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President's Message

Contributed by Doug Wilkerson

This is our first newsletter for 2007. I don't know about everyone else, but even before I became involved with the homeowner association, I found the newsletter full of interesting information about what was happening in my neighborhood.

In starting off 2007, I want to let you know some of the issues on the association's agenda for the coming year. There are several projects that we run every year that have become a neighborhood tradition – such as the Spring Party, the annual yard sale, the summer solstice pool party, and the luminary display.

The association has also taken on the project of having a neighborhood directory printed and distributed on a regular basis. This has become a handy reference tool which includes a cross-reference section of addresses to names and a neighborhood map. We received many positive comments on the directories when we delivered them in 2005 and will be putting out a new one sometime in 2007.

In 2006, we developed a Welcome Package for new residents. While not every new comer to Stonehenge is new to Raleigh, some are, and most find the package useful. And, the Stonehenge Yahoo group has seen a lot growth and activity since it was opened up. If you haven't signed up yet – give it a try – there is lots of activity there.

With all that said, we are still trying to find ways to provide an increased value to Stonehenge homeowners and residents. We conducted our first community program (in several years) last fall with a free yard care seminar conducted by an employee from the NC Department of Agriculture. Next month, we will conduct our second community program by having a Raleigh Police Department officer speak. Again, this will be a free seminar and light refreshments will be provided.

We hope that you will join the association and get involved. If you have ideas for improving the neighborhood, an interest in volunteering with the association, or the desire to run one of our neighborhood projects, we urge you to contact one of the board members listed in the newsletter.

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Crimebusters Program to Be Held **Monday, March 12**

The Stonehenge Homeowners' Board has scheduled a neighborhood meeting to discuss neighborhood crime. An officer from the Raleigh Police Department will make a presentation at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 12, at the RTP Federal Credit Union Building which is located in the parking lot area adjacent to Wildflour Pizza.

Statistics on crime and vandalism incidents in Stonehenge over the past few years will be provided. There will also be a presentation on vandalism prevention, tips on securing your home against crime, and the most effective methods for reporting suspicious activity in the neighborhood. There will be a question/answer period at the end of the presentation.

All interested residents of Stonehenge are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served courtesy of the RTP Federal Credit Union.

CLUB CORNER

Contacts

Stonehenge Book Club:

Beth Chase (familychase@nc.rr.com) **848-8244**
March 8, 7:30, 8804 Gotherstone Court
March: "Color of Water", April: "Snow Falling on Cedars"
New members encouraged and welcome.

Stonehenge Women's Network:

Toni Cox (ricatoni@mindspring.com) **848-0583**
March 12-making flower arrangements from grocery store bouquets (small charge for flowers, bring your own vase). RSVP: 848-6166. New members encouraged and welcome. Thank you Gourmet Foods of the Triangle for donating fabulous appetizers for our February meeting. (Owner: Stonehenge Resident Krisy Sims-417-3178)

Stonehenge Supper Club:

Char Rafferty (chart0128@aol.com) **848-6166**
Currently accepting names for substitute list only but new groups will be forming soon. March dinner theme: Italian

Stonehenge Bridge Club:

Join us!! See article in this newsletter.

To add your neighborhood group information to the list in the next newsletter, contact Diane Lahti at diane.lahti@earthlink.net or 847-0650.



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Declarer? Defender? Dummy?

The Stonehenge neighborhood bridge club is in the early stages of organization. There is an evening group and a daytime group. Interested persons are welcome to join as "regulars" or "substitutes". Please contact Diane Lahti at 847-0650 or diane.lahti@earthlink.net. Some members are novices who are learning the game while others are intermediate players.

Work in Progress: Upgrade of Stonehenge Website

Contributed by Derek Brandon

Our homeowners Association is currently searching for someone to redesign and manage the hosting of our website. Specifically, we are interested in a company that can help us create and maintain a dynamic and interactive website where our members are able to find current news and events about our community, an updated calendar of neighborhood events, a forum for posting and reading information from other homeowners, pictures and stories of relevance to Stonehenge, and PDF versions of our newsletter.

If you have a web-design or web-hosting business or have a recommendation of a company that you have had success working with in the past, please contact one of your board members and let us know! We are very grateful for the outstanding volunteer services received in the past on this project. The job has become too time-consuming to maintain with volunteer service alone so the board has budgeted funds to pay for this service.

Stonehenge Yard Sale to be Held April 21, Raindate: April 28

The annual Stonehenge neighborhood yard sale will be held Saturday, April 21 from 8-12 am. The Homeowner's Association will pay for newspaper advertising and prepare maps to pinpoint participating addresses. If you are interested in being a part of this event, it is suggested that you do the following:

1. Call Evelyn Pizzolato at 870-5230 or email her at pizzolatos@mindspring.com to tell her your address for inclusion on the map.
2. Put a helium balloon on your mailbox the day of the sale to attract buyers.

Bunnies, Bonnets, Surprises, Games, FUN!!!

The Stonehenge Homeowners' Association has sponsored a spring social event for children for over twenty years. This neighborhood tradition is still popular with children and parents and all residents are invited to attend. There will be light refreshments after the hunt and games. We would appreciate anyone who can bring a treat to share.

Please spread the word among your neighbors with young children. We hope to see your family there!

Date: April 7th, Location: Seven Oaks Pool Parking Lot & Lawn 10:00 AM – Children's Parade, 10:30 AM - Egg Hunt & Games

Bring a basket to hold your goodies! More information about this event will be posted on the Stonehenge Yahoo network the week before the event.

Can we slow down?

