



Stonefield Village and Meadows Newsletter

September 2008

Stonefield Meetings, Board Election and News

A large group of neighbors attended the Stonefield Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting on April 29th at the Nitty Gritty. Several activities and issues were discussed including:

Presentation from City Planner and County Board Member Mark Opitz – Middleton is involved in the Transportation 20/20 commuter rail study. This is a multi-year process and many years out. Federal studies and approval of the use of current rails are required as one of the many steps. Additionally, we have filed forms to be a zone free of train horns. These requests take months to approve but have been filed. Look for news in future communications.

Board Members - The following officers and board members were unanimously elected to serve for 2008 – 2009.

President – Norm Arendt
Treasurer – Kathy Karofsky
Secretary – Kate Nisbet
Board Members at Large
 Mike Adler
 Brooke Dovenbarger
 Jim Dvorsky
 Jeff Mattox
Mayor – Kurt Sonnentag
Alderman – Jon DiPiazza

Your SNA dues support many different activities and uses. Please be sure to keep the Neighborhood Association up-to-date if your email address changes. Send your email change to SNAnews@aol.com. Email updates are provided on a regular basis.

In July the SNA Board met to discuss recent activities. Some highlights of that meeting include:

Railroad Crossing - Construction for the new median and crossing lights on Stonefield Road has been completed.

Annual Garage Sale - 30 homes participated in the 2008 sale. New signs for the neighborhood entrances have been purchased for use in 2009.

Welcome Committee – Welcome Packets are provided to all new neighbors. Annually our neighborhood sees an average of 15 homes turnover to new neighbors. This welcome serves as an introduction to the Neighborhood Association.

Garden Club - The Club is up and going with 22 members. Check out their blog at www.stonefieldgardenclub.blogspot.com. The site will be used for updates as well as to post plantings available by local neighbors. The Club is considering holding a spring plant sale.

4th of July Parade and Party – Approximately 150 neighbors participated in the parade, party and many activities. Special thanks needs to be given to John Grande, Brad Nordhaus and Robin Sweet for their many efforts to make the party a success. The cookie decorating and coin dig were again popular activities. Thanks to Scott's Pastry Shoppe and Middleton Community Bank for their generous donations. The dunk tank was thoroughly enjoyed by all. If you have ideas to help draw in the teens and preteens for next year let us know. This is the hardest age group to entertain at a family fun day.

Recent Burglaries and Attempted Break-ins

Our neighborhood has had recent crime activities. Most of the burglaries are occurring between 3:00 and 4:00 AM and the intruders are entering through **unlocked** doors. A few reminders to help keep all of us safe from intrusion:

- ✓ Lock all your doors including your garage service doors.
- ✓ Leave outside lights on all night long – yard light posts are expected to be functioning and in-use.
- ✓ If you see suspicious activity at any time, call the non-emergency number of the Middleton Police Department at 827-1000.
- ✓ If you need to call 911, you can ask to be dispatched through to the Middleton Police Department for immediate response.

Covenants and Restrictions

Many people looking to move into the Stonefield Neighborhood question the neighborhood deed restrictions and covenants. The process to build a fence is one of the most common questions. Fences are restricted in Stonefield. There are limited fences allowed such as for those homes with pools. At a minimum, written approval is to be obtained from all members of your plat. The number of individual lots on each plat differ throughout the neighborhood. A full copy of the covenants and deed restrictions are available on the Stonefield website at www.stonefield.org. A paper copy is provided to all new neighbors in the Welcome Packet.

Stonefield Night at the Nitty Gritty

Let's celebrate 'back-to-school' and enjoy drinks and conversation. Mark your calendars to join neighbors for this social gathering on Wednesday September 17th at 6:30 PM.

A Few Final Reminders

Leaf and Brush Pick-up – Fall leaf clean-up will soon be upon us. Bulk leaf collection begins on October 1 and continues through November. Leaves must be windrowed along the terrace, but not placed in the street or gutter. Please place your leaves away from trees, mailboxes and other obstructions. Leaves in bags or containers will not be collected. Leaves may be

covered with tarp or plastic. Leaves and brush must be kept in separate piles. Brush collection is scheduled through November. Stonefield Neighborhood has collection on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Snow Removal Reminder – Do we really need to consider snow removal already? The City of Middleton requires that snow and ice be removed within 24 hours after the snow or ice stops. Your work keeps the sidewalks safe for all neighbors.

Stonefield Web Site – www.stonefield.org The website is used to provide up-to-date information about the neighborhood. You can also read the minutes from previous SNA board meetings.



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