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### HOMEOWNERS MEETING

**Tuesday,  
May 22nd  
7:00 pm @ Clubhouse**

## State of the Onion

### President's Perspective



**Frank Snowden**  
Resident President

HEY NEIGHBORS! April brings springtime weather and glorious colors to our community and I feel blessed to be a part of such a beautiful place. It also means that Memorial Day, May 26th and summer are both right around the corner. Which brings me to my first point...

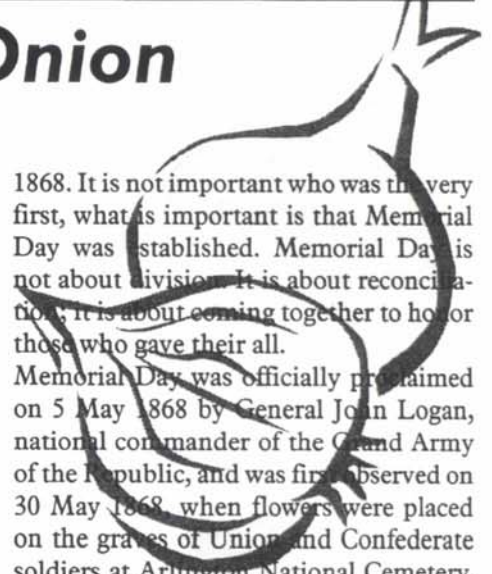
Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in

1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on 30 May 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May, passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

Now that you know more about Memorial Day, and the date May 26, I will remind



you again that 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 on Veteran's Day, about the same. I urge everyone to fly with pride an American Flag on this Memorial Day. Flag kits are available at most retail stores for only about \$10 and it means so much to our soldiers and their families to be honored by this relatively easy task.

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. Maybe we should consider a Memorial Day Parade?

Our next homeowners' general meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., May 22 at the Clubhouse. Please make plans to attend. We are looking for your ideas on how to improve our neighborhood; we have some exciting news and have a couple of local candidates coming to address the meeting. 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

# Pool and Fitness News

## 1. *The Sturbridge Pool opens Saturday, May 3rd!*

Please use the schedule printed below for a complete listing of 2008 season pool hours. Also, take a moment to familiarize yourself with a few important pool rules.

May 3rd – May 25th – Weekends Only  
Saturdays 10 am until 6 pm  
Sundays 12 pm until 6 pm

### MEMORIAL DAY,

Monday, May 26th – 10 am until 8 pm

May 26th – August 10th  
Mondays – Saturdays 10 am until 8 pm  
Sundays 12 pm until 6 pm

August 11th – August 30th  
Mondays – Fridays 1 pm until 6 pm \* Saturdays 10 am until 6 pm  
Sundays 12 pm until 6 pm

**LABOR DAY**, Monday, September 1st – 10 am until 8 pm

\*\*Pool is open weekends in September, weather permitting\*\*

September 6th – September 28th  
Saturdays 10 am until 6 pm \* Sundays 12 pm until 6 pm

## 2. *Important Pool Rules*

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

## 3. *Swim Lessons*

The Bell Road YMCA is offering two summer sessions of swimming lessons at the Sturbridge Pool for SHA Members. Registration will begin on Tuesday, May 6th at the Sturbridge Clubhouse. Registrations will only be accepted during the following times:  
Tuesdays through Thursdays – 8:30 am until 11:30 am \* 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm

### Class Times are as follows:

Preschool – Ages 3 yrs to 5 yrs old – 9:00 am until 9:30 am  
Youth – Ages 6 yrs to 14 yrs old – 9:00 am until 9:45 am

### Cost per session:

Non YMCA Members Homeowners -	\$60.00 per session per child
YMCA Members Homeowners-	1 session free (per membership)

Two sessions will be held, Mondays – Thursdays for ages 3 & up, in 30 to 45 minute classes:

Session I – June 9th – 12th and 16th – 19th  
Session II – July 7th – 10th and 14th – 17th

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

## 4. *Pool Party Reservations*

The swimming pool is only available for private parties AFTER REGULAR POOL HOURS on Fridays and 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 – 4 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 lifeguard to swimmer ratio:

- 1 – 12 guests – 2 lifeguards
- 13 – 49 guests – 3 lifeguards
- 50 – 75 guests – 4 lifeguards
- 76 – 100 guests – 5 lifeguards

\* Clubhouse rentals with poolside only (no swimming) will include a fee of \$100.00.

