

Stonebrooke Villager



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FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The CDC and Georgia's Department of Public Health continue to call for Social Distancing due to COVID-19. The health and safety of ourselves, our friends and neighbors are paramount.

The Social Committee will not plan any events until further notice due to the increases in COVID-19 in Cobb County.

Cancelled for August are -

- Donuts and Coffee
- Book Discussion Group
- Ladies Lunch Out
- Eating In/Out
- Mahjong
- Bridge

Forms are in the clubhouse –

- To have your birthday listed in the newsletter

Fill in the form and put under the office door.

BOARD BRIEFS

Financial Report: As of the last day of Jun., the Stonebrooke Condominium Association had \$7,635.54 in the Community's General Operating Account and \$268,043.78 in the Reserve Accounts.

--- Bob Kuzniak, Treas.

Sprinklers: Work continues on sprinklers to get them all in repair. Many sprinklers have been rewired and seem to be working better while more work is being done.

Bees: Spraying was done up on the hill. The Board hopes this takes care of the problem.

Erosion in Gullies: Five homeowners are experiencing erosion after heavy rain which is causing the formation of gullies near their homes. The Board is getting bids for drainage rocks to stop this erosion of grass and dirt.

Clogged Down Spouts and Drains: This is an ongoing project that is still being worked on.

Yard Lights: Ron is trying to find parts to repair yard lights.

Annual Meeting: Due to continuing concerns about COVID-19, the Board feels that it is not realistic to plan a group meeting this year. Everyone received a packet in the mail. Review the packet and if you have any questions or concerns, please notify someone on the Board.

COVID-19 update: Carefree has provided updates regarding state mandates that extend to HOA communities. A copy has been left on the table in the Clubhouse foyer and another on the bar for your perusal. Bear in mind that these rules are subject to change and do change frequently. However, the safety and security of our residents and friends here at Stone Brooke Village are our primary concern. While some rules are mandated (social distancing) other are suggestions (wearing masks). We are asking that for your own and your neighbors' safety, please adhere to the following rules for the Clubhouse:

- Maintain social distancing

- Wear masks
- Clean tables and counters after use
- Limit gatherings to 10 people
- Gather at your own risk

--- Joanne Shaw, Sec.

Update on Pool Regulations: No more than 5 people are allowed in the pool at one time. Social distances must be maintained. A new sign will be posted before entering the pool area.

Umbrellas: Please remember to take down umbrellas when finished at the pool.

--- Barbara Teague, VP

AUG. BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to those who have Aug. Birthdays: 4th... Linda Neighbors, 8th... Bill Fisher, 13th... Ron Hidden, 16th... Mollie McKinney, 22nd... Lorna Evans, and 29th... Jean Crowson. Fill out the form in the clubhouse if you want to be added to the list.

GLASS REPLACEMENT

Thank you to Harry Ivey for researching local glass replacement companies and providing homeowners with a list of possibilities. Several in the neighborhood have now had windows replaced and even went ahead to have foggy shower door glass replaced at the same time.



DORMERS REPAIRED



Rotten dormer boards were replaced and repainted after new roofs were installed on the units.

CHOCOLATE IS A VEGETABLE

Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Bean = vegetable. Sugar is derived from either sugar CANE or sugar BEETS. Both are plants, which places them in the vegetable category. Thus, chocolate is a vegetable.

To go one step further, chocolate candy bars also contain milk, which is dairy; therefore, candy bars are a health food. Chocolate-covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want. If you have got melted chocolate all over your hands, you are eating it too slowly.

The problem: How to get two pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car? The solution: Eat it in the parking lot. Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It will take the edge off your appetite, and you will eat less.

If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the refrigerator. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves. (People have tested this with other snack foods as well.)

If you eat equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate, is that a balanced diet? Don't they counteract each other? Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger. Therefore, you need to eat more chocolate. Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you will get one thing done.

A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Now, isn't that handy? If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. If you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?

Remember --- "STRESSED" spelled backwards is "DESSERTS." Use chocolate to resolve your stress problems and get your daily vegetables.

STAY SAFE

..... STAY COOL

YEAR IN REVIEW

The Village's fourteenth year started out normally, but it proved to be anything but normal by the end. Aug. through Jan. included Doughnuts and Coffee, Eat In / Out, Bridge, Mahjong, Book Discussion Group, and Ladies' Lunch. Things changed drastically when the coronavirus (Covid-19) arrived.

AUG. 2019

Aug. was celebrated with Music, Munchies, and Margaritas (an end of summer celebration). Water Aerobic with Barbara Teague cooled everyone off at the pool. Pool maintenance replaced the rotten buoy and net pole. Residents were reminded about trash collection rules.

