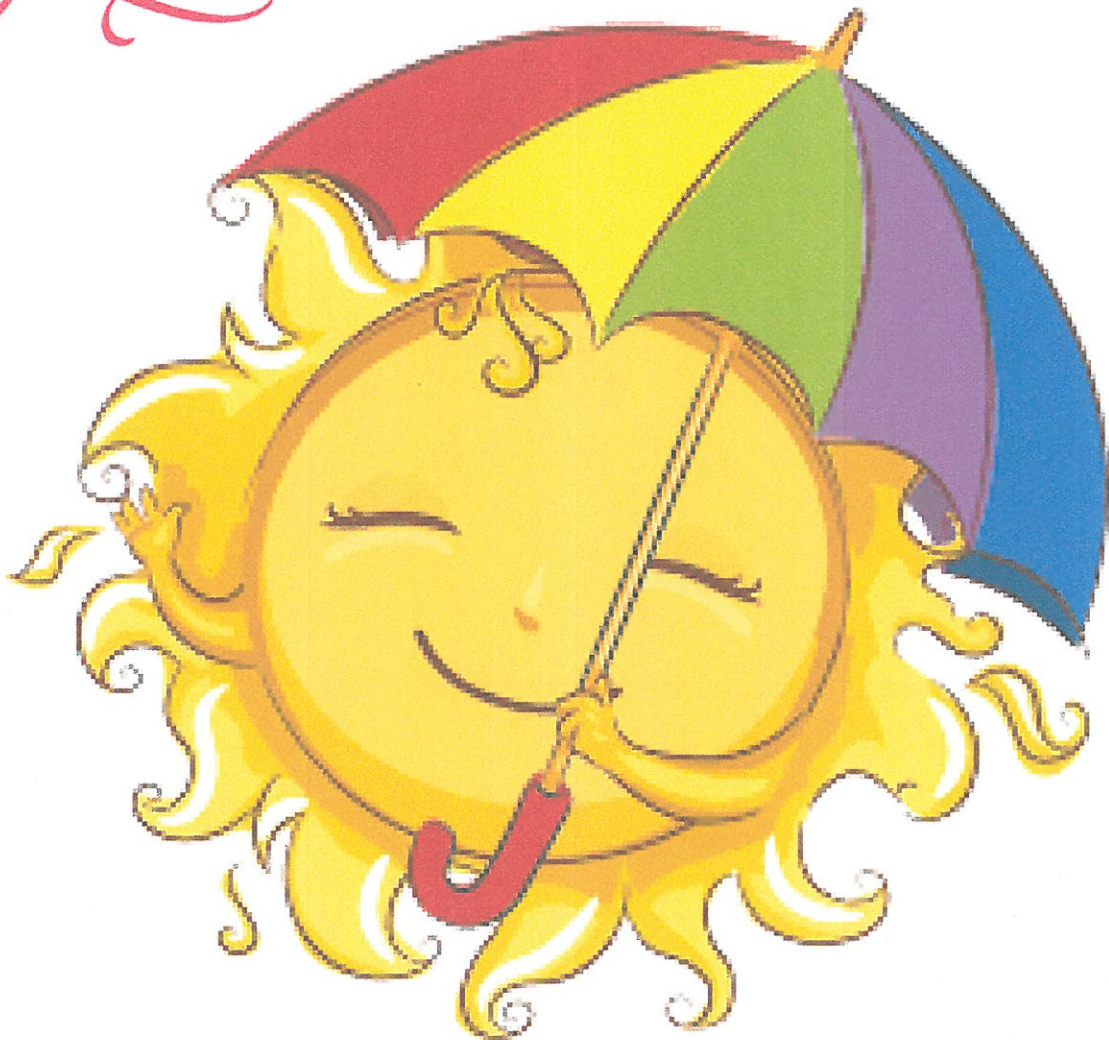


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Managers Korner

AUGUST 2017

Tony Toscano

Hi to all

Just back from a wonderful vacation in Tewkesbury MA. and Windham N.H. (never made it to Wells, ME.) suckin' down beers and slurpin' buttery lobster and steamer clams.