\* Checks for the lifeguards are payable to Sturbridge Homeowners' Association and must be paid prior to the reservation date.

\* Clubhouse and Pool may not be rented together.

\* Set up/take down for a pool/poolside event must be part of the reservation time and lifeguards must be paid at their hourly rate. Members will not be allowed access to the pool area for set up until the designated reservation time.

\*Management reserves the right to amend the rules/rates as deemed necessary\*

#### 5. *Swim Team*

Announcing the return of the "Sturbridge Storm" Swim Team! The YMCA will once again have a swim team made up of Sturbridge teammates. Those between the ages of 5 to 18 years of age that are able to swim a minimum of 25 yards (the length of the pool) are eligible to participate.

Cost to participate will be \$50 per participant for YMCA members and \$100 per participant for non-YMCA members. Registration will begin on Tuesday, May 6th at the Sturbridge Clubhouse. Registrations will only be accepted during the following times:

Tuesdays through Thursdays – 8:30 am until 11:30 am \* 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm

\*\*A minimum of 15 participants is required for the "Sturbridge Storm". \*\*

#### 6. *Water Aerobics*

The Bell Road YMCA will again provide Water Aerobics classes to Sturbridge homeowners this year. These classes are offered exclusively at the YMCA with no charge to YMCA members. A \$35 fee per month will be charged to non-YMCA member homeowner participants. You must contact the Bell Road YMCA directly (271-4343) for additional information or to register.

### Fitness Center News

We are happy to announce that not only is the new wing to the fitness center open (the cardio room) but renovations have also been finished to the existing fitness center, which is now a strength training room. Our all-new cardio room is equipped with 4 treadmills, 4 elliptical machines, 2 recumbent bicycles and 1 upright bicycle. The new cardio machines each have their own built-in LCD television. Be sure to bring your own headphones (ipod, mp3, walk-man, etc.) and plug in to your favorite show while you work out! Our strength-training room also features all-new weight equipment. If you have not yet joined our facility, there is no better time! The Homeowners' Association will hold a membership drive June 2nd through June 30th. For these dates only, anyone desiring membership to the pool and fitness center will have the \$150 registration fee waived! If you have not seen our new facilities, please call Laramie in the office at 213-4085 or send her an email (manager@sturbridgehomeowners.com) and she will schedule a time to give you a guided tour. Additionally, we are offering demonstration classes to all interested homeowners on how to properly utilize the equipment. We have a limited number of spots available for each time frame. Please contact the office as soon as possible to have your spot reserved. Additional classes may be added if necessary.

#### *Fitness Center Rules:*

- You must be 18 or older to utilize the fitness center! Exceptions: Children ages 14 to 17 must be accompanied by a parent at all times!
  - Each participant must sign the Pool/Fitness Center Information Sheets and Waiver.
  - Children, guests and pets are not allowed.
  - Do not set the thermostats so low as to overload unit.
  - Shoes must be free from dirt, grass or mud.
  - Reminder: Please do not clang the weights – this damages the equipment!
  - Reminder: The HOA has provided towels, anti-bacterial spray and wipes. Each homeowner is responsible for wiping down the equipment after each use! This will ensure that the machines are sanitary for the next homeowner.
- Membership can be revoked if the rules are not followed. If you enter the fitness centers and notice the doors ajar, broken equipment or other issues needing attention, please call the office at 213-4085 and leave the date and time of the occurrence on the answering service.



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

**SOLD! SOLD! SOLD!**

Spring has finally arrived and the market has shown a lot of improvement. Folks in the media have got to stop blanketing the country with bad news. There are only a few spots in the nation that are really in trouble. Here in Montgomery the market is still viable and there are buyers out looking for homes. The first weekend of the Spring Parade of Homes over 500 folks were out looking at our New Homes. We have moved our office out of the club house and have relocated near the entrance to our new neighborhood Piedmont Place. Remember that if you are selling your home you can only have one real estate sign in your yard and directional signs must only be put out Sat and Sunday, they will be picked up if left out during the weekdays. If you need any help in reselling your home please feel free to call us and get some advice. Who knows Sturbridge better than us? Contact us at 279-8012.

