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MANAGER'S KORNER

MAY 2021

Welcome to another month of absolutely beautiful weather in Florida. Temperatures have been in the 50/60's at night and 80's during the day. Cool breeze, windows open weather. This is weather to smile in and start to enjoy all the pleasures of Spring in Florida. Golfers are in full swing and fishin' weather is upon us, which brings to mind another fish tale.

When I was living in NY and working on Wall Street, we used to have a group of 20 of us that would run a bass fishing tournament just outside of Monticello, NY, about a 2-hour trip from Manhattan. The place we held the tournament was called Eldred Preserve. It was a 2500-acre estate with a beautiful picture-perfect lake on it owned by the man who had something to do with the development of the spray nozzle for aerosol cans. Small world. The lake was for electric motors only – to keep the area pristine.

There were 10 small aluminum boats available (2 people per boat) on the lake which we ran the tournament on. Now you have to remember, we were all Wall Street so called "hot shots" big cash, expense account stuff dummies. When we had the chance to let loose, we did in a big way. Fishing poles were almost as important as booze on these fishing excursions.

The winner of our bass fishing tournament after 5 weekend rounds of fishing was entered into the year-end tournament run by Bass Masters where the grand prize was a \$17,000 fishing boat. My partner on each trip was a great friend, Vinny Quentin. Vinny was the type of drinker that 2 beers in would put him right back in the same place he was at the night before after 15 beers. He had a great big jolly belly laugh who had fun with everything on the planet. On top of that he was a good fisherman. We

never won the big tournament, but we were entered 2x and came out with some nice fishing gear.

This one particular time on the lake comes to mind. It was that picture-perfect Saturday morning setting at 6AM when we started out. Absolutely quiet, a peaceful mist rising up over the lake with the sun just starting to lighten the morning tree line that surrounded the entire lake. What a time to take a breath of fresh, clean, cool country air. The peace was only broken by the sound of 20 drinking fisherman stumbling into their boats and the woosh of popping beers. Yes – we had been drinking since we left NY on the 2-hour trip up, then thru the night. Some of us never made it to bed, but we were all there to fish, or whatever.

Vinny and I were primed after a few beers while we were setting up. We were ready: beer, fishing poles, tackle box and net. We had a favorite "hot" spot on the lake that took about another half beer to get to. A quiet little spot nestled under some tree overhang with just enough room to cast your line. We were alone, we were at peace, it was beautiful, so we toasted to a good day of fun and we cast our lines just under the brush into a corner of an area covered by blooming lily pads.

No sooner than Vinny's line hitting the water the silence and peace was broken when the lake erupted what seemed like a volcano blast. A fish had exploded out of the water after taking Vinny's lure, and it was big.

I say big since usually a 2-3 lb fish was usual out of the lake with 8.5lbs being the record. This one was up there, or at least made enough of an eruption to think so. Well, Vinny sets the hook, stands up in the boat to start reeling in this fish that has bent his pole in half and taking the tip into the water. He knows its big and starts to yell to me to "get the net". I'm trying to reel in my line and move out of his way, stumbling around the rocking boat, fishing equipment, the cooler and a few empty beer cans. While he's yelling "get the net" I'm yelling back "I'm looking for it" we went

back and forth 3-4-5 times "get the net!", "I'm tryin!", "Get the net!" "where the heck is it",!!! "Get the net!!! ". You get the picture. Well by this time Vinny reeled the fish in by the side of the boat and since I already had fallen over in the rocking boat I reached into the water and grabbed the fish by the mouth and pulled him in.

We were ecstatic, it was big!, high fivin', hootin' and hollerin' and laughing at our hysterics in catching 1 fish. We were looking around for anyone to show off to. It turned out to be a 6.6 lb largemouth trophy bass. Once we settled down and put the fish in the live well, and of course we decided to celebrate with a nice cold beer. I opened the cooler and there it was ---"the net!". Vinny and I had a great laugh about it then and still to the last days whenever we saw each other, our greeting was "get the net" a handshake and a laugh. Another forever moment made whenever - hard to believe but this one was made all before 7AM.

