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State of the Onion

President's Perspective



It's that time of year again. Yes, Spring means new life and in Sturbridge it means Officer and Board elections. WE have our annual elections scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2006. We will meet at the Clubhouse at 7:00 pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Here is some news that you can use. We now have representation on the **City Council in our good neighbor Glenn Pruitt**, who is City Council Rep for this area and the **County Board of Education** for District 5, beginning in November, 2006, will be our **neighbor Melissa Snowden**. (I know her personally, by the way.) I think this is a BIG plus for all of us in that we can make our voices heard through these folks. Thanks to Glenn and Melissa for your willingness to make yourselves available to the residents of Sturbridge. And speaking of education, it appears that Sturbridge will also benefit from a new middle school and high school with construction expected to begin in 2007.

We have very few volunteers for the annual events for Sturbridge, such as the Spring Yard Sale, Fall Yard Sale, Fourth of July, Luau, and the list goes on. Also, a new committee is being formed: Newsletter

Committee. We have plans to begin offering advertisements in the newsletter and begin publishing it on a regular basis. Please consider volunteering and call Laramie at the Office (213-4085) to sign up. Without volunteers, these traditions will suffer and our neighborhood will be the victim. Also, let me encourage you that if you have an idea for a new event, don't be shy, tell us about it so we can try to put it together.

We will be addressing some of the most important and complicated issues the SHOA has ever faced this year. Among these issues to be discussed are new enforcement methods of neighborhood covenant violations. I want to invite and encourage you to come to the meetings as scheduled, your input is requested and appreciated. However, please understand that if you want to address the Board or the folks in the audience, you must make arrangements with Laramie to be on the agenda at least 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Lastly, it is my duty to remind everyone to carefully observe the neighborhood covenants. We are still experiencing SERIOUS problems with on-street parking, children in golf carts and ATV's, speeding, RV's and trailers in plain view. If you need clarification on any covenant, call the office and get informed. These covenants protect us all, both in terms of safety and continued increase in property values.

Frank



**Homeowners
Meeting**

**Thursday,
May 25, 2006
7:00 p.m.
Clubhouse**

Agenda:

Officer Elections!
Open Forum on Current Issues
Bring your favorite dessert
Coffee provided!

Neighborhood Watch

Thanks to these involved neighbors, the 55 homes in the Heritage are covered by the Neighborhood Watch — Lauren Dautel, Jeff Lanning, Greg Gorski, Mark Notheis and Daniel DiGuglielmo! As construction proceeds in Rockbridge, Block Captains are needed there, as our neighborhood continues to grow. This continual growth brings increased opportunities for unwanted activities and our Watch can help minimize these. With families coming

and going, there are several streets lacking Watch Block Captains: Chadburn Crsg (east and west ends), Chadburn Way, Hammond Dr/Cir., Harvest Hill Ct, Harvest Ridge Dr, Lantern Way (south end), Pebble Creek Ct, Sturbridge Place (south end), Twelve Oaks Ln and Wible Ct. If you are serving your street as a Watch Block Captain, please fulfill the minimal responsibilities asked of you or let Bill Daugherty (270-1566) help your neighbors find a replacement. Thanks again to our caring and involved Watch Captains.





RON & TERRI'S CORNER

(on site ALFA realtors)



It's Spring again and Sturbridge is really beginning to look great! If you are thinking of selling your home this year, remember us in the Clubhouse. We will competitively list and market your home, and you will have the added benefit of all our walk-in traffic.



Terri and Ron

Who knows Sturbridge better than we do? We are continuing to develop Rockbridge and can boast 14 new residents! We will have 2 new Parade homes this year

and currently have 8-10 New Luxury Homes "For Sale" with most of them ready to move into. If you were wondering about all that noise and smoke for the past few months, it is our new section (Plat 21) taking shape. This Plat is on Lenox Lane past the "The Heritage" and should be ready in about a year for new construction. We have open house almost every weekend in "Rockbridge". So feel free to follow the "OPEN HOUSE" signs and come out and see the New Homes. Call us if you have any questions—279-8012. Or visit www.callRonAndTerri.com



Complaints & Compliance

We ask that anyone calling in a complaint please be specific on addresses, dates, & tag numbers because we do not always have the time to check them all physically. Also, if reporting street light outages, be specific with addresses and length of time they have been out. Remember, you can email any and all complaints to larushing@alfains.com.

MAILBOXES

Does your mailbox need a new coat of paint? Pick up the Essex Green paint, furnished by Alfa, at the Clubhouse. Please return unused paint when you are finished so we can pass it to another neighbor!



ATTENTION

Skaters, Skateboarders, & 4-Wheelers!

Spring is here and even though we know you enjoy your outdoor activities, please remember the parks are for everyone's enjoyment. The tennis courts are for tennis shoes and tennis balls only, the park benches are for resting our posteriors, and the park grass does not like any wheeled vehicles. Please be appreciative and respectful of our parks.



