



Stonehenge Living

The Stonehenge Homeowners' Association Community Newsletter • www.stonehengeliving.com

President's Message

The old saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers." And nowhere is that more true than in the fantastic Stonehenge neighborhood. As we move into late spring here in Raleigh, it's impossible to miss the wide variety of beautiful flowers sprouting up all around town. The great landscaping and vibrant foliage is another thing that makes Stonehenge a great place to live.

Please take the time to review this issue of the Stonehenge Newsletter. The board is planning a number of great events, including this year's Yard Sale and a pool party. Make sure you let one of the board member's know if you have ideas for activities. Remember, it's **YOUR** participation that makes our community wonderful. If you're not already subscribed to the Stonehenge yahoo newsgroup, take the time to sign-up. We've had some great discussions recently regarding neighborhood crime, as well as the planned extension of Wellsley Way. Make sure you're in the loop! Oh, and one more thing... look for the neighborhood directory to be delivered in the next couple months.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

by Grace Bechtle

Happy Spring! Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2005 dues. We have already received over 200 membership dues for 2005 and are off to a great start. Please keep the momentum going and send in your dues if you haven't done so already! We have provided envelopes once again to make it easier for you.

Please remember to fill out the entire form and write "2005 dues" in the memo portion of your check (particularly, if you are sending current year dues towards the latter part of the year).

I sometimes receive questions as to whether a check has been received. Deposits are made once I have a bunch of checks (usually a month or two) to make the process easier (life gets in the way!). So, chances are that I have received your check, but just haven't deposited it yet. I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause you. You may email me (preferred) at amazing@nc.rr.com or call me at 844-1723 at any time if you have any questions. If emailing please make the subject line clear so I don't think its junk email when it comes in (example: Stonehenge Dues Question). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Attention Yard Sale Enthusiasts

The annual Stonehenge neighborhood yard sale will be held Saturday, June 4 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, please do the following:

1. Call Evelyn Pizzolato, 870-5230, or email her at pizzolatos@mindspring.com with your address. You may also list 1 or 2 items or types of items you will have for sale.
2. Put a helium balloon on your mailbox on the day of the sale to help buyers locate your home.

In case of rain, the yard sale will be postponed to the following Saturday, June 11.

Get Involved in your Neighborhood. ACT TODAY!

- ☐ Be Sure to Pay Your 2005 Dues!
- ☐ Join Stonehengehoa@yahoo.com
- ☐ Participate in the Yard Sale and Pool Party
- ☐ Support our advertisers.

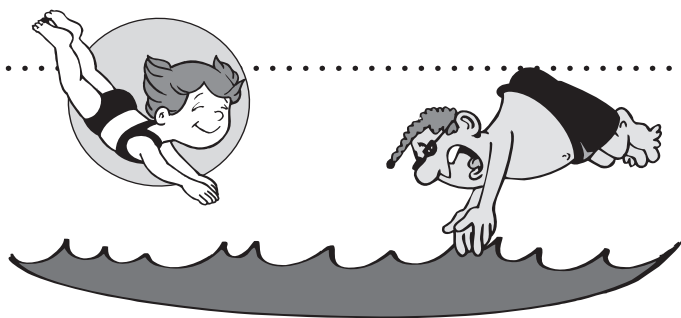
***We appreciate your commitment to
our community and together we can
Keep Stonehenge Beautiful!***

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Stonehenge Summer Solstice Party June 25th

It seems only fitting that we honor our "Stonehenge" heritage with a party to celebrate the longest days of the year. The party will be held at Seven Oaks Pool on Saturday June 25th from 8 to 10 pm. All residents of Stonehenge are invited. If you are not a member of the pool, this is a wonderful chance for your family to enjoy its facilities. The homeowners' association will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and soft drinks. The pool will be open for swimming. We also plan to have either a live band or a DJ playing music. We are asking that each family contribute \$5 to assist with food, pool, and entertainment costs. In addition, we ask that each family bring either a side dish or a dessert to share. If you want something other than soft drinks, bring your own.

