



# STURBRIDGE PLANTATION

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**Tuesday,  
December 4th  
7:00 pm @ Clubhouse**

## State of the Onion

### President's Perspective



**Frank Snowden**  
Resident President

HEY NEIGHBORS! Its Harvest time and as I was driving through the neighborhood this week (at the posted 25 MPH speed limit of course), I couldn't help but admire the seasonal decorations many of you have tastefully displayed. Our neighborhood is truly blessed with talented decorators. However, with the good, comes some not so good....

Again while driving and observing the many folks out walking their dogs, I saw two adults, with their dog on a leash, standing by while their lovely pooch relieved itself on the lawn of their neighbor. While this is a natural result of the walk, I did not see the obligatory plastic bag in hand to clean up after the dog. This was surprising and disconcerting. I say this to remind everyone that when you walk your pet, no matter how small, it is the common courtesy that you carry a bag to clean up after your pet. I cannot tell you how many calls I have received from disgruntled neighbors who have a yard littered with pet excrement, and the caller has no pet. Please be intentional and respectful to others and keep your pet's mess cleaned up.

On another note, when we moved here in 2001, one of the most impressive things about Sturbridge was the overwhelming number of American flags flying on the Main entrance, Sturbridge Drive, on National Holidays. This has apparently not been a great emphasis of late however. I

noticed that on Labor Day, there were less than 6 flags being displayed and more than 6 flags representing your favorite football team. I am all for football and being a supporter of your team, but I would ask that everyone proudly fly an American Flag on all patriotic holidays. Flag kits are available at most retail stores for only about \$10 and it means so much to our active duty service men and women as well as our Veterans to be honored by this relatively easy task.

Lastly, but most importantly, let's talk crime. Our city is riddled with criminal activity. This includes Sturbridge. Rarely does a day go by when I am not e-mailed about a break-in or attempt. The City Police have admitted to being undermanned and most of us have found Police efforts to be ineffective. So, what do we do? Crime has been around about as long as fire and we cannot stop it. Our efforts alone can only deter it. We need more block captains for our neighborhood watch. We, individually, need to be attentive to our own home security and looking out for our neighbors. Thieves tend to steal from those who have something worth stealing and when the opportunity is there. So, let's be diligent about not making the opportunity available. If you see someone suspicious, call the police or call Laramie at the office. It is not something you should be hesitant about. We can do something about this crime in our neighborhood, but it will take a combined and concerted effort from everyone.

Enough Soapbox talk.

Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help with community services and events. Without volunteers, established traditions such as the Fourth

of July Parade 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.

Our next homeowners' general meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., December 4th at the Clubhouse. Please make plans to attend. We have some exciting news to share with all of you and we are looking for your ideas on how to improve our neighborhood. If it motivates you, we also have cookies and beverages. We have also had residents express interest in bringing a homemade dessert to share with our neighbors, and we say "by all means, please do." I want to invite and encourage you to come to the meetings as scheduled, your input is important. However, please understand that if you want to address the Board or the folks in attendance, you must make arrangements with Laramie to be on the agenda at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. Also, you may want to get information about time limits and such so that everyone has an equal opportunity to be heard.

As always, I am proud to serve you all and look forward to another great year here in Montgomery's very best neighborhood.

*Frank Snowden*  
Resident President

## Santa Claus is coming to Sturbridge!

Santa Claus is making his first ever stop at the Sturbridge Clubhouse on Sunday, December 2nd at 3pm. Kids get to work on those Christmas lists! Admission is at least one unwrapped toy/gift to be donated to the Christmas Clearing House and help those less fortunate this holiday season! Christmas Cookies and cocoa will be provided! For more information or to reserve your time with Santa, please contact Laramie at the Clubhouse at 213-4085 or via email at [Lcope-land1@alfains.com](mailto:Lcope-land1@alfains.com).



