

# Stonehedge Beacon

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# Stonehedge Residents Incorporated

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## **Beacon Distribution**

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## MANAGER'S KORNER

Tony Toscano, Mgr.

August 2021

I give up on trying to figure out the weather here in Florida. Prepare for it to be hot during a 3-month stretch and throw in another random month or so of 90 degree weather after you think it's all over, rainy during another, some cool nights in the mid 70's and some in the high 80's, some dry, muggy most. Plan your days around your time, not the weather. Either way - June - July -August is HOT!!

I first started to come to Florida regularly in the late 1980's to visit a great friend who moved here that year. I had been here numerous times before, during Spring break, but that was in cooler months of Feb-March 1970's. as a teenager and early college years.

The very first time I came here from NY in a summer was July 1986. I had been working in the NY foreign currency markets and was making good money, so naturally I rented a convertible sports car to get around and show off a bit. Little did I know how that would bite me, or better termed, burn me, in the butt later on. Let me explain.

I was crusin' the local beaches on the first day in town just after picking up my white convertible, top down, cut-off T shirt, shorts, and Brooklyn lean goin' on. *(For those of you who don't know what a Brooklyn lean is; it's when you're driving, and you slope way down in the driver's seat leaning to your right so far down that only the top of your head is showing over the dash with your left hand casually resting on top of the steering wheel and the other arm resting on the center console. It's the position that originated the "How you doin'?" intro')*

Now that you have been brought up to lingo speed, I will finish the story. So there I was, cruising the strip, feelin' good, money,

convertible, Florida sunshine, only thing I needed to make it perfect are girls, yes girls, and sure enough there they were! Three beautiful Indiana blond, blue eyed girls getting out of a car and walking into the local gift shop. I obviously pulled in right beside them, Brooklyn lean, smile and of course "How you doin'?. I caught their attention and got a smile back from them and went into the store for some conversation. All went well, a few laughs, with me or at me, who cared, and we exchanged where the place to be seen is that night. Everything was great, first day in town, feeling great, places to go, people to see, girls, sunshine, perfect.

Well, we walked out to the cars together, I gave them a head nod and a "see ya later" and hopped into my convertible. Yes, with a smile on my face, I hopped into my white, top down, black leather interior, baking in 95 degrees Florida sunshine, convertible. HOLY CRAP!!! It took all I could to not cry in front of those 3 beautiful girls as I slowly roasted to a medium rare. I, of course, had to play Joe Cool and try not to let them know, but I am sure they did since I immediately broke into a dripping sweat, grit my teeth till my jaw hurt and my eyes bulging out of my head. I could not get the key in the ignition fast enough to get out of there, turn the corner, jump out of the car and jump up and down flapping my arms like I was trying to put out a fire. Actually, I was - it was me, burnt to a crisp leaning against those scorching black leather seats in my cut-off T shirt and shorts.

I am sure they had a good laugh when I left and hopefully still do when they think about the time they met this guy from Brooklyn who almost put himself on fire. I still get a chuckle as I share this forever moment made whenever.

### **Around the Park:**

**City Water Line Project:** the survey has been completed on the areas we are looking to attach

to the City 10" line to our North. Now the Engineers will proceed to do our model and drawings to present for bids. Expected to be completed by end of August.

**Wells** - By turning off the Wells during our recent rains we conserved over 3 million gallons of water. If the wells are not closed, please be aware of the rainfall and do not run sprinklers if we get more than 1" of in in the week.

**Finally** - the holes created in the clubhouse from the new water lines going in are being repaired and should be completed by the time this article is out

**Pressure washing** - we have started to pressure wash the sidewalks around the clubhouse and shuffle courts and will continue with the sidewalks.

**Waste services** - We have noticed from time to time after Waste Management picks up our trash there are some spots of glass or smelly liquids left in the street where they compact the trash. We have let them know of the issues and hopefully they get them corrected. The trucks are supposed to be sealed so nothing like this happens but...

There always seems to be something going on in the Park. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have either to a Board member or the office. All questions will remain discrete.