SPECTRUM INTERNET DEAL is back on the table - SEE DETAILS OF THE OFFER in this month's BEACON

Spectrum is offering the residents of Stonehedge Internet service for \$15. Complete details will be announced at all coffee hours and Board meetings. All questions can also be brought to the office

Further details of the association fees have to be worked out, but the vote will be mailed out within the next week or so.

Some Park maintenance items:

Seal coating just waiting for the schedule - Suncoast Paving out of Tarpon will be doing the job

Palm Tree Trim- Should start sometime in early May - 1st or 2nd week

Water Line Preplacement project - moving along - waiting for updated drawings - then into the bid phase

Front Handicap Door Donations- Currently we have nearly \$3,400 in donations - **just about**

50%!!! Great Job and counting - and will be accepting until we reach our goal. Keep it coming - count your change save your aluminum cans (drop off bins are by the laundry room) - if you have it \$1 and up. Thank you

Some more Stuff :

Pool anyone? The pool table in our game room has been getting some use recently. If anyone is interested in playing pool, please let me know and I will contact those who would like to set up some games.

Can Can: We have set up a recycle bin at the dumpsters. Please do not throw out any recycle cans. We have been collecting about \$50 a month for the front door fund by turning in aluminum cans for cash.

REMINDER: Clean up around your home and make sure your Snowbird Fly Away form is filled out

Homes for Sale --ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON THE MARKET for the 2nd straight month as of 4/23 Keep letting friends and family know the Stonehedge is "a Great place to Live"

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



"What do you mean, you forgot where you parked? You're shopping online."

Get ready for the heat ! June, July and August in Florida. WOW ! All that coupled with a water restriction is enough to drive a garden into the ground. If you notice this is the May article and we are discussing June, July and August, there is a reason for that. What you do now will effect what is to come. Seems like we go from just remembering the cold 45-50 degree nights to the heat. Our comfortable cooler seasons seem to be getting shorter and shorter.

This is a wonderful time of the year when everything is starting to bloom, from shrubs to flowering trees to beautiful morning Glories. All those nice green and colorful plants need water to stay healthy. With the severe water restriction that will soon be in place by the CITY , we face another challenge. Just think how difficult it would be to get along and feel healthy by drinking only once a week. This is the strain the restrictions will put on our lawns and plants.

Fear not my fine friends! We have a month to prepare. The 80 ish daytime temps in May will give you to proper time to get your lawn and shrubs in good shape for the heat.

There is a cure, and it is built into your garden plants and shrubs, but they need your help.

Once again the action/reaction syndrome comes into place. Plants much like the human body will only take in what they need but unlike the human body plants do not discard that additional intake because they do not over indulge. If you over or under feed, over or under water, you will see the results all of which are bad.

If you read and did what the past articles said to do, in conjunction with the ongoing park program, with regard to your lawn, it will have developed a deep root system that will allow it to pick up and absorb those pockets of water deep (4--8 inches) down into the soil. Your lawn will have developed into a thick blanket, enough to block off some of the hot sun from drying up the soil. This coupled with a regular 4 ½ inch cut will allow your lawn to make it thru the summer months even with the watering restrictions.

You should already have down a sufficient amount (approx 4 inches) of mulch around your shrubs and (approx 2-3 inches) around your prize flowers, you will be able to hold a good amount of water in the soil that will not be dried up by the hot sun.

The month of May is also a great time to add additional nutrients (fertilizer) to the soil (FOR YOUR FLOWERS AND SHRUBS ONLY) for strength and color and protection to those critters and diseases that love the stresses that the summer months put on our garden. A simple 10-10-10 fertilizer will do the trick. Try not to be convinced to buy a fertilizer/pest control mix. I feel the pest control portion of the mixed bag is so minimal that it's a waste of money.

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE PARK FERTILIZATION SCHEDULE FOR TruGreen Pest CONTROL WILL ADD NUTRIENTS TO YOUR LAWNS throughout the summer months.

WATERING HABITS ARE CRITICAL. As stated in previous articles your lawn and shrubs will adjust to watering habits.

