

STRAUS PARK NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2008

Master Association Minutes

At the request of the SPMA, the minutes of its meetings will now be published only on the SP website, www.strauspark.org. The minutes may be accessed using the same procedure as that used to access the SP Directory. User name & password are also the same as for the Directory. If you have not previously registered for the Directory, or if you have questions on the publishing of the minutes, you may email me at m81babe@gmail.com or call me at 884-4337.

Calendar of January Activities

- Women's Bridge – Thursday, January 3rd & 17th - 1:00 PM
- **Community Meeting – Thursday, January 10th, 7:00 PM**
- Pot Luck Group – Sunday, January 13th – 6:00 PM
- Master Association Board Meeting – Thursday, January 17th - 4:00 PM
- Women's Book Club – Monday, January 21st – 1:00 PM
- Couples Bridge – Friday, January 25th - 7:00 PM
- ECC Meeting – Thursday, January 31st – 10:00 AM

This information is available on the Straus Park website www.strauspark.org, on the “Calendar” link.

Community Meeting

Please plan to attend the community meeting on Thursday, January 10th, at 7:00 PM at the Lake House. The MA Board will present options for handling the serious challenges we face in 2008. Each resident who attends will be given a specific amount of time to voice his or her choice of the options presented. Please attend & be an active part of our community decisions.

Pot Luck Group

The Pot Luck Group dinner for January will be held at the Lake House on Sunday, the 13th, at 6:00 PM. Phyllis Gillette & Billie Lawing will be the hosts for this “true pot luck” dinner. Guests must sign up to bring the main dish/entree or the usual choices of casserole, salad, vegetable, or dessert. Please make sure your dish will serve 8 to 10 people. Hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, & tea will be provided by the hosts, & you may BYOB if you would like an adult beverage before or with dinner. RSVP NLT than Wednesday, January 9th to Phyllis Gillette at 883-4653.

Women's Book Club

Betsy Craig will lead a discussion of “Water for Elephants” by Sara Gruen when the Women's Book Club meets on Monday, January 21st, at the Lake House. As always, this book is available at a 10% discount to Book Club members at Highland Books. For more information contact the Chairman, Reed Parker, at 883-3258.

Website Update

As per the discussion at the December MA Board meeting, the original “white paper” that was presented to the MA re the website is now online. The new officers have been added for those sub-associations which have provided the information, & the calendars have been updated for all of 2008. If you have inputs for any activities throughout the year, please contact m81dude@gmail.com.

Market Street Addition

Pure Pets will be the next new addition to Market Street. They will provide a variety of ultra-healthy organic pet foods, unique pet products & educational resources. They will also have a self-service bathing & drying area that will help save your back, not to mention the job of cleaning your tub & mopping the entire bathroom!

Turning Point dance studio will open January 7th.

SPMA Board Meetings

As President of the 2008 SPMA Board, I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to begin to attend our Board meetings. Your participation will be welcomed. If an issue of importance to you is on the agenda, you will be given a brief opportunity to speak before the Board votes on the issue. Obviously, we cannot make “decisions by resident discussion group”, & ultimately the decisions must be made by the Board; however we have many talented & knowledgeable residents whose input would be a valuable asset to our Board & to our community. The other new Board members are: Larry Huntley, Vice President; Pam Brannon, Secretary; Billy Harris, Treasurer; & Lloyd Fisher & John Fredley, Directors.

SP Directory Changes

Several of you have called to say that your street information is incorrect in the Directory. Harry & I have no way of knowing of any changes unless you let us know. If you have had a street name or number change or have changed email servers since you gave us your original information, please contact me at the email address or phone number below.

If you would like to be included in the Straus Park Directory or have any changes, additional information, or corrections for the newsletter, please contact the author, Adrienne Fiedler, at 884-4337 or at m81babe@gmail.com. Thanks for your help.