

STRAUS PARK NEWSLETTER

MAY 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 March Activities

- Women's Bridge – Thursday, May 1st & 15th - 1:00 PM
- ECC Meeting – Thursday, May 8th – 10:00 AM
- Pot Luck Group - Cancelled
- Women's Book Club – Monday, May 19th – 1:30 PM
- Master Association Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 28th - 4:00 PM
- Couples Bridge – Friday, May 30th - 7:00 PM

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

Women's Book Club

The May meeting of the Women's Book Club will be held on Monday, the 19th, at 1:30 PM at the Lake House. This month's book for discussion will be "I Feel Bad About My Neck" by Nora Ephron. As always, this book may be obtained at Highland Books at a 10% discount to club members. For more information contact the Chairman, Reed Parker, at 883-3258.

Tennis Season Opens

Tennis season for all SP property owners has begun with the weekly "All Comers Show & Play". Come on out & join the fun every Thursday at 6:00 PM. Please remember to brush your court & lines after practice or play.

Recording Secretary

The SPMA has voted to return to the practice of having a Recording Secretary to record the minutes of every Board meeting. To this end, we are asking for a volunteer resident of SP. This position is an excellent way to keep up with the workings of your MA Board while giving something back to our beautiful community.

Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed for the Entertainment Committee & the Beautification Committee. The Entertainment Committee takes very little of your time, since social functions are not held every month. IPM has an entertainment director available to help you with ideas for parties, themes, decorations, etc., if requested. The Beautification Committee could serve as a garden club as well as a committee, if the members chose to set it up as such. Please use this opportunity to meet & work with your SP neighbors, & take your turn at filling these badly needed committee positions. Call me at 884-4337 or email me at m81babe@gmail.com if you will serve on either committee.

Notes from the President

Well, it looks like our beautiful warm weather is here to stay. Several types of finches have us filling our two large finch feeders twice a week, & the hummingbirds empty all six of our feeders once a week now. Blue jays are nesting in the eave outside our bedroom window, & phoebes have come back to last year's nest on top of the light fixture under our outside stairs. All the trees have their leaves back, & our beautiful mountains are green again. Spring is just grand, isn't it?!!

With the help of IPM, the MA has finally settled in to a fairly normal routine of business. For the May Board meeting, the Financial Oversight Committee expects to have the 2008 budget annotated as to actual figures vs the figures given in the budget presented at the end of 2007. This will allow the Board to determine more intelligently what repairs or improvements can be undertaken in the coming months.

The ECC will present the revised Guidelines at the May meeting of the MA. Norm Macoy graciously offered to undertake the revision & has worked on this project for the past many months, with input from other ECC members. Once the revised version has been completed & approved, it will replace the current version on the website.

For those of you in other states whose phone calls I've missed, I appreciate your continued support, & hope to catch up soon. If any of you residents & property owners have questions or suggestions, please call or email me. I'll do my best to answer.

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.