## Barking and/or Nuisance Dogs

The Sturbridge Homeowners' Association (Sturbridge) often receives numerous complaints concerning barking and/or nuisance dogs that have become a nuisance to the Sturbridge community. This is a serious matter anytime residents are deprived of the quiet enjoyment/safety of their community.

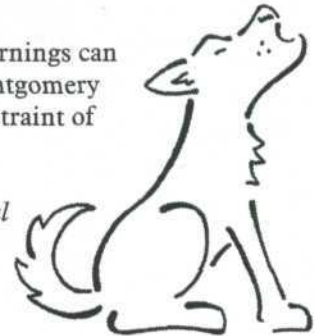
A domestic animal is an extension of the owner's family and any unacceptable behavior by that animal is the owner's responsibility.

The following is (recommended) procedure which should be followed if you are experiencing a problem with a barking/nuisance dog:

- I. Call the dog's owner (no matter what time of day or night);
- II. Follow up your call with a note or letter (this constitutes due-notice);
- III. If these steps fail, contact the Montgomery Police Department Animal Control Unit at 241-2970.

A dog owner who does not respond to these warnings can anticipate being taken to court for violation of Montgomery City Ordinances (nuisance/barking dogs/proper restraint of animals) at considerable expense.

**\*\*Please note that the complainant must contact Animal Control on their own. The Homeowners' Association office can not file a complaint on your behalf.\*\***



## Community Events

EVENT	DATE/TIME	CHAIR
Trim A Tree Party	Nov. 26th @ 6:30	Marcia Foster 260-8826
Santa @ the Clubhouse	Dec. 2nd @ 3:00	
Christmas Decorating Contest	Dec. 13th @ 6:30	

**\*\*This year the HOA has added a new event for our homeowners. Santa will be visiting Sturbridge this year! Please bring your children to meet with Santa on Sunday, December 2nd at 3 pm. Cost of admission is at least one unwrapped toy or gift to be donated to the Christmas Clearinghouse. Christmas cookies and cocoa will be provided!\*\***

## Sturbridge Ladies Luncheon Group

Every November, the Sturbridge Ladies Luncheon Group hosts an annual dinner for couples. This year, it will be Thursday night, November 15th at the Sturbridge Clubhouse. Reservations are required as the clubhouse has a maximum capacity of 65 persons. For more information, please contact Caroline Nelson at 279-8094 or Karol Zyskind at 270-5936.

**Advertise with Sturbridge! If you are interested in advertising your business in the Sturbridge newsletter, please contact Laramie in the office for pricing details.**

# Important Notices

**Clubhouse Reservations:** The Sturbridge Plantation Clubhouse is only available to the Members of the Sturbridge Homeowners' Association. Management may require proof of residency before a reservation can be made. Reservations will not be made for Members with outstanding Homeowners' Association or Pool and Fitness Center dues. All guests must be accompanied by the Member of the Association who is reserving the Clubhouse. If a Member or its Guest violates one of these rules, the Association and/or Manager reserve(s) the right to bar the Member from using the Sturbridge Homeowners Association facilities.

**Missing Pets:** If your family's pet is missing or if you have found a pet, please contact the Clubhouse with a description of the pet and a number where you may be reached. Please DO NOT post signs or flyers to our street signs, lamp posts or the announcement boards at the entrances. These signs violate the ARB Guidelines and cause damage when removed. Effective 05/01/2007, management will remove these signs and bill the responsible party for any necessary replacement or repair costs to the signs and posts.

**Homeowners and Renters:** 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, please remember that Homeowners Association does not reimburse a pro-rata share of pre-paid dues at closing. Instead, you may elect to have the purchaser reimburse the pro-rata share of the dues to you at closing. Tenants, please forward your name as well as the name of your landlord to our office. These measures will help insure the timely billing and receipt of homeowners and/or pool and fitness center dues.

**Broken Curbs and Sidewalks:** If you see a curb or sidewalk that is in need of repair, please contact the City of Montgomery Maintenance Department directly at 241-2880.

