



Stratford Gardens Home's Association *Newsletter - Spring 2011*

Greetings to our Stratford Gardens Neighbors! We hope you all made it through the long cold winter.

Communication Update

In order to keep you informed of issues on a timely manner (such as crime alerts) as well as help the association save on printing and mailing expenses, we are sending newsletters and other notifications via email. In order to make sure that everyone is informed of this, we are mailing a hard copy of this newsletter to all Stratford Gardens members to request email addresses. If you did not receive a copy of this newsletter via email and you would like to receive future newsletters, notifications and alerts via email, please send your email address to: StratfordGarden@aol.com PLEASE NOTE: Email addresses are not shared with any other associations or organizations and are kept strictly confidential.

Annual Meeting

The Stratford Gardens Annual Meeting will be held at Carriage Club on Tuesday June 7th. There will be cocktails from 6:30-7:30 and the meeting will start at 7:45. Please RSVP to the HACCD office (523-2400) by Monday June 1st if you plan to attend. Please join us for a drink, hors d'oeuvres, and conversation with your neighbors.

Board Members

We are looking for new board members! There are two positions open on the board, which need to be filled. New board members will be elected at the annual meeting. If you have an interest in serving on the board, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at StratfordGarden@aol.com.

Financial Update

As of April 30, 2011, our budget is in balance. Detailed income statements are posted on our association's web site at www.ha-kc.org.

You should receive your bill for the 2011/2012 dues in early June. If you do not receive this, please contact the HAKC office at 913-385-2440. Please pay your bill on time to avoid any late payment fees. We currently have seven members who are not current with their homes association dues. Of those seven, three members have liens placed on their homes. These ten homeowners will be receiving letters to remind them of their obligation. The board may approve liens on the remaining four member's homes if the dues are not received.

Islands and Common Areas

Bids have been solicited for the island maintenance contract. A one (1) year contract for the maintenance of our islands will be awarded in June. Constant Care is our current contractor, and they are responsible for mowing, trimming, fertilizing, and maintenance of the sprinkler systems.

Security

Crime Alerts

As mentioned in numerous emails and previous newsletters, it is our obligation to inform you of any and all crime alerts in our area. We do this via the email system, so those members without email alerts are at a disadvantage. Please be sure to discuss the issue with your neighbors since it would be extremely costly to send out all notices via post, and we want to make sure all are informed and safe.

Reporting Activity

The police have repeatedly and quite strongly requested that if you witness suspicious activity, or are awakened during the night by noise or disturbances; **do not hesitate to call 911 immediately**. If our patrol officer is on duty, they will be dispatched and given their proximity should provide assistance quickly.

Social Events

Neighborhood Garage Sale

The neighborhood garage sale will take place on Friday June 10th and Saturday June 11th. The homes association will publish a notice in the KC Star, the Wednesday Sun, Craigslist, and put out signs along Ward Parkway and State Line. Plans are to have the garage sale the same time each year – the second Friday and Saturday of June, which corresponds to other neighborhoods in the area. If you have any questions, please contact us at StratfordGarden@aol.com.

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party held on Saturday, December 11th at the home of Benny and Edith Lee was another wonderful party. We'd like to express our deepest gratitude to the Lee family for their gracious hospitality. Also, a special thank you is owed Woody Underwood for arranging the catering from Avenues Bistro and for taking care of the beverages.

New Members

Please welcome the following four new members to the Stratford Gardens Homes Association since the printing of the last newsletter:

John & Jodi Stout	1252 Stratford Road
David & Stacy Graves	1246 West 63rd Street
Sue Barelli & Craig Gustafson	1219 West 61st Terrace
Daniel & Brenda Kumm	1205 West 60th Terrace

Other News

Pets

Please be respectful of your neighbors and clean up after your pets. We have had several complaints of people walking their dogs and not taking care of the mess. We realize that some offenders may be people from outside of our neighborhood and there is not much we can do except remind people to clean up after their pets. Please also be respectful of your neighbors with regards to the noise your dog's make. A dog left outside that is continuously barking can be very disturbing and annoying to your neighbors.

Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste

Pickup of trash and recycling occurs on Friday mornings for the majority of our neighborhood. Please refrain from setting these items at the curb prior to Thursday evening. If you use a private company to collect yard waste, please only place these items at the curb when a pickup is scheduled. Please be considerate of your neighbors, trash and yard waste bags sitting at the curb for long periods is an eyesore and detracts from the beauty of our neighborhood.

For More Information . . .

Our Stratford Gardens website can be accessed at: www.ha-kc.org.
Select "Missouri Associations," then "Stratford Gardens."

If you have any questions for the Board, its operations or meetings, we ask that you directly contact any of the officers or directors by phone, or by email to StratfordGarden@aol.com.