DON'T FORGET...



The commitment that you made in choosing Sturbridge Plantation as your home! Below are some of the most common covenant violations that are reported to the office:

- ★ Parking on the street is only allowed on a temporary basis and is to be used by visitors, delivery or service men, etc. It is not to be used as a means of parking by homeowners.
- ★ Golf carts, 4-wheelers and other motorized vehicles are not street legal vehicles. If caught riding on the street, the police will be notified and you will be issued a ticket! They are also NOT allowed in our common areas or on our sidewalks. If caught, you could be assessed by the HOA!
- ★ Recreational vehicles must be parked out of sight.
- ★ Loose and/or barking dogs are a nuisance to your neighbors. Dogs must be leashed when outside your home! Neighbors, please remember that constantly barking and/or unleashed dogs violate a city ordinance and you may contact Animal Control.
- ★ Please place your garbage/trash by the curb no earlier than the evening just prior to pickup.

**Pavilion Bathroom Code
#152**

GARBAGE - Tuesdays & Fridays
TRASH (grass bags, etc.) - Wednesdays
RECYCLING - Fridays

The Annual Sturbridge Luau will be held Sunday, June 25th. Watch for signs around the neighborhood!



Please call the Clubhouse to volunteer to help! Registration forms are included inside this newsletter. Please complete these forms and turn into the clubhouse along with your registration fee as soon as possible.

Crop, Borders, Letters, Dye Cuts, Photo- Safe .



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If these words caught your eye, you are probably someone who loves scrap booking. So do your neighbors. We try to get together once a month on a Friday night from 5 pm until midnight. It doesn't cost anything to join. Bring a snack to share and something to drink. If you are interested please call Betsy Nesbitt, 271-5756.

The schedule is set up for usually the third Friday of every month unless the clubhouse is needed for a function. If I have your information I will be able to email or call you to let you know about our next crop. So dig out those photos, dust off your scrap booking tools, and join us for some fun. For more info, contact Betsy Nesbitt, 271-5756, or betsybug@knology.net

*S*turbridge crappers

Volunteers needed!

2006 Community Activities

Activity	Date	Chairperson	Phone
Spring Yard Sale	June	Need Chairperson	
Golf Tournament	June 24th	Jim Smith	272-8066
		Dixie Robinson	272-8429
Luau	June 25th	Susan Halt	274-1025
Fishing Contest	June	Xan Morrow	244-6402
Independence Day Parade	July 4th, 10 am	Need Chairperson	
Kids Pumpkin Painting	TBA	Need Chairperson	
Weekly & Monthly Events:			
Garden Club	TBA	Martha Smith	272-8066
		Need Co-Chair	
Sturbridge Scrapers	3rd Fridays	Betsy Nesbitt	271-5756

If you are interested in organizing or helping with an event such as the Ice Cream Social, Fall Yard Sale, Christmas Caroling, or a new event that you'd like to see, please contact Laramie Rushing at the Clubhouse (213-4085) to help get the word out! **Also, please note that a chairperson for the Spring Yard Sale is desperately needed! Without a chairperson, Sturbridge can not hold a yard sale!**

Pool and Fitness News

The Sturbridge Pool opens **SATURDAY, MAY 13th!!!** Please use the schedule printed below for a complete listing of this seasons' pool hours. Also, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with a few of the important pool rules.

May 13 - 21	Weekends Only	Sat. 10 am - 5 pm	Sun. 12 pm - 5 pm
May 23 - Aug. 13	Tuesdays - Saturdays	10 am - 8 pm	Sun. 12 pm - 6 pm
Aug. 15 - Sept. 3rd	Tues. - Fri. 1pm - 6 pm	Sat. 10 am - 8 pm	Sun. 12 pm - 6 pm
Sept. 4th (Labor Day)		10 am - 8 pm	
Sept. 5th - 30th	Weekends Only	Sat. 10 am - 6 pm	Sun. 12 pm - 6 pm

IMPORTANT POOL RULES

- ★ Children under 3 must wear swim diapers!
- ★ Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- ★ NO DIVING! No glass containers in the pool area.
- ★ Must obtain a pass for all guests. (Cost is \$5 per person - exception: out-of-town guests are no charge but must have a pass).
- ★ *Reminder:* Children can not sit on edge of pool during "adult swim". They may play in baby pool with parent only.

Water Aerobics

The Bell Road YMCA will provide Water Aerobics classes to Sturbridge Homeowners again this year. These classes will be offered exclusively at the YMCA, and at no charge to YMCA members. A \$30 fee per month will be charged to non-YMCA Sturbridge homeowner participants during the summer months (May - August). Register with the Bell Road YMCA. Registration cards & a monthly schedule will be available at the Clubhouse.