(Excerpts from letter posted on Stonehenge Yahoo group)

I was walking my puppy this afternoon when I was passed by a School Bus. The bus stopped and a few children disembarked. Two boys (probably about 7-8 years old) ran away from the bus and one 'play tackled' the other, and they laughingly wrestled each other. They got up, ran a bit further and then the boy in the lead ran across the street. No problem, EXCEPT the second boy was yelling out "The car, watch out for the car." Coming down the street was a small red car, FORTUNATELY, since the driver was admiring the houses, he was driving very slowly. The car was able to stop without hitting the boy, because (as I repeat) it was driving SLOWLY. Even so, the driver just sat there for a while, as the boys continued chasing each other down the street.

I'm sure that if the parents knew that their children had run in front of a moving vehicle, they might scold them (and rightfully so), but 7-year old boys are just that, SEVEN YEARS OLD! They don't have the life experiences to understand that they can't dart from one side of the street to the other. Drivers, on the other hand, SHOULD have the life experiences to understand that children CAN and DO dart from one side of the road to the other, or run out in a street to chase a ball, a pet, or even a rainbow. THAT'S why drivers should drive slowly in a subdivision, ESPECIALLY one in which they live.

I usually walk my dog for a mile, 2-3 times a day, and I have encountered speeding drivers on too many occasions to count. I guess driving through our subdivision at 40 mph must get them home a LOT faster than driving at 25 mph, or maybe that's what they think.

I'm a Grandfather, and I know that Grandchildren can do silly things, but I don't think their failure to fully think through their actions should cost them arm or leg . . . or worse. THAT'S why I drive no more than 25 mph through all subdivisions. Residents of Stonehenge and Brandon Station seem a bit different than residents of other subdivisions. I have been tailgated, had bright lights flashed in my rear view mirror, and received the 'one fingered salute' more than once, when a driver (male OR female) could catch my eye, all because I was doing 20-25 mph.

I can't imagine what it would be like to hit a child, and I hope I never find out, but the way some people drive through our subdivision, I'm afraid that someone WILL have to live with the memory of hurting an innocent child.

PLEASE can we all slow down, at least driving through our subdivision? After all, we are all neighbors, and the safety of our children should be a mutual concern. Thank you.

More on this topic from other Stonehenge neighbors:

"As a mother of young children and a pet owner, I find it frightening the way many people choose to drive in this neighborhood. I want to voice my mutual concern!"

"I want to remind everyone that you can report a speeder to the police or sheriff. If you see someone speeding or driving

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recklessly, write down their tag number. Then you can call it in to the local authorities:

**Wake Co. Sheriff: 856-6900 or
City of Raleigh Police: 890-3335**

They will make a visit to the owners house and have a "talk" with the owner of the vehicle. They also will step up patrols in the neighborhood and look out for the speeder."

"Sheriff Harrison is familiar with the speeding in our neighborhood and is receptive to any calls of concern and will provide support/deterrence if called. His office can be reached at 856-6900. In addition, 856-6911 will put you in touch with the Sheriff Departments dispatch operator. 856-6911 is a non-emergency number, but gets the same results as 911.

The Sheriff's Dept. also has a STOP team (special traffic operations patrol) that sets up specifically for the purpose of deterring speeders. The STOP team was set up on Brennan last year. At the intersection of Wellsley and Brennan there are ten children less than age 7 that live within 90 feet of the intersection, enough said. Being neighborly is a two way street. Twenty five miles an hour is slow and hard to hold. Vehicles rolling slowly through the intersections or the ones doing 30 in a 25 are not the problem. The speeding problem has been validated by the Sheriff and State Highway patrol. If you want them in the neighborhood, they will participate. On a positive note—most folks in Stonehenge are mindful of their speed."

Thinking about your day at work? Thinking about dinner? Thinking about items on your "to do" list? How about thinking about others? Slowing down may cost you a couple of minutes on your commute but it may prevent a lifetime of regret.

Pedestrians, joggers, cyclists: Stay out of the street as much as possible please. Safety and consideration is a two way street.

Stonehenge Homeowners' Association

2007 Calendar Year Membership Dues: \$20

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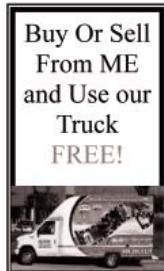
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Neighborhood Calendar

March 12, 7:00pm: Crime Prevention Forum, RTP Federal Credit Union, near Wildflour Pizza

April 7, 10:00am: Children's Party, Seven Oaks Pool parking lot

April 21: Stonehenge Yard Sale

April 28: Raindate for Stonehenge Yard Sale

June 23: Stonehenge Summer Solstice Pool Party

Light's Out?

To report a streetlight problem please use the link: <https://secure.progress-energy.com/sid/custservice/carres/electric/streetlight/index.asp?dynamictool=3>

This link takes you to our web page and an online form to fill out. Please make sure that you get the yellow number (DIS number) off of the pole prior to reporting. If the pole doesn't have the number, an address nearest to the pole will work.

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Overheard on the Stonehenge Yahoo Network

Recommendations for plumbers, landscapers, chimney sweeps, locksmiths, pediatricians, heating and cooling technicians, upholsterers, and carpet cleaning services.

Pets missing and found. Crime alert-bank robbery in Stonehenge, break-ins of storage buildings.

Connection of teenagers with homeowners desiring yard work services. Information on going rate for babysitters. Free stuff and stuff for sale.

To become a member of the Stonehenge e-mail network:

Send a message to: stonehengehoa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will get a reply message containing a link which will allow you to join.

For further information on the e-mail newsgroup, see page 1 of the Stonehenge telephone directory.