

## Ward 3 Neighborhood Association Meeting June 4, 2008

Laurie Feldman, Councilperson Ward 3, started the meeting with some update items that have been going on in our area.

- **Developers** have been calling and looking at the Taylor Morley developments
- Titan Homes have taken over for Bower and Bailey Homes to help finish that project
- Laurie and Show Me Aquatics are working on the **community center**- it will be open to all and there will be the therapeutic side that Show Me needs.
- Developers with the **Streets of St Charles at Noah's Ark** have been meeting with the city for the plans about the infrastructure for that project. They are looking at having a groundbreaking in August. Stay tuned for that news!
- The **Strategic Planning Committee** has started to meet and discuss the future directions that St Charles needs to take. They have set up a hotline for all residents to be able to call in and give their opinions. There are also 2 meetings coming up that all residents are invited to come to and hear the plans and another forum to give their opinions. These meetings are June 25<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Hall and June 30<sup>th</sup> at Harris Elementary from 7-9PM. There will also be newspaper articles and information sent out to inform and collect information.
- The **Solid Waste Committee** has finished their RFO and will be sending this out to companies to get bids back. They have requested to have larger recycle bins that are on wheels and have a lid. 80% of what is thrown away is actually recyclable.
- Laurie is also working with the **historic districts and shopping areas** along Main Street and Frenchtown to offer the opportunity to have **recycling containers** available to the walking patrons as they shop.
- New **aquatic codes** are being adopted by the city for neighborhood (not private) pools to make the drains safer. There is a problem with some drains having 350 pounds of suction that have sucked children to the bottom of pools and have drowned, or lost limbs in the process of getting freed.
- The **city's website** is being updated! Besides new content and such the council meetings will stream live. You will also be able to watch previously filmed meetings also. <http://www.stcharlescity.com/>
- Laurie is also getting a **newsletter** ready to go out to the residents of Ward 3. She also keeps her site updated that is on the city's website.  
[http://www.stcharlescity.com/Government/City\\_Council/wardpage.asp?ward=3](http://www.stcharlescity.com/Government/City_Council/wardpage.asp?ward=3)

At this point John Benisch, manager of Code Enforcement for the City of St Charles, was introduced. Also attending was Joe Azar who is our neighborhood inspector. They had a power point presentation that showed the different aspects of their work.

- New Construction- plan reviews, inspections from ground up through final before move in.
- Commercial Building Inspections- largest ever- the new Ameristar hotel
- Code Enforcement- an issue is called into the office and is turned into an investigative request- the inspector goes out to review the issue and determine what is to be done, violation notice then goes out
  - Violations are given amounts of time to repair depending on severity of the issue
  - Violators that do not comply get a second and final notice before it is turned over to a judge for fines
- This department also runs the mosquito spray truck
  - Chemical used- Anvil 2+2- EPA approved, just not as harsh as Malithion
  - Our neighborhood is sprayed once a week during season
  - They have been notified that the courts are not being sprayed. They will be telling the person who drives the truck to get into the courts. Please contact a board member if you see them in the neighborhood, but not going into a court.
  - They did ask to make sure that we all do a good job of keeping bird baths cleaned and areas that have standing water removed or cleaned out- tires, gutters, etc.

Response to requests on items to discuss at this meeting:

Several residents asked to find out when the park area of Talbridge would be developed, or at least have the standing water issues removed and others asked about the area where the old farmhouse is and that is not being mowed.

- Code Enforcement had just sprayed that day the area for mosquitoes and had dropped those pellets in the standing water that are to kill the larvae.
- They have been asked to keep on top of the mosquito issue
- The rest of the issues are ones that need to be discussed with Laurie Feldman, the developer, and the parks department. Kirsten Harrison will talk with Laurie to arrange one more meeting with all involved so this will have some plan of action, or we at least know where we are in the plans. With summer schedules of vacations and such we will attempt to make a time that is convenient to all. Please keep us advised of what is happening, or not!