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## Managers Korner February 2017

Tony Toscano

Hi once again from the frigid South. We have had no less than 10 days recently in the 50's!!! at night. All good for breaking out those warm and fuzzy sweaters and sweatshirts and cooking up some good old heartwarming soups. Although our days have been in the comfortable 70's, absolutely beautiful. I hope you take the time to enjoy.

I worked in NY for nearly 9500 days and never visited the Statue of Liberty. Take a day to do what you love about Florida, pick an evening and enjoy the sunset at a nice Beach-side restaurant. Take in an afternoon movie and treat yourself to a nice dinner. For those of you who enjoy a walk, take a ride to the Beach for your morning walk — even if it's for one morning. You may realize that life is much more fun and relaxing when you enjoy what you have worked for.

As always there are projects going on here at Stonehedge, although some are small these days. Here are some of the recent goings on:

TruGreen Pest Control: Our pest control representative visited with residents during a recent coffee hour and answered some questions regarding the conditions we as residents can take care of, as well as those Mother Nature has blessed us with. Over all, he gave some excellent advice and we will see if his program coupled with resident cooperation will spruce up our yards.

<u>Channel 95:</u> This service is no longer offered by Spectrum. One of our residents is checking into the price to purchase our own equipment to continue the service with possible expansion of the info generated on the channel.

Retention Pond: Due to the scheduling issues with contractors, we have purchased the sections of fence that need to be replaced. We will schedule the install in-house.

Pool Chaise Lounge chair Raffle: The ten low pool chaise lounges that we replaced with the high ones, will be raffled to the residents. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Put your name on it if you want one – and if more than 10 people request them -then 10 names will be pulled out of a hat and those selected will be able to purchase a chair for \$25.

#### **Annual Meeting Info**

Stonehedge Annual Membership Meeting will be help on March 15, 2017. You have been sent the first notice and the second notice will be mailed by February 13, 2017 along with information sheets submitted by candidates who intend to run for the Board. There are 3 positions coming due and if more than 3 residents decide to run you will have the chance to vote for those you would like to see run the park. If you have the intent to run your form must be in the office by Febraury 3.

**SPEEDERS:** We have run out of options – so one again a vote to add some (only 3) speed humps to the 3 main raceways here at Stonehedge. These speed humps (not bumps) are designed to be driven over at 15mph.

It truly is sad that there are a few – and it's only a few inconsiderate people -whether it be in cars, golf carts, delivery trucks, or even now on bicycles that do not take a few seconds of time to be a touch more cautious and courteous. The vote will on your ballot at the annual meeting.

#### Homes for Sale

Homes on the market have been scarce recently Stonehedge currently has 3 for sale:

Unit 214- \$79.5K Unit 98- 73K Unit 91- \$64.5K

#### Ongoing Stonehedge programs

"Walk of Life" Brick program: Memorial Bricks can be purchased for yourself or prior residents as a memory/dedication/honor that has been built around the 3 Flags in front of the clubhouse. Bricks can be purchased for just about any dedication — those residents who have served in the armed forces, past or

present resident, to honor a loved one or pet, or to social clubs that have operated within Stonehedge **Home State:** Residents home states are listed in the phone book with your permission. Please notify the office if you want your home state added to your listing. Check the phone book for the section of the listings

**REMINDER:** Requests are made to keep a list of residents Emergency Contacts on file at the office. As time goes by some of these emergency contacts may have changed. Please make sure your emergency contacts are up to date.

#### Hurricane Emergency Notification EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS

IN THE EVENT OF A SEVERE STORM OR HURRICANE IF YOU WOULD ASSISTANCE DUE TO A POWER OUTAGE OR NEED TRANSPORTATION TO A SHELTER. PLEASE GIVE THE INCLUDED INFORMATION SHEET TO THE OFFICE SO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES CAN NOTIFIED. BE THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT ON RECORD FOR EASY ACCESS IF NEEDED.

#### FROM THE SRI BOARD



Jayne Lucas, Board President

The new year has begun quietly, no projects. Tru Green has been working hard to rid the lawns of a fungus and

after our first mowing in 7 weeks, overall they look much better. It is very important that problems with your lawn be reported to management as soon as detected. Walk around your homes weekly and manually check to see that your sprinklers are working If you need assistance in understanding your sprinkler system/timer. again let management know. Also, we all should only be watering a maximum of one (1) day a week for 45 minutes per zone. The lawns can even go on an every other week schedule through the end of February or until the lawns start growing again. These few simple guidelines will not only help in healthy lawns but will help lower expenses.