Took some time to look at some homes for those snowbird retirement years. I see how much you guys love it and I am looking forward to the same type of enjoyment in the far future. Oh yea and we also visited the in-laws, inherited (thru marriage) 2 sons and 3 grandkids, a drunk ex-husband (what a riot) . We took 2 of the 3 back to Florida with us for the last week – the 6 and 12 yr old.

How in the world you people who raised children have done it amazes me. Not having any children of my own I learn from these vacation experiences. Kids are freakin' nuts. I thought I had deaf ears when my wife yells at me, but kids are perfectionists at this. "put your wet bathing suit in the sink", NO! not on the floor, NO! not on the toilet seat. IN THE SINK!!" After a day of kayaking and taking the bus ride back to our truck-the bus then left to pick up other kayakers. "Where's your other sneaker? YOU WALKED OFF THE BUS WITH ONE SNEAKER ON!!?" he politely answered "yes" like, of course is that a problem?

AAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!!.

But in the end, you wouldn't give them up for the world. Enjoy each second.

I wish I had more to say on the items of the summer here at Stonehedge but it has been a low-end project list of items this year. No major road or clubhouse projects scheduled. We have been doing the regular maintenance items that we take on each year. Just because I mention low-end, that doesn't mean they are not as important as any other project.

Some projects completed or in progress:

- Stage has been completed with the added electrical to the front and backsides of the stage along with a telephone jack and a USB port for use during monthly meetings etc.
- The front and shuffle court door entrances have been fitted with new floor saddles so less of a trip hazard
- Shannon completed the painting of the laundry room to a nice bright blue and added some chair rails.

We still have some concrete issues to work on as well as the design for the mailbox area.

Unfortunately, there are always reminders of some future spanking. WATER – specifically WELL WATER

These are not my nor the Boards rules, they are the City of Tarpon Springs rules. We are here to help enforce them.

One reason we do is because of our in-house wells. With the aquifer low, the wells may not pull enough water or even pull sand which damages the pumps (\$2200 repair.) If by any chance the well goes dry (we have had 3 go dry in the past 11 years) they cost \$7000. There is more than one issue with the latter-there are some areas that have come up dry and we are running out of spots to drill new wells.

There are still a few homes that need to adhere to these restrictions. We have discussed and noticed residents for the past few months and still have a few months left of very warm sunny weather. Time is up to adhere.

Fines (by code enforcement or the Park) will be administered to those who do not adhere to the restrictions.

I guess this is the question that is difficult to answer—the Board fully understands what consequences may occur from the water restriction. There has been no pressure on the residents to replace sod in the past 2+ years other than if negligence has occurred on the homeowner's part (which has been the issue with some cases).

There are over 90% of the residents who have complied and only a handful of those that may have lawn issues. So why are the restrictions being blatantly ignored?

If you want to help our residents adhere to the City water restrictions anyone can call:

TARPON SPRINGS 24 HOUR CODE ENFORCEMENT LINE –727-937-6151 if you see someone **constantly abusing*** the water restrictions. Please call when the system is running **24 HOURS A DAY** and report the unit#.

*What is meant by **constantly abusing?**

- watering on “off days”, week after week
- watering 2x per day,
- watering more than one time per week regularly.)

REPORTING EMERGENCIES
ANY MEDICAL OR FIRE ISSUES CALL 911

An emergency is just that and it needs to be reported and taken care of immediately. 24 hours a day for emergencies, please call me directly at **727-639-1248 AND** follow up and call Ameri-Tech's 24-Hour Emergency line at **727-726-8000** and report the issue.

Leave UNIT # and PHONE # and be clear on the emergency if you get voice mail. When I say clear on the issue – state if it's an electrical, plumbing or other service required issue.

Protocol is for me to call you back as soon as I get the message from either you direct or from Ameri-Tech who will notify me. **NEVER** and I say **NEVER** feel like a pain in the ass for repeated calls.

