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MANAGER'S KORNER

Tony Toscano, Mgr.

March 2022

Hi all. Hope all are still doing well, and the season and weather changes are suiting your lifestyle. We had a short winter this year with only a few weeks in the cooler temperatures. It gives us a bit of what we left although 40 at night is not like 8 degrees during the day as some northern states dealt with.

As I write this article, I am dealing with a bit of a head cold and coming off of my dog also being sick. The difference is my dog just cost me \$600, with me a few Alka-Seltzer plus and an extra vitamin C. There was suspicion that the dog had eaten some poison, so precautions had to be taken. I did wince when I heard the bill but as any dog - or for that matter animal - lover, we have gone far and above to protect and pay for our animals. I will tell you a story that cost us \$3,600 for our cat, yes, our car (Frankinkitty) and the reasoning behind it and its renaming.

One night (actually about 2AM) while my wife and I were asleep in the upstairs bedroom of our Jersey home, our cat would not stop whining and meowing. She would jump up and run across the bed every few minutes. I caught her once and flung her off to get the point across, but it did not stop. We used to keep her regular food and water on the ground floor, and she never did bother us when she was hungry, so this behavior was different. We always had a large water cup (one of those Big Gulps- 44oz) on the flat part of our bed's headboard upstairs just so she could drink, if needed. Well, I guess the fling did not do anything because she persisted in meowing and running across the bed.

When we did not react to that she decided to knock the entire water cup off the headboard emptying it right on me and my wife. That was it !!! I jumped out of bed to strangle her, and she ran to the top of the stairs and meowed again looking right at me. As I approached her, she took off down the stairs and I chased her. As I

got to the bottom of the steps, she stopped again this time next to the 55-gallon saltwater fish tank we had in the living room and meowed again. This time I did not pay any attention to her, what I was focused on was the dancing orange glow that was coming from inside the wooden cabinet under the fish tank. When I opened the cabinet there was a nice size electrical fire that had started somehow. At this point my wife had come down the steps and seen the "oh my God" issue as well. I grabbed the extinguisher and put it out. Needless to say, the cat was trying to let us know there was an issue. After all was said and fire put out we, along with the cat, who crawled up and cuddled on the bed, ended up getting a good night's sleep.

So back to the \$3,600 cat expense. A few years after this incident the cat comes down with cancer- she was only 8 at the time- and when we were told of the total cost for the testing and possible amputation of the infected leg, we decided that was the very least we owed the cat for warning us of what could have been a much worse and costly fire. They did end up amputating her rear leg and left a rather large, stitched area that reminded us of Frankenstein- therefore the name change to Frankinkitty. To tell you the truth I still cannot remember her original name. Well, she hopped around, jumped and ran thru the house like nothing happened for the next 10 years.

Just another story about a part of life and another forever moment made whenever.

Projects Update- as of 2/22/22 - (when this article was written):

Unfortunately, there is not much progress to report although we are closer to suggested start dates

Avanti electronic water meters - contract signed - waiting on schedule- looks like March for materials -

UPDATE is we have received the transmitter and the meters are expected in by mid-March - the

install company has been put on notice of the expected dates

AP Civil solution for Storm water lines -

contract signed and returned to vendor -

Expected to start by March

UPDATE: still expected mid-March

Bobs carpet- stage carpet- - Done

Annual mailing- 2nd notice mailed - please get your votes and proxy for attendance in early

Palm trees - spoke to Evans's lawn care

yesterday - still on schedule waiting for a bit warmer weather - now that's its here we expect them to be installed within the next few weeks

SM Doors— front handicap doors - as of 1/25— all parts ordered and shipped- waiting for schedule

UPDATE- they came to install on 2/17 but the incorrect header bar was in the box, so they have to reorder

Pool cover - in and in use

Clubhouse Roof repair - completed

Special Assessment meeting - for Storm sewer payment - Payments are coming in. We will send out reminders at end of quarter to all who have not paid.

RETIREMENT: As you all have experienced, and I am waiting to discover, as you may or may not know, I am retiring. As of now, my last day will be May 6th this year. We should have the "new guy" sitting in shortly - expected trial date starts March 7th. we will see how that goes for a few weeks to make a final decision. He is a licensed property manager with a years' experience and a former corrections officer as well, so be prepared. Please keep in mind that I have been here for 16 years, and the "new guy" will be just that, "new". I will be available to train him on site for the 2 months and to follow thru to budget time and thru till the end of the year if needed to ensure that the residents are well taken care of.

