



The WOODS Watch

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Summary of Monthly Board Meeting and Other Neighborhood Happenings September and October 2006
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.

Neighborhood Directory

The printing of the 2006 Woods Directory is complete. If you have not already received one, over the next week or two, you will get a new directory with a lime green cover. If you do not receive a new book by November 1st, please leave a message on the Woods Hotline 216-556-0722 and we will ensure that one is delivered to you.



New Block Watch Program

Some of you may have noticed the Block Watch signs in the front windows of homes in the development. The signs are being posted to alert criminals that we are all watching out for our fellow neighbors. Block Watch members have been distributing the signs. Please contact Joe Bush or David Pell if you would like a sign for your front window, or if you are interested in being a Block Watch Representative. The Block Watch Committee met on October 16th and submit the following report:

- We have been notified from the Cuyahoga County Sheriffs Department that a known sexual offender has moved into the area at an address off of Drake. To sign up to receive up updates from the Sheriff's office go to <http://ohio.esorn.net/register.php>
- One of the committee members reported a recent burglary at a residence off of Drake behind the homes off of Blue Spruce
- We are looking for additional Block Watch Reps for Walnut, Hazen, and the clusters. Please contact Joe Bush or David Pell at 216-556-0722 or vicepresident@woodsstrongsville.com
- Next Meeting December 20, 8:00 @ Beef O'Bradys – all are invited.

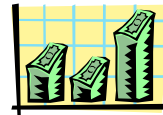
Safety Tip of the Month

(please see this area for the monthly safety tip)

Please note the following City Curfews as they change with the beginning of the school year.

School Days		Summer Hours	
12 and younger	9:00 pm	12 and younger	10:00 pm
13-15	10:00 pm	13-15	11:00 pm
16 and older	11:00 pm	16 and older	midnight

Woods Finances – in Great Shape



We are very happy to report that the Woods Homeowners Association continues to be in great financial shape. As you know, we have our Capital Improvement fund that holds over \$110,000, and our yearly operating expenses are close to budget. During the November and December Board Meetings, we will be discussing the 2007 Budget and Dues Assessment. We will experience higher costs in our greatest expenditure (landscaping) next year, and we have quite a bit of work that needs to be completed at the playground. It is anticipated, dues will be increased slightly.

Sign Pollution

Just a reminder – per our C & R's signs are not allowed to be posted on Common Property. (Including the island entrance, street signs, light posts) Also, according to City Ordances, one "For Sale" sign is allowed on your front lawn, and one sign at the closest intersection to our house. Thanks for your understanding.

Soccer Field will be Closed until at least Spring

Some of the coaches in the neighborhood use the soccer field for practices during the Fall Football and Soccer seasons, along with kids who use the field for pick up games of various sports. The soccer field is in need of an over seeding, and that will take place this fall. The soccer field will be closed this fall. WE NEED EVERYONE TO STAY OFF THE FIELD – YOUR DUES ARE BEING USE TO FUND THIS PROJECT. We appreciate your understanding and staying off the field for this once every few year event needed to keep the field in usable and safe shape.



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.

Annual Meeting – Elections Committee

The Woods Annual Homeowners meeting is a few months away, but Mike Galloway is looking to assemble the Elections Committee now to get an early start on it. The time commitment is very minimal, (a couple of short meetings and handling the election process the evening of the Annual Meeting) but the benefit for the neighborhood is substantial. Contact Mike direct, or leave a message on the Woods Hotline 216-556-0722 if you are willing to help out.

Architectural Review

Activity from- August 21st to October 15th – An in ground pool and 4' pool barrier were approved.

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. Get all of the required details at www.woodsofstrongsville.com

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



Help do you part by Recycling

As a reminder – you can drop off your excess paper (newspapers, phone books, computer paper, magazines, etc..) at the recycling bin behind Kinsner Elementary School. This will help the City of Strongsville continue to receive Federal Funding and will help the School. If you have any questions, call the Woods Hot-Line or Kinsner Elementary School (572-7120)



A few other thoughts....

- School is back in session. Kids are walking to Kinsner Elementary School, or the Bus Stops – please watch your speed, stop at all Stop Signs, and watch out for these kids walking.
- We will be moving our clocks next weekend... it will be getting dark earlier, please ensure that you lamppost is working. It is our only source of light by the streets. .
- Having a party/event, selling your home, garage sale, etc...? The Woods White boards are available for you to use. Contact any board member or call the hotline.
- Robert James Home on Martins Lane... back in the court system... timing of auction unknown.
- 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 – Monday – November 20th – Beef O'Brady's – 8:30pm