Water once for a longer period (45 or so minutes) as recommended and your lawn will learn to survive on less so the heat of summer will not stress or burn the top roots of your lawn as much. Additional hand watering may be necessary for some flowering plants that cannot take the summer heat.

Tip of the month: This is a very important step in choosing your landscape. Plants with the same watering habits, heat and cold tolerance in the same garden is another essential step in a stress-free healthy garden.

I cannot stress the point that enough that for a healthy lawn and plants you must put in some time and effort, and like anything else, if you pay attention on a regular basis it will become easier and easier to see the signs of a healthy, as well as, the beginnings of a stressed lawn and garden. It will also be less and less work to maintain as the seasons go on, but by no means is it a hands-off deal. You will soon notice what the proper fertilizers, along with the contributions of pesticide and disease control products will do, if applied before you notice signs of stress and infestation. (all discussed in previous articles)

If you have taken the advice from this and previous articles, along with the program provided by the park you should be at the start of a great and colorful season of gardening.

Healthy Gardening It's a good day on the green side of the grass

NOTES FROM OUR NORTH

In these times, it is so easy to feel sorry for ourselves. When I start to do that, I think of Garry. And who is he you might well ask? Well, Garry is a homeless man we have befriended on our daily walk on the city's nature trail where we walk each day. Garry does the best he can with what he has. He lives year round in the woods right there in the middle of our big city. He has planted a small vegetable garden surrounded by thick woods and brush that he hopes will keep the animals away from the food—all with the actual edible parts underground like radishes. He even has herbs planted to eat with his vegetables.

Garry makes a little money by setting out some fallen branches that he has stripped of bark to be walking sticks. People do give him money for them and he spends it on food to feed the animals.

He went to Walmart with some walking stick money to buy a fishing rod to try his luck at fishing for trout in the nearby creek. The season has opened for trout. Alas, we are in a lockdown, with only essentials to purchase and a fishing rod is not considered an essential. No fish!

If he sells another stick or two, he has plans to go to the nearby fish and chop shop to buy some fries. He says the fries are great but the fish is not - too greasy and overbreaded!

Garry does get a pension. He would like to use April's when he gets it to buy a bus ticket to go north. He says a buddy has a cabin that he rents. It is on crown land and he has offered the use of it to Garry. Garry thinks he will go there to "live out his days". Garry is about 64 but looks about ten years older. If his plan does get to happen, I hope he is not denied that movement because of our stay-at-home restrictions until May 20th at least. We would miss seeing him at his customary park bench with his two gym bags of belongings; however we wish him well.

We give Garry our time, stopping to chat with him each day. However, with covid and with

several stopping to see him, I was wondering about a few masks. Yesterday we offered him a package of masks and he was very grateful, showing us the one in his pocket that was ready for the garbage!

Garry is quite possibly as happy as most of us. He does make me reflect on all we have in our life and to be thankful.

Best wishes,

Owen and Lynn Dunstall, # 76



Looking for People

Is there anyone out there
in our community that plays
bridge?
I'm looking for bridge
players for the summer.
We have a small group
that we'd like to add to.
Both men and women are
welcome.
We have a fun time
playing every Tues. at 1:00
in the card room at the
clubhouse.
Interested? more info
and details? call:

Flo Walpole - #201
954-8674





Happy Birthday

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Jean Calsada
- 5 - Pamela Rockow
- 6 - Anna Marie Crudgington,
C. Gourley Gahn
- 8 - Linda Phillips, Martha Schweizer
- 9 - Bessie Petros
- 10 - Kerry Ferguson
- 12 - Frank Warren,
- 14 - Jean Thomas, Daniel Evers
- 15 - James Volz
- 16 - Paul Jay Denzer
- 17 - Ruth Kurtzell, Pauline Stutzman
Barbara Gillmore, Stan Baker
- 20 - Lyn Ridall, Ralph Hermann
- 23 - Cindy Mailing
- 24 - Dena Nordlund
- 27 - John Hughes
- 28 - Arthur Sauve, David Shoman
David Smith
- 29 - Jeanne Mahon
- 31 - Frank Nitte



