

Stonebrooke Villager



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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 COVID-19 and Governor Kemp's Executive Order.

Cancelled for September 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 it under the office door.

BOARD BRIEFS

Financial Report: As of the last day of Jul., the Stonebrooke Condominium Association had \$1,376.14 in the Community's General Operating Account and \$274,907.94 in the Reserve Accounts.

--- Bob Kuzniak, Treas.

Sprinklers: The sprinklers have been fixed and should be working well. If you see that any flowers are not getting watered, please let the Board know.

Bees: Spraying was done, and the Board thinks this problem is resolved. If you see any bees, please let the Board know.

Erosion in Gullies: Rocks have been placed in the eroded areas.

Yard Lights: Ron will try to fix the yard lights that are not working by the end of the month. Let the Board know if your yard light is not working or is flickering.

Clubhouse: All the lights in the clubhouse have been fixed. Ron replaced the ballast in the men's bathroom, replaced bulbs in the women's bathroom and replaced bulbs in the main room.

Welcoming Committee: We need a volunteer to take over the Welcoming Committee. Please let a Board member know if you are interested. (see Welcoming Committee article)

COVID-19 Update: Effective Aug. 07, the Georgia COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety Act went into effect. As a result, signs were posted around our common areas to provide this warning:

- Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering these premises if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by entering these premises.

Additionally, our current Clubhouse rules remain in effect:

- Social Distance
- Wear masks
- Max 10 people in the Clubhouse at a time

- Clean tables and counters after use
- Gather at your own risk.

--- Joanne Shaw, Sec.

Mail Service: Our post office carrier has shown concern for mail NOT being picked up and cleared out of the mailboxes. She said it will no longer be delivered if a box is full. Please be mindful of your box.

Pool Capacity: Pool capacity is no more than 5 at one time. There is a sign posted. Practice your social distances.

Pool Closing: The pool will be closing at the end of September. The Board will leave chairs out for the fall days.
--- Barbara Teague, VP

SEP. BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday on Sep. 14th to Roy Teague. Fill out the form in the clubhouse if you want to be added to the list.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

When people move into a new community, they often feel overwhelmed by the new surroundings and isolation of not knowing others who live near them. They are supposed to have been given a copy of the Stonebrooke Village Bylaws and the Stonebrooke Village Rules and Regulations by the previous owner or their real estate agent, but that does not always happen. They might not be aware of the resident information in the clubhouse (previous Meet Your Neighbor articles) and on our website (safety procedures, resident directory, etc.).

When the Village was being built in 2005-06, everyone was new so the Sunshine Committee (as it was called then) was formed to (among other things) meet new people moving here and to make them feel that they had found a friendly place, anxious to make everyone feel included. The Committee visited soon after they moved into their new home to welcome them to the community and inform them about the association along with distributing a newcomer package containing information about the surrounding area, the Village Rules and Regulations, plus information about the monthly newsletter. They were invited to put “their story” in the newsletter’s Meet Your Neighbor column so that

they and others could find “common” areas of interest. The new residents were invited to upcoming social functions and members of the Committee often made arrangements to walk with the newcomers to the event so as to introduce them to their neighbors and other residents.

During the 15 years that have followed, the Stonebrook Village web site has been added and some of the information in the Newcomers Book has been moved to that source. The original Sunshine Committee has divided into multiple committees leaving only distribution of get well and sympathy cards in Sunshine. Members of what has become the Welcoming Committee have changed during the years and, unfortunately, at times new residents did not receive a visit or a book.

During this time of isolation because of COVID-19, some people in the community have gotten to know others in the community better because people have been staying home. People are walking around the neighborhood more and some have volunteered to make masks or run errands for other.

We are now in need of new volunteers to serve on the Welcoming Committee. If you are interested in fostering a feeling of friendliness to those who are moving into our community, please contact Barbara Teague to volunteer.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS



Susie Spaulding in Stan Clay’s photography class.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Sep. 25, 2020**. Visit <https://stonebrookevillage.com> or contact Alice Kuzniak at alicekuzniak@comcast.net for questions or to give information.