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Managers Korner

April 2017

Tony Toscano

You know I must repeat myself when some things need repeating (intro from Jan and Feb Beacons). I was told by many that this season is flying by, for me, it has not. I have taken my own advice and have taken more time to plan MY day around the work day (or in most retired persons day – the Honey-Do list). Actually, it's the advice of my old New Jersey neighbors who taught me a valuable lesson.

As the story goes:

I had recently purchased my home in Bloomfield, New Jersey and one evening my neighbor's wife was yelling at her husband, Brian, about fixing the broken brick steps outside their side door- man, she was really giving it to him. He just responded with an: "OK, OK I'll take care of it tomorrow". Well the next morning (a beautiful sunny day) about 10AM, he comes out with a cooler of beer and positions his hammock towards the sun, pops open a beer and lays down as content as possible. I asked him about repairing the steps and he told me it was too nice a day to waste it on doing the steps and offered me a beer. I accepted, and when my wife joined us, – that's when his wife came out of the house, dishcloth in hand– shook her head in disbelief as the three of us raised our beer and said "Good Morning" to her. She smiled and then joined us for an absolutely memorable day. There was no further mention of the steps that day. I eventually helped him repair them about 2 years later.

You get the point. Life will happen. Enjoy your day.

I hate to sound like the government, but due to budget constraints (nothing new for 2017) some of the following items will be looked at in 2018 rather than adding to the load in 2017.

Pressure washing sidewalks- staff will take care of the areas around the clubhouse, mailroom and shuffle courts this summer but the entire park sidewalks will most likely wait till Spring 2018.

Palm Tree replacement- we have lost many trees

over the past few years for a variety of reasons with age and disease being two of them. The normal palm tree replacement program will be suspended until, again, most likely 2018.

Sod: we are relying on our new pest, weed, fertilizer, fungus control program to strengthen our lawns. Any lawns that have been damaged will be the responsibility of the homeowner at this current time.

Stonehedge has Emergency Response plans for residents available – this is a comprehensive plan to prepare for Hurricanes and or other events that may be a cause for evacuation.

These following items I should not have to be repeating at this time, but...

Car and Golf Cart covers- please do not use blankets, sheets, pillow cases, rags and kite string and expect them to last thru our stormy season. Make an effort to use a recommended professional car or golf cart cover that will make it thru this next and many other seasons without looking like a Brooklyn back yard of hanging laundry. I have seen enough of that.

Pressure wash homes- 4 sides to each home - make sure they are clean and free from damaging mold. I say this for your protection- mold can get under the siding to areas you do not see until its way too late and will cause massive damage and an added expense for repairs – not to mention health issues- I speak from experience on this so take my word for it. Fifty to a hundred dollars now will save you plenty down the road.

Please completely clear off debris around your home during the time you are not here, as we experience 40-50 plus MPH winds. We have resident volunteers who read the meters throughout the year and we get some pretty surprised looks when they see the conditions behind some homes. I understand you put items there so you don't have to look at them – well- neither do your neighbors, guests, or staff want to see this.

Clean up debris- Flower pots with no flowers, already dead ones or those that will

die when you are not here or ones not taken care of. Please remove them- pot and dead flowers both. Ornamental items that are subject to blow over must be secured-during the stormy season we straighten many a blown over duck, lamb, kitten whatever statue. This is something the person watching your home should be aware of.

Clear access to sprinkler system- last year we had to struggle to get over chairs, tables, whatever to get to some timers that needed service. Please decide to organize better or make plans to have the timer moved for better access when staff or the person watching must get to it for service. Also, to keep in mind the sprinkler and City water valves and shutoff in the rear of the home need to be protected. Many systems are still unprotected from the weed whackers or mowers. Simply add a few bricks or border stone around these plastic pipes and fill with either rocks or mulch. There is no excuse for these plastic pipes to be subject to getting busted. Remember, these are your lawns – we just help take care of them.