-Ron and Terri  
279-8012



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# Sturbridge 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 were once only available for pick up at the clubhouse 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.



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## 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 are mailed by  
Due and Payable  
Assessed a 10% Late Fee  
Past Due Statements Mailed  
\*Liens are filed against property  
\*\*Accounts turned over to collections

Invoices for July – December are mailed by  
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\*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. In the event that a lien is placed against the property it will be for the remaining amount of the current years' dues, the late fee and the lien fee.

December 31st  
January 1st – 31st  
February 1st  
February 5th  
March 1st  
April 1st

June 30th  
July 1st – 31st  
August 1st  
August 5th  
September 1st  
September 30th

## 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 mailbox.

## Safety Matters

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

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

## Community Events

If you are interested in organizing or helping with an event listed below or another unscheduled event (i.e. Ice Cream Social, Christmas Caroling) or if there is a new event that you would like to see, please contact Laramie at the Clubhouse (213-4085) and we'll help get the word out.

Event	Date/Time	Chairperson	Phone Number
Golf Classic .....	Sat, May 31st @ 8 am .....	Jim Smith .....	272-8066
		Dixie Robinson .....	272-8429
Luau .....	Sat, June 21st from 5 pm – 8 pm .....	Tammy Vessels .....	356-5887
		Betsy Nesbitt .....	271-5756
4th of July Parade .....	Fri. July 4th @ 10 am .....	Ron & Betsy Nesbitt .....	271-5756
Fall Yard Sale .....	Sat. Oct 4th 7 am – Noon		
Pumpkin Paint .....	Sat. Oct 18th		
Trim A Tree .....	TBA		

# Important Notices

**Clubhouse Reservations:** The Sturbridge Plantation Clubhouse is only available for rental to Members of the Sturbridge Homeowners' Association. Management may request proof of residency before a reservation can be made. Reservations will not be made to 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 Guests violates one of these rules, the Association and/or Manager reserve(s) the right to bar the Member from future use of 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 post or announcement boards. This violates the ARB Guidelines and causes damage when removed. Management reserves the right to remove the 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 future residents so that we may keep our database current and reduce postage costs. Also, please remember the Homeowners' Association does not reimburse the pro-rata portion of pre-paid dues at closing. You may elect to have the purchaser reimburse a pro-rata share at closing. Tenants, please forward your name as well as the name of your landlord to our office. These measures will help ensure the timely billing of homeowners' dues!

**Got Keys?** Currently we have over two dozen homeowners who have not picked up their Pool and Fitness Keys. This is a reminder that if you have not come by the Clubhouse to sign your Sturbridge Pool and Fitness Center Information Form & Waiver and pick up your keys, we have them available for you. Clubhouse hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. If these hours are not convenient for you, please contact us and we will be happy to schedule an after hours appointment. Also, with the pool opening on Saturday, May 3rd, homeowners are encouraged to check their key fobs at the fitness center doors and ensure they are in proper working order. Lifeguards are not permitted to let you into the pool area. You must use your keys to gain access! Keys are not issued, reactivated or replaced after normal business hours or on weekends. Should a homeowner experience problems with key fobs, they must contact the Manager's Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm.

**Broken Curbs or Sidewalks:** If you see curbing or sidewalks that are in need of repair, please contact the City of Montgomery Maintenance Department at 241-2880.

**Lost or Found:** If you have lost or found something in Sturbridge Plantation, please contact the office at 213-4085.

**Slow Down!** As summer approaches and schools dismiss, more residents and children are out enjoying the days walking and bicycling. Please be safe, courteous and obey the 25mph speed limit (as well as all Stop and Yield signs.) Remember, Sturbridge streets are public streets and patrolled daily by the Montgomery Police Department!

## Covenants & 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 addresses and length of time they have been out. Remember, you can email any and all neighborhood concerns or suggestions to [manager@sturbridgehomeowners.com](mailto:manager@sturbridgehomeowners.com).

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

# Sturbridge Scrapplers

**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 midnight. 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).