Our social season is in high gear and SRA has many events planned for February. Check the calendar of events and come enjoy fun times with your neighbors.



#### **SRANEWS**

#### Janet Purtee, Secretary

Love is in the air, and where else is it more fun than Stonehedge? We have a month full of activities planned. You don't want to miss them!!

#### **FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES PLANNED**

**February 5 is Super Bowl Party** hosted by Dick and Sue Babcock. Food will be ordered from **Cody's**. Last date to order is Feb. 2. Sign up sheet is on board.

February 10 is COUPLES LUNCHEON hosted by Bob and Janet Purtee. This takes place at Thirsty Marlin at 12:00 noon. Sign up sheet with all information is on board. Hope to see you there!!

February 18 is PANCAKE BREAKFAST hosted by Bob Purtee and Phil Dailey. Always good! Pancakes hot off the grill. Price is \$5 each. Time is 8-10am. Tickets on sale February 8 and 15.

**February 19 is DANCE PARTY** hosted by Jim and Cheryl Kolbe. Time is 7-9 pm at the clubhouse. No charge. Just bring a snack and come and have a great time.

**February 25 is GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY PARTY** hosted by Mary Jo Mueller. What a great way to honor these couples! Plan to attend.

February 28 is MARDI GRAS PARTY hosted by Liz Barth and Janet Purtee. Band will be Happy Days. Price of tickets are \$8.00 and will be sold at coffee Feb 15 and 22. Lots of fun!!

Also come and support our shuffleboard teams on their home meets:

Feb 6 B Team Feb 8 A Team Feb 20 B Team Feb 22 A Team

### **TREE/SHRUB Fact Sheet**



T-15

### WINTER INJURY

Winter injury results from low temperatures, frost, or drying conditions (winter desiccation). Injury varies from leaf or flower burn to complete death of the plant.

#### Cause and Symptoms

Low Temperature - Low temperature injury occurs when temperatures drop below a plant's tolerance. Plants not hardy to the area are more prone to low temperature injury. Frost cracks and/or sun scald on tree trunks results when a temperature drop occurs after the bark has warmed up.

Injury symptoms are brown or black leaves, stem or branch dieback, bark splitting, and occasionally entire plant death. Complete plant death occurs when roots are killed.

<u>Frost</u> - Frost injury occurs during the fall and/or spring periods when plants are actively growing and temperatures drop below or near freezing. New growth, flowers, and fruits are most susceptible to frost injury.

Symptoms of frost injury include brown to black flowers, fruits, buds, and/or leaves. In addition, new leaves and shoots can be twisted, wilted, cupped, or curled. In some cases, leaves have holes in them after they expand.

<u>Desiccation & Drying Conditions</u> (winter burn) - Desiccation occurs when the leaves continue to lose water which is not replaced. This injury is usually associated with dry or frozen soil. Evergreen plants in exposed sites (winter wind) are more prone to this injury.

Symptoms are marginal leaf scorch, tip burn, leaf mottling, leaf drop, or death of entire leaves, twigs, or plants.

Other Winter Problems -Heavy snow or ice can break twigs or limbs. During the winter animals can also cause physical damage by feeding or other activities. Deer, rabbits, mice,



and other rodents feed on the leaves, buds, and bark of certain plants.

#### Conditions That Favor Winter Injury

A rapid temperature drop after unseasonably warm conditions often favors winter injury. Low soil moisture favors winter burn on evergreens and low temperature injury to roots. Recent transplants and stressed plants are more prone to winter injury.

#### Control

Specific measures can lessen winter injury.

- 1. Plant trees and shrubs that are hardy to the area.
- 2. Plant trees and shrubs in well drained soils.
- Ensure sufficient moisture in the root zone before the soil freezes. Use of mulch will help retain moisture.
- 4. Use wind breaks in exposed areas.
- 5. Maintain plants by providing necessary nutrients, water, and protection against stress for more tolerance to winter injury.

In the spring, prune injured or dead branches and twigs after growth has started. Provide water and nutrients for healthy growth.

Reference: TruGreen Tree and Shrub Field Guide, pp. M-14-15

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY LAWN THIS WINTER?

THROUGH NEW YEARS DAY, WE HAD A WONDERFULLY MILD WINTER. IT JUST COT COLD. PREVIOUS YEARS HAVE BEEN DEVESTATING. WHAT WILL HAPPEN THIS SPRING

<u>2014?</u> We certainly hope that we do not have record cold weather throughout the state, or subsequent years with record rainfall, but only time will tell. We would like to discuss what COULD happen, and how we can work together to help your lawn come through ANY winter in the best possible condition.

