



# The WOODS Watch

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

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*The Woods Board wishes you and yours a safe, joyous and happy Holiday Season!!*

## ***Annual Meeting Date Set Volunteers Needed for Elections Committee***

The Woods Annual Homeowners meeting is set for Thursday – February 22<sup>nd</sup> – starting at 6:30 – Kinsner Elementary School. 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. There will be a heavier load of formal business at the meeting this year. There are 4 Board Seats up for election (please consider running – it really is a minimal time commitment – the Board meets one evening per month and each Trustee has specific duties. You can make a difference to this neighborhood!!! Besides the 4 seats, we will be considering a couple of changes to our Covenant and Restrictions. The Board will be presenting a Sexual Predator amendment and changes to the wording about dumping yard and other waste on common property. Please watch for your proxy package to arrive in early February – plan on attending the meeting, and consider running for a Board seat. If you have any questions, please call the Woods Hotline at 215-556-0722.



## ***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 increases 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 are 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. Before the end of the year, you will receive your 2007 invoice. The payment is due by January 31<sup>st</sup> – a progressive late fee schedule will be applied for payments not received by that date. You will also receive a detailed breakdown of the neighborhood expenses. If you have any questions please contact John Jurcago at 216-556-0722 or [treasurer@woodsstrongsville.com](mailto:treasurer@woodsstrongsville.com)

## ***Safety Tip of the Month***

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

Keep a couple of lights on in your house when you are away in the evening. Also, ensure that your lamppost and other external lights are working. At this time of year, it seems that we have 18 hours of darkness and 6 hours of cloudy light.

Next Block Watch Meeting – Monday – January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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@woodsstrongsville.com](mailto:vicepresident@woodsstrongsville.com) or leave a message on the hotline 216-556-0722.

# ***Kids Holiday Party – Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>***

The Kids Holiday party was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. A smaller than usually crowd attended, but all who did had a great time. Crafts, Skating, Food and a visit by Santa topped off the afternoon of fun. If you are interested in organizing an event, we have budgeted funds to do so. Call the hotline 216-556-0722 or send us an e-mail.

## ***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- November 19<sup>th</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup> – 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](http://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](mailto: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....***

- 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.
- Keep everyone who is protecting this Country in your thoughts and prayers.
- In my 10 years of living in the Woods, I have never seen so many houses decorated for holidays. We truly have the best looking neighborhood in Strongsville!



**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 – January 25<sup>th</sup> – Beef O'Brady's – 8:30pm**