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Happy Valentine's Day



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monthly from September through May to
keep you posted on all Park news.



MANAGER'S KORNER

Tony Toscano

I hope the New Year has been treating you well so far. It's always great to see everyone returning for the Spring season. Since it's early in the year we are outlining the year's coming projects and evaluating the maintenance programs in place to make sure we are getting our bang for the buck.

This year the Board has added in a regular service for the 5 Clubhouse A/C units and added in an additional trim for our palm trees.

As most of you know we have changed the lawn service pest and fertilizer company (to ABC Pest control). So far we have had good communication with them and as before please report any issues you see in your lawn. ABC does the entire park blanket spray every other month (Starting in January) and does routine checks in the off months for spot spraying.

We will be pressure washing the sidewalks in March and if any residents would like to add their driveways into that they can by filling out the form and returning it to the office with their check for \$30.00 (see form at end of Beacon).

Many of the driveways in the park need pressure washing and/or painting. Please do not let this wait any longer !

The real estate market is still rockin' early this season. As you can see there are now 6 homes with contracts pending

already, as all expecting to close early in the New Year.

Current homes for sale are:

Unit 178 - 45K	Unit 229 - 65K(CP)
Unit 198 - 49.5K	Unit 139 - 50.5K (CP)
Unit 251 - 69.9K	Unit 130 - 49K
Unit 240 - 52K	Unit 42 - 45K
Unit 87 - 43K	Unit 136 - 45.9K
Unit 132 - 35K ask about details for this home at the office	
Unit 53 - 48K	Unit 73 - 42K
Unit 238 - 35K (CP)	Unit 190 - 30K (CP)
Unit 229 - 65K (CP)	Unit 119 - 59.9K (CP)
Unit 262 - 83K	

Also Unit 256 is under contract and looks like the buyer is going to pull it out and add a new home the Park (CP) indicates a contract is pending on that home

***NOTE: Homes at 132 and 238 have been foreclosed on by Stonehedge Residents Inc. and are owned by the association. They have been offered at market value based on condition of the home and related sales.**

I wish you all great health throughout the year.

Thank you
Tony

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The Beacon Deadline for the March issue will be February 24, 2012. If possible please email your articles to beacon.melanie@gmail.com, or leave your articles with Tony in the office.

Thank you.



SRA NEWS

Judy Scott, Secretary

January was a busy month for our residents. Some of our snowbirds went north for the holidays, but returned in time for the New Years Eve Party on December 31st. Others returned in time for the Ladies Luncheon at Lombardi's or the Men's Luncheon at the Wing House.

On January 21st 176 people attended the Spaghetti Dinner/Dance prepared by Stonehedge's great chefs, Peggy & George McBee. On the January 29th Sue Richards welcomed 17 people at the Newcomers Party and about about 175 people were served at the Ice Cream Social, which was combined with the Newcomer's Party.

February promises to be as busy as January. On February 5th a Super Bowl Party will be held in the clubhouse. Bring snack foods to share and BYOB. February 12th is the Valentine Dance with Jose' Duddy. As I write this, all the tickets have been sold. If you'd still like to hear Jose', you can get tickets from Mal & Sandy Hunt for \$10.00 to see him at the Elks, a smoke-free club, in New Port Richey on February 10th. February 19th is the Golden Anniversary Party to celebrate the couples that have been married for 50 years. February 24th will be the Couples Luncheon at the Thirsty Marlin.

Other events coming up are the Pancake breakfasts, the Carport Sale on March 3rd and the Spring Fair on March 10th. The Spring Fair offers a light luncheon, and

used items for sale: jewelry, linens, tools, electronics, hardware, indoor & outdoor furniture, antiques, and collectibles. In addition there are baskets for the raffle, and a 50/50 raffle. Since this is a major moneymaker for SRA activities, donations and your participation will be very helpful. If you have large items to be brought to the clubhouse, call Dave Cox for help.

