



The WOODS Watch

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Summary of Monthly Board Meeting and Other Neighborhood Happenings August and September 2005
This summary of topics discussed and other news, prepared by Tom Newbould, President.

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Email addresses @ www.WoodsOfStrongsville.com ~ Contact any Trustee with your questions and concerns.

Are you looking for a way to help?

Our very own Woods Board Member Pat Pell is involved in the Parma Chamber of Commerce – and along with Cleveland Catholic Charities and Belfore they have adopted Marksville Parish LA as a city to help. They are collecting new and gently used clothes for the citizens of this city that was ravished by Hurricane Katrina. If you are able to give, you can either drop off your donation at the JC Penny court at Parmatown Mall, or contact Pat Pell 886-1700 (secretary@woodsostongsville.com) – and she will pick them up from your house. They need clothes for all sizes and age groups. Your help is appreciated.

Soccer / Baseball Field Reservations for Fall

Are you coaching a Soccer, Baseball, Football, Cheerleading, etc.. team and would like to use the Woods Common Property for practice? You can check out the availability of field times at www.woodsostongsville.com. If you would like to reserve a time, send an e-mail to vicepresident@woodsostongsville.com or leave a message at 216-556-0722.



Is your Lamp Post Working??

In just a couple of weeks we will be moving our clocks – the days will be getting shorter – Winter is just around the corner. The only source of light that we have throughout the neighborhood are the lampposts 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. Take out the old sensor (two screws are holding in place) – unplug it – then plug the new one in, and put the two screws back in – and you are good to go. 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.



Kids Holiday Party

We are looking for someone to step forward and volunteer to head up the Kids Holiday Party. Kinsner School is reserved for Thursday – December 15th. (The city is using the school for Basketball practice every Friday night – so the party this year had to be moved to a Thursday) There are a number of folks who are willing to help out at the party; we need one person to be the leader. We have a nice budget of money for the event. If you are willing to give a little bit of time for this very popular event, please give me a call at either 572-3715 or call the Hot-Line 215-556-0722.



Trees Need Watering

With this unexpected hot – dry summer, many of the trees in the neighborhood suffering. Newly planted trees on tree lawns, and even more established trees need water during this dry period. You can still save your trees and give them a good start for next year. Unwatered trees are losing their leaves and going dormant early. Some trees are dying. Please protect your investment by watering one inch (1 ") per week ... all in one dose. Deep watering, like a good soaking rain, encourages deep root formation to withstand future droughts.

Parking on all Streets

The Board has been contacted by the Strongsville Police department; asking us to remind everyone about the city parking rules. The police have been called to the neighborhood a few times and have issued tickets for violations. Parking is allowed on only one side of the street. (the side without the fire hydrants) – there is no parking on any city street from 2am to 6am – you cannot block someone else's driveway – and in the cul-d-sacs the cars must be parked parallel to the curb.

Babysitting Service - Published again by request of many...

Some neighbors have asked that the Babysitter list get republished. Here you go.

- Caitlin Seggar – 15 years old
- Adam Windnagel – 14 years old
- Alyssa Cook – 15 years old
- Abby Pautz – 12 years old
- Bobby Cook – 12 years old
- Alanna Seggar – 13 years old
- Kasey Windnagel – 17 years old
- Danielle Slogik – 13 years old
- Andrew Jones – 15 years old

If someone in your house is a Babysitter and would like to get their name listed in an upcoming Woods Watch, please send me an e-mail at president@woodsofstrongsville.com or leave a message at 216-556-0722 with the following information: Name, Phone #, Age.

Architectural Review

Activity from July 16th to September 12th - The Board approved 2 Sheds and 1 Patio.

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.



A few other thoughts...

The Board is in the process of getting all of the entrance lights fixed. There is a wiring problem that has delayed the repair process.

- Many kids are walking to and from school – please watch your speed through the neighborhood.
- We have had many new folks move into the neighborhood over the last two months. (Ellsworth, Elm, Woodside Crossing, Woodhaven, Oliver, etc..) if you see some new faces around, be sure to welcome them to the Woods.
- Keep everyone who is protecting this Country and everyone affected by Hurricane Katrina in your thoughts and prayers.
- A few folks have asked about the neighborhood finances. We are right on Budget for our dues collections, interest and expenses for 2006. We currently have \$110,000 (plus accrued interest on the CD's) in our reserve fund. Any specific questions on finances can be directed to John Jurcago (treasurer@woodsofstrongsville.com).
- Our new landscaper, Southwest Landscaping has done a very nice job with our property this year. The will be back next year
- The street posts that were installed by the Clusters, will be repainted this fall.

**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*.**



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Next Regular Board Meeting – October 17 – Beef O’Brady’s – 8:30pm