If you do not hear back from either me or Ameri-Tech within ½ hour **PLEASE CALL BACK** until you do.

If you have any questions on the process please feel free to call me.

Homes for Sale

NONE currently listed

Thank you for a wonderful and enjoyable time these past few months. Safe travels, enjoy family, love life.

Tony

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE WOMEN'S LUNCHEON



When: August 16

Time: 12 Noon

Where: Tarpon Bar and Grill

Any questions, call Venice Ward



FROM THE SRI BOARD

Lois Casey, Board President

Have a wonderful, safe summer and we'll see you in the Fall.



SRA NEWS

Have a wonderful summer, and we'll see you in the Fall.



HOSPITALIZATIONS:

None reported! Good news.

Thank you



A big thank you to Joyce Lester and her crew for organizing and working the JULY 4, 2017, Potluck at the Clubhouse. The great cooks of Stonehedge as usual provided some yummy dishes to share. Susan and Richard Elton



Our condolences to the families and friends of the following Stonehedge residents:

JULY DEATHS:

Vi Hatch (mother of) Carol Doornbos
#191

Joellen Bowman #144

Peggy Berge #7



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Glenn Turley, Gary Barth
- 2 - George McBee
- 5 - Harry Long
- 7 - Ervin Harmon, Lois Casey,
Terry Paluska
- 8 - Susan Elton, Sandra Aldrich
- 9 - Marlene Lester, Gordon Williams
Dick Babcock
- 11 - Michael Mitrov, Diane Tiefenthal,
Carol Bradley
- 13 - Patricia Wilson
- 14 - Mary Lusk, Roland Briere
- 16 - David Wendt
- 17 - Sue Babcock, John Harkins
- 18 - Monika Lentz, Robert Gorby,
Stephanie Welker
- 19 - Marie Mueller
- 20 - Lillian Huffman, Allen Pokracki,
John Duncan
- 21 - Richard Morin
- 23 - James Mechachonis
- 24 - Richard Gillmore, Frances Daly
- 25 - Paul Egan, Joseph Massoud,
Debra McKnight
- 26 - George Christman
- 29 - Irene Sauve,
- 30 - Edward Blake
- 31 - Lou Booth, John Harper,
Juanita Amstutz

Happy Anniversary



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Keith & Joan Stainton,
Thomas & Deborah Tudor
- 2 - Gordon & Maryanne Leach,
- 3 - Suzanne & William Reiter
- 4 - George & Frances Daly
- 6 - John & Diane Tiefenthal
- 8 - Richard & Linda Kosloski
- 12 - Richard & Lorraine LeBeau
Bruce & Marie Mueller,
Gary & Carol Nitte
- 17 - Barbara & Reynold Roy
- 18 - Gary & JoAnn Campbell
- 25 - James & Catherine O'Keefe
Arthur & Irene Sauve
- 27 - William & Sharyn Hines
Robert & Barbara Hanton
- 29 - Robert & Roberta Kindig
- 30 - Wilbert & Sandra Aldrich,
Augustine Ayers & Monika Lentz

Participant Guide

Warm season grass in transition!

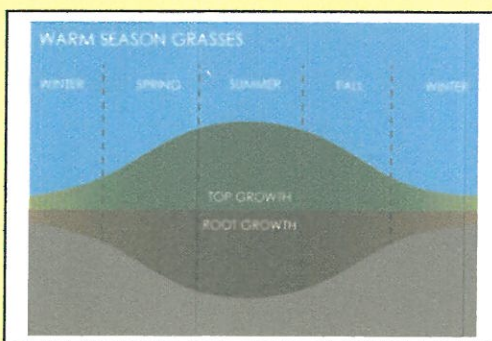
Spring is tough on every warm season grass out there. Seems odd? The weather seems perfect, with sunny days (maybe), moderate temperatures (maybe) and just the right amount of water from rain and irrigation (maybe). What could go wrong?

