

# *Stratford Gardens Homes Association*

Dear Neighbor,

Our annual meeting is approaching and it is time to consider being on the Board. What is involved? Quarterly meetings, taking part in improving our neighborhood. If you are interested, please send your name, contact information and qualifications to [Stratfordgardenshomesassn@gmail.com](mailto:Stratfordgardenshomesassn@gmail.com). Right now, we have 4 openings and welcome your input.

**The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, May 22, 2014 at the Carriage Club.** Cocktails will be served from 6:00 to 6:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. You will receive an invitation on a postcard with RSVP instructions in the next couple of weeks.

## **Crime Report – From Detective Parsons with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department**

As you can see (from the report attached), we have been stepping up the contacts with citizens (of the neighborhood and otherwise) and more than doubled our efforts to check on houses. **During March we did find two houses unsecured which is not helping our efforts to make the association a harder target. I wonder if we found two like that, how many more did we not find.**

I am also meeting with the Property Crimes Unit to continually address issues emerging on the west side. As of last Thursday, no pattern yet. The burglary problem has been dealt with as you most likely realize but I see the theft from auto issue as a problem that will most likely get worse as the days warm. Burglaries will also re-appear on a hit and miss basis but we are working to catch the criminal in the act of this crime as well. A pattern has yet to present itself that will help me in scheduling specific days and times but I am studying the issues continually and making adjustments for it should it become necessary.

As always, you and I know the **value of parking our vehicle's in the garage, and if left outside we put away items of value that might entice a thief.** We need to continue to encourage everyone to do this and also to call 911 should they see anything out of place.

## **Reminder**

Please remember to put your trash/yard refuse out after 3:00 pm on the day before the scheduled pick-up. We have had complaints that some are not following our “Good Neighbor Policy” in the front of your Directory.

See you at the Annual Meeting!

Your Board