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OPEN LETTER TO STONEHEDGE RESIDENTS

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Your Board of Directors would like to tell you all the good news in and around your home in Stonehedge. Your investment and home are doing well in today's economy. Property values have continued to rise within the Park in part because all of you take pride in our community and homes and partly because in your wisdom you have chosen a Management Company with an excellent record. Your manager and employees here in Stonehedge have excellent skills and have worked tirelessly as a team for your benefit.

The Board of Directors makes decisions as a group after discussing the topic at hand, using our management company and employees, our attorney, personal knowledge, experience, and common sense. Keeping close to 400 residents happy is not an easy task. Our goal is to do what's best for the community as a whole.

Your **Board** currently and in the past has consisted of a group of professionals, some at the top of their field. Presidents, Vice Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries of major, as well as, small corporations, and family businesses in all industries. We have had former bank, school system, and industry quality control officers; engineers working on government and private projects; professors associates, teacher's instructors; managers of small family staff to hundreds of workers; some have developed and managed budgets 10 times that of Stonehedge.

Some of the Board have been on more than one Board of Directors, serving communities throughout the United States for 10, 20 and 30 years! There are countless degrees in Accounting and Management. Some have developed systems for their companies that have changed the industry for them; some Board members have served in the armed forces, been shot at to protect us; some Board members have served the public as Firemen, Policemen and volunteers in the reserves, baseball and football coaches for their community programs. And the list goes on. We are certainly not perfect, but we do our best to protect your interests.

Recently, the clubhouse stage has been redone, the laundry room has been refurbished, concrete work has been completed around the park, and many other projects too numerous to list. Not only that, but the loan for the street project will be paid off this month. The Board agrees unanimously that Tony, Shannon and Ted have continued to prove their worth to our community. We are proud and thankful to have their talent and expertise which has saved us countless amounts of time, money and work on many projects done "in-house" in an attempt to keep our fees low. Our employees deserve our respect and thanks for jobs well-done.

Finally, we hope we have your continued support to keep our community spirit alive and well. You can help us by staying involved, staying positive and offering input to keep Stonehedge the premier community it has become.

Sincerely,

Stonehedge Board of Directors

See Attachment: RUMOR vs. FACT

FACT SHEET

Recently, a few rumors and some actual lies, have been going about the Park that we would like to address before they become habitual or people start believing these rumors. Most of us want a peaceful retirement.. There are just a few negative folks who enjoy "poking the bear," creating unrest and negative feelings and reactions.

The reasons are many for stopping rumors: **FACT: "Rumors and false statements can and will hurt an Association's reputation in the market and adversely affect property values."** We have always been a in the top tier of associations, a pretty tight- knit group here in Stonehedge, looking out and caring for each other. We hope to continue our legacy of caring about our friends and neighbors and not let a few petty gossipers hurt any one of us.

FACT: Residents are bound by formal rules or laws of Stonehedge Residents Inc, City of Tarpon Springs, and Pinellas County. We have our management team and The Board to help enforce the rules and laws mentioned. If you don't like the rules, by all means, please get involved and work to have them changed with a positive approach.

RUMOR:"It has been rumored that shutting the wells down will burn out your sprinkler system.

FACT: DON'T WORRY...This is 100% wrong. The system is low voltage and is **not** affected at all.

RUMOR: the recent water restrictions rumor says ""they can't touch us- we are private and have our own wells."

FACT: This is 100% INCORRECT! We fall under the City of Tarpon Springs jurisdiction. *****

RUMOR: Recently we heard a rumor that the water restrictions were removed.

FACT: They were for ONLY Pinellas County--**NOT** for the City of Tarpon Springs (which includes Stonehedge) (Code enforcement has verified this fact to the manager.) *****

RUMOR: "They are ripping you off for the timers."

FACT: We charge \$55 (our cost is \$49.99 plus tax \$53.49) *****

RUMOR: The recent Laundry room project was been monitored and it took over 2 months to complete.

