



# Strawberry Hill Recreation Association

## September 2005 Newsletter

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### Pool Party and 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Labor Day Cook Out



- The annual Adult Pool Party and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Labor Day Cook Out were BIG Successes. THANK-YOU to all that participated and helped. A special Thanks to Ed and his son, as he and Joe Doherty single handedly setup and ran the Labor Day Cook out together.
- The pool will re-open on May 26, 2006. Clean up Day will be Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

### Fall Yard Sale

- The Neighborhood Yard Sale is Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be going out. The fee is \$5.00 per household. There will be balloons at each house to let people know who is involved in the sale.

### Board Meetings

Mondays, 7 PM. Members are always welcome. Next two meetings:

- Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ Crossroads Restaurant
- Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ Clubhouse

### August 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- In attendance: Ed Doherty, Dave Vermette, Kristin Spiekerman, Frank Bachman, Willie Klum, Mike Morgan, Theresa Klum, and Amanda Schilling.
- The motion to approve the July minutes passed unanimously.
- The Board discussed the format for the meetings. After discussion, the Board recognized that a more formal rule of order should be used in the event of spending

money or a change affecting the Association rules.

- The Board discussed the response process when a member calls or visits with an issue related to the Board's responsibility. It was decided that all Board members should participate in all reactions and responses, and that some issues would be tabled in order to permit time to thoroughly review the issue.
- Noise related to functions at the Clubhouse was again discussed in depth. There appeared to be 3 issues: Noise, Security Deposit, and Live Bands. The decision of the Board was to continue to permit live bands or DJ's and to include three changes to be made to the rental agreement as follows:
- Change 1: "Good Neighbor Clause" – Member reserving the Clubhouse is responsible for his guests' behavior. This is a residential community and any excessively loud music or boisterous behavior during or when leaving the party should be avoided. Be a good neighbor.
- Change 2: "Noise Disturbance" – Excessive loud music or noise is not allowed in accordance with the Noise Disturbance Ordinance of Deerfield Township.
- Change 3: Violations of these rules and regulations may result in all or partial forfeiture of the security deposit and are subject to revocation and/or suspension of the Pool and Recreational Privileges.

#### Clubhouse

- Mike replaced a ceiling fan in the Clubhouse that was damaged during a rental.

#### Financials

- 5 uncollected FULL assessments – 2 liens will be filed soon, warning letters will be sent to the remaining outstanding accounts.
- 4 uncollected HALF assessments – warning letters will also be sent to these accounts.
- Several uncollected late fees – if not paid, these will be put on 2006 invoices.

#### Message from the President

If the pay was better, I might enjoy being on the Board a little bit more. Right now, all Board members are compensated by knowing that their efforts are helping to preserve our Recreational Area as an asset that maintains and enhances the value of 173 homes in our Association.

Because we are all volunteers, from a variety of walks of life and backgrounds, when we come

together once a month to discuss the business and social matters of the Association, we are rarely disappointed in the diversity of opinion, the talent at the table or the times we come up with a really good solution, or a 'What were we thinking?' one.

Not every one can be a Board member. But almost everyone who volunteers to be a Board member can be one. The neighborhoods are sprinkled with former members, people who 'served their time' to make things better. We see the results of their efforts everyday in our beautiful facilities and in the faces of the people who move into Gatsby Green, North Shore, or Strawberry Hill.

Maybe next year it should be YOUR turn. Elections are in the spring, the commitment is 90 minutes a month, plus whatever you are motivated to donate in time between meetings. If you have leadership ability or the type of experience that would make a group of seven people better equipped to continue achieving the goals of the SHRA, consider joining the team. You can come to a meeting this fall to check it out; they are the second Monday of the month. We will all welcome your contribution and look forward to having you on the team. You will be compensated just like the rest of us. ---Ed Doherty

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### RENT THE CLUBHOUSE

Please contact Mike Morgan before 9 PM at 398-0140 to reserve the Clubhouse for a Good Neighbor-style event.