



# The WOODS Watch

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

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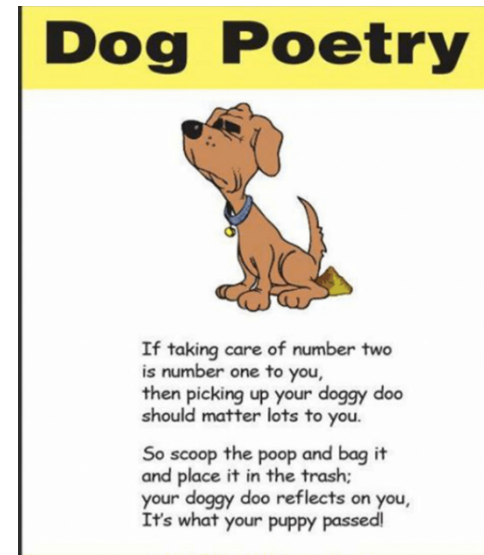
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## Playground Update

The seven resident Playground Committee met the week of August 13<sup>th</sup> to start to lay the groundwork for replacing some of the 20 plus year old equipment. The goal of the committee is to have a recommendation for Board approval this fall and installation of the equipment either later this year or early next year. The committee is laying out what elements of a new playground are important and getting bids from various companies. Stayed tuned to the web site for further updates on progress.

## Pet Concerns

The Board has received some complaints from residents about pets. Please be a good pet owner and consider your neighbors, their pets and yards.



## Soccer Field Reservations

We are coming up to the Fall Season.... If a Woods Resident is the *HEAD COACH* of a Strongsville Soccer or Baseball Team and would like to use the Soccer/Baseball Field for practice – you may do so. Or if you just want to ensure the field is available for a family function, pick up game, etc... Go to the Web Site to reserve.

We are reserving the field on a first come first serve basis



## Entrance Lights – Not working....

The Board is aware and is working on getting the island lights working. It appears the electrical line under the street is bad and we are working with the city, the Illuminating Company and an electrical contractor on getting the needed repairs completed. We do not have a timeline, but it is a priority to get it done.



## Looking for a recommendation

As you look around the neighborhood, one area of needed maintenance work that needs attention are the street signs. Most of the posts and some of the street flag indicators need painting. Our old handyman retired so we are looking for someone who is willing and able to make a some extra bucks painting these. If you know of someone, please call the Woods hotline at 440-732-0906.

## Architectural Review

### THIS APPLIES TO MOST EXTERNAL PROJECTS

#### Remember whenever you 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 will need to send a letter with your plans to the Woods PO Box or e-mail at [ArchitecturalReview@WoodsofStrongsville.com](mailto: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, and may take several weeks for approval. Please plan accordingly

## New – Courtesy Card Program

An area of concerns for all residents is keeping home values up and continuing to have a great looking neighborhood. As a homeowner coming in and leaving everyday, you may not be taking a good look at our house, and yard. The Board has created a Courtesy Card Program to remind residents of various areas of needs around your home. The Block Reps will be working with Bryan from the Board and knocking on doors to talk to residents about various needs or leaving a courtesy card. Here is a draft version of the card.

Dear Neighbor,

One of the areas that The Woods of Strongsville Homeowners Association is tasked with the upkeep of our beautiful development. The beauty and integrity of The Woods of Strongsville is a result of fine neighbors like you and the existence and adherence to the Associations Covenants and Restrictions. The Trustees and Homeowners are constantly striving to maintain the high standards of our Association. We use this card to address minor issues that may have escaped our Homeowners attention.

- \_\_\_ A working lamppost is a city ordinance. Your lamppost is not functioning, please repair. The website offers suggestions for troubleshooting and repairing them.
- \_\_\_ Your sidewalk is uneven, please repair.
- \_\_\_ Cars have been consistently blocking your sidewalk. Please park them in a manner that does not block the sidewalk.
- \_\_\_ Your shrubbery and/or trees are protruding over the sidewalk. Please trim.
- \_\_\_ The CNR's prohibit RV's, boats and commercial vehicles from being parked in the driveway longer than 48 hours. Please remove.
- \_\_\_ The siding or trim on your home appears to need stain or paint.
- \_\_\_ Please consistently maintain grass below 4 inches in height.
- \_\_\_ Your mailbox requires repair. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Other. \_\_\_\_\_

If you receive a card and have any questions please contact Bryan at [ArchitecturalReview@WoodsofStrongsville.com](mailto:ArchitecturalReview@WoodsofStrongsville.com) Otherwise, we hope you can correct the issue in a timely manner.



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## Activities

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – 11:30am – The weather was perfect – the Police and Fire Truck showed up and we had a ton of families – it was a great time.
  - August 4<sup>th</sup> – 2pm - Neighborhood Summer Picnic. Lighter attendance than in years past, but everyone who came was treated to a balloon twister, face painters and some good food. If you missed your chance of meeting neighbors and kicking back with them, attend one of the upcoming events.
  - August 18<sup>th</sup> – 2pm - What better way to prepare for heading back to school, - end of summer Popsicle Social.
- Other future events – dates to be determined – Halloween Parade,, Holiday Cookie Exchange and a visit by Santa. Watch the Woods Web Site for details. If you want to help with any of the events – please contact Heather Hicks @ [Activities@woodsstrongsville.com](mailto:Activities@woodsstrongsville.com)



## Is your Lamppost Working??

The days are getting shorter, 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 from an old Board member, Lou – 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 or Lowes 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.

***The Neighborhood Speed Limit is 25 miles per hour – and the Stop Signs are not optional! For the safety of the kids in the neighborhood – keep them from playing and riding unattended in the streets and some of the risky common areas. Since this is a walking neighborhood for the elementary school, the Strongsville Police usually beef up patrols looking for traffic violations. Drive safe!***