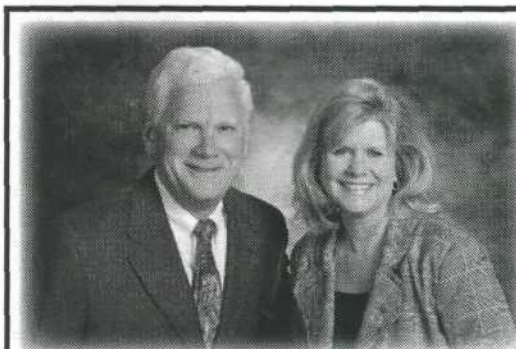
**Lost and Found:** If you have lost or found something in Sturbridge Plantation, please contact the office at 213-4085. Currently we have a set of car keys, a ladies watch, a couple of children's' purses and a cordless phone.

**Slow Down:** Please be safe and courteous and obey the 25 mph speed limit. Remember, Sturbridge streets are public streets and are often patrolled by the Montgomery Police Department.

**Covenants and Compliance:** We ask that anyone calling in a concern please be specific on addresses, dates and tag numbers because we do not always have the time to check them all physically. Also, if reporting street light outages, be specific with the address and length of time they have been out. Remember, you can email any and all neighborhood concerns or suggestions to [Lcope-land1@alfains.com](mailto:Lcope-land1@alfains.com).

## News You Can Use!

This newsletter contains important information you will need throughout the year. Please do not discard! Keeping this information in your files will give you quick and easy access to answer many questions you may have in the future! Also, please remember that newsletter archives are available on our website!



*Ron and Terri's*  
**C O R N E R**  
*on site Alfa Realtors*

**SOLD! SOLD! SOLD!**

Sturbridge was again the focal point for outstanding New Homes in this year's

Parade of Homes. The public's response and comments about our homes and neighborhood was very gratifying. Our homes have a reputation for quality and most of all --- attention to detail. If you were not one of the thousands of folks that were fortunate enough to see this year's Parade, make sure you plan ahead for next year. In other news, the Residential Sales Office will be vacating the clubhouse in the near future. Our new home will be in a Sales Trailer near the new neighborhood of Piedmont Place. Sturbridge is just getting bigger and better. Don't forget we are here for all your real estate needs ---we are not just New Homes agents ---we can also assist you in the sale of your present home. Don't let anyone tell you they know Sturbridge better. This is what we do daily. So stop by or call to get any information or help that you might need.

-Ron and Terri  
279-8012



# Sturbridge Scrapppers

**Crop, Borders,  
Letters,  
Die Cuts,  
Photosafe...**



If these words caught your eye, you are probably someone who loves scrap booking. We try to get together once a month on a Friday night from 5 pm until midnights. It doesn't cost anything to join. Bring a snack to share and something to drink. For more information, please contact Betsy Nesbitt at 271-5756 or email [betsybug@knology.net](mailto:betsybug@knology.net).

## Activity News...

The Homeowners' Association would like to express its sincere thanks to all of our Activity Chairs who have worked so hard throughout the year to make our neighborhood events possible. Be sure to personally thank each of them as you see them around the neighborhood: Caroline Nelson & Karol Zyskind (Ladies Luncheon), Betsy Nesbitt (Kite Flying Contest, Easter Egg Hunt & 4th of July Parade), Donna Hughes & Pam Mashburn (Luau), Jim Smith & Dixie Robinson (Golf Tournament), Donna Hughes (Pumpkin Paint), Tina Tynan (Spring Yard Sale) Karol Zyskind & Barbara Test (Fall Yard Sale) and Marcia Foster (Trim-the Tree Party). Thank you all for your time and efforts!

# THANK YOU



## Important Dues Notices

In order to eliminate any confusion regarding the collection of homeowners and pool and fitness dues, please notate the following schedule on your calendar:

Invoices for January – June dues are mailed by ..... December 31st  
 Due and Payable.....January 1st – 31st  
 Assessed a 10% late fee ..... February 1st  
 Past Due Statements are mailed ..... February 5th  
 \*Liens are filed against property .....March 1st  
 \*\*Accounts turned over to collections.....April 1st

Invoices for July – December dues are mailed by ..... June 30th  
 Due and Payable.....July 1st – 31st  
 Assessed a 10% late fee.....August 1st  
 Past Due Statements are mailed ..... August 5th  
 \*Liens are filed against property .....September 1st  
 \*\*Accounts turned over to collections..... October 1st

\*Any accounts remaining delinquent after this date will have a lien attached to their property and assessed an additional \$150 in lien fees before said lien will be released.

\*\*Any accounts remaining delinquent after this date are turned over to collections and the homeowner is held responsible for any additional fees incurred.

\*\*\*Once an account falls 30 days delinquent, the homeowner forfeits the option to pay semi-annually and the full amount of dues (calendar year) is escalated and becomes due and payable and a lien is placed against the property for January – December dues, the late fee and the lien fee.



**The annual 4th of July Parade was a great success! What a fabulous day for a parade. It was beautiful, sunny and there was even a breeze, which is usually unheard of in July! The fire truck**

**from Fire Station #16 on Ray Thorington Road led the way down Sturbridge Drive to the clubhouse for everyone to enjoy popsicles, Kool-Aid and water. They walked, rode in trailers and wagons, on bikes, in convertibles and trucks and even a "Green Machine" all decorated in red, white and blue. Young or old, everyone had a great time celebrating the 4th of July with their neighbors. Thanks to all the great neighbors who helped with handing out the 4th of July flags and decorations to everyone! –Betsy Nesbitt, Chairperson**





The Fall Yard Sale held on Saturday, October 20th was a huge success! Thank you to Karol Zyskind and Barbara Test for stepping up and volunteering to co-chair the event! Goodwill dropped by to collect items not sold and proceeds in the amount of \$101.60 was donated to Brantwood Children's Home!

The annual Sturbridge Pumpkin Paint held on Sunday, October 14th at the pavilion was a big hit with the Sturbridge youth! Special thanks to Donna Hughes, Debra Calhoun and Leah Compton for donating their time and efforts!

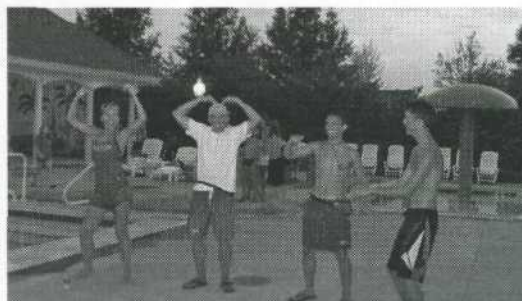


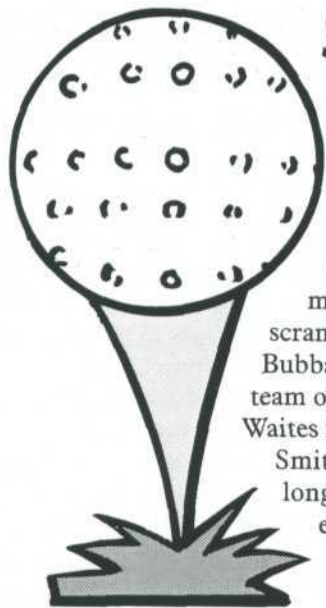
## Fitness Center Rules:

- You must be 18 or older to utilize the equipment in the fitness center. Exception: Children ages 14 to 17 may use equipment but must be accompanied by a parent at all times!
- Anyone in the home ages 18 or older must sign the Pool/Fitness Center Information Sheets & Waiver before being granted access to the facility.
- Children, guests and pets are not allowed!
- Do not use lubricants on the equipment.
- Do not set the thermostat so low as to overload the unit.
- Shoes must be free from dirt, grass or mud.
- Reminder: Please do not clang the weights – this only damages the equipment!
- Reminder: You are responsible for wiping down the equipment after use!