It is essential that we have an accurate attendance count so that we hire sufficient lifeguards and purchase enough food. Therefore, we must receive your reservation and payment no later than June 21. Please provide an email address with your reservation and you will receive a reminder the week of the event as well as any last minute planning changes in the event of bad weather.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!!!!

Reservation information

Family name: _____

Number of persons who will be attending: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Will help with grilling? _____

Will help with setup/cleanup? _____

Questions? Email Diane at diane.lahti@earthlink.net

Please enclose a check for \$5 payable to
Stonehenge Homeowners' Association
Mail to: Diane Lahti, 8912 Oxbridge Court
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Future Schedule

Please join us!

Book Club: Club open to all Stonehenge residents. For information contact Beth Chase at familychase@nc.rr.com or 676-9926. One book is read each month followed by dessert in hostess homes. Come join us!

Supper Club: Still accepting names for substitutes. Next dinner will be a Mardi Gras dinner on March 5. The last dinner of this cycle will be a "Cinco de Mayo" themed dinner on May 14th. Contact Char Rafferty at chart0128@aol.com or 848-6166 for more information. Dinners are held in rotating home locations. Participants share the meal preparation tasks and expenses. No special cooking expertise necessary!

Stonehenge Women's Network: Open to all women in Stonehenge. Contact Sue Baker at 847-8291 or sjbakerus@yahoo.com for more information. Events coming up: Ladies Night Out at the Comedy Club, Chick Flick Night, and creating floral centerpieces.

Stonehenge Homeowner's Board: Want to be more involved in decisions affecting your community? Have an hour a month to spare? Think about joining us on the board! For more information, contact Bret Appel at 844-4746 or bappel@bellsouth.net.

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Watch Your Speed

The Board has received several complaints about speeding on North Creek Run. In an attempt to draw attention to the speed limit signs, the Board asked the Department Of Transportation to investigate placing warning flags atop the speed limit signs.

The request was denied as explained in the following letter from Frank Carpenter of the DOT.

"Your request for flags to be placed on the existing speed limit signs in your subdivision was investigated on 2-1-05. Based on our investigation flags are not warranted at this time. There are posted 25 mph signs throughout the subdivision and flags are normally used for a "new" traffic pattern or situation. The enforcement of the posted speed limit would reduce the speeding complaints from the subdivision. The Sheriff's office or Highway Patrol can help with the enforcement. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance."

PINE STRAW UPDATE

Our pine straw vendor experienced problems obtaining quality pine straw this year. He made a partial delivery, but stopped after it became clear that the pine straw was unacceptable. The second shipment was only marginally better than the first one.

Rather than continuing to hold everyone's check without knowing when the next shipment would arrive, we decided to return the checks, including those who received their bales, so the purchasers could make alternate arrangements. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Connect with your Neighbors Online

by J. King White

We are a large community of busy people. Indeed, there are limited opportunities to cross paths and greet each other in person, and information tends to flow rather slowly through the neighborhood 'grapevine'. But virtually everyone uses the Internet, and Stonehenge residents have common access to a virtual 'bulletin board' – the Stonehengehoa group listserve hosted on Yahoo!

Typically, just a handful of messages are sent each month. Representative postings are innocuous but useful -- neighborly offers of items free for the taking, notices of and requests for teens available for babysitting duty, bulletins regarding lost and found pets, yard sale announcements, FYIs from your Homeowners' Association board about upcoming events, etc.

And, group list participation directly supports the safety and security of our community...

During the wee hours of Friday, March 4, mine was one of several properties burglarized in the Stonehenge community located west of Ray Road. Shortly after the investigators left my home, I posted an advisory to warn others about the crime and to seek corroborating information. Through the resulting discourse, we inadvertently identified a two-year pattern of unresolved break-ins within greater Stonehenge. The good news is that the perpetrator of the recent incident was apprehended (and summarily convicted); even better news is that our group list correspondence enabled several otherwise disconnected parties to collaborate and 'connect the dots' about previous incidents.