SWIM TEAM

Announcing the return of the "Sturbridge Storm" Swim Team! The YMCA will once again have a swim team made up of Sturbridge team mates. Those between the ages of 5 and 18 years of age that are able to swim a minimum of 25 yards (the length of the pool) are eligible to participate. Anyone interested should phone the office at 213-4085. A minimum of 15 participants is required for the class!

**Sturbridge
Storm**

Swim Lessons

The Bell Road YMCA is offering four summer sessions of swim lessons at the Sturbridge Pool for SHA members.

Registration: Begins May 8th.

Registration times:

Mondays—Thursdays	8:30 am to 11:30 am
	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Class Times:

Preschool - Ages 3 yrs to 5 yrs old	8:15 am to 8:45 am
	9:00 am to 9:30 am
Youth - Ages 6 yrs to 14 yrs old	8:15 am to 9:00 am
	9:00 am to 9:45 am

Cost per session:

Non YMCA Members	\$60.00 per session
YMCA Members	2 sessions free

Four sessions will be held, Tuesdays - Fridays for ages 3 & up, in 30 or 45 minute classes:

- ★ Session I - June 6 - 16
- ★ Session II - June 20 - 30
- ★ Session III - July 11 - 21
- ★ Session IV - July 25 - August 4

Questions??? Call Laramie at the Clubhouse (213-4085).

POOL PARTY RESERVATIONS

The swimming pool is available for private parties on Mondays from 2 pm until 10 pm, Fridays & Saturdays from 8 pm until 10 pm and Sundays from 6 pm until 10 pm. The rates are as follows:

Security/Cleaning Deposit	\$250.00	Refundable
1-24 persons	\$4/guest	plus fee for 2-3 lifeguards*
25-50 persons	\$100.00	plus fee for 3 lifeguards*
51-99 persons	\$125.00	plus fee for 4-5 lifeguards*
100-250 persons	\$150.00	plus fee for 5+ lifeguards

* The YMCA requires the following guidelines for lifeguard to swimmer ratio:

<u># of guests</u>	<u># of lifeguards</u>
1-12	2
13-49	3
50-75	4
76-100	5

- ★ Clubhouse rentals with poolside only (no swimming) will include a fee of \$100.
- ★ Checks to the lifeguard are payable to the YMCA.

Management reserves the right to amend the rules/rates when deemed necessary.

FITNESS CENTER RULES:

1. You must be 18 or older.
2. Must sign Pool/Fitness Center Info & Waiver.
3. Children, guests & pets are not allowed.
4. Do not use lubricants on the equipment.
5. Do not set thermostat so low as to overload unit.
6. Shoes must be free from dirt, grass or mud.
7. **Reminder:** Please do not clang the weights — this damages the equipment.

Membership can be revoked if the rules are not followed. If you enter the fitness room and notice doors open, broken equipment, or other issues needing attention, please call the office at 213-4085 or leave a note as to the date and time of occurrence.



Thanks for helping
keep your center in
good shape

GOT KEYS?

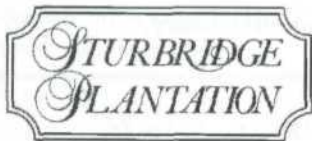
Currently we have more than three dozen homeowners who have not picked up their Pool & Fitness Keys. This is just a reminder that if you have not come by the Clubhouse to sign the Sturbridge Plantation Park & Pool/Fitness Center Information & Waiver form and pick up your keys, we have them available for you. Clubhouse hours are Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4:30 pm. If these hours are not convenient for you, please contact us so that we can schedule an appointment after hours.

LADIES LUNCHEON

If you are interested in joining our group, and we hope you are, please call Caroline Nelson at 279-8094 or Karol Zyskind at 270-5936.

HOMEOWNERS! If you are selling your home, please notify the office of your new address as well as the names of the future residents so that we may keep our database current and reduce our postage costs! Also, if you are a tenant in Sturbridge, please forward your name as well as the name of your landlords to our office. This will insure the timely billing of homeowners dues!

Please note that Sturbridge is **NOT** a golf cart community! The Montgomery Police Department will be policing our streets. **ANYONE** caught driving an unauthorized motor vehicle of any kind (ATV's, golf carts, etc...) will be **TICKETED** (regardless of age)!!! These are **NOT STREET LEGAL** vehicles! Also, motorized vehicles are not allowed on our sidewalks and park areas! This is a violation of the covenants. Anyone caught in violation could face fines by the homeowners' association! Neighbors, if you witness this activity during office hours, please call 213-4085. Should these incidents occur after hours or on the weekends, please call the Patrol Division of the Montgomery Police Department. Please remember this is for the safety of our residents. Walkers and bike riders are being pushed off the sidewalks by children carelessly driving. There have also been several "near miss accidents" by children operating these vehicles on our streets! Your help as parents and neighbors is desperately needed to keep our residents safe!



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED