

# STONY RIDGE NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER 2019



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## *SOCIAL HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CIRCLE*



The ice cream social was a big hit and over 35 people stopped by for ice cream and to visit with neighbors. We had various toppings to choose from and vanilla or chocolate royal ice cream. Everyone enjoyed this get together so we will try it again next year. The weather couldn't have been nicer, and the timing was great. The following week the really hot weather started!

The ladies luncheons have been well attended and the last one for the summer will be August 29<sup>th</sup>, start at 11:30 and be held at Marcus Grill on Van Dyke just north of 25 Mile Road. Call Jan Pedersen with your reservation. 248-892-9308.

The annual Stony Ridge Picnic will be held, Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, your drink of choice and a chair to sit in. We will supply plates, silverware, name tags, etc. We will try and have a few tables set up for those that have a problem balancing a plate and eating as well. We don't have too many level spots to set tables up so it may still be hard to manage. We'll do our best!! If the weatherman predicts rain that day we will cancel the event. The committee will follow weather for a few days before and decide if we are cancelling by Saturday, the day before. A notice will be put up at the mailbox as well. The bi fold sign will be put up in front of the gazebo planting as well announcing the event and if cancelled it will be there as well.

Save the date for the Christmas Brunch! December 15<sup>th</sup> at Cherry Creek Golf Club. 11:30-2:30. Invitations will be sent out in November. Hope to see everyone there.

We're giving a shout out to Jack O'Mara for painting the sign at the corner by Parkdale and Letica! Stony Ridge is now bright and shiny. Thank you, Jack

Mary Browne, Larry Brown, Alan Vanderkaay & Linda Pinkerton spent a morning with their clippers going up Letica, Parkdale and Romeo clipping off the dead branches,

(spikes) that were poking out into the sidewalk area hoping to prevent any injury to someone riding a bike or walking along those areas.

## REMINDERS:

### Trash Pick-up:

Trash and recycle items are picked up on Tuesday morning, unless there is a holiday on Monday, and then trash is picked up Wednesday morning. If you're not using a trash bin please use black bags for the trash so we discourage the crows from picking apart the bags and spreading garbage. If you recycle and it is a windy day please weigh the bin down so papers, empty milk cartons etc. aren't flying all over. It helps keep Stony Ridge looking good!!

### Pet Clean-Up:

Speaking of clean-up. We ask every resident that walks a pet to bring refuse bags with them and to clean up after them. If your pet urinates on the lawn in front of your unit, please try and flush the area with water as soon as possible to avoid brown grass. The green clumps of grass are higher and greener from pet waste so it's easy to spot them. The men that mow the lawns are not supposed to have to mow over animal feces that has been left in the grass. Clean up your pets mess. Retractable leashes are not meant to allow your pet to run up to another's front area and do their business. Do remember that the yards are common areas that belong to all of us, not your personal lawn.

### Speed Limit:

Every newsletter we remind all residents that the speed limit around the Circle is **15 Miles Per Hour**. There are small children and pets that can dart out and even though we all try to be careful, accidents can happen. We don't want anyone to get hurt. There is **No Parking** between the signs on the end of the circle. Those areas must be kept clear for emergency vehicles. We are having additional signs made to be placed between the 2 that are there now so there is no confusion. Thanks for being considerate of your neighbors.

### Community Directory:

The community directory, that comes out yearly, will be mailed to you sometime in October. Please check the current directory to be sure your information is correct and if not, email or call Linda Pinkerton with the correct information before September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## AMI CONTACTS:

AMI has made some staffing changes so if you have a concern about something outside your unit that you think needs repair (i.e. sprinkler broken, etc.) that request goes to Peggy Oddo our new administrative contact at AMI. [poddo@amicondos.com](mailto:poddo@amicondos.com). She has been with AMI in this capacity for quite a while and has worked with Paula previously. If you are requesting a modification change or have a property issue, that would go to Paula Granowicz at [pgranowicz@amicondos.com](mailto:pgranowicz@amicondos.com). 1.800. 821.8800

## *A Word From The Board of Directors*

### *Smart Video Doorbells*

The Board has been reviewing the concept of “smart” doorbells. These doorbells allow you to see who or what is at your front door or on your porch without you even having to be at home (usually using some kind of smart phone). There is a lot of information out there and many different types. Until the Board has thoroughly researched them and developed a policy they cannot be installed. If and when a policy is adopted to allow them, a modification request would need to be submitted for approval to install on your unit.

### *Cement Work*

As many of you realize, our complex is aging and we are now over 20 years old. After a detailed walk around the Circle with our cement contractor the Board came up with a detailed list of cement items that is quite extensive. Due to many factors including age we are no longer able to “patch” some cement areas they need to be replaced. Many porch steps and some sidewalk slabs need to be replaced and of course tuck pointing was also on the list. That work is scheduled for the beginning of August.