**REPEAT RULES REMINDER: see attached letter on recent inspection - included again in this month's Beacon**

**Homes for Sale --ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON THE MARKET again as of 7/25.**

**I am receiving many calls looking for rentals for the season. If you are considering renting and do not already have someone in mind, please notify the office.**

**Keep letting friends and family know the Stonehedge is "a Great place to Live"**

**A sight may bring you Peace for the moment, but insight will bring you Peace forever**

**Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle**

Laugh when you can, Apologize when you should  
Do not dwell on what you cannot change,  
Let go of what you cannot control, Take charge of what you can. Make forever moments whenever,  
Safe travels, love life. Thank you

**Tony**

## **FUNNY STORY**

A humorous anecdote is told of a man who was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station, where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk, where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. At the same time, I was noticing the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license-plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk and, naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car".

**Melanie Horaney, # 151**



Rain, Rain, stick around- keep my grass green all year round !!! Nature, as destructive as it is at times can be wonderful for those who embrace. This is the perfect world of gardening, you have to do nothing and your grass remains green, your shrubs thicken up with lush green leaves and vibrant flowers.

Strong daily rains can cover up even the most neglected lawns. Now granted if you had no grass to speak of then the rains will strengthen the weeds and you will have some work to do next season, but let's focus on what the natural rains have brought.

Nothing beats natural rains. The nutrients and trace elements that are found in natural rain far exceed anything that you can put on your lawns during the year. It's called nature for a reason, over the years nature has perfected what the earth needs to survive. Previous articles have attempted to kick start our lawns and wait for these moments of consistent natural rains.

Now I want to make it perfectly clear, if you have done nothing during the year, the natural rains will cover up some lack of work on your part but for only a short time. You still need to prepare for this time of year, following articles will help you along with that.

With all this wonderful rain there are still signs of stress that you should look for, one being patches of dead, dry grass, this is an indication that a fungus has invaded your lawn. Too much water will activate a dormant fungus. Fungus starts to form many ways, 2 of them being carried in from other infected yards on the tires of lawn mowers or from too much water sitting on the lawn. If you see these areas forming in your yard –please get to your local supply store and purchase a fungus (disease) control product and apply it to and around the infected area. Also notify management so the lawn service company can be made aware of these issues. Fungus issues can be devastating to the lawns and these issues must be acted upon quickly.

Another sign of too much water is the appearance of dollar weed. Dollar weed germinates in wet, low drainage areas of a lawn. Areas that do not drain well are not necessarily the owner's or landscapers' fault, over time some areas of a year become more compact than others, some hidden indentations may form that are hidden by a good healthy lawn, when the water sits in these areas, dollar weed will germinate. No need to panic, dollar weed is easily controlled by a store-bought weed control product (IMAGE was one brand name that comes to mind), but you still have to go to the areas in your yard where you saw it germinate and use a pitch fork or some kind of tined tool and poke around in that area to aerate the soil to allow the water to drain into the ground.

Please remember when we are getting consistent rains during the week of an inch or 2; manually turn off your sprinkler system if you have one. The extra water will only encourage disease and dollar weed. We try our best to turn off the Wells as another effort to curb overwatering, but we cannot predict the dry spells.

One thing to try to remember from all this rain is that natural rain contains many more nutrients and minerals than sprinkler water. If you put as much sprinkler water on your lawns as we have had rainwater in the past month, your lawn would either be yellow, loaded with fungus or dollar weed. Sprinkler water is only used as an aid to the natural water that we get. During dry spells I fully understand that there is no other substitute other than sprinkler water, in that case it is a necessity, but still must be used cautiously as directed in previous articles.

See you in September for the start of another season

It's a great day on the green side of the grass

# STONEHEDGE ON THE HILL

A 55+ RESIDENT OWNED COMMUNITY

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To all homeowners at Stonehedge Residents Inc.,

6/22/21

I am writing to each homeowner at Stonehedge at the direction of the Board to repeat what has been repeated time and time again. And now again. It's a repeat of the Rules and Regulations that you signed on to uphold when you purchased in Stonehedge. Whether you purchased this year or 20 years ago there is no difference.

