



The WOODS Watch

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Summary of Monthly Board Meeting and Other Neighborhood Happenings May 2006
This summary of topics discussed and other news, prepared by Tom Newbould, President.

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You still have time...

May has been designated as "Spruce up Your Mailbox Month"



The Board has decided to bring back an old resolution that many of you responded to in the past.... May has been designated as "Spruce up your Mailbox Month!!" What is the first thing seen as you ride up and down the streets in the neighborhood? – It is the mailbox. Some of the mailboxes are starting to *really* look bad, (posts are rotting, leaning, falling over, mailboxes are rusting, doors are busted, etc...) If your box needs painting, or the post needs staining, or if the entire the unit needs to be replaced.... Why not do the work during the Spring season? Do your part to keep the neighborhood beautiful. Please remember – if you are considering a Brick Mailbox, the design and color has to be approved by Board – be sure to submit everything that is needed before the work starts.

Last Chance... Tell your Friends - Woods Garage Sale

The annual Woods of Strongsville Neighborhood Garage Sale will take place May 18th through the 20th. If you plan on participating, you have until May 16th to contact Cheryl Platten at 238-0967 – and the Association will pick up the cost your City required permit. As of printing of this newsletter, we have over 30 homes that will be having sales. Given that number and the ad that will run in the Sun Times, there should be a large crowd showing up for the sales.



Sign Posts - all repaired and painted.

In case you have not noticed, all of the street signs have been painted, along with the Storage Shed and Gazebo getting a new coat of stain and sealer. All of the work was professional done at a very reasonable price by – Staining and Painting by George. He is a super nice contractor who is based in Columbia Station. If you are looking for any painting jobs to be done, you may want to give him a call.



Walking your Dog? - Let's be considerate.

The Board has received a number of complaints by neighbors about folks walking their dogs and not cleaning up after them. It does not matter if it is on a tree lawn, front yard, at the park, or common property, please do the right thing, and carry a plastic bag with you when you walk the dog, and clean it up.

Common Property - Rules

Just a reminder for anyone living around the Woods Common Property (Hazen Park, Soccer Field, Baker Creek, the Playground) there are specific rules about that land. Dumping of trash, yard waste, leaves, etc.. is not allowed. We try to keep those areas clean, cut and free of debris. Dumping only adds extra costs onto the landscaping contract, which in turn increases all of our dues. Your personal property is not allowed to be stored on the common ground. We have had gardens, fences, swing sets, trampolines, railroad tie flowerboxes, etc... constructed on common property – and they all had to be removed.

Please remember, it is common property – owned by everyone who lives in the neighborhood- through the association, just because you abut common property, it is not your land.

Architectural Review

THIS APPLIES TO MOST EXTERNAL PROJECTS

Activity from- April 12th to May 9th – 1 Home addition was approved.

Remember Spring is when many neighbors start planning projects:

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ANY EXTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS, YOU MUST SUBMIT PLANS TO ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW, BEFORE STARTING WORK or APPLYING FOR A CITY PERMIT.

Questions? Call the Woods Hot line at 216-556-0722.

This includes fences, mailboxes, all types of patios, decks, sheds, arbors, hot tubs, in-ground pools, spas....

You need to send a letter with your plans to the Woods PO Box or e-mail to Mike Galloway at

ArchitecturalReview@WoodsofStrongsville.com

The plans must include the following four items:

1. Outline with dimensions of the proposed structure drawn on a topographical map of your lot, showing placement within your property and proximity to other lots and structures.
2. Bird's Eye View of the structure to show deck planking, walk pattern, etc..
3. Profile View of the structure to show how it will look to a standing viewer.
4. Type of Materials, Color and Finish of the structure.



For most requests, the Board can give approval within a week, but for more complex, new types of projects, or if individual Board members have questions, it may have to be discussed at the next monthly Board meeting, (second Monday of each month) and may take several weeks for approval. Please plan accordingly.



Is your Lamppost Working??

With Spring upon us and more folks outside, a few neighbors have called and requested that I run this helpful summary again....The only source of light that we have throughout the neighborhood is the lamppost at the end of your driveway. Is yours working?? If your light is not working – based on work Lou has done – we have discovered a few of the more common problems. 1. Make sure the switch in your house is turned on for the light. (most of the switches are in the foyers) 2. Check the outside outlet closest to the lamppost – make sure the Ground Fault Button did not pop. (if it has, just push it in to reset it) 3. Change the light bulb. 4. The automatic sensor may need to be changed. You can pick up a new one at Home Depot for around \$12 – and it is very easy to change. We have found that nearly all of lights that are not working are fixed using this 4-step procedure. If this does not work, you may need to contact an electrician.

Summer Family Picnic??

We held the Summer Picnic that over 200 people attended for about 5 straight years. How about stepping up and volunteering? It is not that much work. If not the summer picnic, would consider organizing some other event?... a Golf Outing, Clam Back, an Adult Party, the possibilities are endless. We have budgeted funds ... all we need are some volunteers. If you are willing, please send us an e-mail or leave a message on the hotline at 216-556-0722.



A few other thoughts...

- ⇒ Spring has finally arrived, and the kids of the neighborhood are outside playing, so please watch your speed and be sure to stop at the stop signs.... Let's keep everyone safe!
- ⇒ Ice Cream Trucks in the Neighborhood. According to Mike Gallagher, there is one Ice Cream Company registered with the City of Strongsville. How do you know if the Ice Cream Truck is legal? – the driver MUST be wearing the proper City supplied vendor permit – they are not allowed to travel faster than 15 MPH, and the trucks are NOT allowed to use bells, or bullhorns, or music – if you hear a truck doing this or driving too fast or the driver is not wearing a permit, you can contact the Police Department.
- ⇒ Over 340 Trees on residential lots in the neighborhood were deep root fertilized this Spring, Thanks for the great response!!
- ⇒ Keep everyone who is protecting this Country in your thoughts and prayers.



If you are new to the Woods of Strongsville, please give us a call at 216-556-0722
We want to welcome you and deliver a *Members Directory* and a *Members Guide*.

Next Regular Board Meeting – June 19th – Beef O'Brady's – 8:30pm