



## *Stratford Gardens Home's Association Winter Newsletter 2008*

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Greetings to our Stratford Gardens Neighbors! We hope you all are keeping warm during these cold winter months.

### **Annual Meeting**

Mark your calendars - the Stratford Gardens Annual Meeting will be held at Mission Hills Country Club on *Thursday evening, May 22nd*. More details to follow.

Three (3) board members will be completing their three-year terms this May 31<sup>st</sup> which will create three vacancies. Serving on your home association board will give you an opportunity to participate directly in our ongoing efforts to make Stratford Gardens a better, more attractive and safer community. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please send your name to [StratfordGarden@aol.com](mailto:StratfordGarden@aol.com) or call Paul Mohr at 913-551-5818. Serving on the board is a wonderful way to meet other neighbors and to help maintain the positive momentum in our community that has been created over the last several years.

### **Holiday Party**

Another wonderful holiday party was hosted by Benny and Edith Lee on December 20<sup>th</sup> in their beautiful Ward Parkway home. It was a special evening of food, drink and live entertainment – thank you to Benny and Edith!

### **Islands and Common Areas**

The Island Committee has taken bids for the 2008 Maintenance Contract and for an irrigation system on the large island at Huntington and State Line Road. Contracts for both projects have been signed!

The Kansas City Public Advisory Improvement Committee (PIAC) meets in February to consider our application for a \$29,000 grant to refurbish the island at 63<sup>rd</sup> and State Line. We are anxiously awaiting that decision.

The shrubs and roses lost in last year's late freeze will be replaced in early spring.

In past years, your contributions above the annual dues have been generous and encouraging and have been used to further enhance our landscaping projects. This year we hope for your continued support. We'd like to assist with modest landscaping improvements in a sister neighborhood in a less privileged part of town, as well as here in Stratford Gardens.

### **Snowplow Update**

As you know, this winter's multiple snow events have provided our streets with more than their typical seasonal bounty of snow. After each two-inch or greater snowfall, our plowing contractor has been out helping to keep our streets clear.

### **Directory Project**

The updated 2007 directories were delivered in November/December. If you have not received a directory, please send an email to [StratfordGarden@aol.com](mailto:StratfordGarden@aol.com) or call Colleen Kennedy at 822-7447.

As a note, by updating your contact information "in house" and commissioning the DeLaSalle School's printing department to print and bind the directories, we were able to save a substantial amount of funds that had been budgeted to this project. The savings helped fund the island irrigation project (see above) sooner than would otherwise have been the case.

### **Financial Update**

As of January 31, 2008, eight (8) homeowners are not current with their dues. We have \$1,252.13 outstanding for the current year, and \$4,480.89 in total dues receivable. Let's get up to date! Thanks goes, as always, to the 96% of our membership who are current on their membership dues!

Detailed income statements are posted on our association's web site at [www.haccd.org](http://www.haccd.org), under the heading for "Minutes." For further information, contact Maggie Shine (816) 444-4264.

### **Crime Alerts/ Security Update**

Stratford Gardens has been relatively quiet since the holidays, but please note that in late January at night on Stratford Road two cars parked on the street had their windows broken. The police believe the actions may have been caused by juveniles. A suspicious vehicle has also been reported in our area, namely a maroon or red SUV. A white Honda CRX may also be involved in property crimes in our surrounding area.

Please look out for your neighbors. We remind you to keep your house and car doors locked, do not leave any valuable items in your car, leave outside lights on, and set your house alarms.

As the police have requested, if you witness suspicious activity, ***do not hesitate to call 911 immediately***. If our patrol is on duty, they will be dispatched.

## **New Members**

Please welcome the following members to Stratford Gardens who arrived since the printing of the new directory:

Mitchell Burgess and Rick Sexton	1225 W. 62 <sup>nd</sup> Street
Thomas Dreyer	1232 W. 61 <sup>st</sup> Street
Laura and Mark Ross	1209 W. 61 <sup>st</sup> Street

**For More Information.** . . Remember to check out the Stratford Gardens website listing at: [www.haccd.org](http://www.haccd.org). Select "Missouri Associations," then "Stratford Gardens."

If you have any questions as to the Board, its operations or meetings, we ask that you directly contact any the officers or directors by phone, or by email to [StratfordGarden@aol.com](mailto:StratfordGarden@aol.com).