



Straus park newsletter

August, 2005

Master Association Update

At their monthly meeting on July 21st, the board of directors took the following actions:

- Voted to deny the request of Blueberry Hill for a permanent sign.
- On the advice of Randy Baron, decided to consult with Scott Melrose, original landscape architect, on the maple tree problem.
- Authorized IPM to assess the contractor for damaged streetlights.
- Voted to purchase a bench for Brevard's redevelopment and beautification program at a cost of \$800. The location of the Straus Park bench will be in front of the new library.
- Referred to the ECC the question of relocating the Meadowview bulletin board to the Lake House.
- Decided that Jack Schneider of Cardinal Builders, along with two Board members, should attend the next ECC meeting to discuss possible sanctions for violations of construction hours. Erica Allison of Glade Holdings was present and apprised of the problem.
- Tabled the proposal to install a decorative fountain in the lake for aesthetic and aeration purposes at a cost of \$2,000.

Market Street Update

- Asheville Savings Bank is scheduled to open in early August.
- Brevard Travel is the newest business to lease space in Building 4.
- In addition to the 15 hemlock trees transplanted at the corner to screen Poppies, 17 more trees have recently been planted at the bank and the entrance to Market Street.

Seafood Spectacular

In place of Fun Food Nite on Wednesday, August 17th, the Elliotts, Macoys and Glovers are restaging last summer's popular Lobsterfest with a new twist and calling it a Seafood Spectacular. Starters will include shrimp cocktail, steamed clams, steamed mussels, West Indies (crab) salad, raw oysters, creamed herring, trout dip, clam dip, cheese and crackers. The entrée will be lobster tails, accompanied by corn on the cob, cole slaw, rolls and dessert. Iced tea, lemonade and soft drinks will be provided.

The Seafood Spectacular on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00 will be limited to 60 persons. To make reservations, send a check for \$22.00 per person (\$27.00 for house guests) payable to Paula Elliott at 15 Camp Sapphire Road, Brevard, NC 28712 no later than August 8th.

Fun Food Nite

Entrees for August are: August 3rd - Shrimp, chicken and tuna salads; August 10th - Hamburgers; August 17th - no Fun Food Nite (see Seafood Spectacular); August 24th - Chicken Caesar; August 31st - Mystery menu. No reservations are necessary; cost is \$4 per person.

Couples Bridge

After a two-month hiatus, couples bridge is resuming on the fourth Friday. To sign up to play on August 26th at 7:00 at the Lake House, call Linda Neumann at 884-7967.

Pot Luck

Reed and Jack Parker and Sandra and Wes Eastman are hosting the next Pot Luck on Sunday, August 21st at 6:00, and the entrées will be ham salad and chicken salad. To make reservations and sign up for a dish to bring, call Reed at 883-3258 or Sandra at 877-6644 no later than August 18th.

New Yahooogroup

A new Straus Park Yahooogroup has been formed as a way for residents to communicate directly with each other by e-mail. You may want to let your neighbors know about a pet project, a new neighbor, a volunteer opportunity, or....does anyone have a tree root feeder? Your e-mail will be automatically sent to all members, who are restricted to Straus Park homeowners.

If you choose to subscribe (at no cost), just e-mail StrausPark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Call Jan Nickerson at 884-3514 with questions.

Tennis Courts

Howard Dyer, tennis chairman, has announced that the courts are now being professionally maintained. Call Howard at 884-6559 with any questions.

Meet Nina Shippen

Natural food wholesaler/registered nurse/health insurance executive/landscape designer Nina Shippen is a newcomer to Straus Park with an impressive resume. A native of Old Greenwich, CN, she moved to Brevard from Weston, MA, with stopovers in London, Edinburgh, Arizona, Philadelphia and New York City.

After attending Prescott College in Arizona and running a natural food store in Edinburgh, Nina earned a nursing degree from Columbia University. She was on the nursing staff of teaching hospitals in New York and Boston for five years before getting an MBA at the Wharton School and entering the health insurance industry.

Nina finally succumbed to her lifelong love of gardening, earned a certificate in landscape design at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and founded her own firm, Hidden Road Landscape Design, specializing in ecologically appropriate residential landscape design. A series of coincidences led her to Brevard, where she "loves the idea of Straus Park." Now she plans to relocate her landscape design business here and transform the lot she bought behind her house on Meadowview into a woodland garden.

Calendar of August Activities

- ✓ Tennis every Wednesday at 5:00
- ✓ Fun Food Nite every Wednesday except August 17th at 7:00
- ✓ Women's Bridge on Thursday, August 4th and 18th at 1:00
- ✓ Seafood Spectacular on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00
- ✓ Master Association on Thursday, August 18th at 4:00
- ✓ Pot Luck on Sunday, August 21st at 6:00
- ✓ ECC on Thursday, August 25th at 10:00
- ✓ Couples Bridge on Friday, August 26th at 7:00