First, let's start with every warm season grass and what happens in the spring. They are like a bear that is coming out of hibernation. Did you know it's not technically true that they "go to sleep all winter"? Bears can quickly wake up if need be, and their bodies work to match the outside temperature. They come out of winter thinner, with less of a coat, less muscle, and HUNGRY.

We can easily relate this to our warm season turfgrass. Our turf does slow down during the cooler shorter days, but a long warm spell can green turf back up in the middle of "winter". And our grass comes out in the spring hungry. There is a phenomenon called *spring root dieback*. Every spring, the roots of warm season turfs die back. Some species recover more quickly than others.

There is ONE practice that directly affects roots. Deep watering encourages deep roots. Watering too little, say 15 minutes per zone encourages weak, tiny roots with minimal root hairs. It the root hairs that absorb water and nutrients.

The turf is in a delicate state during the spring, regardless of how nice the weather seems to us. It has been on a several month long fast (depending on the part of the state you are in), and needs to be fed. Get in the grass and pull up a runner and look closely at the roots. Long white roots at the newest part of the runner means the turf is healthy. Brown, short, stubby roots, means the turf needs help. Decide what to do next. Pull a soil sample? Apply potash? Apply 14-0-40? Recommend plugs or other renovation? Recommend aeration? Call the customer? The lawn is in your hands. Oh, and use the branch notes in your handhelds relating to spring transition.



Look closely at this chart. You've seen it before if you've been through RP Winter training! Notice how the roots start to decline in the winter and in the spring they build back up. The turf is sensitive to ANY stress right now, including cold snaps, drought, rains, cloudy days, traffic, insects, and weeds. The days may seem beautiful to us, but the turf is coming out of a long winter period with a shortage of roots.



Do you know how to read a runner? Look at the newest growth. If it is white, long and has lacy root hairs, the turf is in good shape and is coming out of winter nicely. NOTE: bahiagrass tend to have long roots, but very few actual root hairs.



Here's a runner that needs your TruGreen TLC (tender loving care). There is some green, which is encouraging, but notice the stubby short roots, without any fine delicate hairs. We are going into the summer months, and this turf needs help. It could be education on irrigation (overwatering will NOT help), a specific fertilizer, or other recommendation.

What are my "3 Key Takeaways?"

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What have I learned about Upcoming Weather?

Fill in the blank:

- 1) Warm season turfgrasses are at their peak growth in the spring. True or False
- 2) What does a healthy new root system look like? _____
- 3) When is warm season turfgrass root growth at its fastest? _____
- 4) What could you do with a lawn that is having a difficult transition into spring? _____.

Stonehedge Calendar August 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|  | | 1 1- Hand & Foot 1- Bridge | 2 8:30- Coffee 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Hand &Foot 6:30 - Bridge | 3 1 - Hand & Foot 6 - Men's Poker | 4 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Pinochle | 5 |
| 6 2 - Men's Pool 6 - Men's Poker | 7 | 8 1- Hand & Foot 1- Bridge | 9 8:30- Coffee 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Hand &Foot 6:30 - Bridge | 10 1 - Hand & Foot 6 - Men's Poker | 11 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Pinochle | 12 |
| 13 2 - Men's Pool 6 - Men's Poker | 14 | 15 1- Hand & Foot 1- Bridge | 16 8:30- Coffee 12 - Ladies Lunch 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Hand &Foot 6:30 - Bridge | 17 1 - Hand & Foot 6 - Men's Poker | 18 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Pinochle | 19 |
| 20 2 - Men's Pool 6 - Men's Poker | 21 | 22 1- Hand & Foot 1- Bridge | 23 8:30- Coffee 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Hand &Foot 6:30 - Bridge | 24 1 - Hand & Foot 6 - Men's Poker | 25 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Pinochle | 26 |
| 27 2 - Men's Pool 6 - Men's Poker | 28 | 29 1- Hand & Foot 1- Bridge | 30 8:30- Coffee 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Hand &Foot 6:30 - Bridge | 31 1 - Hand & Foot 6 - Men's Poker |  | |