Membership can and will 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 and leave the date and time of occurrence with the answering service.

The Homeowners' Association would like to thank Donna Hughes, Pam Mashburn and Jillian Walker (who has since moved out of state) for making this year's Luau a success. Also, we would like to thank Jim and Susan Williams, Scott Hughes, Isaac and Deborah Winston, David and Marcia Foster, Sherryl Cobb and Bill and Barbara Nave for helping with the food, decorations, clean up, etc.





# Sturbridge Golf Classic

The 7th Annual Sturbridge Homeowners' Association Golf Tournament was held on June 30th at Cottonwood Golf Club. We had 35 players (8 four man teams and 1 three man team) participating in the scramble. The 1st place team of Ben Donahey, Bert Estes, Bubba Walker and Keith Sadberry shot 17 under par. The team of Joe Riley, Mike Oliver, David McCloud and Mark Waites finished 2nd while the team of Lyndol Williamson, Ed Smith, Blake Smith and Lynsey Smith took 3rd. We had 2 longest drive winners and 4 closest to the pin winners. Every person on every team received a door prize as well as a raffle prize. A good time was had by all!

We had many sponsors around our neighborhood and the eastside of Montgomery and they are listed below. But we would especially like to thank Ed Smith at

Firehouse Subs for providing sandwiches and Ryan's Steakhouse for providing our beverages for lunch. Everything was fantastic and we certainly encourage you to patronize these businesses. With all these businesses support, our golf tournament was a tremendous success and it shows that they appreciate being neighbors with the Sturbridge community! – Jim Smith & Dixie Robinson, Chairmen

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| Flips                | Regions Bank               | Kut Above            |
| Winn Dixie           | Comics                     | Sommer's Place       |
| Sommer's Grill       | East China                 | Chappy's Deli        |
| Papa John's          | The Herb Shop              | Metro Fitness        |
| Mickleboro's         | Peppertree Steaks N' Wines | Fitness Together     |
| Marble Slab Creamery | Blockbuster Video          | The Rave             |
| Applebee's           | Carrabba's                 | Golden Corral        |
| Publix               | Quiznos                    | Marguirette's        |
| Hibberts Sporting    | Stein Mart                 | Whataburger          |
| Jim N' Nicks         | Red Lobster                | Krystal's            |
| Dairy Queen          | Eastside Grill             | Bonefish Grill       |
| Red Star Tavern      | Cheeburger Cheeburger      | Zoe's Kitchen        |
| Chili's              | Texas Roadhouse            | Down the Street Café |
| Sam's BBQ            | Garrett's                  | Chick-fil-a          |
| Red Robin            | Ruby Tuesday               | Fresh Market         |
| Picadilly Cafeteria  | Coldwater Creek            | Dillard's            |
| Sinclair's           | Reflections Car Wash       | The Blue Moon        |
| Schlotzsky's Deli    | Taco Bell                  | Shoney's             |
| Outback Steakhouse   | Roadhouse Grill            | Olive Garden         |
| El Paso Chili Co.    | Just Golf                  | SteakOut             |
| Dabbo's Restaurant   | Woodmere Bowling           | Hooters              |
| Cornerstone Café     | Tenda Chick                | Burger King          |
| Cartridge World      | Ryan's Steakhouse          | Firehouse Subs       |

## Website



We invite you to visit us online at [www.sturbridgehomeowners.com](http://www.sturbridgehomeowners.com). Upcoming neighborhood activities, important news announcements made by the association and neighborhood forms that you once had to come to the clubhouse to pick up are all available to you on the web. Also, from our site you can view the clubhouse calendar which has rental availability dates or you can submit articles and items for the newsletter directly.

## Outstanding Neighbor!

We try to recognize an outstanding neighbor and volunteer in our newsletter through your recommendations. This time we would like to recognize David Morrow of Chalmers Court. David took the initiative to paint not only his own mailbox post but also all of the mailbox posts on this street as well as the street light! Thank you David for taking the time to keep your street looking beautiful! We hope your neighbors appreciate your efforts as much as the homeowners' association does!