SNOWBIRD FLY AWAY FORMS-Mandatory for this year

WHO IS WATCHING YOUR HOME WHEN YOU ARE GONE: This does not mean you only get a call when the place is on fire. Watching your home includes, shrub cutting, reporting to the homeowner and scheduling for any mold to be pressure washed off, secure any flying debris if not properly secured when storms are expected.

YOU MUST SPECIFY WHO IS MAINTAINING YOUR SPRINKLER SYSTEM ON THE FORM-we have many residents who have nothing on file for years now and if there is no form on file this year again and IF we must maintain YOUR sprinkler system – there will be an escalating cost to you.

Maintaining the system includes **WEEKLY CHECKS** for:

1. check for proper start and run time – during power outages timers will reset to 10 minutes a day 7 days a week
2. Clear sprinkler spray – clogged heads or overgrown bushes or grass blocking the spray heads
3. Broken heads- during the summer months the property gets mowed weekly – busted heads are fairly common and going two or so weeks in a particular area without proper water will stress and kill areas of lawn.

FINAL REMINDER: If you need help understanding your system – feel free to ask for simple instructions. Staff will be more than willing to offer help. All systems have an OFF mode-(for when it rains 2-3-4-5 days in a row) a MANUAL mode (for when you want to check your system at any time of the day) and simple settings that make it easy to understand and set (if for some reason the system resets).

PS: Change your battery- the battery does not run your system – it only holds the settings for a short time during power outages. During longer power outages, your system may have to be reprogrammed.

Homes for Sale

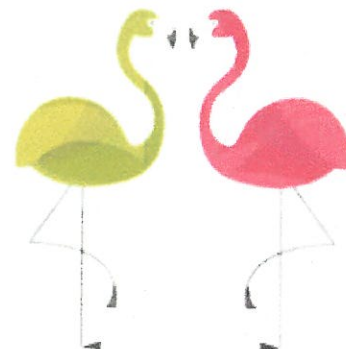
Homes on the market at Stonehedge have been selling quickly. Currently there are only two for sale- and three (CP) Contract Pending:

*Unit 214- \$79.5K(CP) Unit 226- \$56K (CP)
Unit 144- \$85 K(CP) Unit 199- \$52K
Unit 079- \$91.5K

For those who are leaving – have a safe and healthy trip home and we are looking to see all residents back next season.

Thank you for a wonderful and enjoyable time these past bunch of months.

Please re-read the opening statement and enjoy.
Tony



FROM THE SRI BOARD



Lois Casey, Board President

March has been a busy, bustling month here in Stonehedge with the Carport Sale, Fashion Show, The Annual Meeting, Spring Fair, St. Patrick's Day Party, the Pancake Breakfast, and the Sunday Dance Night. We thank SRA and all the many volunteers for not only the March events but for all the year's activities. They are selfless angels who help make our lives here more enjoyable.

It's official...SPRING has arrived. We will also have a busy, bustling park in the coming weeks with family, friends and many grandchildren visiting. Enjoy your time with them and I know the rest of us will too. It's great to see the smiling faces and all the activity. I feel I can speak for all of us when I say "You Feel Young and Alive".

It is also a time of preparation to ready ourselves for the trip back home for the summer months. We hope all of you enjoy a healthy, happy summer and safe travel. We wish our residents that remain here in Stonehedge a healthy and happy summer also. We will look forward to the fall when we can all be together again and enjoy sharing the many memories of summer.

Brief synopsis of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Board members present: Lucas, Casey, Collier, Thomas Ellingson, Kinsey, Lester, Tudor. **Absent:** Dunstall

Manager: Tony Toscano, absent.

Treasurer's Report for January was presented:

a. Total Cash in Banks	\$222,245.50
b. Total Operating Funds	\$ 47,208.99
c. Reserves	\$ 91,005.14
d. Delinquencies	\$ 1,192.05
e. BB & T Loan Balance	\$ 34,684.86
f. Total of all Funds	\$395,620.95

Committee Reports:

Architectural Committee The committee met on February 2, 2017 to develop a guide for solar power installations. This information is available at the office.