Please do not bring your items to the clubhouse until the Friday before the Fair.

Check the bulletin board in the clubhouse frequently so you won't miss out on any activities.



RULES COMMITTEE

Jerry Kinsey

Please remember to break down any corrugated boxes before placing them in the dumpster behind the clubhouse.



BINGO

Joan Bittle

Please join us every Thursday at 6:45 P.M.



SUNSHINE REPORT

Mary Alice Gebo

Hospitalizations:

- 12/22 Lee Dailey, #164, was a patient at Marion General Hospital
- 12/27 Dan Davis, #90, was a patient at Helen Ellis Hospital
- 01/04 Mal Hunt, #159, was a patient at Helen Ellis Hospital
- 01/09 Art Sauve, #89, was a patient at Helen Ellis Hospital

Condolences:

We extend our condolences to the following families:

- 12/31 Jim Norcott, #40 passed away
- 01/17 Grace McComas, #116, sister passed away in Wisconsin

THANK YOU

To my Stonehedge family, thank you for the many cards and prayers during my recent illness. It is good to be able to be in Stonehedge. Thanks to you all.

Lee Dailey, #164

I would like to thank those who sent a card to Arthur while he was in Helen Ellis Hospital. Bless you.

Rosemary Sauve

Thank you to the Stonehedge Community for the many cards, prayers, and support during my husband's illness and passing. It was greatly appreciated.

Carol Norcott, #40



SPAGHETTI DINNER

George and Peggy McBee

We would like to thank all that helped make our Spaghetti Dinner a success. Thanks to all that assisted with setting up the Clubhouse and to those that assisted with tickets and seating.

Thank you to our kitchen help Mary and Jerry VanHorn and Ken and Martha Collier; our servers Mary Lusk, Roberta Johnson, Mary Ann and Larry Anselmino, and Joyce Lester; Share The Wealth Joyce Lester, Shirley Elston and Dolores Thomson.

A special thank you to John Ahearn for his assistance in making one (1) meatball. Thanks again to everyone.



REPORT FROM THE DECORATING COMMITTEE

We have purchased floor mats for the inside and outside doorways. Two umbrellas stands were also purchased and placed at the main doorway and the west side doorway.

Several of the paintings that were in the clubhouse were hung in various rooms. All the paintings and the metal sculpture in the main hall are new purchases. The committee spent a lot of time working on this project, we hope that you enjoy what we selected.

Joyce Chace, Diane Shimko-Curtis, Gladys Edwards, Joyce Lester, Jayne Lucas, Ginger Stetkiewicz



STONEHEDGE ARTISTS

Gladys Edwards

The card room now displays the art work of many of the artists who live in Stonehedge.

The art work will stay hanging through the month of March.

The following people have their work exhibited: Frank Barcus, Joan Bittle, Monica Blake, Diane Shimko-Curtis, Gladys Edwards, Alma McMacken and Joy Winters. We hope that you enjoy this display. If you have something you would like to display at the next showing please call Gladys Edwards at 944-4013.



Attention Men & Women JEWELRY JEWELRY JEWELRY

Is needed for the "SPRING FAIR" !!

So please clean out your jewelry boxes and bring all your unwanted jewelry to me or call me and I will pick the jewelry up.

Thanks

Linda Kosloski, #255
942-2085.



SPRING FAIR LUNCHEON

George and Peggy McBee

WHEN: March 10, 2012
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

COLLECTING: February 22nd
February 29th
March 7th



COUPLES LUNCH

Phil and Lee Dailey



Take your sweetheart to Lunch!

Couples luncheon at the Thirsty Marlin, (Alt. 19 on Florida Avenue in Palm Harbor), Friday, February 24th at 12:00 P.M.