RULES REMINDERS- repeat from last month -

some items have still not been taken care of

Maintenance of homes and grounds with

regard to cleanliness throughout the park: I

have discussed this enough over all the years I

have been here, and something needs to be done again

1. Cars on sidewalks - time in my day is wasted getting cars off the pressure washed sidewalks. When you have someone over the house - first thing to check is - are they parked on the sidewalk - if so tell them to move off before you start and project or conversation - they are your sidewalks - keep them clean

2. Mold on homes - Enough already - many homes need pressure washing - get it done - no questions asked - no one wants to see the mold on your home - most of all the buyers that come in to look to purchase in your community or a seller who is selling next door to a home with mold on it. Aside from that its damaging to the interior of the home if it gets past your siding before being cleaned.

3. Garbage pails/recycle bins- after they pick up trash and recycle - the bins and pails should be out of site (not hidden behind something) till next pick up

4. Dog walk area- I know some other people walk their dogs in our front area off of US 19 and may not pick up dog waste, but it has been brought to my attention that some residents also do not pick up after their dog. Please be courteous and do so. Same goes for around your home - the lawn service reports back to me after they cut.

Homes for Sale --Homes at Stonehedge have been selling very well in all ranges of pricing. There has been mention of 2 homes soon to be listed. As of now the owners do not want any info out but will let us know shortly.

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.

Tony

As all should know the park has an established program that aids in the prevention of disease and insects that can destroy your lawn and plantings as well as spreading fertilizers to insure good growth and herbicides to control the numerous amounts of weeds that also seem to thrive here in Florida. As I stated in the past, we are not the only critters who love Florida.

The communication with TruGreen is excellent and with the communication from our residents and those who take care of the yards when our snowbirds fly away will determine if we have adjusted our program to satisfy our needs.

TruGreen's adjusted program for 2022 and selection of pesticides and insecticides was chosen after our detailed study of the entire park's issues from prior years

This next step, although very simple, is critical in aiding the program set up for the park. Management is constantly in touch with the TruGreen Pest Control and more often than not there are problems with watering schedules and the control of water. We need your help also. This new program has been based off of cooperation between management and our residents.

Last year there were over 40 issue with timers set incorrectly (overwatering caused a bunch of fungus). Not enough water on some (caused lawns to dry out)

Now don't get me wrong – in Florida we have many issues that cannot be taken care of no matter what we do or how much chemicals are put down. That's just the nature of Florida grasses, but we can prevent what we have control of. That's what is being asked of our residents and management by TruGreen.

* Check the batteries in you sprinkler timer. **The battery does not run the sprinklers.** It holds the settings when there are short power outages. If the battery is no good and there is a power outage, your timer automatically resets itself to run every day for 10 minutes a zone and has to be reset manually. If there is no one watching your home during the months you are away, 10 minutes a day in 90 degree heat, get out the jelly because your lawn will be toast shortly.

If you have been keeping up with past articles you will remember that everything that you do in your yard has an action/reaction affect. Even if your lawn does make it thru some of the heat at 10 minutes a day, 7 days a week the damage may have already been done. Since 10 minutes a day does not allow water to seep into the ground, forcing the roots to feed off the surface, when the timer is reset properly and the sun is up and shining, those surface roots are susceptible to burn, damaging the plant. Result? a dead or dying lawn. In times of no rain, your plants and grass will not have established root system to search out water 6-9-12 inches below ground the weaker blades of grass will eventually die off. Result? a dead or dying lawn. If we get any type of frost in the winter those surface roots will not be protected and die off. Result? a dead or dying lawn. For those who remember in 2009 after a few winter frosts we eventually had to replace 60-65 pallets of sod much of it due to this type of damage.

If you cannot remember when you changed the batteries last- then change them now.

We are heading into the growing and planting season and the last thing we want to worry about is issues that have carried over from the dormant season of Dec, Jan and Feb. We only had the lawns cut 5 times over that 3 month period. Evidence of dormancy.

To be brief on replacement of plants. The best advice I can give you is look at the surrounding homes in your area and see what you like that has survived and thrived. Talk to your neighbors about the maintenance of those plants. **Check the internet for Zones 9-9b native Florida plants and choose from that list.** Don't believe all you hear form the DIY centers, remember I worked there. Check local nurseries, the people that work there do it for a career.

It's a good day on the green side of the grass
See you in April



March 2022 SRA NEWS
Janet Purtee, Secretary

Wasn't February a great month?

Started out cold but ended very nice! Things here in the park were pretty special! We had a lot of fun activities, carport sale, beautiful luau, and yummy pancakes! Now on to March....a lot planned and you don't want to miss any of them!

March activities planned:

March 4 is set up for Spring Fair starting at 7:30. Residents may bring items to clubhouse starting at 9am.