Manager's Report:

4. Garage and storage shed have been painted.
5. At the retention pond, the fence panels have been replaced by staff at a materials cost of \$630. Staff saved \$700 in labor costs.
6. Holes have been drilled in the manhole on Skyline Drive to allow water to drain.
7. New full supply medical kit has been purchased and installed in the kitchen.
8. The clubhouse and pool will be closed on Thursday, March 2, 2017. The main transformer must be changed out. Duke Energy will take the entire back lot with eight or so trucks and a crane. All cars must be removed by noon on Wednesday, the day before or will subject to being towed.
9. The Haz-To-Go Truck will be onsite on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 between 9 a.m. and noon. The Shredder Truck will also be onsite the same day between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. See notices posted on bulletin boards in the March Beacon for what to bring and what not to bring.
10. Wednesday, March 15, 2017 is the Annual Members' Meeting. You can turn in your ballot early at the office or at the meeting. After the Annual Members' Meeting, the Board of Directors will hold an Agenda Meeting.

Old Business:

1. Channel 95 will no longer be available since it would cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000 for the equipment to maintain access. Information is already available on the bulletin boards and in the Beacon.
2. The old pool chairs will be sold first come, first served and each chair will cost \$25.

New Business

1. The Board has retained new legal counsel, Ms. Barbara Prasse.
2. We have a new digital recording device which SRA tested out at their last meeting. We are testing it out today and second one may be purchased for SRI.
3. We are researching commercial picture hanging systems for artwork for the clubhouse.

Board Business meeting was adjourned.



SRA NEWS

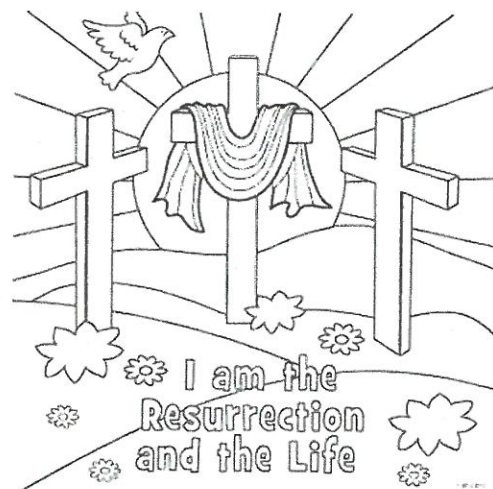
Janet Purtee, Secretary

As the season comes to an end, I look back and think about all the fun we had this year. I know that our lives will be slowing down for the summer, but it will be nice to be with our family. Snowbirds will all be heading back north and it will be a much "quieter" park here, but as always, there are some activities this summer for residents. We already have a lot planned for next season and can't wait to be back in the Fall to start again! For now, here's our next month events.

April activities planned

April 9-POOL PARTY hosted by SRA. Time will be 2-6pm. We will have all beef hotdogs and buns, coleslaw, iced tea, and lemonade. We ask that residents bring either an appetizer or dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Sully from the Beach Billies. As always, will be lots of fun Don't miss it! Sign up is on bulletin board.

April 16-EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE. Always a beautiful program by our resident readers and choir. Lillian Postlethwait will lead the performance. Sign up for reader/choir is on bulletin board. Don't miss it! **April 16-EASTER BREAKFAST.** This is hosted by the Craft Club. Delicious food prepared for us to enjoy after the Easter Sunrise Service. Plan to be there.



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**Thank You
2017 SPRING FAIR BASKET
RAFFLE**

Chairpersons Gary Barth and Bob Purtee
Thanks to all for your help and generous donations:

- #088 Dave & Bev Cox
- #164 Phil Dailey
- #167 Chuck Musa & Bessie Petros
- #075 Terry & Kay Ellingson,
- #114 Jim & Cheryl Bruno
- #131 John & Joanne Ahearn
- #041 Ken & Martha Collier
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- #166 Dave & Marlene Hicks
- #118 Jim & Cathy O'Keefe
- #026 Dot Siembieda
- #081 Bill & Lynne Casey
- #000 For anyone else who donated
that we may have missed.