Sign up in the Clubhouse.
Any questions, call Lee Dailey.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Dorothy Siembieda

The Stonehedge ladies luncheon was held on January 18, 2012, at the Lombardi Cafe with 58 ladies in attendance. Door prizes were won by Barbara English, Linda Fouts, Donna Kinsey and Carol Vasko. The hostesses, Beverly Cox, Diane LaFosse, Bea Wille, and Dorothy Siembieda, thank those who were present and hope all enjoyed their lunch.

MENS LUNCHEON

Sam Musci

The Stonehedge men's lunch was held on January 18, 2012 at the Wing House in Palm Harbor with 42 men in attendance. The food was good and the service was great. Each attendee received a discount on their check.



GOLFERS – MEN & WOMEN

Ken Lusk

You are cordially invited to join the 4th Annual "Stonehedge Wormburners" Scramble Golf Outing beginning February 12th at 2:00 P.M. (Tee times are posted every Saturday).

This is a 9 hole event for six weeks at the Tarpon Springs Golf Course at a cost of \$13.00 to walk and \$17.00 to ride, plus \$1.00 dues (for party).

The outings are for experienced players, non-experienced players, want-to-be players, and never should have been players. The point is we play for absolutely nothing but fun so if you don't enjoy spending Sunday afternoons laughing, and a season end pizza party at the pool, then perhaps this is not an event for you.

I post a sign-up sheet on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board every Monday, so if you intend to play that week you must sign up by Thursday evening (your guests are welcome). You may play when you like, but all dues must be current (\$6.00) to attend the party.

If you have any questions concerning the above, or the availability of golf equipment (rent or buy) call me.

Ken Lusk, #213
943-2827



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bill Roy and John Ahearn Co-coordinators

The next Pancake Breakfast will be February 19th.

Come and enjoy eggs scrambled, sausage, and pancakes.

See you all. Bring your family and friends and enjoy.



ANNUAL CARPORT SALE

Ken and Martha Collier

Once again it's time to clean out your closets, dresser drawers, and sheds and participate in the Annual Stonehedge Carport Sale!

When: Saturday March 3, 2012
Time: 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

The Carport Sale will be advertised in the local "FLYER".

Unsold items may be donated to the Stonehedge Spring Fair on March 10, 2012.



ST. PATRICK DAY DINNER & DANCE

George and Peggy McBee

Music by The Bendy's

Saturday, March 17, 2011

5:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M.

\$10.00 per person

Tickets will be sold on Wednesday, February 29th, and March 7th. March 7th will be the last day to pay.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Joyce Chase

WHEN: February 19, 2012
TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
WHERE: Clubhouse

All residents of Stonehedge are cordially invited to an Anniversary Celebration. Music, entertainment and light refreshments will be provided. Come and share memories with the following honorees:

Lawrence and Mary Ann Anselmino
Karl and Joellen Bowman
John and Evelyn Ellington
Henry and June Fangel
James and Catherine O'Keefe
James and Donna Penders

Entertainment will be provided by TV/Radio Personality Billy Scott

Please sign-up in the Clubhouse.



CRAFTS

Martha Collier

Please join us on Monday at 9:00 A.M.

Everyone is welcome.



RECIPES

Lois Bauer

Hope everyone had great holidays. I was up north for 3 weeks. I understand quite a few from park were also. Rainy, gloomy, and snowed last 2 days. 13° when I left. Florida and Stonehedge looked so good. As always holidays were full of good food. Algene Busse gave me a recipe booklet the women of Stonehedge had made up some years ago. Some of you won't know Hazel Kendrick, she was here for many years. This recipe is hers, sounds so easy, is different and good. Try it.

“RUSSIAN CHICKEN”

6 or 8	Pieces boneless, skinless chicken breast
1 (8 oz.)	Bottle Russian Dressing
1 Envelope	Dry Onion Soup Mix
¼ Cup	Apricot Preserves

Line a roasting pan with foil, spray with oil. Place chicken in pan. Combine last 3 ingredients and mix well, pour over chicken. Bake at 350° for 35 or 40 minutes.

