

STRAUS PARK NEWSLETTER

May, 2006

Master Association – March 16th Meeting

The Master Association March action items were ratified during the April meeting. (Since the minutes are legal documents, they cannot be published until after they have been ratified, which occurs at the following month's meeting.) The following are the results of those action items:

- President Neumann read the Treasurer's Report and the report of the Investment Committee in Jack Lockett's absence. Treasurer Lockett's report noted no concerns in the financial report & the recommendations of the Investment Committee for investing portions of the reserve funds in CD's. David Calhoun (sitting in for the absent Rick Taylor) moved to accept the recommendations of the Investment Committee and the reports. Randy Baron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Nina Shippen, Co-chairman of the Beautification Committee, stated that Peggy Davis had been added to that committee as representative of the Townhomes. The Board agreed with Ms Shippen's recommendation that the bulletin board be removed from its present location and placed near the Lake House.

- John Graham reported that the Entertainment Committee would be holding a New Neighbors' Welcome on March 31st to welcome all new residents from the past three years. He also requested and was granted permission to place a large map of the states in the hallway of the Lake House. Residents will be asked to place a colored pin on the location from which they moved to Straus Park.

- Bud Lawing reported that a committee has been formed and will have a meeting to set up a plan for the maintenance of the Lake House, scheduling of events, necessary changes, etc.

- The residents have decided to maintain the tennis courts again this year. Randy Baron made a motion to accept the new contract from Biff Jones for the heavy maintenance of the courts, and David Calhoun seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- The draft of the fence statement was sent back to the ECC for revisions as approved by the Board.

- Kit Garren of IPM asked for resident input on the subject of possible representation on site by IPM. After some discussion, Mr. Garren stated that he will write a proposal containing necessary investment costs, numbers of hours on site, etc. to present to the Board.

Women's Book Club

At 1:00PM on Monday, May 15th, at the Lake House, Joyce Carney will lead the Women's Book Club in a discussion of "The Sisters" by Mary Lovell. This book is available in paperback at Highland Books at a 10% discount for book club members, as always. The club's annual luncheon will be held on Monday, June 19th, at the new Womble Inn.

Pot Luck Dinner

This month's Pot Luck Group dinner will be hosted by Don & Gerry Crane & Reed & Jack Parker at the Lake House on Sunday, May 21st, at 6:00PM. The entree will be honey-baked ham. Please call Gerry Crane (862-5667) to make your reservation & to coordinate your offering of an hors d'oeuvre, salad, vegetable, bread, or dessert. Soft drinks & iced tea will be provided, or you may BYOB of an adult beverage.

Market Street Update

Poppies Market has been the victim of that well-known construction malady, not-completed-when-promised, but the plan is now to open the doors by the end of May. Building 4 is nearing completion; windows and doors should be in by the 14th of May, and the siding should be complete by the end of May, with the first businesses moving in sometime in June. Bogarts Tavern will be joining Brevard Travel on the lower level. The tavern will serve tapas style foods. (Tapas are a Spanish type of heavy appetizer, usually served with wine or beer.) On the upper level will be Straus Park Realty, to be managed by Billy Harris. It will specialize in representing Straus Park property. The two adjoining units will house a fitness facility offering "personal training and wellness". With only five units still available, it is expected that Buildings 5 and 6 will be started soon.

strauspark.org Update

The webmaster expects to update several items on the website this week. As most of you know, we have been trying to get moved into our new home on Pine Mountain Trail here in Straus Park for the past month. We're still unpacking, so bear with us.

Harry and I both appreciate your understanding. Please forward ideas & recommendations to harryfiedler@earthlink.net.

Calendar of May Activities

- Women's Bridge – Thursday, May 4th & 18th - 1:00 PM
- Women's Book Club – Monday, May 15th – 1:00 PM
- Master Association Board Meeting – Thursday, May 18th - 4:00 PM
- Pot Luck Dinner – Sunday, May 21st – 6:00 PM
- ECC Meeting – Thursday, May 25th - 10:00 AM
- Couples Bridge – Friday, May 26th – 7:00 PM
- Memorial Day Picnic – Monday, May 29th – 5:00 PM

Satellite Dishes

The ECC would like to remind all of you that the placement of satellite dishes on your home or property must have the approval of the ECC prior to installation. The form for this request can be found at www.strauspark.org under Forms in the menu (column) on the left side of your screen. Click on the word “Forms”. This will bring up the page containing the Committee/Activity Volunteer Form & the ECC Forms. Click on “ECC Forms” to bring up the list of forms available. (You will also note that ALL necessary forms for requests of the ECC can also be found on this page.) Click on the link (name of the form) called “Satellite Dish Approval Form”. This will bring up the appropriate form, which you can then print, fill out, & mail to Scott McCall at IPM, or give to any of the resident members of the ECC. These members are Linda Neumann, Norm McCoy, or myself, Adrienne Fiedler. Any requests must be placed on the ECC agenda by the Friday preceding the monthly meeting, which is always the last Thursday of the month. This date can be found in the calendar of activities in each month's newsletter.

Master Plan

So many of you seem to be unaware that the Master Plan, which contains the Straus Park Design Manual & the Straus Park Covenants and Bylaws, is available in its entirety on the official website, strauspark.org. This plan is something to which we should all refer as responsible residents or property owners of Straus Park. It is available to

anyone with access to a computer, so we have no excuse for not using it. Check it out, folks. “A well-informed membership harbors fewer ‘hard’ feelings.” – Bill Meyer

Lake House Electronic Lock

The combination on the electronic lock to the Lake House has been changed. The new combination is 1 4 9 2, effective immediately. Please remember to turn off all lights, lock all doors, and adjust thermostats when exiting the Lake House. Press the “lock icon” in the center of the keypad to lock the electronic access door. The Lake House Committee appreciates your help.

Social Committee Questionnaire

Please remember to fill out the questionnaire sent out last month from the Social Committee. Our input will make their job easier & the events enjoyable for us all.

If you have any changes, additional information, or corrections for the newsletter, please contact the author, Adrienne Fiedler, at 884-4337 or at m81babe@earthlink.net. Thanks for your help.