

STONY RIDGE NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Bill Need

Well, I guess everyone has noticed the dips in the temperature of the last week or two and if you've attempted to go east on Avon Road, the weekend traffic jams at the cider mill, all signs that summer is gone, and it's time to admire those beautiful autumn colors and enjoy the good sleeping weather.

Like many other residents of Rochester, Stony Ridge will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the settling of our town and the 50th anniversary of becoming a chartered municipality. The city and DDA made available (free of charge) about 18,000 daffodil bulbs for residents throughout the city to commemorate the occasion. The Board was able to secure 100 of these free bulbs that will be planted at the large Gazebo flower bed and others have been donated for planting around our sign at the corner of Parkdale and Letica road and in the planting beds on either side of the entrance road leading to the circle. This should provide a warm splash of bright yellow after those gray days of winter. We (the Board members) would hope that as many of our co-owners as possible would consider planting a few daffodils in front of their homes to heighten the impact and join in the celebration. They are available at Home Depot, Lowes and other garden supply stores. Fall is the time to plant them.

This summer the Board has spent a lot of time considering at least two major changes to our current by-laws. The first proposed change concerns allowing the installation of garage doors with a band of plain windows in the top panel of a new garage door. This would eliminate the "coalmine" effect that all of us get whenever we walk into the garage from the house and start feeling around for the door opener button, and we might even save a little bit on our electric bill. There had been a suggestion that on existing garage doors that the current top panel be used to replace the existing bottom panel that over the years of use has been dinged up and may even be showing signs of rust and then purchase a new window panel for the top section. In talking to several garage door providers they all said the joint connection at the panel junction has changed considerably over the years, and most likely the labor cost in making such a switch would more than offset the anticipated savings. With this in mind this option will not be made available, a new door will have to be purchased, which includes a glass panel.

The second proposed change would allow for the installation of a retractable awning over each co-owners deck (should you desire an awning). This has been a common suggestion from many co-owners looking to increase their usage of their decks during the spring, summer, and fall. We have met with two companies that sell and install awnings and we are working on developing the necessary regulations to insure conformity throughout our community.

It is our objective to make these regulations changes and available to our residents well before the beginning of the spring construction season.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at this year's Christmas Party brunch. Cherry Creek is a great venue for this event and our Social Committee always seems to outdo themselves every year.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CIRCLE

This past summer we had 2 Fourth Friday get-togethers at the gazebo and one that was called off because of the heat! It's always great to get together with neighbors and catch up on current happenings around the circle.

ANNUAL POT LUCK PICNIC AT THE GAZEBO

The annual picnic date was moved to September 11th this year and from mid-week to Sunday to honor the 15th anniversary of 9/11. This inspired the theme of honoring our Stony Ridge neighbors who have served in the US Military or civilians who have worked as First Responders. Those whose names and information was submitted to the committee were included on the Honor Roll banner hung from the gazebo between the US and Michigan flags which now fly at the gazebo on all major US holidays. Those nominated include service men from our own WWII veteran who flew paratroopers over Normandy to a Mom whose son served in Afghanistan and all conflicts in between. God bless them all.

US Air Force: Leonard Dudzinski, '43-'45 Sgt.

Tony Storto, '53-'54 A1C

US Army: William Schmehl, (dec) '43 - '45 Cpl

Jim Stevenson, (dec) '55 - '57 1st Lt.

Ray Antenucci '59 -'61 Sgt.

Brock Redpath, 2000-present Sgt.

US Marines Jack O'Mara, '57-'60 Lance Cpl.

Joe Janus, '58-'61 Sgt.

US Navy Al Keegan, (dec) '43-'45 WWII, Pacific

Ray Waltenbaugh, '51-'55, 2nd Cpl Officer

In addition many more family members were mentioned. Even though no names were submitted, we also saluted those in public service. Police, Fire and Emergency Response teams who daily are at the ready to serve their communities. God bless them all as they perform selflessly for the good of us all. The dinner was enjoyed by all and many lingered to continue their conversations and make new connections with new neighbors. Stony Ridge is a great place to be!! Thanks to the Gazebo Picnic Team: Carol Demos, Carol O'Mara, Betty Schmeihl, Jean Stevenson with lots of help from the Christmas team, Sylvia Lewis, Linda Keegan and Linda Pinkerton.