March 5 is Spring Fair. This is the biggest money maker for SRA. Great deals and fun day. Stonehedge residents may come at 8-9am. All nonresidents can shop starting at 9am. Lunch will be served also.

March 12 is Pancake Breakfast hosted by Dick Babcock. Always delicious. Price is \$5 and served from 8-10am.

March 17 is St. Patricks Dinner/Dance hosted by the Babcocks and Ellingsons. Time is 5-9. Tickets are \$15 and includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and carrots dinner! Band is Tangent. Don't miss it!

March 20 is Newcomers Ice Cream Social hosted by Claran Grinstead. Come welcome our new residents and have ice cream sundaes too! Time is 2pm.

March 25 is Friendly Friday in pool area. Time is 4pm. Byob and a snack to share. ABSOLUTELY NO GLASS IN POOL AREA! Fun time!

March 27 is Snowbird Party hosted by SRA. This is a potluck with chicken, tea and lemonade provided by SRA. Come and enjoy our end of season free to residents party. Guests will be \$5. Eat at 5:00. Scott Fallon is entertainment and will play from 6-9.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 9** Golden Anniversaries
- April 22** Beachbillies Dance



RAFFLE COMING MARCH 5th

The Hall and Bruno families are sponsoring the Basket Raffle. We are accepting donations of items to put in the basket raffle. Or maybe you have a basket full of goodies to donate. Bring to #47 or call 469-337-1004, or we will pick up. Basket Donations can also be given to the Brunos at #114. We graciously thank you for your help. **Marlene Hall and Cheryl Bruno**

Couples Luncheon

The Couples Luncheon on February 18, 2022, was enjoyed by everyone! 58 people attended and a delicious meal was eaten by all. This took place at the Thirsty Marlin in Palm Harbor. Prizes were won by Dorothy Siembieda, Cliff Thomson, Jerry Kinsey, Carol Doornbos, Deb Ingalls, Bob Purtee, Stan Hall, Dick Babcock, Chloe Pokracki, Dan Kingsland, Jolane Price, Dave Phillips, Terry Rice, Linda Phillips, and George Ellis. Fun time to be together! **Janet & Bob Purtee, #120**



TONY IS RETIRING!

COME ONE! COME ALL!

IT'S A PARTY!

Celebrate with Tony on the occasion of his well-earned well-deserved retirement.

Share this time with Tony and his wife Laura, as well as your fellow Stonehedge residents.

We have enjoyed his monthly *Beacon* articles. Get a taste of his wit and humor in person as we honor his commitment to his position and to our well-being.

See you in the clubhouse on

Wednesday, March 9th

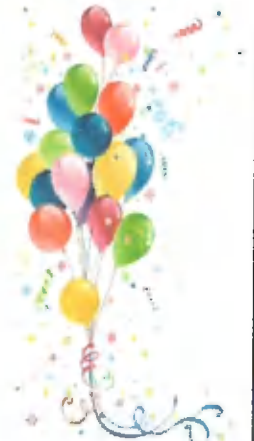
*Annual General Meeting 9:am

*Complimentary Free Luncheon at 11:30

* Presentation to Tony

If you would like to give your "Best Wishes" to Tony at that time,

there will be a container provided.





We are going to be putting together a new pictorial directory, as it has been several years since one was done. We will be doing this in house so it will be less formal than the previous ones, and you won't be required to purchase pictures. We will start taking pictures on March 23rd at and after coffee hour, and on Thursday the 24th and Monday the 28th with specific time slots. There will be a sign-up sheet for the 24th, 28th and future dates in the clubhouse. If you are a snowbird and are leaving before the picture days, or are not physically able to come to the clubhouse, please call Brenda Wester at 219-241-5458 and she will come to your home and take your picture. We hope to have the finished product completed by the end of summer. We encourage everyone to be part of this project, so get those smiles ready. Any questions please call (219) 241-5458.

Brenda Wester, # 66

BELATED THANKS

Better late than never! Thanks to all who came to our 60's/Woodstock dance. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did organizing it. The Band was awesome as usual and thanks to your generosity in the raffle we raised 403.00 and were able to award three 100.00 prizes to Sandy Czajka-#116, Ginger Stetkiewicz #177, and Vince Lovas #178. Stonehenge is definitely the place for fun and good times. Thank you again,

Fran Daly & Cheryl Bruno

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LUAU



Oh what a night! There were so many compliments about the food, entertainment, and the decorations that we were glad to know the 3rd Luau was such a success.

Thank you, Gentlemen of Stonehedge for showing off your "smooth moves" on the dance floor to the tune of The Chicken Dance! A lot of good memories were made all through the evening!