## Sturbridge Luau

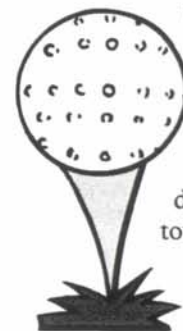
The 9th Annual Sturbridge Luau is scheduled for Saturday, June 21st. Registration forms are included inside this newsletter. Please complete these forms and leave them in the Clubhouse lockbox along with your good faith commitment fee by Friday, June 13th.



## Sturbridge Golf Classic

The 8th Annual Sturbridge Golf Classic is scheduled for Saturday, May 31st at Lagoon Park Golf Club. Registration forms are included inside this newsletter. Please contact Jim

Smith at 272-8066 or Dixie Robinson at 272-8429 should you have any questions or if you wish to donate a door prize for the tournament.



## Pavilion Bathroom

Code: #152



## Trash Pickup

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 have the closest proximity to Sturbridge. Saturday drop off hours are from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm. 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 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 their website at <http://montgomeryal.gov/depts/sanitation>.

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## No Soliciting

The Homeowners' 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.



## Outstanding Neighbor

We try to recognize an outstanding neighbor and volunteer in our newsletters through your recommendations. This time the Association would like to acknowledge Karol Zyskind of Harvest Ridge Drive. From its onset, Karol has been the mainstay in the original organization and continuation of the Sturbridge Ladies' Lunch Group. Though door prizes for the lunches have virtually been discontinued, Karol always mustered up her courage and spent hours petitioning local businesses for coveted prizes which she never seemed to win! For the annual evening socials with spouses, once a considerable number of door prizes had been collected, Karol would always insist upon getting just a few more so that no one attending would go home empty-handed. Karol has never failed to "talk up" the Sturbridge lunches (as well as the neighborhood in general) to whomever she might meet at the fitness center or elsewhere and many of the new luncheon group members are due to her efforts. She has always gone out of her way to make everyone feel welcome and her sense of fairness and sincere interest in every individual has been an integral part of making of the luncheon group what it is today. In addition, both Karol and her husband Howard have done everything imaginable to contribute toward a caring, outstanding neighborhood. The Zyskinds are a testament to what neighbors are supposed to be and we are grateful for all they've given to Sturbridge. We wish them all the best in their new home in Texas but they will be missed by all who had the good fortune of knowing them!

# Christmas Decoration Contest

The Homeowners' Association would like to thank the group of homeowners that took the time out of their busy holiday schedule to spend a few hours driving through our neighborhood with the difficult job of deciding which homes to choose as the winners of our 2007 Decorating Contest. Congratulations to the following three families that were selected from hundreds of homes!

**1st Place Traditional:** 8612 Rockbridge Circle, Brandt & Kim McDonald

**1st Place Children's:** 9200 Sturbridge Place, Ron & Betsy Nesbitt

**1st Place Religious:** 8439 Chadburn Crossing, Tommy & Kelly Treadwell



# Fishing Rules for Sturbridge Lakes



Please observe the following rules when using the Sturbridge lakes.

- Fishing is for Sturbridge Homeowners' Association Members only. Members may have no more than three (3) guests at any one time. Guests may only fish when accompanied by a Member.
- Boating is not permitted in the lakes.
- Swimming in the lakes is prohibited.
- The chemical balance, structure or drainage of the lakes may not be tampered with.

Effective Monday, June 2nd, 2008, all homeowners should come to the office and pick up Sturbridge fishing permits. Our lakes are randomly patrolled by the Game Warden and he will be asking to see these permits and reserves the right to issue a citation for failure to provide proof of residency in Sturbridge. Please contact the office to make an appointment to pick up your permit.

# Pet Protocol

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 the 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/improper 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.\*\***

Also, please remember that when walking your pet you are responsible for picking up after them. Make sure that you have a plastic bag in tow and remove anything that they may leave behind on their walks!



# Welcome Committee

Welcome Committee Volunteers are a vital part of the spirit and success of our community. The Welcome Committee person has the responsibility of facilitating the attitude of his/her entire street. Not only does this person pass out newsletters and flyers as well as 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: Plantation Ridge Road, Rockbridge (includes Roanoke and Stonewall Cuts.) and the 8600 block of Sturbridge Drive.**