# Welcome Committee

Welcome Committee Volunteers are a vital part of the spirit of our community. The Welcome Committee person has the great responsibility of facilitating the attitude of his/her entire street. Not only does this person pass out flyers and welcome new neighbors to Sturbridge, but whenever possible, introduces neighbors to each other. Sturbridge has grown to over 700 families and we have always prided ourselves on being a neighborhood of loving, caring professionals, who care about fostering a sense of community. Ownership and pride far exceeds the responsibility of one person. Please encourage, assist and thank your Welcome Committee member when you see them perform the important task they have volunteered for in order to build a positive and caring spirit for our community. If you live on one of the following streets, please contact Laramie at the office if you would consider volunteering your time to serve as a Welcome Committee member for your street: Chadburn Way, Craftsman Place, Harvest Hill Court, Plantation Ridge, Rockbridge Place (to include Roanoke and Stonewall Cts), Sturbridge Drive (8600 block only), Wible Court & Wible Run (even # only).

## Safety Matters

Please remember that NO skateboards, bikes, skates, tricycles or anything with wheels are allowed on the tennis courts. These are not a playground, nor are the tennis nets. These courts are for Sturbridge tennis players only!

Also, please remember not ride 3-wheelers, 4-wheelers or any form of golf cart or ATV on Sturbridge streets, parks, other common areas or sidewalks! Small children are playing and it puts them, as well as our walkers and joggers at risk! It also destroys the terrain. Violators will be fined!

## Postal Service Reminder

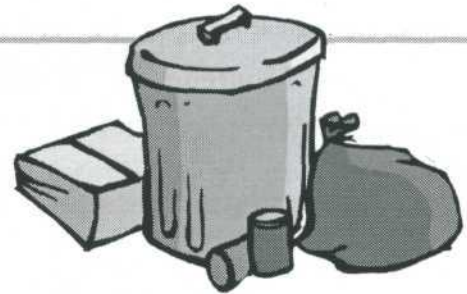
Please be courteous to your mail carrier by avoiding parking cars and/or placing trash in front of mailboxes. It not only makes it difficult for the postman to deliver your mail but it could cause a delay in the delivery of your mail if the carrier is unable to access the mail box.



**Pavilion Bathroom  
Code: #152**

## Trash Pick-Up

Many of you may not be aware that there are additional options to the normal sanitation services schedule.



- #1 Every Saturday morning, the City of Montgomery Sanitation Department has trash trucks stationed at several local schools, where homeowners may drop off almost any type of trash (including building materials). Halcyon, Vaughn Road and Wares Ferry Elementary Schools are the closest to Sturbridge. Saturday drop off hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Items containing oil and Freon may only be disposed of at the Crampton Bowl Station.
- #2 A bulk trash service is offered. Homeowners may call 241-2750 and for a \$5 charge have almost any items (sofas, appliances, mattresses, etc.) picked up at home. Please do not place these items curbside until the scheduled day of pickup.

Standard trash pick up (grass clippings, tree limbs, rubbish, etc.) is on Wednesdays, roll out service is Tuesdays and Fridays and recycling (orange bags) is Fridays.

Please honor the commitment that you made when choosing Sturbridge and keep our neighborhood beautiful!

For more information, please contact the city of Montgomery Sanitation Department at 241-2750 or visit on the web at <http://www.montgomeryal.gov/depts/sanitation/holidays.aspx>.



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# No Soliciting

The Homeowner's Association receives numerous phone calls from homeowners concerning solicitors going door-to-door selling services, products or asking for donations. Sturbridge has a NO Soliciting policy with signs posted at all the entrances but we need your help to keep the solicitors out! If someone is soliciting at your home, please contact the Montgomery Police Department Non-Emergency Line at 241-2651.



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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**