We'd like to express our appreciation to co-chairs, Mark and Sue Salisbury, they've co-chaired for the last 3 years with us for this event! Kudos to our team members, Dave and Marlene Hicks, Suzanne Reiter, Kay Ellingson, Jackie and Ron Beck, Rick and Nancy Carmack, Kevin and Brenda Wester.

We appreciated Bob Purtee and Terry Ellingson for stepping up and taking care of the share-the-wealth ticket sales.

And thank you to all who helped "pitch in" and remove and store the decorations away- everything was a team effort and we are grateful.

The Nicklases, #83

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Scott Akins, # 62

If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"



Happy Birthday



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Greg & Susan Payton
- 10 - Garrett & Lonna Anguilm
- 20 - John & Marcia Hughes
- 29 - Daniel & Valentina Armstrong

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Geraldine Lane, Susan Browne
- 3 - Stanley Lane
- 5 - Stanley Hall
- 6 - Lynn Dunstall, Dorothy Siembieda
- 7 - Joan Mrowczynski, Adrien Langlois, Bonny Layton
- 8 - Joan Winters
- 9 - Kathy Judd
- 11 - James Bruno
- 12 - Deborah Carlin, Arthur Price
- 13 - Jeanita Cadoret, Jo-Ann Briere, Eric Scanson
- 15 - Ruth Holden, David Barry
- 16 - Evelyn Mitrov, Lou Anne Wicher
- 18 - Roberta Kindig
- 19 - Russel "Greg" Eubanks
- 20 - Beatrice Wille, Trish Appenzeller
- 21 - Vinny Lovas
- 22 - George Ellis
- 23 - Gary Nitte, Beverly Bretz
- 26 - Christine Scanson, Scott Mailing
- 27 - Vivian Robinson, Linneah Chicarelli
- 30 - Gary Campbell, Sharyn Hines
- 31 - Priscilla Fisher, Janet McDougall



GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS

With Owen Dunstall
Mondays at 9:00A in the
Clubhouse Discussions
And help on growing
your family
tree

**These days,
I get most of my
exercise
just shaking my
head in
disbelief**

**Join Us For Bingo
Thursdays
At 6:45
Cards Must Be Purchased
By 6:30
And You Must Be 18
or over to Play**



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

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

**Pat Hosking (Fmr Resident)
Judy Kovalchick**



SUDOKU

For

MARCH

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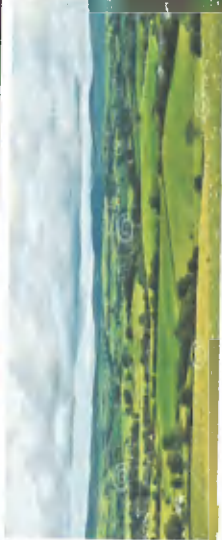

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Stonehedge Calendar

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	<p>1 10 Line Dancing 1 Hand & Foot 1 Bridge</p>	<p>2 8:30 Coffee and... 9 SRA Board Mtg 12 Water aerobics 6:30 Pinochle</p>	<p>3 12 Bowling 1 Hand & Foot 6 Men's Poker 6:30 Bingo</p>	<p>4 10 Sewing class</p>	<p>5 8 Spring Fair</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7 9 Geneology 9:30 Craft Club 6:30 Left, Right, & Center</p>	<p>8 8:30 Coffee and... 9 SRI Annual Mtg. 11:30 Party for Tony 12 Water aerobics 6:30 Pinochle</p>	<p>9 10 12 Bowling 1 Hand & Foot 6 Men's Poker 6:30 Bingo</p>	<p>11 10 Sewing class</p>	<p>12 8 Pancake Bkfst 7 Pepper</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14 9 Geneology 9:30 Craft Club 6 Ladies' Poker</p>	<p>15 8:30 Coffee and... 12 Water aerobics 1:30 Sip & Paint 6:30 Pinochle</p>	<p>16 17 12 Bowling 1 Hand & Foot 6 Men's Poker 5 St. Patty's Dance 6:30 Bingo</p>	<p>18 10 Sewing class</p>	<p>19 7 Pepper</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21 9 Geneology 9:30 Craft Club 6:30 Left, Right, & Center</p>	<p>22 8:30 Coffee and... 12 Water aerobics 6:30 Pinochle</p>	<p>23 24 12 Bowling 1 Hand & Foot 6 Men's Poker 6:30 Bingo</p>	<p>25 9 SRI Agenda Mtg. 10 Sewing class 4 Friendly Friday</p>	<p>26 7 Pepper</p>
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<p>5</p>	<p>Snowbird Party</p>				