richard & Judy Paunbes

Jan P. [Signature]
Walter F. [Signature]
Jean Delrow



Dear Menasha Resident:

The City of Menasha recently established a stormwater utility to provide an equitable means of funding the state and federally mandated clean-up of urban stormwater runoff. The goal of the regulation is to reduce the amount of pollution reaching our waterways from urban streets, roof tops, parking lots and other hard surfaces, thereby improving water quality of lakes and streams in urban areas.

Prior to creating the stormwater utility, Menasha's Common Council considered funding the mandated stormwater clean-up by placing the added cost on the property tax. This option was rejected because it

*Last week
when I walked
the park there
were only single
family homes
here.*

ie, rather than on the amount of runoff generated by a property. Instead, based on the amount of runoff generated on a property, the stormwater utility ensures that the amount of runoff their property creates. Other area communities as of 1995 and have fees above \$100, Menasha has made efforts to reduce fees and keep the fees as low as possible.

Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU), which is the average amount of runoff generated by a single family home. Single family homes will be billed for one ERU, while commercial, institutional, and multi family properties will be billed based on the amount of runoff their property. The charge per ERU will be \$65 for 2009, and will be \$75 starting in April.

Some properties, such as green buildings, which have attributes that mitigate stormwater discharge, are eligible for certain credits or adjustments. Applications for credits should be submitted to the City of Menasha Public Works Department. Contact Mark Radtke at (920) 967-3151.

Although the City of Menasha has no choice but to comply with these new stormwater mandates, we will strive to minimize costs by applying cost-effective control technologies and encouraging development techniques that reduce that reduce stormwater impacts.

The water resources of Lake Winnebago, the Fox River, and Little Lake Butte des Morts are among Menasha's greatest assets. The operation of the stormwater utility will assist in the city's goal of improving the quality of our water resources so that the quality of life and water recreation Menasha residents have enjoyed in the past will continue to be possible in years to come.

Sincerely,

Donald Merkes

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From: Bruce Kober [brucekober@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wed 5/20/2009 3:45 PM

To: Don Merkes; Mark Radtke; Greg M. Keil; Kevin Benner

Cc:

Subject: Five Oaks

Attachments:

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City of Menasha,

I have been informed that we who live in Five Oaks Park have to pay \$110 for storm water charge, but people who live in houses only have to pay \$65. I was also told that people who live in condos and apartment are being charged the same as we are. I want to know if it is true for a fact that everyone who lives in a condo or apartment has to pay \$110 like we do. I want to see proof that every person who lives in a condo or apartment is being charger \$110 as we are.

I am a registered voter and I guarantee all of you I will vote you out of office.

Bruce Kober

Don Merkes

From: brucekober@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 6:54 PM
To: Don Merkes; Mark Radtke; Greg M. Keil; Kevin Benner
Subject: Storm water charge

Attention city government

My name is Bruce Kober. I live in Five Oaks Park. I am a tax payer and a registered voter. I was just informed my storm water charge is \$110 a year when people who own houses only pay \$65. This is absolutely ridiculous and outrageous. People who live in houses use at least as much water and sewer as we do. How can it possibly make sense for people like me who live mobile homes to pay twice as much. This is simply unfair and I want to know how you can possibly justify doing this to us. I absolutely guaranty you all I will remember this in the next election and vote against all of you.

Don Merkes

From: cya62@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 3:54 PM
To: Don Merkes
Subject: your new unfair tax,storm water charge

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am a resident of Five Oaks Park in Menasha. I am a resident of the city of Menasha and ,as such, I would like to know why you think it is fair to charge us almost double what you charge the rest of the city. You are my elected public official and I did not vote in the city election that put you in office,but I would like you to know that I will make it a point to vote against you in the next one. If you do not reconsider this unfair tax,you may count me as a sure vote against you in the next election.Thank you.

Sincerely,
Christopher L. Yansky

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Don Merkes

From: kayschorus@netzero.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 10:24 AM
To: Don Merkes
Cc: Mark Radtke; Greg M. Keil; kbrenner@ci.menasha.wi.us
Subject: storm water charge

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: kayschorus@netzero.net
To: dmerkes @ci.menasha.wi.us
Cc: mradtke @ci.menasha.wi.us,gkeil@ci.menasha.wi.us,kbenner@ci.menasha.wi.us
Date: Wed, 20 May 2009 15:16:10 GMT

Sirs: I find it absolutely appalling that you can so flagrantly disregard the fact that those of us who own Mobile Homes in 5 Oaks Park pay our own personal property taxes and do not own the Park which is indeed a commercial entity ,but WE ARE NOT!!!! Unfortunately the letter making us aware of what was going on did not reach us until the day after the City Council Meeting or I'm assuring you there would have been many irate tax payers & yes ,voters in attendance.Remember, your jobs are dependent upon the discretion of the electorate which can either keep you in your position or oust you at the ballot box.

