



STRAUS PARK NEWSLETTER

September, 2005

Master Association Update

At their monthly meeting on August 25, the board of directors took the following actions:

- Voted to remove one dead tree at the entrance to Straus Park and deep feed and trim the rest.
- Decided to contact Scott Melrose, original landscaper, for his assessment before proceeding with recommendations from Nina Shippen, property owner and professional landscape designer, for other problem areas.
- Adopted as the official Straus Park website the design proposed by property owner Harry Fiedler.
- Allocated a maximum of \$3,000 for the purchase and installation of a fountain aerator for the lake.
- Accepted the recommendations of the ECC that builders be invited to attend ECC meetings as non-voting members to improve communications and, since violations are unenforceable, to seek legal counsel on the question of penalties.
- Noted that Allison Creek, Blueberry Hill and Spring House belong to the Mountainside Property Owners Association.
- Urged the Mountainside Association to address the erosion of road shoulders on Pine Mountain Trail directly, since this is the responsibility of the sub-association and not the Master Association.
- Agreed that the best way for homeowners to communicate problems is by e-mailing Scott McCall at smccall@ipm-corp.com, rather than phoning IPM.

Market Street Update

The Asheville Savings Bank is now open. Ground has been broken for Poppies Market and, according to Randy Baron, the owners are hoping to open by the end of January. Ground is about to be broken for Building 4, which is designed to accommodate a group of businesses.

Labor Day Party

Last-minute reservations are still available for the Labor Day Party on Monday, September 5th if made on or before Thursday, September 1st. Cocktails at 5:00, dinner at 6:00, choice of chicken or salmon, cost \$18.95. Call Sandra Eastman at 877-6644 or Bonnie Clark at 884-5618.

Straus Park Website

Property owners can now access Straus Park's new and official website, which will feature by-laws and covenants, the design manual, monthly newsletters, Master Association minutes, calendar of events and many more items of interest. The home page will be available to the public, while the rest of the information will be accessed by password. Accolades to property owner Harry Fiedler for designing this outstanding website. The address is www.strauspark.org.

Straus Park Yahooogroup

If you would like a way to communicate directly with other property owners by e-mail, you can subscribe to the new Straus Park Yahooogroup by e-mailing strauspark@yahoogroups.com with your name and address or by calling Jan Nickerson at 884-3524 or e-mailing her at jannickerson@citcom.net. This spam-free service is available at no cost and restricted to Straus Park property owners.

Pool Closing

The swimming pool will be closed for the season after the Labor Day weekend.

Pot Luck

Joyce and Richard Carney and Ann and Bill Graves are hosting the next Pot Luck on Sunday, September 11th, which will feature eye round roast as the entrée. To make reservations and sign up for a dish to bring, call Joyce at 883-4144 or Ann at 883-8948 no later than Wednesday, September 7th.

Couples Bridge

To sign up for Couples Bridge on Friday, September 23, call Linda Neumann at 884-7967.

Book Club

The selection for the next book club meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26th at the Lake House is "Desert Queen" by Janet Wallach, available at a 10% discount at Highland Books. All are welcome.

When Lightning Strikes...

When lightning struck a tree in Paula and Tory Elliott's front yard during a storm several weeks ago, a branch broke a front window of their townhome. Friends responded by adorning the boarded



window with a smiley face that reminded them, "When lightning strikes, smile and take cover."

Calendar of September Activities

- ✓ Labor Day Party Monday, Sept. 5th at 5:00
- ✓ Tennis every Wednesday at 5:00
- ✓ Women's Bridge on Thursday, Sept. 1st, 15th and 29th at 1:00
- ✓ Pot Luck on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 6:00
- ✓ Master Assoc. on Thurs., Sept. 15th at 4:00
- ✓ Couples Bridge on Fri., Sept. 23rd at 7:00
- ✓ Book Club on Monday, Sept. 6th at 1:00
- ✓ ECC on Thursday, Sept. 29th at 10