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Richard & Barbara Gillmore
- 7 - Douglas & Joyce Chesnut
- 9 - Roland & Jo-Ann Briere, James & Lynda
Volz
- 11 - Bill & Lynette Sewell
- 14 - Edward & Monika Blake
- 18 - Thomas & Judith Cunniff
- 19 - Martha & Larry Schweizer
- 23 - Cliff & Lisa Thomson
- 26 - Richard & Lorraine Morin
- 27 - Dick & Suzanne Richards, Manfred &
Ulrike Heindl





Our Deepest Sympathy


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

**Geraldine Goquen
(Former Resident)**



**APRIL
HOSPITALIZATIONS**

Gary Barth



PAUL BARROWS APPRECIATION

Thank You to all our Stonehedge friends and family that helped us out during this difficult time of Paul Barrows passing. To all his wonderful neighbors who stayed with us the night of his passing and supported us. Our family truly appreciated each and every one of you. To those of you who stopped in, called or sent us cards, thanks for all the kind words. To all who helped with the Celebration of Life service, Cliff, Augie, Phil and Sue, it was beautiful.

To the ladies who volunteered to serve and clean up, Sue, Peggie, Brenda, Nancy, Stephanie, Mary Jo and Penny, we could not have done it without you. We hope we didn't forget anyone. Thanks for sharing all the memories; he was loved by many.

Regards,

The Barrows, Warren, and Tudor Families



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 _____

Fire Safety Checklist for Homeowners and Renters

If there is a fire, you may have less than 3 minutes to get out of your home. Talk about what you should do to be safe. Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do if there is a fire.

Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

Electrical and Appliance Safety

- All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken or cut.
- People clean the dryer of lint after every use.
- All plug outlets are safe and do not feel warm when you touch them. (If they are warm, call the landlord or an electrician.)

Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- Adults blow out all candles when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Candles are kept out of reach from children and pets.



Test your alarm regularly.
Your smoke alarm is working if it makes a noise when you press the "test" button.

Cooking Safety

- The cooking area has no items that can burn.
- People stay in the kitchen when they are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove.

Escape Plan

- There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside the home.
- Everyone living in the house practices the escape plan 2 times a year.



Children are sometimes curious about fire.

If you have children in your home, lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles.

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STONEHEDGE ON THE HILL

Snow Bird Fly Away Form

Expected Dates Away and Return: _____

Resident Name: _____ Unit # _____

Away Address: _____

Away phone number: _____

NOTE: Prior to leaving, you should have made arrangements with someone to **ACTIVELY** weed & trim your garden flower beds (if applicable), also to clean out your gutters of any collecting debris and keep you informed if any other maintenance issues need attention. Make sure the person you choose has general operational knowledge of your *sprinkler* system. **WEEKLY** system checks include:

- 1) Ensure proper time, date & zone watering schedule** (City/County restrictions may apply)
- 2) Run the sprinkler system manually to ensure proper operation**
- 3) Clear ALL sprinkler heads of debris and overgrown grass for complete water coverage for the entire time you are away.** All other sprinkler issues can be reported to management.

IF YOUR UNIT IS NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED TO THE STANDARDS SET, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST TO ENSURE THAT IT IS

Maintaining shrubs & home _____ Unit # _____

Who is maintaining sprinklers _____ Unit# _____

Local contact phone number(s): _____

Resident Signature: _____

Any Additional info :