I am in my 15<sup>th</sup> year as property manager of Stonehedge. I speak from experience and believe me I have heard it all and then some. There is no excuse for continued Rule's violations.

I expect you, as a homeowner, to understand your responsibilities, which simply is maintain your home and respect the rules.

I am informing you that if you receive an inspection report notice you are not the only one. There are OVER 65 homes that have been identified as in need of general maintenance. Many items are simple fixes and should be addressed immediately before you get a notice to repair. No one is left out; Board members will receive notices, as well as, management being informed of common areas that need to be maintained.

**REMEMBER you have the right:** There is a formal process in place for all residents to request a rule change

A detailed inspection has been done of the entire park, common areas and homes alike

**Most common items:**

- Mold on homes and driveways – some driveways are in need of painting as well
- Facia trim around homes is discolored or faded and in need of paint
- Clutter / unacceptable items stored around home- ladders/old block and assorted other materials
- Clutter / unacceptable items stored in carport – trash pails/recycle bins/ dead flowerpots/pool towels draped on furniture / various unacceptable items
- Umbrella laundry racks and patio umbrellas left out when not in use

I fully understand the challenge of storage in mobile homes, if over 200+ homes can do it – so can you

Another noticeable item was work done outside the home without an approved **Request to make Additions or Changes Form** on file. This is not acceptable.

**Procedure for violations that will be sent – according to the Rules and Regulations**

1. Nature of the violation, with photo, and rule violated,
2. Deadline to cure the violation,
3. Consequences (fine can result if not cured in time frame allotted).

I ask this be taken care of now. Notices will go out and it will be addressed. Again, a simple fix and homeowner responsibility. As per your documents the board has the right to do the repairs upon notice to the owner and bill for those services.

I hope we have an understanding of my and your responsibility. I appreciate prompt attention to the matters mentioned above. If you need any assistance or handyman recommendations, please call.

Sincerely,



Tony Toscano Manager-727-639-1248



# Happy Birthday

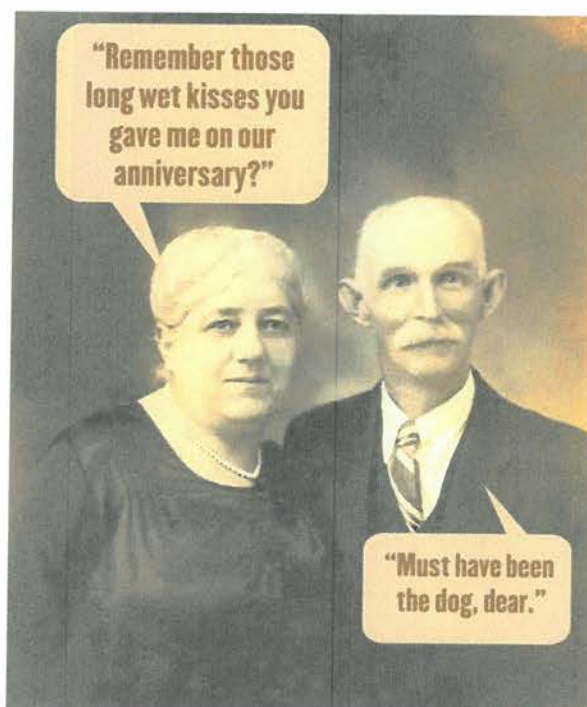
## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Glenn Turley, Gary Barth
- 2 - George McBee
- 3 - Gene Grinstead
- 7 - Lois Casey, Terry Paluska
- 8 - Susan Elton, Sandra Aldrich
- 9 - Dick Babcock
- 11 - Diane Tiefenthal, Carol Bradley
- 13 - Patricia Wilson, Edward Hillier
- 14 - Mary Lusk, Roland Briere
- 16 - David Wendt, Mark Salisbury, Brent Arnson
- 17- Sue Babcock
- 18 - Monika Lentze, Robert Gorby, Stephanie Welker, Dorothy Lee
- 19 - Marie Mueller
- 20 - Allen Pokracki, John Duncan, MaryAnn Fafara
- 21 - Richard Morin
- 22 - Lisa Thomson
- 23 - James Mechachonis
- 24 - Richard Gillmore, Frances Daly
- 25 - Joseph Massoud, Debra McKnight, Janis Wood
- 26 - George Christman , Carolyn Peck, Nancy Carmack, Jay "JB" Fustin
- 28 - Susan Salisbury
- 29 - Irene Sauve, Patricia Hillier
- 30 - Edward Blake
- 31 - Lou Booth