“FLUFFY KEY LIME PIE”

This is different than any I've made. It is really good. This could be put into small pastry shells, little whipped topping, 3 or 4 blueberries, and “party time.”

1 (3 oz.)	Sugar Free Lime Gelatin
¼ Cup	Boiling Water
2 (6oz.)	Key Lime Yogurt
1 (8 oz.)	Frozen Whipped Topping thawed
1 (8 inch)	Graham Cracker Crust

In large bowl dissolve gelatin in boiling water, whisk in yogurt, fold in topping, pour into crust. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Decorate top if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Don't forget chocolates for your Sweet-heart this month on February 14th.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Andre Degueldre, Billie Evans,
Angela Metelski, Cliff Pendleton
- 3 Christine Damico
- 4 Margaret Pringle
- 5 Kay L. Ellingson
- 6 Patricia LaBucki
- 7 Ronald Carter
- 9 Roberta Johnson
- 11 Joan Harrison
- 12 Mary Banks
- 13 Norm Hosking
- 15 Ralph Poser
- 16 Patricia VanWert
- 17 Thomas Cunniff
- 20 Bernard Brodkorb, Pat Gahn,
Maryanne Leach
- 22 John Hunt
- 25 Owen Dunstall, Patricia Schmidt,
- 27 Mario St. Pierre
- 28 Barbara English, John Harrison
Paul LaBucki, Lorraine Quattrone
- 29 Susan Selby



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Paul and Caroline Goldey – 56th
- 10 James and Donna Penders – 50th
- 15 David and Beverly Cox
- 20 Paul and Patricia LaBucki
- 23 Terry and Adrien Lauglois
- 27 Ronald and Diane LaFosse – 52nd
- 29 Raymond and Marsha Miller



THE LANDSCAPE ARTICLE

the landscape guy

Here we are again in what seems to be a never ending ride of warm then very cold conditions. So far we have had only one bad stretch, but be prepared. Do not get that false sense of security because we have had 75-80 degree weather in the latter part of January, wait until March to do any plantings (other than winter annuals). As I stated in the last article there are many factors that contribute to the growth cycles of turf grasses, the fluctuations of weather being one of them. The wide range of hi-low temperatures disrupts the growing cycle of the plant therefore causing additional stress which weakens it allowing for pests and fungus to invade it. The preparation for getting the lawns back to where they are green and plush starts with every application of fertilizer and pest control.

I will break down fertilizer in its simplest form. The ingredients on any basic fertilizer bag are Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium in that order and are distinguished by a set of 3 numbers-example 15-3-10.

Nitrogen is more productive in the summer months to the lawns and most summer fertilizers have a high first number (above 20) usually not above 28 because too much nitrogen can burn your lawn and kill it. Unfortunately the spreading of Nitrogen from June thru Sept has been banned due to water pollution guidelines. Best to use this product in May and then again in October. A substitute in the summer months is IRON for close to the same effects. Nitrogen aids in the greening of the grass blades (along with Iron) as well as thickening them causing the lawn to become thick which in turn does not allow the hot summer sun to burn the top layers of roots. This is also why it is recommended to cut summer lawns to 4 ½ inches. A thick lawn will also choke off any of the weaker weeds from taking over; not allowing them to get the sun needed to germinate.

Phosphorus is mostly used by the plant to aid in the production of flowers. Florida soils are naturally high in phosphorus that's why many of the lawn fertilizers have a low second number. You will see that some very popular recommended lawn fertilizers do not even have any phosphorus in them (15-0-15 is a common one). If you look at a bag of bloom booster fertilizer you will see numbers that run in the 30 to 55 range. This type of fertilizer should only be

applied prior to growing season. If it is applied during dormant season (which many people do) it will confuse the normal like cycle of the plant – do not get me wrong- the plant will bloom and bloom nicely, but you will shorten the life cycle considerably.