WHAT IS THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN? All of the turfgrasses we use in Florida are called warm season grasses. This means they thrive under our warm conditions. If temperatures get cold enough, St. Augustinegrass, centipede, bermuda, and zoysia will all suffer. Temperatures below 32 degrees will cause death of parts of the grass. You may see isolated spots in your lawn die, or only a minor mottled look to the turf. In the worst possible situation, large parts of the lawn can die from DIRECT LOW TEMPERATURE DAMAGE. Bahiagrass is not normally affected by cold weather, but it has so many other concerns that we do not recommend you convert to bahiagrass.

WHAT WILL TRUGREEN DO TO HELP MY LAWN BEST SURVIVE A HARSH WINTER? A combination of proper fertilization, weed and insect control will make your lawn not only attractive, but strong and healthy. By keeping pests to a minimum, and building a large root system, we can improve the quality of your turf and increase the odds that your turf will come through the winter in the best possible shape. Aeration is a supplemental treatment that aids in increased winter survival.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY LAWN COME THROUGH THE WINTER IN THE BEST

POSSIBLE SHAPE? Watering is THE most critical factor that determines how well a lawn comes through the winter. This past summer we had sufficient rain, but it does not take long for our soils to dry out. A lawn that goes in and out of drought stress during the summer and fall months loses large parts of its root system, and is continually repairing itself. So instead of putting energy into making itself healthy, it is continually under stress. TruGreen has numerous customers who live next door to each other and had widely different amounts of winter damage. One key factor we found over and over again was the degree of watering. As a RULE OF THUMB, watering deeply every 10 to 14 days is usually sufficient during our cooler months. Unusual weather conditions may dictate increasing or decreasing this schedule. Too much water is just as bad for the turf as too little water.

<u>WHAT ABOUT MOWING?</u> Good mowing practices are also important, for the same reason. Mowing too low forces the plant the make new leaves at the expense of roots. This puts the plant at a disadvantage going into the winter. Low mowing also gives a competitive advantage to weeds, which is the last thing a turfgrass under stress needs. Centipedegrass, which prefers to be mowed between 1 to 1.5".

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MY UPCOMING APPLICATIONS? Your next service visits not only contain important nutrients to keep your turf going, we also treat broadleaf weeds that invade the lawn. Finally, if any late season insect pests are causing problems, your TruGreen Specialist will treat them also. We want to make your turf as STRONG and HEALTHY (and attractive!) going into the cool weather as possible.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT MY LAWN WAS DAMAGED BY THE COLD? We may not be able to access the damage immediately, and generally we ask for patience until the spring to determine the severity of the injury. Your Specialist will keep you informed of what is happening on your lawn during your regularly scheduled visits.

Remember that TruGreen will help your lawn look its best during the cooler months.





#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bob Purtee & Phil Dailey

Always good!

Pancakes hot off the grill. Price is \$5 each. Time is 8-10am. Tickets on sale February 8 and 15 from 8-10 a.m.

#### **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

Mary Jo Mueller host



Date: FEBRUARY 25 Time: 2-4 P.M. Place: Clubhouse

Couple to be honored are:

Garrett and Lonna Anguilm
John and Peggy Duncan
Ron and Penny Curvin
Lynn and Owen Dunstall
Richard and Lorraine LeBeau
George and Marion Christman

If you are a couple that was married in 1967, and you are not listed please call Mary Jo Mueller at 940-6676, by Feb. 11.

#### **MARDI GRAS PARTY**

Liz Barth and Janet Purtee hosts



Enjoy the music by HAPPY DAYS on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 from 6:30-9:30.

Tickets are \$8.00 each
Tickets are available at coffee Feb 15 and 22.

Please join us for Lots of fun!!

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Monika Lentze
Reading:
Lunch with the Coroner
by Colin Coterill
MEETING
Feb 21 at Clubhouse

#### **DANCE PARTY**

Jim and Cheryl Kolbe hosts



DATE: February 19, 2017

Time: 7-9 pm
Where: Clubhouse.
Cost: No charge.

Just bring a snack and come and have a

great time.

#### SPRING FAIR BASKET RAFFLE

Please help!!!

We need **NEW**items to fill the
baskets!
Such as adult
beverages, jewelry, art,
tools, etc.
Donations can be taken to
Gary Barth (161)
Bob Purtee (120).



You can also call us at 940-5196 and we will pick up your donations. This is a great money maker for **SRA**. THANKS!!!



## STONEHEDGE BINGO ON THURSDAYS!

Join us for Bingo.

Cards must be purchased by
6:30 p.m.

Must be 18 year's old

to play.