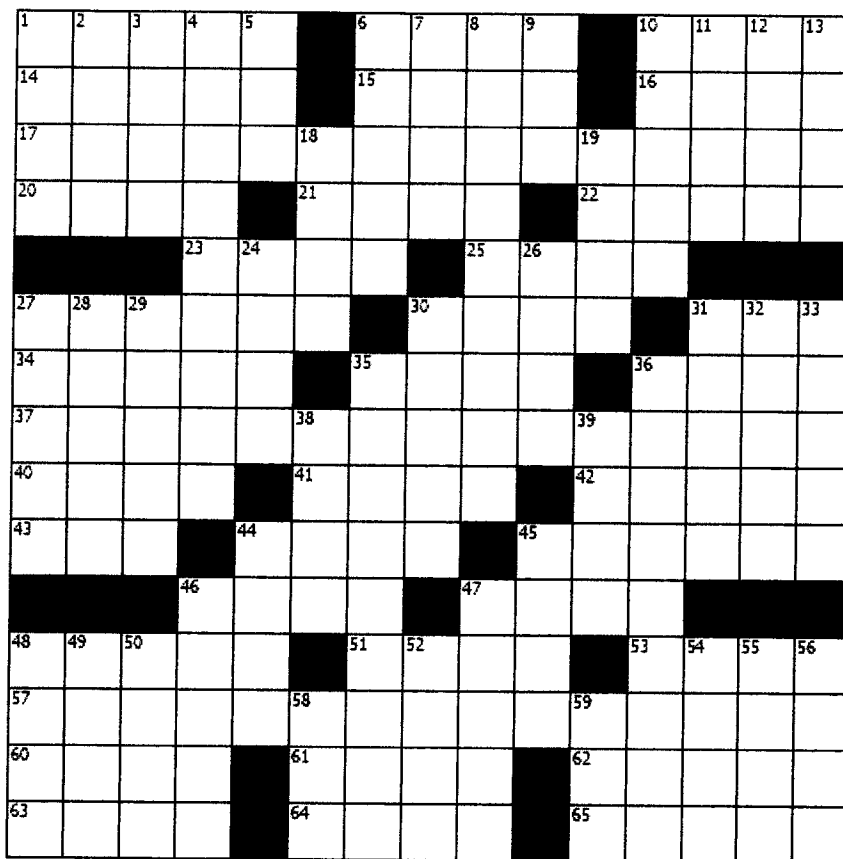
REMEMBER to leave the ELECTRIC and WELL WATER "ON" for your sprinkler system AND change the battery in your sprinkler timer !!

Stonehedge Office toll free phone # 1-888-348-9683

MAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. The Bard's theatre
6. Espouses
10. Rounds, clips and such
14. Hearing-related
15. Salute with enthusiasm
16. Lender's security
17. 5810 Wireless, e.g.
20. Stew in one's own juices
21. It's right on a map
22. A Kwanzaa principle
23. Pub measure
25. Safecracker, in slang
27. Excoriate
30. Barley beards
31. Pet rock, famously
34. Harry Potter's nemesis Malfoy
35. Wildly excited
36. Predecessor of Nadia and Mary Lou
37. Jim's raft mate
40. Change parts?
41. We suspect it has gas
42. More than occasionally
43. Massachusetts Cape
44. Ashtray detritus
45. Definitely not come-as-you-are
46. Soft fromage
47. "___ there, done that"
48. Pueblo or longhouse alternative
51. Unstable subatomic particle
53. ___ gin fizz
57. Children's home immortalized by the Beatles
60. Soon, ere now
61. Take apart
62. Shaped like an egg
63. St. Louis eleven
64. Use a taser
65. Columbus' hometown



Down

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chinwags 2. Whopper 3. Type of hygiene 4. Hikers' burdens 5. Game animal 6. Alternative to white or rye 7. Lost pencils are sometimes found behind these 8. Mucking out the pigs, e.g. 9. Furtive 10. Word with move, tag or string 11. Modest skirt length 12. Make the acquaintance of 13. Just 18. Nota ___ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Clowns for the camera 24. Unholy figurine 26. Cal. Tech. grad, perhaps 27. For a specific purpose 28. Shoe designer Magli 29. Hurried 30. Word with free or secret 31. Emulates a butterfly 32. Choreographer DeMille 33. Thomas or Kaye 35. Reprieve from a tax obligation 36. Like some football tackles 38. Needle case 39. Time long past | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 44. Witch's concoction 45. Abnegate 46. Coffee and string 47. Atomic number 5 48. Romanov ruler (Var.) 49. Sicilian landmark 50. Senior hop 52. Official language of Pakistan 54. "Mila 18" author Uris 55. Hodgepodge 56. Norse literary collection 58. Partridge Family vehicle 59. Pea soup |
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May 2021

Stonehedge Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	6 Men's Poker 6:30 Fun Shuffle	1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge	8:30 Coffee and...	12 Bowling 1 Hand & Foot		7 Pepper
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