FACT: Actually the project started on July 17 when the Laundry company moved the dryers. The project was completed before July 25. *****

WE NEED YOUR HELP.... Simply ask or take the time to verify the information yourself before you spread it. Not only does the internet offer explanations (as to the damage to timers with the wells off) but phone calls to the City (to verify the sprinkler restrictions and guidelines) or even asking when projects will be started and keeping track on your own as to the time for completion.

*If you hear some story about how YOUR money is being spent or why certain procedures have been implemented by anyone other than someone who is directly involved with those decisions, it would benefit you to ask and verify rather than waste your time being angry over nothing, or even worse spreading those false statements. Call your Board representative or the Manager for the facts. **If you don't like what you hear, get involved, there is a process for change available to you.***



Managers Korner

SEPTEMBER 2017

Tony Toscano

Hi to all. With vacation over (at least mine is), I can now get back to work. Stress Free! I realize after vacations – no matter how much you run around really does show you how to relax. It really does put things into perspective – or at least it should. Residents of Stonehedge should be the first to know this.

Even if you're still working, the atmosphere at the park should be a lesson in relaxing. A beautiful pool, where even if you do not want to socialize, has plenty of open hours when no one is using it. Restaurants (Cody's is walking distance), beaches (Sunset beach – a quiet local one), parks (Anderson- across the street) and more are a short distance away. You don't have to go out of your way or out every day – but plan a short trip or a nice meal out every now and then. I find, at least I do, that people think too much rather than just saying "why not". You have a choice. Whether you know it or not, you always have a choice. I feel the ones who make a choice rather than sit on a situation have the best chance of moving forward or at least learning another lesson on living stress free.

Projects completed the last month

We have filled in about 15-18 cracks/chips in the sidewalks as well as replacing a 3'x5' section that was completely busted.

We had the sidewalks around the clubhouse and the pool deck power washed (\$440) by our regular company. We realize the pool deck and clubhouse sidewalks need a bit more attention than just a once a year cleaning and next year we will discuss the possibility of a new pressure washer so we can do this in house. Options will be weighed.

Our tree service will be in early September to trim our palms and cut back some overhanging Oaks as well as helping us start the project in front of the mail room.

The Mail room project will consist of removing the dead and dying grass. The area will be surrounded with Indian hawthorn plants to match those around the clubhouse with the center section open and covered with white shell.

The center will be left open so we can design or have designed professionally or by our crafty Stonehedge volunteers, displays to celebrate each holiday and occasion. Water is already there and we will also run electric to light the displays.

I have already reported our sprinkler/well issues over the past few months. Upon last inspection 8/18/17 by our well company, 3 additional issues have been reported. The well at unit 14 is in need of repair (scheduled) and the wells at unit 49 and 156 are having draw down issues and may have to be repaired or possibly re-drilled. One reason for draw down on a well is the pump not being able to pull enough water. Unit 128 well has already been shut down and we know that well is out of service and must be drilled in another location if it is to be replaced.

The issues we are experiencing are not out of the ordinary for wells that are 20+ years old. But we can do our part to lessen the burden on them.

The lawns look healthy, green, thick and without weed issues – some minor issues (only 7 issues reported to me in the past 3 months). Our fertilizer plan coupled with over 20 inches of rain in the past 3 months has helped considerably.

There is no difference on those lawns watering 2-3-4 times a week as compared to those who have complied with the restrictions. If there are – let me know the difference.

Many residents have done their part. Some have not. Either way it does not matter to me. The burden (and cost) of neglect falls on your neighbor. I care about that even if you don't.

Budget season is here and I hate to use the "it is what it is" scenario but we have not done anything different this year as opposed to the past 4 when fees remained at \$210. The 2018 monthly fees will increase. As usual we will see what additional burdens our local service providers put on us (Cable, Water, Trash, etc.) before we can determine the final numbers.

