

STRAUS PARK NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2006

Master Association

The Master Association Board meeting for July was cancelled, so the June minutes have not yet been ratified. (Since the minutes are legal documents, they cannot be published until after they have been ratified, which occurs at the following month's meeting.)

Market Street Update

Contact Billy Harris at 828-885-2525 with questions re Market Street.

Pot Luck Group

Harry and Nancy Jarboe and Don and Carolyn Devore will host the August Pot Luck dinner at the Lake House on Sunday, August 13th, at 6:00 PM. Entrees will include Beef Lasagna and Chicken Tetrazini. Please call Nancy Jarboe at 862-8468 to make your reservation and to sign up to bring a vegetable, salad, dessert, or hors d'oeuvre. Bread, soft drinks, and iced tea will be provided, but you must BYOB if you would like an adult beverage before or with dinner.

Calendar of August Activities

- Women's Bridge – Thursday, August 3rd & 17th - 1:00 PM
- Master Association Board Meeting – Thursday, August 17th - 4:00 PM
- Pot Luck Dinner – Sunday, August 13th – 6:00 PM
- Couples Bridge – Friday, August 25th – 7:00 PM
- ECC Meeting – Thursday, August 31st – 10:00 AM

Tree Removal and Limbing

As a member of the ECC, I have been asked to address this problem, which has a serious impact on all of us who care about keeping the original vision of Straus Park intact. Over the last few months certain builders and future (as well as current) residents of Straus Park have shown blatant disregard for the Covenants by clearing and/or severely limbing trees on their lots to “improve the view”. Section V. Uses and Limitations, 5.4 Vegetation states, “No vegetation of any kind shall be cut, trimmed or Landscaped in any way on any Lot in a PUD Classification, other than by the Master

Association or the applicable Owner's Association. In the Mountainside Homesite Classification, all vegetation on Lots shall be kept in a sightly condition, being mowed (or trimmed) on a reasonably regular basis, with all dead trees and plants promptly removed by the Lot's Owner. ALL LOTS IN STRAUS PARK shall be kept in a reasonably natural state, WITH NO LIVE TREES ON A LOT TO BE REMOVED, CUT, OR TOPPED, NOR ANY VEGETATION CUT, TRIMMED OR LANDSCAPED, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY THE ECC." We each received a copy of the Bylaws and Covenants when we purchased property here in Straus Park; purchase of property here implied acceptance of the responsibility to adhere to these Covenants and Bylaws, which are legally binding. The ECC has the authority to enforce a penalty for this type of illegal action and will do so when necessary. These rules apply to back yards, as well as front yards (there seems to be some misunderstanding about this among some residents). Once again, I urge all of you to go to www.strauspark.org and read the Master Plan!!

Construction Reminder

I have been asked to remind all residents that the same rules apply to residents having any type of work done as to builders doing work at Straus Park. No construction is to take place on Sunday, and the hours of construction must be followed on other days of the week.

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.