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Thomas & Deborah Tudor
- 2 - Gordon & Maryanne Leach
- 4 - George & Frances Daly
- 6 - John & Diane Tiefenthal
- 7 - Franklin & Dorothy Lee
- 8 - Richard & Linda Kosloski, Eugene & Angela Yakabovicz
- 12 - Bruce & Marie Mueller, Gary & Carol Nitte
- 17 - Barbara & Reynold Roy
- 18 - Gary & JoAnn Campbell
- 25 - Arthur & Irene Sauve
- 27 - Robert & Barbara Hanton, William & Sharyn Hines
- 29 - Robert & Roberta Kindig
- 30 - Wilbert & Sandra Aldrich, Augustine Ayers & Monika Lentze
- 31 - William & Dawn Huffman







## A BANG-UP 4<sup>th</sup> AT THE 'HEDGE

Independence Day, 2021, was extra special here in Stonehedge; it was the first time since the Pandemic hit that as a big "family" group we could all gather in the Clubhouse for a wonderful celebration----we got our "freedom" back!! The gathering was reminiscent of the "good ole days" of laughter and fellowship and delicious food that Stonehedge is famous for. Our hosts, Joyce Lester, Melanie Horaney and their committee out did themselves with festive red, white and blue decorations, fried chicken, patriotic music and a thankful prayer from a grateful group, As usual, the amazing cooks at Stonehedge came through with delicious desserts and fabulous side dishes, much to delight of all the close to 80 friends who attended. Once again the awesome residents of Stonehedge had a "bang-up" time!

**Cheryl Bruno, # 114**



**4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY  
CELEBRATION**



Approximately 92 Residents and Guests celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at our Buffet in our very warm clubhouse due to an air conditioning issue. It was great for all that attended to be together to talk with neighbors and friends and celebrate this very special holiday. Fried chicken, which was provided by SRA, was supplemented by tables of delicious food prepared by our Stonehedge cooks.

Thank you to the committee which assisted with the set-up on Saturday and throughout the event on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Those individuals are Sandy Aldrich, Bill Aldrich, Deborah Bohnenstiehl, Carol Bradley, Barb English, and Lynn Ridall. Thank you to Cheryl Bruno for her thoughts on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and also for our prayer upon the food. And finally, thank you also to Caroline Canning, Deb Ingalls, Donna Kinsey, and Darryl Streff who stayed and assisted the committee with the clean-up.

**Joyce Lester & Melanie Horaney**



## SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Joyce Lester and Melanie Horaney for sponsoring the 4th of July pot luck dinner! Everyone had a great time, visiting each other and enjoying the good food. Also, thanks to Kevin Wester, Cecil Curtis and Larry Davis for taking care of all of the flags for the 4th!