I plan to not stop at the local level to see that this unfair taxation is not allowed to continue.If as you say,you need to change the ordinance,then do it ASAP.

In doing the math,\$28,050.00 versus \$16,575.00 HMMM! let's get the most we can out of them.We are not stupid. A very irate taxpayer,and voter. Kay E. Lamberg

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Don Merkes

From: Veronica Purdy [vmariar3940@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2009 3:26 PM

To: Don Merkes

Cc: Mark Radtke; Greg M. Keil; Kevin Benner

Subject: Storm Water Charge

UNFAIR, UNJUSTIFIED, UNREASONABLE, and IRRATIONAL!!! The ordinance to charge the Five Oaks Park residences almost double the Storm water charge makes no sense!!

This Park is one of the best things the City of Menasha has and, it earns a great deal of revenue for the city of Menasha. It is well kept up. The people in this park pride ourselves in living here. We make our yards look great; planting flowers, and shrubs; which by the way, each home owner invests in the Parks land by improving the looks of their own yards, (as you know we rent the land). YOU, the City of Menasha claims us as part of the city. We pay our home owners taxes just like home owners outside of the Park and, Five Oaks Park pay the taxes on the land. That sounds to me that we should be equal in this storm water charge.

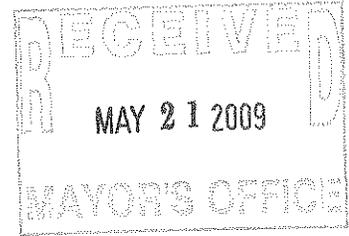
SO TELL ME! Why must we pay almost double for the Storm Water? Wouldn't it be fairer to assess this charge according to the size and value of each property owner? Most of the homes here fail in comparison to the overall assessment value of the homes in Menasha outside of the Park. So WHY would we be assessed higher? Mayor Merkes, Dir. Radtke, and Dir. Keil, think about it! Are we really part of the City of Menasha or not?

Alderman Benner: Are you working for us as our representative? Please do something about this assessment of the storm water. We need your help and support to change this ordinance. You are important to us as our representative.

Sincerely,

Veronica Purdy
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Menasha, WI 54952

DONALD JOHNSON
254 MISTY MEADOWS LANE
MENASHA, WISCONSIN
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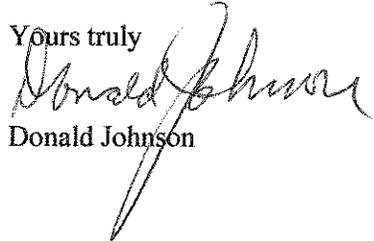


Mayor Merkes

I am writing about the assessment for storm water. You have charged an extra 45.00 a year to those of us living in the 5 oaks park. This is grossly unfair as we have smaller lots than many of those living elsewhere in Menasha. Our streets are plowed of snow by the park so you are not doing that for us for our tax money. Whereas those outside of the park you must remove snow for them. A considerable expense I am sure.

While we have less runoff per lot (since they are smaller than those in the rest of the city) there does not seem to me to be reason for this over charge to us. Please have it rescinded.

Yours truly


Donald Johnson

Don Merkes

From: Terri Goudy [howdygoudy@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 10:24 AM

To: Don Merkes

Subject: Storm water charge

Dear Mr. Mayor Would someone please explain why we have the pleasure of paying double for the storm water runoff????????? Please take care of this injustice for all of us who live in five oaks. It is the right thing to do.

Don Merkes

From: Kristin Sewall

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2009 9:53 AM

To: Don Merkes

Subject: Phone message

Ron Budweiser – 5 oaks park- stormwater utility charge. Pls. call 886-0426
THANKS!

290 MISTY MEADOWS

→ CALLED
5/21/09

→ MAIL RESPONSE

Don Merkes

From: Don Merkes [dmerkes@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 6:19 PM
To: Don Merkes
Subject: Fw: 5 oaks phone message

--- On **Wed, 5/20/09**, Kristin Sewall <ksewall@ci.menasha.wi.us> wrote:

From: Kristin Sewall <ksewall@ci.menasha.wi.us>
Subject: 5 oaks phone message
To: dmerkes@sbcglobal.net
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 11:47 AM

Sorry..forgot to pass this on this morning:

Carl Peters (920-378-5905) lives in 5 oaks and feels that this higher stormwater charge is discrimination. He was irate. He would like you to call him and tell him why 5 oaks is being charged more than other residents.

LEFT MESSAGE 5/20 6PM
ATTEMPTED AGAIN 5/21 4PM N/A