

# THE RALLY FOR STRATFIELD IGA



On Saturday, August 19, 2006, hundreds of neighbors joined forces to protest the incoming Walgreens Drugstore in the place of our beloved Stratfield IGA. Never before has such a gathering of Stratfield neighbors occurred, and the rally was an impressive show of community strength and dedication. While not all of our neighbors might support the fight to keep Walgreens out of Stratfield, uniting together for this cause has shown our own town government that we are a cohesive section of Fairfield and has encouraged them to lend a hand to our cause and to support our actions. This may prove to be more beneficial for our other initiatives and plans for the entire Stratfield section. Encourage others to support the Stratfield Village Association, and to provide us with feedback on their own desires for Stratfield.

Stratfield Village Association (SVA) OR Stratfield Improvement Association. What is the difference?

The Stratfield Village Association was founded in 2006 by a group of neighbors and elected officials who were concerned about the future of the IGA, but also very interested in enhancing and preserving what we already have in Stratfield. Developmental concerns cover only one important aspect of the SVA.

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The Stratfield Improvement Association was founded by an individual who was concerned about development along Park Avenue. Their focus remains primarily in the development areas, and we hope to work with them on these issues.

## **WANTED: PICTURES FOR STRATFIELD VILLAGE BULLETIN**

Do you have old pictures of your neighborhood or of the Stratfield section of town? Please contact Jessie McGrath at 371-8674. Your pictures will be returned to you in their same condition.

## **STRATFIELD HISTORICAL FACT**

In 1797, the Stratfield and Weston Turnpike Company was founded to repair and modernize the road beginning at the Baptist Church on the Stratfield Road, north to Rock House Road in Easton. The company set up a toll house and turnpike to collect tolls on Sport Hill Road, across from Jefferson Street, where the entrance to the General Electric is now located. A fee of 6.2 cents could be collected for every loaded wagon, and 4 cents for a man on horseback. They continued to collect tolls until 1886.

**SVA MISSION STATEMENT: The Stratfield Village Association works to protect, preserve, and enhance the existing character and neighborhood fabric of the Stratfield Village community by building connections between neighbors.**

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