Homes for Sale

Currently only two homes are for sale. What a difference from when there were 20 homes listed. Our home values have continued to get better. Thank you to those who have helped.

Unit 79- 89.9K Unit 140 – 78.5K

The following will be repeated in the next few newsletters:

REPORTING EMERGENCIES- An emergency is just that and it needs to be reported and taken care of immediately. Please keep the following numbers handy – You never know

- **727-639-1248 – Manager Tony** --24 hours a day for emergencies please **AND** follow up and call
- **727-726-8000 -Ameri-Tech's** 24 Hour emergency line 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.
- **"ANY MEDICAL OR FIRE ISSUES CALL 911**

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.

You can also notify a Board member who is on site. If you have any questions on the process please feel free to call me. Thank you

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: September 13
Time: 12 Noon

Where: Longhorn Steakhouse
Sign up in the clubhouse.

Any questions, call Venice Ward



HOSPITALIZATIONS:

None reported! Good news.



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

Good news, none Reported

Thank you



Thank you for such great people. Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Joellen Bowman's family, Margie and Becky Bowman



Many have asked what this Banner (Flag) represents.

It is to honor the fallen Firefighters and Police who have died in the line of duty

It is not meant to replace the American Flag, but to show support to those who serve & protect



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Kenneth Lusk
03 Ian McNeil
05 William Kelly
05 Paul Barrows
06 Phyllis Alex
07 Venice Ward
07 Edward Gardner
08 Don Edwards
08 Carol Nitte
08 Nancy Nicklas
10 Leonard Kuzmich
10 Brant Williams
10 Garrett Anguilm
10 Jolane Price
11 Peggy Duncan
12 Mary Van Horn
12 Scott Dado
13 James O'Keefe
13 Don Bohling
14 Sandra Hunt
15 Charles Musa
16 Reynold Roy
17 Lee Grim
18 Robert Catt
19 Audrey McGinnis
19 Brian Ward
22 Christine Roberson
23 Lillian Postlethwait
23 Margaret Unruh
24 Marlus Ritchey
24 Dale Thomas
26 Bill Sewell
28 Malcolm Hunt

Happy Anniversary



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04 Kenneth & Mary Lusk,
04 Everett & Lorraine Quattrone
04 Ernest & Vivian Robinson
06 Robert & Patricia Wilson
08 Dick & Sue Babcock
09 Victor & Margaret Unruh
12 Allan & Sandra Kemp
18 Gordon & Patricia Williams
19 Frederick & Virginia Stetkiewicz
20 Robert & Janet Purtee
21 John & Sylvia Harkins
21 Richard & Joan Dumont
23 Ed & Marianne Pishkur
27 Charles Musa & Bessie Petros
29 Lawrence & Mary Ann Anselmino
30 Lynne & Bill Casey

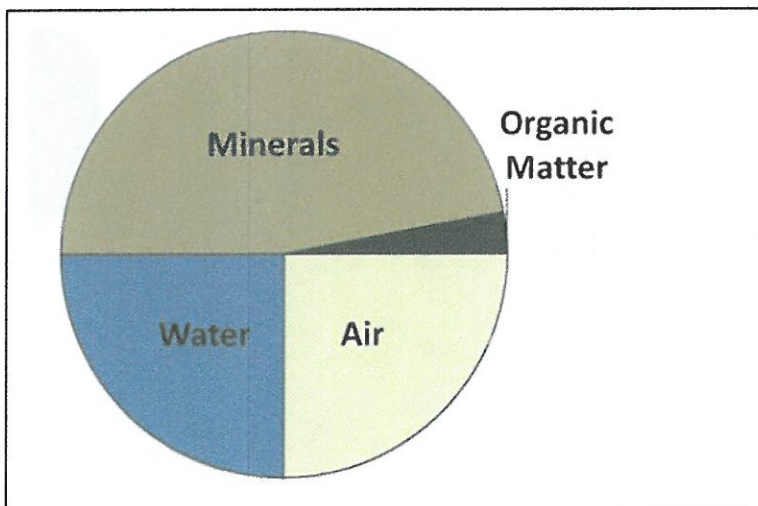
Waterlogged Soils – Alert

The recent rains and standing water deplete the oxygen in the soil and causes stress and damage on the turf. Your Specialist will help speed recovery with fertilizer (rebuilding roots) and by keeping other stresses at bay like chinch bugs, disease and weeds. Whether there was standing water for hours or days, this will affect turf in the upcoming weeks, as our turf is in a declining growth mode going into the shorter fall days. Aeration may be part of the recovery process

