



Stratford Gardens Home's Association Winter Newsletter 2009

Greetings to our Stratford Gardens Neighbors! We hope you all had a safe holiday season, and that the New Year is a healthy and happy one for you and your family.

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! The Stratford Gardens Annual Meeting will be held at Mission Hills Country Club on *Thursday evening, May 21st from 6:30pm to 8:30pm*. More details and invitations will follow at a later date.

New Board Member

We welcome Larry Wright of 1225 W. 62nd Street to the Stratford Gardens Board. He was unanimously voted in at the January 26th Board meeting to replace Jennifer King, who resigned for personal reasons. Larry will assume the island responsibilities. Jennifer, thank you for many years of dedication and hard work to make our islands so beautiful!

Board Vacancies

Three (3) board members will be completing their three-year terms this May 31st which will create three vacancies (Randy Bredar, Paul Mohr and Maggie Shine). The board meets once a quarter for 2 hours per meeting. There are specific responsibilities that we will need filled come June 1st - such as someone to take over the position as Treasurer, someone to take over membership, and others to help with directories and social.

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. It 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.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, please send your name to StratfordGarden@aol.com or call Paul Mohr at 913-551-5818.

Holiday Party

Another wonderful holiday party was hosted by Benny and Edith Lee on December 11th 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

Before resigning, Jennifer King had secured three (3) bids for the 2009 island maintenance. These will now be reviewed by Larry Wright and he will select the contractor for the upcoming season based upon the best price and services offered.

As previously reported, The Kansas City Public Advisory Improvement Committee (PIAC) awarded Stratford Gardens \$29,000 for improvements on the island and fountain located at 62nd Street/63rd Street off of State Line Road. Paul Mohr, Roger Dutton and Randy Bredar are working with the city to complete all the necessary paperwork to release the funds for our use.

Also, good news for the Mirror Pond located on Ward Parkway by 61st Street and 62nd Street, across from the Country Club Christian Church! The Ward Family has agreed to “fix” the pond and hardscape which is desperately in need of repair. We are not sure of the details, but any improvements will be better than what is currently being done.

Snowplow Update

We renewed our contract with Ray Wynn to plow our streets after each snowfall resulting in an accumulation of two inches or more. Although we have not had many storms to date, you can rest assured that our streets will be plowed when necessary.

Financial Update

As of January 13, 2009, six (6) homeowners were not current with their dues – three of which have liens placed on their properties. The other three members have been notified a number of times of their delinquent dues, and we continue to send reminders.

With an annual budget of \$34,754.90, we currently have a net income of \$18,412.45. This will be more than sufficient to get us through the expenses to June 1st. Any monies not used by the end of the fiscal year will be deposited into reserves.

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

Crime Alerts/ Security Update

The usual activity continues to plague our association and the security patrol has been busy in our area. We have had reported house break-ins, car break-ins and a stolen car. Please remember to lock your doors, keep outside lights on, don't leave valuables in your car, set home alarms, etc. The patrol can only do so much without the cooperation of our members.

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:

Charles and Robyn Arthur 1250 Huntington Road

Other News

"No Solicitor" stickers were delivered to all members last Fall. These small, yet effective, signs hopefully will deter solicitors from coming to your home. If you need an extra sticker, please send an email to StratfordGarden@aol.com.

For More Information. . . Remember to check out the Stratford Gardens website listing at: 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.