**Jeanne Price, # 214**



**Independence Day Potluck  
(Photos By Cheryl Bruno)**



The Pool Was Ready for a Par-tay



Jeanne Price & Deb Tudor




Diane & Cecil Curtis



Fred & Ginger Stetkiewicz  
with Mary Jo Mueller



Lou Anne Wicher &  
Jim Bruno



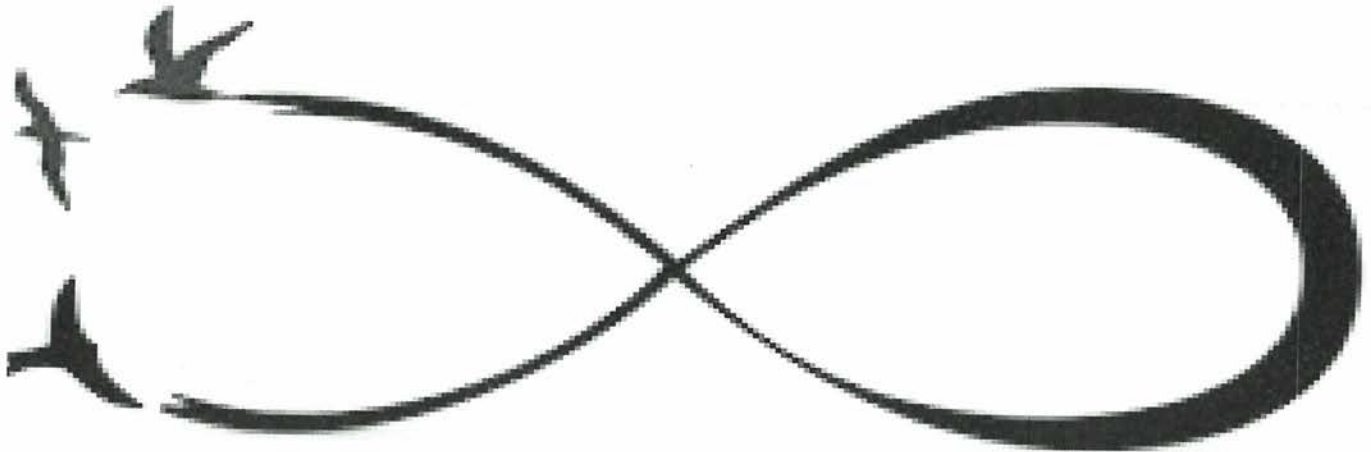

*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*

**Our Heartfelt Condolences go out  
to the families and friends of lost  
loved ones:**

**Catherine O'Keefe  
Joan Thornton**

**JULY  
HOSPITALIZATIONS**

**None Reported**







## Suggestions for Stonehedge 2021 SRA Activities!!

We want to hear from you! Your ideas matter to our committee and we're looking for new suggestions and ideas for this year's Stonehedge Resident Activities. We're always looking for people to Suggest, Host, and Volunteer to participate with preparations. Please fill out the requested information below and drop it in the Clubhouse "Suggestion Box" placed on the round table near the kitchen area. The suggestions will be collected and reviewed by the Committee to see if the event meets the SRA criteria. Please keep in mind we are still under the COVID Rules and Regulations as you are submitting your ideas. We will consider all ideas and will contact you to discuss your suggestions. If you have any questions, please contact an SRA member. Thank you and we look forward to a new and exciting year of Stonehedge Resident Activities.

1. What kind of event is it? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you Hosting the activity or placing a suggestion? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Would this be an inside or outside activity? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_


Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



# August 2021

# Stonehedge Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	6 Men's Poker 6:30 Fun Shuffle	1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge	8:30 Coffee and... 6:30 Fun Shuffle	1 Hand & Foot 6 Men's Poker	6 Pinochle	7 Pepper
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	6 Men's Poker 6:30 Fun Shuffle	1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge	8:30 Coffee and... 6:30 Fun Shuffle	1 Hand & Foot 6 Men's Poker	6 Pinochle	7 Pepper
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	3:30 Private Party (Clubhouse closed) 6:30 Fun Shuffle	1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge	8:30 Coffee and... 6:30 Fun Shuffle	1 Hand & Foot 6 Men's Poker	6 Pinochle	7 Pepper
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	6 Men's Poker 6:30 Fun Shuffle	1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge	8:30 Coffee and... 6:30 Fun Shuffle	1 Hand & Foot 6 Men's Poker	6 Pinochle	7 Pepper
29	30	31				
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