### *Landscaping*

We are trying to “renew” some of our landscaping, we are still consulting with the arborist regarding the issue of the very large pines. The Board is getting estimates for trimming up and back on some trees and also for possibly removing certain trees that may pose a safety hazard. At this point nothing has been decided but we do recognize that some of the trees have outgrown their spaces. According to the Arborist winter time is the best time to contract this work and it is the least harmful to the trees. The cost is much better as well. It’s very expensive to remove healthy trees and expensive to replace them. We have lots of trees and the Board is doing their best to keep as many healthy trees as we can. Remember!!! As a co-owner you are not allowed to remove or trim trees by your unit. If there is a concern about a tree by your unit, please contract AMI and let them know.

Some co-owners have voiced concerns about the trees in front of the units that are dropping their leaves. These are Linden trees and this happens every year at this time. Although they are messy there is nothing to be concerned about. Also some owners have commented about the roots of the trees showing. Our Arborist assures us that this is also normal, especially for the pines. The roots of pines do not go deep, they stay close to the surface and usually do not disrupt cement such as driveways and garages. They will go up to the cement and usually turn and go in another direction and run along the side of the cement seeking water. It is not recommended that we chop or cut the roots in any way. That will cause the trees to become unstable and then we have larger problems. He suggested that we could cover the roots with dirt but it would take a tremendous amount of dirt to cover them. We have asked for a quote to do that. More to come.....

Some co-owners were not happy with the way the shrubs and bushes were trimmed. The board has shared that with the contractor. We try and wait until the bushes have hardened off before we trim to try and save the extra cost of a second trim before the fall. As stated before the bushes and shrubs are in the common areas and in reality, not to be trimmed by co-owners. Some of you couldn't wait for our contractors and trimmed on your own. We will be trimming the bushes by the emergency exit route (north end of the circle by the white poles) this fall.

### *Sprinklers*

Since we had a wet spring we didn't have to turn our sprinklers on until late May/early June and then we had a heat wave and had to play catch up. Instant Maintenance, our sprinkler company, has checked the sprinkler heads and we have asked him to come back monthly to check the heads to be sure they have not been run over by a car or mower and are operating correctly. We have added another day to the schedule to try and keep the grass looking green and healthy. We currently water Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Some addresses start late at night and continue through the night and finish up mid-day. For that reason it could be that you never see them running in your area. Country Club is helping us by taking good care of the lawns. We had a mid-season application of fertilizer and pre-emergent spray done in August and then come through at other times just to look and see if there are problem areas.

### *Gazebo and Mailbox Kiosk*

The gazebo and mailbox roof were repaired and re stained the last week in July. We also added a screen in the top of the gazebo to prevent the birds from nesting on the ledges and causing a mess on the floor and benches. Hopefully that will encourage folks to stop and use the benches to sit and chat while taking a walk around the Circle.

The Board appreciates your understanding and cooperation during the time it takes to get things done around our community. The goal is to do things that will enhance the property values, be prudent spending money and make the community a desirable place to live.

## Just For Giggles



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Following is a list of contractors and trades people that various owners' have used to do projects around their homes. There can be many different experiences so be sure to ask the contractor for the names of owner's they have worked for and call those people. The contractor should also have insurance and be able to give you a copy of that certificate so it can be submitted with any modification request you send to Paula. Your homeowner's policy should cover that as well. Stony Ridge's policy does not cover you for that.

### A.J. Power Washing/Decks

Art Jackson, 248.703.6025

### Evanson Plumbing

George Kleino 248.651.4292

### Heating and Air Conditioning

Steve Pallita 248.431.2172

### Rod's Plumbing and Home Repairs

586.530.8432

Independent Window Repair

586.749.4449

Decks/Remodeling

Lars Davis 248.625.9511

L and L Improvements, Electrician

Frank Liimata 248.872.2106

JBL Electrical

Doug Fortier 248.421.7780

Peabody's Air Duct Cleaning Service

586.243.2424

Precision Garage Door Service

248.971.0946 or 1.888.531.1164

Rochester Window Cleaning

Patrick Delaney

248.652.0761

Cornerstone Custom Building/Decks

Steve Saunders 586.524.0373

Larson Remodeling, LLC , Baths, Basements, Decks,

John Larson

248.467.7328 Larsonremodel@yahoo.com

Kendall & Company, Kitchen and Baths

Randy Rice 248.651.6464

Handyman/Painting/Drywall/Electric/Plumbing all odd jobs

Richard Lange

248.321.8054

Town and Country Garage Doors

Repairs & Openers

248.352.1641

The Iron Barn Porch Railings

810.358.0010

Family Heating & Cooling, Heating and A/C

248.548.9565

Patrick Plumbing

248.651.3424 or 248.431.1802

Lawrence Carpentry

Decks, Basements, Remodeling

Jeff Lawrence

248-431-3802

Fine Lines Painting/Drywall

Tom Levine

248.797.0264

Senior Services / Handyman

Tom Engel

248.535.7826

Painting/Drywall

Jeff Kerre

248.651.8238

Timeless Painting

Tony Chila

248.894.5804

Kevin Smith

Master Plumber

248.396.1563

Ameritemp HVAC (Heating and A/C)

Jerry Lockhart

248.652.0174

Fixed In A Flash Handyman

Andy

248.394.0204