

STONY RIDGE CONDOMINIUM

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Isn't summer why we live in Michigan!? What an absolutely wonderful time of year, temperate temperatures, blue skies puffy clouds, just a great place to call home. One more thing that makes it great is all of the co-owners that have planted the colorful displays of flowers and plants around their home, all of which makes Stony Ridge a very special place to live.

Adding to the list of why it is great to live in Michigan in general and Stony Ridge in particular is the work of our "Social Committee". They have start this this year's offerings with the resumption of the "4th Friday Gazebo Parties". These have proven to be great events, an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbor and sample some wonderful foods. So bring your lawn chair and your favorite beverage and join in the fun.

Another given when it comes to the summer season in Michigan in general and Oakland County in particular is the annual blooming of the "Orange Barrels". This summer is no different, and might really impact our daily commutes or trip to Home Depot or south of town. Starting July 6th through September 2nd (depending on the weather) the intersection at Avon Road and Rochester Road will be under re-construction. During this time frame traffic on Rochester Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction and accessing Avon Road at that intersection will not be possible. If you need something on east or west Avon you will need to come from Livernois going east and from John R. coming west. I imagine that this closure will be similar to the one at South Blvd and Rochester Road that is nearing completion, so check your maps and adjust your GPS if you're looking for the fastest route to Lowe's for that extra bag of brown mulch you need to finish off your flower beds.

Speaking of flower beds, there has been concern as to why the shrubs in front of our homes haven't been pruned yet. The landscaper has been waiting for the new spring growth to "harden off". When the new growth comes out in the spring the new stems are very soft and willowy and if the new growth is pruned then it generates even more growth and that growth called sporadic growth is often much weaker in its' ability to survive insect infestation and disease. Allowing the shrubs to harden off also eliminates the need for a second trimming which saves the association and you money!!

On a weightier note let me conclude this article with an observation that I have become aware of ever since I became active on the Stony Ridge Board of Directors and that is the small number of co-owners who attend the annual meeting and add to that the far fewer number of co-owners who are willing to seek positions on the Board. I must apologize to those who attended the general membership meeting because this will, be redundant, but I sincerely feel that the following is very important and needs to be heard at least for a second time. It should be understood that the two most important political entities that affect every co-owners daily life is the City of Rochester City Council and the Stony Ridge Board of Directors. This Board extracts \$3120.00 out of your pockets annually, and if my predictions hold fast that total will increase to at least \$3300.00 next year. Aren't you at all interested in how these funds are being used? This year's meeting lasted about an hour and a half, only a small investment in time to protect, what to most of us is our most valuable asset, our homes.

It is becoming extremely difficult to find candidates to run for office, and while I'm very happy with the quality and dedication of our current Board's make-up, and we surely like being re-elected by acclamation, it is indicative of a population that is being a little bit too complacent with the status quo. If you're interested in becoming more involved and have questions about the Board, contact a current or past member and get the information you need, but do get involved.

Bill Need, President



Social Happenings Around the Circle

The social committee has some fun things planned for this year and they are hoping to see many new faces at their events.

4th Friday Happy Hour at the Gazebo.

The fourth Friday of June (24th) July (22nd) and August (26th) from 4:30 to 6:30. Bring your own libation and some nibbles and a chair if you like and relax and chat with your neighbors. It's lots of fun and there will be new hosts each time.

Patriot Day Pot Luck Picnic, September 11, 2016

This year we will be honoring residents and family members that were service members. If you did or someone in your family served we would like to recognize them. There will be forms to fill out at the 4th Friday get together and also in the mailbox kiosk for you to fill out. Those forms will have a contact name and number if you have questions.

Christmas Holiday Brunch

The brunch will be held 12/11/16 at Cherry Creek Golf Club. The cost will be announced at a later date but be sure and save that date on your holiday calendar so you don't miss it. The food is wonderful and the atmosphere will get you in the holiday spirit.

Watch for announcements in the mailbox kiosk for monthly movies and lunches.

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 sends a copy of his insurance and license along with the form.

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

248-651-4272

Heating & Air Conditioning

Steve Pallotta

248-431-2172

Rod's Plumbing & Home Repairs

586-530-8432

Independent Window Repair

586-749-4449

Outside Work/Spring/Fall

Cleanup, Paula Drangin

248-425-5850

JBL Electrical

Doug Fortier

248-421-7780

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

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

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