

Stratford Gardens Newsletter

Happy New Year to all!

February 2015

Your board is off to a great start for 2015!

Islands: We are investigating adding electricity to the islands as well as lighting. Thank you, Mary Martin, for researching this project!

Holiday Party: Much fun was had by all who attended our Holiday Party at Laurie and Chip Ingram's home in December. The Ingram home was beautifully decorated and the food from Moxie Catering was out of this world! Special thanks to Brenda Knox Lubeck and Robert Flynn for organizing this great event and to Laurie and Chip Ingram for hosting. About 75 neighbors attended.

Treasurer's Report: Our finances are in great shape. We only have seven (7) residents who have not paid their dues, down from fifteen (15) last month.

Crime Report: We don't have much crime, thankfully! The police are diligent in stopping and talking to people who wander our neighborhood and run people out who do not belong here. There were more of these "pedestrian checks" in December than usual.

Directories: Every other year, we put together a directory of residents of Stratford Gardens. This week, you will receive a form to update your information. **Please complete the form and send it back as soon as you can.** We hope to have a directory to distribute at the Annual Meeting. Phyllis Wilson is chairing this project. We really need email addresses to send out newsletters.

Emails: If you have received this newsletter, we do not have your email address. If you changed from kc.rr.com to gmail, or made other changes, we need your email address. Your neighbors who gave us their email addresses received this newsletter on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. Help us save money on printing and postage. Send your email address to stratfordgardenshomesassn@gmail.com or maggie@maggishine.com

Annual Meeting: Mark your calendars for **May 14, 2015** for our Annual Meeting at the Carriage Club at 6:30 pm. Meet new neighbors and say hello to familiar faces. We will elect new Board Members at the meeting. This year, we will have three openings on the Board and need your help. We work on the various projects you read about in these newsletters and meet 4 to 6 times a year. If you are interested in serving, please send a short biography to stratfordgardenshomesassn@gmail.com or mail it to Jamie Marlay at Homes Associations of Kansas City, 4200 Somerset Dr., Suite 216, Prairie Village, KS 66208.

Garden Tour: We call it Stratford Gardens, after all. There are many gardeners living among us who might be willing to share their garden. Are you one of these people?

We are interested in organizing a tour of Stratford Gardens for our residents ONLY, sometime in June. If you grow flowers, herbs, vegetables or potted plants and would like to share your garden for up to 1 hour with your neighbors, let us know. Maggie Shine will chair this event and is looking for volunteers to help plan. Contact Maggie Shine at maggie@maggieshine.com or call [816-472-5459](tel:816-472-5459) during business hours. You do not have to be a Master Gardener to participate.

This will be a fun event just for neighbors.

Your Board