Through this experience I learned that many residents maintain individual Email distribution lists of various neighbors but that relatively few of us are subscribed to the larger Stonehenge group list. Please join the Stonehenge HOA group list and get 'in the loop' about matters of community interest. Equally important, greater participation in this virtual 'grapevine' will increase awareness and make ours an even safer neighborhood for all.

How do I join the online community?

The easiest way is to go to the Yahoo! Groups home page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stonehengehoa>. Please click the "Join This Group" link on the left-hand side. If you have a Yahoo! account, you can sign in, or you can create one. Click the "Join This Group" link and then the "Sign Up Now" link. If you don't want to create a Yahoo account, another way to join the group is to simply send a message to stonehengehoa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Yahoo will respond with an e-mail containing a link to their Web site that will allow you to join.

Once you've selected the "Join" link, scroll to the bottom and select the gray "Join" button. Once you submit this page, I will receive an e-mail from Yahoo. I will respond to your e-mail with a simple question (if you live in the neighborhood, you'll know the answer). When you answer that question correctly, I will make you a full member of the group. The board decided to put this filter into place to keep spammers from joining the group.

Once you're a full member, you should define the options for your account from the home page by selecting the "Edit My Membership" link in the upper right. You can post messages to the group either from the home page, or by sending e-mail to stonehengehoa@yahoogroups.com (make sure you send it from the same e-mail account in which you receive messages).

Wellsley Way to be Extended to Strickland Rd.

We have recently learned that plans to extend the north end of Wellsley Way connecting it with Strickland Road have been approved. According to information sent to us, construction is set to begin in about two to three months. Fourteen homes will be built along the road extension.

An unnamed source at the Department of Public Works stated that the developer originally requested that the home sites be built on a cul-de-sac off of Strickland Road. However, the City of Raleigh required that the road connect to Wellsley Way because of city access code requirements. Unfortunately, it appears that there is nothing that the Stonehenge Homeowners' Association can do to alter or halt this plan.

Volunteer on the Stonehenge Board

As President of the SHA Board, I'd like to make a personal appeal for Board Member volunteers. We need YOUR help to make our community better! Meetings are usually on the 2nd Monday of the month for about 1½ hours. And you don't have to hold a position to attend—feel free to attend a meeting and give us your input on important community issues. Positions available include Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer. We could also use help from people willing to work on our website or assist with the newsletter. Thanks. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

If you have questions about serving on the board or would like information on the next meeting, please feel free to contact me.

Bret Appel • 844-4746 • bappel@bellsouth.net

IMPORTANT:

PAY YOUR DUES NOW TO AVOID THE RATE INCREASE!

SHA 2005 Calendar Year Membership Dues \$20

(Please fill out completely and print clearly, this info is used for the directory)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please note that dues are collected throughout the calendar year and therefore this form will reappear in every newsletter.
Dues collected in 2005 will be credited to that calendar year.

Your dues help support: Stonehenge Living Newsletter
Stonehenge Directory • Social Events • Neighborhood Zoning and Traffic Projects • Community Projects • www.stonehengeliving.com

Mail a Check for \$20 made out to Stonehenge Homeowners Association to:
SHA Dues c/o Grace Bechtle • 8316 North Creek Run • Raleigh, NC 27613

*Interested
in Joining
a Mom's
(or Dad's)
Group?*



New to the neighborhood and have children? Have a new baby and looking to connect with other moms or dads in Stonehenge? Want to meet other moms or dads with children the same age as yours?

If so, contact Lori Edwards via email: loriwedwards@yahoo.com or phone: 518-1402. She will organize playgroups based on children's ages.

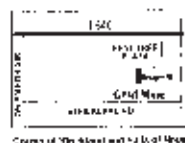
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