When: Saturday March 4, 2017 Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A sign up sheet is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board. The Carport Sale will be advertised in the local "Flyer" and the "Tampa Bay Times". Unsold items can be donated to the Stonehedge Spring Fair on March 11, 2017.

#### Please note the following:

a) Garage Sale Permits (at no charge for seniors) are required by the City of Tarpon Springs. The application forms will be available in the clubhouse.

Completed Applications may be left in the clubhouse, for collection and delivery to the City by me (not later than WED. MARCH 1, 2017). Signed Permits will then be available for pick up in the clubhouse and **POSTING THE DAY OF THE SALE**.

b) A sign up sheet will be available soon for those wishing to borrow a table (rectangular tables only) for use at the sale. However all tables **must be** returned to the clubhouse by 4:00 p.m. on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please call Martha Collier at 419 483-6201.



#### JEWELRY-JEWELRY-JEWELRY

Linda Kosloski #255

It's that time of year again to start thinking of the Spring Fair.

Clean out your jewelry boxes and what you no longer wear or want, please bring to me @lot 255 or call me and I'll pick it up. Thank you!



## NEWCOMER'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who attended this event. Your attendance made this function an enjoyable evert or our new neighbors. Also, my thanks to the many workers who helped serve the yummy ice cream sundaes. You were all so great!

Sue & Dick Babcock #209





#### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

#### Thank You!

We would like to thank: <u>Our Kitchen crew</u>: Ed Blake, Ken & Martha Collier, Terry & Kay Ellinton, Stan & Marlene Hall. <u>Our Servers</u>: Georgia Sego, Barbara English, Dick & Sue Babcock, Jim & Cheryl Kolbe. <u>And everyone</u> that helped set up.

George & Peg McBee





#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Angela Metelski, Ernest Robinson Sandy Czajka
- 3 Christine Damico
- 4 Margaret Pringle
- 5 Kay L. Ellingson
- 6 Carol Lyle
- 8 William Scharf
- 9 Roberta Johnson
- 11 Joan Harrison,
- 12 Mary Banks, Shirley Duffield
- 14 James Nienaber
- 15 David Phillips
- 16 Patricia VanWert
- 17- Thomas Cunniff, Jagueline Beck
- 20 Pat Gahn, Maryanne Leach Bernard Brodkorb
- 24 Virginia Pisano
- 25 Patricia Schmidt, Owen Dunstall Wilbert Aldrich Jr.
- 27 Mario St. Pierre, Carol Spence
- 28 Barbara English, John Harrison Lorraine Quattrone
- 29 Susan Selby



#### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 Paul & Caroline Goldey, Peggy & John Harper
- 14 Robert & Sandra Catt, James & Faye Nienaber
- 15 David & Beverly Cox
- 23 Terry & Adrien Langlois
- 27 Ronald & Diane LaFosse
- 29 Raymond & Marsha Miller





I would like to thank all who brought hot soups and breads while I was so sick. It was very much appreciated. Stonehedge is a wonderful place to live. **Love, Sandy Hunt** 



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

JANUARY DEATHS:

Marvin Smith #66

Betty Clark #241

Jack Ellington #231

The family of Stephen Schissler

would like to thank the residence of Stonehedge for the cards and words of comfort during our recent loss.

Helen Schissler and Family

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION**

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THAT WOULD REQUIRE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR UNIT, THE OFFICE WOULD LIKE YOU TO FILL OUT A EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FILE THAT WILL BE FOR OFFICE USE ONLY. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO ASSIST YOU WITH LEAVING YOUR HOME. IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY THE PAREMEDICS WILL BE PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR MEDICATIONS ON YOU AT ALL TIMES (PURSE-BILLFOLD). FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE OFFICE. IF ANY OF THE ABOVE OCCURS WHEN THE OFFICE IS CLOSED CALL ONE OF THE ON-SITE KEY HOLDERS LISTED IN THE PHONE BOOK FOR ASSISTANCE.

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DO YOU HAVE A PET

## Stonehedge Calendar

## February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	8		8.30 - Coffee 2-Men's Pool 6:30 - Hand & Foot 6:30 - Bridge	12 - Bowling 1 -Hand & Foot 6 -Men's Poker 6:45 - Bingo	2 9 -Stitch & Sew 2-Men's Pool 6:30 - Pinochle	4
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26	11 - Line Dancing Shuffle A 2 - Men's Pool 6 - Men's Poker	9 - Mahjong 28 1- Hand & Foot 1 -Bridge 1- Crafts 6:30 -Euchre Mardi Gras 630 p	Q'L	3	'	