



The WOODS Watch

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Summary of Monthly Board Meeting and Other Neighborhood Happenings November 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.



New Joint Landscaping Contract Signed

The Woods HOA Board and the Woodside Crossings Board are very pleased to announce that they have signed a two year joint contract with Southwest Landscaping. Southwest Landscaping has been doing a great job of taking care of the Woods property for the last four years. The new joint contract will allow both Associations to continue to receive the same level of landscaping services at a total lower cost than the last separate contracts. The two Associations working together will also allow for a more consistent look throughout the neighborhood. The two Associations completed a formal bid process and evaluated bids from five different landscaping companies. The bids were from a low of Southwest to a high bid that would have cost over \$30,000 more per year.



2007 Budget and Dues Assessment Approved

The Board approved the 2007 budget. You just read above that the Association's largest expense (Landscaping) will not realize a price increase for 2007, unfortunately, not all neighborhood expenses are flat. The Association real estate taxes, insurance, postage, playground maintenance and reproduction services are just a few of the major expenses that experiencing increases in cost. For the first time in three years, the Board approved a very modest \$5 per year increase in Association Dues. The 2007 dues will be \$170 for the year. During December, you will receive your invoice and a detailed breakdown of the neighborhood expenses. If you have any questions please contact John Jurcago at 216-556-0722 or treasurer@woodsofstrongsville.com

Safety Tip of the Month

(please see this area for the monthly safety tip – from your Block Watch Group)

Keep your garage door and any doors leading from the garage to the house closed and locked whether you are home or not. Lock all doors even when gone momentarily...down the street, at the store, visiting neighbors, etc. Be sure to lock your car doors when your vehicle is parked in the driveway.

Next Block Watch Meeting – Monday – December 18th – 8pm – Beef O'Brady's – all neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are still looking for a few Block Watch Representatives. If interested, please contact Joe Bush vicepresident@woodsofstrongsville.com or leave a message on the hotline 216-556-0722.

Kids Holiday Party – Saturday, December 9th

The Kids Holiday party is December 9th – at Medina Skate land. See the attached flyer for details. Deadline for registration is December 1st. You do not want to miss it.

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.

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, or letting their dog out and letting roam to other neighbors' property. 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.



Architectural Review

Activity from- October 15th to November 19th – No requests.

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.
- 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.
- The Tennis Courts/Basketball Courts are closed for the season – they will reopen in March.
- Just a reminder to all residents that back up to common property.... Dumping of anything (grass, leaves, compost, etc... is not allowed per our C & R's.
- The annual meeting will be held in February – we will have a few proposed changes to the C & R's – please watch future Woods Watch mailings and the annual meeting notice.
- 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 – December 18th – Beef O'Brady's – 8:30pm