BOOK CLUB

by Monika Lentze
Secrets, Lies and Spies
Stella Remington
Rip Tide 2011
Tuesday April 4, 7 p.m.
at the Clubhouse

**STONEHEDGE BINGO
ON THURSDAYS!**

Join us for



Cards must be purchased by

6:30 p.m.

**Must be 18 year's old
to play.**

SPRING FAIR LUNCHEON THANK YOU

What a wonderful luncheon crew we had to work with. Everyone worked together starting with the ladies who sold tickets to the kitchen crew that made the lunch, to the dining room ladies that served those who ate. Thank you so much to our crews:

Ticket Sales: Marlene Hicks and Jackie Beck

Kitchen Staff: Fran Daly, Stan Hall, Linda Phillips

Dining Room Staff: Tina Damico, Barb English, Sue Richards, Georgia Segó

You all made our job a lot easier. Thank you again.
Sue & Dick Babcock #209



ST. PAT'S PARTY THANK YOU

Wow-what an enjoyable party. Even with an unknown duo to entertain us, our Stonehedge family made this a successful party. **Bread and Butter Deli** delivered a tasty sandwich and coleslaw for our pallets to enjoy. Our thanks go out to the O'Blarney Twins: Ron O'Curvin and Billy O'Roy for their enthusiastic Irish entertainment with sing along. Also to the kilted comedian, Dick O'Elton #1, for his 10-inch pianist story.

Many thank you's go out to the people who made our job easier:

1. The crew who helped decorate and set up.
2. The crew that helped serve food and clean up.

Food Wait Staff:

Jim & Cheryl Bruno, Terry & Kay Ellingson, Jim & Cheryl Kolbe, George & Peggy McBee and guest.

Sincerely, **George & Fran Daly, Dick & Sue Babcock**



THANK YOU!

There is no way I can fully express my gratitude for all the wonderful things people did for me on my **80th birthday!**

It was so perfect to be able to celebrate with my family and all my friends on my big day. I'd like to send a special thank you to my line dance group. Thank you for the flowers, cake, and card filled with money. Also a big thank you to all my friends for the cards, gifts and best wishes.

I truly live in a Paradise filled with angels! I love every single one of you. **Lou Anne**



We would like to thank Mary Jo Mueller and the volunteers who set up the **Golden Anniversary Party**. It was a very cordial and gracious affair which we both enjoyed very much. Thanks also for those who attended to honor us and for the many cards of congratulations.

George & Marion Christman



The the Stonehedge Residents:

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers and concern for our son Steve who had a stroke. He is better, but has away to go ...

Sincerely, **Fred & Ginger Stetkiewicz**



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Gordon "Al" Leach
- 3 - Debra Schuyler
- 5 - Darrel Streff
- 6- Patricia Williams, John Roberson
- 9 - Jerry Kinsey, Richard Hanton
- 10 - Sandra Kemp, Larry McDougall
Lynette Sewell
- 12 - Billy Roy, Frederick Shadoski
Douglas Stutzman
- 15 - Herb McDougall, Robert Eyraud
- 16 - Richard LeBeau, Brenda Turley
Deborah Tudor
- 17 - Robert Werner
- 18 - Georgia Segoe, Marcia Hughes
- 21 - Elton Mosher, Jerald Van Horn
- 22 - Robert Wilson
- 23 - Beryl Curtis, John Tiefenthal
- 24- Judy Kovalchick, Joyce Chesnut,
- 26 - Bruce Mueller
- 27- Karen Mehmed
- 30 - JoAnn Ruble

Happy Anniversary

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Michael and Evelyn Mitrov
- 7- Don and Gladys Edwards,
Ronald &Jaqueline Beck
- 9 - Susan (Selby) & Robert Snow
- 13- Thomas & Margie Findley
- 16 - James and Cheryl Bruno
- 18 - Kim and Audrey Jaspers-Fayer
- 24 - Elton and Wendy Mosher
- 26 - C. Gourley and Pat Gahn
William and Phyllis Shaylor



Our condolences to the families and friends of the following Stonehedge residents. They will be missed.

MARCH DEATHS:

Former resident :Charles Thrall