SEP. 2019

Chicken was provided at the Labor Day Celebration. Larry Earls died. Water aerobics finished the season. Allen Lewis from Norton Insurance gave an overview of the Association's Master property policy and provided insight into what each homeowner should include in their individual homeowner policies.



OCT. 2019

The Stop signs and other black posts were painted. Joanne Shaw joined the Board as Secretary. Homeowners were invited to join a pre-meeting with the Board to ask questions and state any concerns. The STOP sign at Stilesboro Road was replaced. Damaged bases of the wooden posts were repaired and painted; metal protectors were installed to prevent future damage. Eight trees were deemed unsalvageable on the property and were scheduled to be cut down. Bids were taken to replace the sediment filter. There were coyote sightings. Everyone was reminded to make pictures of everything in the condo and keep the pictures off site in case they are needed for insurance reasons.

NOV. 2019

Food collection for MUST was scheduled. Residents could sign up to buy new Christmas bows for their outdoor lights. The Christmas tree was decorated,

and residents brought unwrapped gifts for children ages 1 to 15 to be distributed by Cobb Christmas, Inc.



When the 8 trees were removed, the vendor found that various utility lines were buried under the stumps. The well filter was replaced with a smaller outside tank. Residents were reminded that clubhouse parking is not to be used overnight or for multiple days. Residents were reminded that they are responsible for upkeep and repair of their patios. Homeowners were told that there would be an increase in the HOA fees starting in Jan.

DEC. 2019

There was a community wide junk and trash pickup. The Christmas Party was catered by Zeiglers.



Repairs were made to several fences in the Village. Patsy Bowman provided a Stuffed French Toast recipe to the newsletter. Meet Your Neighbor featured Jim and Julia Howard plus Stan and Mildred Clay.



JAN. 2020

Forms were put in the clubhouse asking people to host 2020 activities, be on the social committee, and have a birthday put in the newsletter. The annual meeting was scheduled for Mar. 18. The edgework around the front flower beds was done. Flood lights were added to the mail kiosk for safety and convenience. Pine straw was added to both sides. Sprinklers were shut off for the winter. A new dishwasher was installed in the clubhouse kitchen.

FEB. 2020

The bridge group asked if anyone was interested in being a substitute. The lights over the front door of the clubhouse were put on a timer. Residents were warned to report chirping gas meters to Atlanta Gas Light Company immediately. Book Discussion centered on The Traitor's Wife. Gutters were cleaned. New pillows were purchased for the clubhouse. Some social events were cancelled because of coronavirus.

MAR. 2020

The Annual Meeting was cancelled. More social activities were cancelled. Tree replacement was completed. Some of the fire zone curbs were repainted by Harry Ivey. The Board got bids to replace the roofs from four vendors. With all the rain in Feb., residents were asked to watch walls and ceilings in Mar. then report any leaks to the HOA Board as quickly as possible.



APR. 2020

All social activities were cancelled for the month. The clubhouse was closed to social events. The gym remained open. The Board signed a contract to replace the roofs. Mary Pat Lacy and Nancy Boccella volunteered to help other Stonebrooke residents during this time by picking up groceries and getting medicines from drug stores. Dawn Davis and others started making masks since there was a nation-wide shortage.

The newsletter suggested things to do if you feel overwhelmed:

- Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate

- Eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep
- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories. Try to add some activities you enjoy to your life.
- Connect with others (virtually if possible). Share your concerns and how you are feeling with a friend or family member.
- Think positive. People are pulling together now, and this is an opportunity for optimism and hope
- Avoid using alcohol and drugs

MAY 2020

Chairs were set out at the pool so residents could “visit” with one another and maintain social distancing. The calling tree was updated to use in case of emergencies. Residents could schedule pressure washing of sidewalks and patios. They could also schedule window washing. Feral cats and coyotes were seen in the neighborhood. Copies of individual emergency procedures in case of tornados, floods, and other natural occurrences were made available for pickup in the clubhouse. Vial of Life materials were also made available for pickup.

JUN. 2020

The social committee tentatively planned a community get together for the 4th of July, but it was cancelled. Re-roofing was delayed because of a week of rain. Residents were asked to pick up any nails they found on the ground. Flushing valves were installed on the well pump. Freida Penick took over the Sunshine Club and will send get-well cards as needed. The pool finally opened. Stan Clay started to teach three classes. The newsletter reprinted regulations for flowers and plants from the homeowners' manual.

JUL. 2020

The Board continued a “soft opening” of the clubhouse. Limited social activities were planned then cancelled because of the coronavirus. Roof replacement was completed.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Aug. 24, 2020**. Please contact Alice Kuzniak at alicekuzniak@comcast.net for questions or to give information.