2016 Christmas Holiday Brunch

The date for this year's Holiday Brunch has been moved to December 11th so that it doesn't conflict with the Rochester Christmas Parade which is December 6th.

The brunch will be at Cherry Creek Golf Course on 24 Mile Road just east of Van Dyke from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's theme is "Give Yourself a Gift" of brunch with your friends and neighbors by joining your Stony Ridge neighbors to celebrate the season. The setting is spectacular: our own private room has views of the golf course, possibly snow covered, the buffet has

everything from create your own omelets to salad stations to carving stations and dessert tables. The cost this year is \$32.50 per person which reflects an increase we received from Cherry Creek. The invitations will be in the mail the first week in November and will include a response form and envelope which should be returned with your check no later than November 28th. Christmas is the time to remember family and friends with gifts from the heart. Please join us as we offer each other the gift of "friendship" this holiday season.



Some Reminders.....

Trash containers should not be put out before 6 pm on the day before pick up. If you're putting trash in bags and not containers, please use black trash bags so the crows don't have a feast on your garbage. For some reason they ignore the black bags and are attracted to the white ones. If it is windy or supposed to be windy, please be sure your recyclables are anchored down so the loose papers, milk cartons etc. don't fly all over the neighbors' yards and down the street.

If you have a 4 legged furry friend that you take for a walk, please clean up their droppings so other folks don't find them by "accident". This includes the back areas as well as the front of the condos.

Remind your guests that there is no street parking on the ends of the Circle. We need to be sure that emergency vehicles can get through if they need to.

Speaking of vehicles! Everyone needs to be aware of the speed limit on the Circle. Be especially careful backing out of the driveway and check for cars speeding along. If a family member is known to have a “lead foot” ask them to slow down and obey the speed limit signs. The speed limit is 15.

You must obtain a modification form from AMI for anything you are doing on the outside of your unit and get it approved before you begin the project. This includes, decks, brick pavers, generators, etc. Those items are yours to maintain and will be recorded on your deed so that future owners will be aware that they need to maintain them. Those forms are also available on our web site: www.stonyridgecondos.net. We always recommend that the contractor send a copy of his insurance and license along with the form.

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS!!

If you are heading south this winter there are a few things to remember:

Be sure a neighbor or someone has a key to your home in case there might be an emergency and access is needed. It's also a good idea to have a neighbor, friend or family member stop in every week or so to check the unit out. Water should be turned off to washers and ice makers to avoid water leaks and damage. Furnaces should be checked as well to be sure heat is on to at least 55 to prevent anything freezing. In case of a power outage, some alarm systems may be triggered and require resetting. Our

bylaws say that an owner should let someone in the complex know if they will be gone for an extended period of time.

Please say hello to our new neighbors when you see them!

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CONTRACTORS

The following is a list of contractors that some people in the Circle have used and been happy with. The Board does not recommend or endorse these companies but are happy to pass along their names and numbers to you. If you use someone that you feel does good work be sure you let Mike at AMI know so we can add that name to the list.

A.J. Power Washing/Decks

Art Jackson

248-703-6025

Evanson Plumbing

George Kleino

248-421-7780

Outside Work/Spring/Fall

Cleanup, Paula Drangin

248-425-5850

JBL Electrical

Doug Fortier 248-651-4272

Heating & Air Conditioning

Steve Pallotta

248-431-2172

Rod's Plumbing & Home Repairs

586-530-8432

Independent Window Repair

586-749-4449

Patrick Plumbing

248-651-3424

Nik the Handyman

Interior Work & Decks

248-534-8902

Larson Remodeling, LLC.

Interior Baths, Kitchens, Basements

John Larson

248-476-7328

Town & Country Garage Doors

Repairs & Openers

248-332-1641

The Iron Barn

Porch Railings

989-795-2112

Precision Garage Door Service

248-971-0946 or 888-531-1164

Rochester Window Cleaning

Patrick Delaney

248-652-0761

Lars David

Remodeling/Decks

248-625-9501

L & L Improvements

Frank Liimatta

Master Electrician

248-872-2106

MMS247, LLC

Richard Lange, Drywall,

Electrical, Plumbing

248-321-8054

Cornerstone Custom Building

Decks, Steve Saunders

586-524-0373

Family Heating Cooling

Heating/A/C

248-548-9565