Potassium (also known as potash) aids in the strengthening of the root system. Winter months are the best time to apply potassium which will help to get the roots deep into the soil for 2 reasons. 1. The deeper the root system the less likely to burn in the hot summer months. 2. The more sophisticated the root system the more it can find those hidden pockets of moisture during the dry periods.

Lawns need approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch of water per week to keep a strong root system and therefore a healthy plant. This can be accomplished by a standard sprinkler system working for approximately 40-60 minutes per zone (summer months). Watering any less will not allow the water to get deep into the ground forcing the roots to stay on the top to absorb water. When we get in to the summer months the top of the ground is dried out from the sun and the plants with only top roots cannot supply enough water therefore causing stress.

This is different in the winter months where the growing season slows down considerably, too much water in these months can cause fungus and dollar weed to germinate, so there must be a careful balance. SWFMD (Southwest Florida Water Management District) and the Extension Service of Florida recommend skipping a week of watering because of the stress that

can be caused by overwatering during the winter months.

Usually one good rain per week or two during these months will be sufficient. Nothing can replace natural rain. The minor trace elements in rain water also plays a big part in the strength, life and color of your lawns, but that is another day's lesson.

As you can see the 3 items in a bag of fertilizer all relate to one another as does everything that happens in nature. A healthy plant will fight off disease and choke out weeds better than a stressed plant. This is how all of nature works, no different here.

OVER WATERING IS DETRIMENTAL TO YOUR LAWN AND PLANTS. PLANTS WILL ONLY TAKE WHAT THEY NEED.

Your watering days are- if your house # ends in:

**0-1 Monday is your day to water,
2-3 Tuesday, 4-5 Wednesday,
6-7 Thursday, 8-9 Friday**

These schedules are adjusted by the park if need be so the wells operate at optimal efficiency.

Coming in March: Basics of pest control. How you can help aid a basic lawn service program

It's a good day on the green side of the grass

See you in March

Tarpon Springs

THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

Gladys Edwards

February 4, 5, 11, and 12

Gilbert & Sullivan's Thespies

Performing Arts Center

Saturday - 8:00 P.M.

Sunday - 2:00 P.M.

\$22.00 Non-Member

\$17.00 Member

February 16

Sunset Beach Concert

7:00 P.M.

FREE

Bring a chair or blanket

February 18

The Love Bug Show On The

Sponge Docks

10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

February 19

Eleanor Roosevelt: This Is My Story

In-character presentation

Performing Arts

7:00 P.M.

\$18.00 Non-Member

\$15.00 Member

February 24

Soprano Maria Zouves In Concert

Heritage Museum

7:00 P.M.

\$22.00 Non-Member

\$18.00 Member

February 25

David Wladaver: Old Fashioned

Hootenanny Sing-Along

Heritage Museum

7:00 P.M.

\$14.00 Non-Member

\$10.00 Member

February 25

Trash to Treasures Flea Market

Corner of Pinellas & Tarpon Avenue

February 26

An Evening with Groucho (IN THE

AFTERNOON) Staring Frank

Ferrante

Performing Arts Center

2:00 P.M.

\$28.00 Non-Member

\$24.00 Member

February 26

Historical Society Celebration Tea

In Honor Of City's 125 years

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

FREE



DRIVEWAY PRESSURE WASHING FORM

DETACH BELOW AND RETURN TO STONEHEDGE OFFICE

UNIT NUMBER: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

LO COST PRESSURE CLEANING will be pressure washing the sidewalks throughout the Park scheduled for March 2012.

I would like to have my driveway pressure washed by **LO COST PRESSURE CLEANING INC.** for my cost of \$30.00.

Any additional pressure washing on my home by the contractor will be discussed at the time the driveway is done directly with the company.

I have enclosed a check payable to **LO COST PRESSURE CLEANING.**

Drop off or mail your check and this form to the Clubhouse Office at Stonehedge. **MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 29th**

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____