Key Points

- Waterlogged soils occur when more rain falls than the soil can absorb or the atmosphere can evaporate. Even our sandy soils won't immediately drain when heavy rains fall. Waterlogging occurs when roots cannot function properly due to excess water in the soil. This will cause short and long term effects **since roots need oxygen to work properly.**
- You may see yellowing on turf, and even decline or death in some areas of your lawn that remained submerged for extended periods of time. This is NOT a disease and is the roots have decomposed from being in water too long. A normal soil has a balance of air and water. This balance has been shifted to too much water.
- Water does not have to appear on the surface for waterlogging to be a potential problem.
- Your Specialist will apply the appropriate fertilizers for your lawn. They will use product that focus on encouraging new root growth. Aeration may also be recommended. Only parts of the lawn may be treated.
- Your Specialist will monitor for disease, insects and weeds. The next few weeks will tell if parts of your lawn decline to the point where turf replacement is needed.
- While your area suffered large levels of rain, our sandy soils dry out quickly. In a few weeks, the soils may need to be watered again! Look for leaf blades folding to tell you if your lawn needs water.

You can be assured that your specialist will be making every effort to overcome these challenges. If you have any questions or concerns, call us at 1-800-TruGreen or visit TruGreen.com.



This chart shows ideal growing conditions for plants, including turf. Now imagine if there the air (oxygen) is only a small slice of the circle and the water has taken the majority of the space. The roots literally drown from a lack of oxygen (air).

What is Eating up My Lawn?
CATERPILLARS!!! TruGreen is Here to Help!

My lawn seems to be disappearing before my eyes. What is happening? Caterpillars are eating the leaves of your grass. These leaf feeders are alarming but *rarely* cause permanent damage. Damage looks like the turf was scalped (mowed too low). Sod webworms do not eat roots or the crown, which is where the life of the plant really is. You will see notching on the leaves, or entire sections eaten to the runner.

What will TruGreen do to help? Your Specialist will make application of an insecticide to stop these caterpillars from continuing to feed. Control is focused on the caterpillars, and not other life such as the moths or eggs.

Why don't you treat the moths? It is simply ineffective. The University of Florida does not recommend treating caterpillars until you begin to see the caterpillars themselves. This can be 14 days or more after you see the moths. The effectiveness of insecticides is not long enough to provide acceptable control until the caterpillars begin feeding.

Why are caterpillar populations so large this year? Insects go in cycles. We had a mild winter and an extremely wet summer. These are ideal conditions for sod webworms and armyworms, the two types of caterpillars we find, to populate. These are rapid feeders with enormous appetites, which is why the lawn appears to be eaten almost overnight. They rarely cause permanent damage, as startling as the feeding can appear.

What else can be done to help? Your Specialist may do a light feeding on the turf to help the grass recover. Proper mowing and watering always helps grass grow its best. With the recent storms, be careful on how often your lawn is irrigated.

PLEASE call us with any questions you might have!!

TRUGREEN. 

THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

First Friday Tarpon Springs When Fri, September 1, 6pm – 10pm Where West Tarpon Avenue

Sponge Docks Arts & Crafts Festival When Sat, September 2, 10am – 6pm Where Dodecanese Boulevard

Sunset Beach Concert Series When Thu, September 7, 7pm – 9pm Where Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs, FL

Triathlon & Decathlon When Sat, September 9, 7:30am – 12:00pm Where Howard Park Beach

Night in the Islands When Sat, September 9, 6:00pm – 11:30pm Where Dodecanese Boulevard

Back to School Bash Saturday, September 16th 10am-2pm FREE Where Tarpon Springs Splash Park, 508 Live Oak

Join us for a back to school celebration. Event will feature numerous activities including waterslides, DJ, games and more. Please bring swimsuit and towel. Event is free, refreshments available to purchase.

Updated October Events:

ZOMBIE RUN Beware of the zombies! Join us for a 5K run through the North Anclote River Nature Park. We will need volunteers to be zombies. Please contact Ashley Harter at 727-942-5628 or aharter@ctsfl.us if you are interested. Location: Tarpon Springs Splash Park Day & Time: Saturday, October 14th at 9am Fee: \$20 per participant in advance, \$25 day of

TRUNK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN BASH Join us for a safe alternative to trick or treating. The Recreation Center will have games, activities, bounce houses, food and more. The parking lot will be set up for trunk or treat. Children may go from trunk to trunk to get Halloween treats. There will be a costume contest so please be sure to dress up! Concessions will be available. **To register your vehicle for Trunk or Treat, please contact Ashley Harter at 727-942-5628 or aharter@ctsfl.us * Businesses welcome! * **Sponsor & Vendor Opportunities** Location: Tarpon Springs Community Center Day & Time: Saturday, October 21st from 11a-2pm Fee: FREE



TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPT.

444 SOUTH HUEY AVENUE

TARPON SPRINGS, 34689

EMERGENCY # 911

NON EMERGENCY:

(727) 938-2849

CRIME PREVENTION :

(727) 937-8753

WE ARE ON THE WEB AT

WWW.TSPD.US

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NOTICE ALL CAT/DOG OWNERS

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: Failure to obtain a license by the due date or to report a transfer of ownership or loss of a pet may result in issuance of a court citation.

RABIES VACCINATION AND LICENSE-

Take your pet to your veterinarian or Pinellas County Animal Services to obtain a rabies vaccination and license.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY - PINELLAS COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14

RABIES VACCINATION - A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for each dog, cat and ferret over the age of four (4) months. Pinellas County recognizes a one or three year rabies vaccination.

CAT/DOG LICENSE - Licenses expire on expiration date of rabies vaccination. A license shall be renewed on or before the date of expiration. All dogs and cats are required to wear a tag, except as otherwise provided under Section 14-61 of the Code

AT LARGE - Dogs and cats, regardless of age, must be under restraint when outside the owner's home.

PENALTIES - Failure to comply with any portion of the legal responsibilities subjects the owner, harbinger or keeper to legal penalties imposed by the courts. In addition, cats/dogs at large will be impounded and owners charged substantial fees when pets are reclaimed.

Available at Pinellas County Animal Services only: Have your animal spayed or neutered before current license expires and that next license will be FREE.

Contact your local veterinarian for sterilization of your pets.

**FREE CHIP & REGISTERING --THURSDAYS FROM 1-4 PM
FOR LICENSED DOGS/CATS**

Stonehedge Calendar

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Pinochle	2
3 RESIDENTS FREE GUESTS \$2.00 3 P.M. LABOR DAY	4 2 - Men's Pool 6 - Men's Poker PIZZA PARTY SIGN UP AT CLUBHOUSE!!!	5 1- Hand & Foot 1- Bridge	6 8:30- Coffee 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Hand &Foot 6:30 - Bridge	7 1 - Hand & Foot 6 - Men's Poker	8 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Pinochle	9
10	11 2 - Men's Pool 6 - Men's Poker	12 1- Hand & Foot 1- Bridge	13 8:30- Coffee 12 - Ladies Lunch 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Hand &Foot 6:30 - Bridge	14 1 - Hand & Foot 6 - Men's Poker	15 2 - Men's Pool 6:30 - Pinochle	16
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