

Stonewater News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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A Message from the President

by Jim Evangelista

Summer in our community is always one of my favorite times of the year. Our gardens are planted, the flowers are in bloom and walks around the community on the cool nights remind us why we choose to live here.

I am happy to say we had 131 responses to the community survey. This is about 36% of the occupied lots. Below we show the responses to each question as a percentage of the total lots in the community. The survey results do not indicate a strong desire for changes. I interpret these two ways. First as a sign of the economic times, and second that most residents are satisfied with the type of amenities we have and they want them maintained that way. I would like to thank all those who responded. We intend to send out a survey every 12-18 months to help determine what the majority of the residents would like to see in our community.

The item on the survey that received the most interest was the neighborhood watch (19.1%). Our management company sent out flyers in February describing the program. The Northville Township Police will come out and address any group that wants to get one started. It takes some effort to organize and should be done in sections to be more manageable. A small group of residents in the Peninsula section went door to door and started to organize a neighborhood watch. The first meeting was very successful. If you want to have the information emailed to you please contact our management company.

The last item I would like to bring to your attention is children jumping from the bridge that spans the channel between Teal and Stoneridge lakes. This is very dangerous as pointed out later in this newsletter. We have found that most of the groups of children have at least one resident of Stonewater with them. Please instruct your children to refrain from this activity.

I wish you all a very healthy summer and look forward to seeing many of you at the annual meeting in September.

Stonewater 2010 Survey

	Responses Shown As		
	Percentage of total Lots		
	High	Low	No
Community Clubhouse	12.7	2.6	15.6
Upgrades to the community Beach	8.0	9.0	13.9
Community Play Scape	5.4	6.1	19.3
Dog Park	2.4	4.2	24.3
Exercise Stations on Paths	3.5	5.2	22.2
Summer Community Picnic	8.0	10.6	12.3
Stonewater Brand Items	0.7	4.2	25.9
Access Ramps on larger lakes	7.5	4.7	18.6
Rental docks on larger lakes	3.1	4.2	23.6
Neighborhood watch program	19.1	7.1	4.7
Welcome Committee	6.4	9.2	15.3
Town Hall Meetings	7.3	11.6	12.0
Entrance Gates	14.2	5.2	11.6
Improvements to Holiday Decorations	8.7	10.6	11.6

EMAIL

Did you know that the Stonewater has approximately 65% of the resident's email addresses. Electronic communication is the primary way messages, newsletters and community updates are delivered. If you have a neighbor that hasn't received this communication please encourage them to call our office at 248-374-9375 to register. It is the fast and inexpensive way to keep everyone informed.



Friends of the ROUGE

On Saturday June 5th we had a wonderful turnout at Stonewater as part of the Rouge River clean up. Johnston Creek runs throughout Stonewater Community and the storm drains goes into the lakes which also feed the Rouge. We had 30 volunteers including the Boys Scouts of America Troop 903. The Ralph, Alameddine and Custer families of Stonewater were part of the effort. 10 bags of debris were collected along with one for sale sign. Thank you for your help.



LAKES AND COMMON AREAS



BRIDGE JUMPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN STONEWATER SUBDIVISION

Bridge jumping or diving is dangerous and could result in serious injury.
Water levels can change dramatically day to day.
Bridge jumping and diving exposes Stonewater to liability litigation.

Please advise you Children not to Bridge jump and explain why.
Failure to comply could result in fines and legal fees.

REMEMBER SAFETY IS THE PRIMARY CONCERN OF OUR RESIDENTS

- Please remind your family members and guests to keep a safe distance and not to climb on the fountains.
- Please contact the Northville Township Police when you observe someone who may not be a Stonewater resident using the lakes or loitering in the commons areas. Typically trespassers park illegally on the street, they walk through empty lots, they bring buckets to keep fish, they typically head toward the bridge for cover, or walk everywhere in the commons. Many times they come in twos and threes and are loaded up with gear for an all day fishing expedition. As a reminder Stonewater Lakes are catch and release only.



STONewater

Stonewater is truly one of the premier communities in Northville with six shimmering lakes, a boulder-strewn stream, three beautiful entrance waterfalls and five neighborhoods form a unified community offering easy-going lakeside living. In all, Stonewater is graced with six spectacular lakes totaling 115 acres. Throughout Stonewater, pedestrian passages meander along the waterfront and cross picturesque footbridges to thoughtfully landscaped commons and gazebos. The Board of Directors has worked hard to not only maintain our community but improve our amenities.

However, Stonewater is a community and as such this requires residents maintain their lots as well. This includes street trees being regularly fertilized and trimmed, weeding landscape beds and pruning shrubbery. Unfortunately there are too many homes that not keeping up with the routine maintenance. Please realize it is the best interest of the community that all properties are maintained so as not to decrease from the beauty of the subdivision, but increase the overall value of the homes. Most of the items do not require a financial investment just some sweat equity. Please take into consideration that your property impacts your neighbors and the entire community.

MAINTENANCE OF HOMEOWNER LOTS

Each homeowner shall be responsible to maintain their lots. This means keeping lots **mowed, watered, weed free and replacing trees.**

- **Street Trees**

Replacement of the street tree is each lot owner's responsibility. In the event any street trees dies the lot owner shall replace the dead tree(s). In addition, it is a Northville Township Ordinance that tree limbs are at least 8 from the sidewalk.

- **Weeding/Pruning** – Landscape beds should be regularly weeded, and mulched. Shrubs should be trimmed each spring and fall.

- **Beaches**

Each homeowner is also responsible for maintaining their landscaping including shorelines must be weeded and kept in a neat condition.

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Treasurer, **Jim Gardner** has recently been transferred to his hometown of Chicago, Il and is returning to family and friends. However, that means we lose a dedicated board member. We would like to thank you Jim for all you hard work and wish you the best of luck.

WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS

Welcome to Stonewater!

We hope you are settling into your new home and meeting your neighbors. If you did not receive the subdivision Rules & Regulations at your closing or from the previous owners, please contact AMP who will be pleased to send you copies. If you should have any questions regarding the subdivision or the area, feel free to contact one of the Board members listed on the last page of this newsletter or association management professionals at 248-374-9375 or email us at managers@ampteam.net



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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Please watch your speed driving through the subdivision! Watch for kids and bicycles!**
- Please remember to secure your trash when placing curbside for pickup. Trash cannot be placed on the street before 5 pm the day before pickup (MONDAYS). We consistently experience high winds and trash blows all over the neighborhood which eventually ends up in all of our lakes and stream. Also, by securing your rubbish in a garbage it prevents animals from ripping bags apart and strewing trash all over. If you do not have a can please do not place your garbage on the curb until Monday morning. Remember trash cans should be stored in the garage.
- Please curb your dog and pick up after them.
- Overnight and regular parking on the street is not permitted. Residents are to park their cars in garage whenever possible. If the space in the garage is not available, residents are to park their cars in the driveway.

