



Stonefield News

VILLAGE AND MEADOWS

The Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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SNA Board news and action

To keep you informed of the issues in the neighborhood and the work being done by the SNA board, here is a summary of the issues discussed at the last SNA board meeting:

Neighborhood crime

Sgt. Chuck Foulke from the Middleton Police Department gave a presentation on safety and crime in the neighborhood. He said most of the activity is juvenile-related (egging, toilet-papering, mailbox vandalism). He indicated the Middleton Police Department responds seriously to all incidents. *(See Stonefield Neighborhood Watch action on page 2.)*

Covenant compliance committee

In October, the board will look at the potential on forming a neighborhood

architectural review committee to examine and enforce the different covenants in the neighborhood, and make neighbors more aware of the covenants connected to titles.

Traffic calming

Discussed action by the Public Works Commission and the City Council on SNA traffic calming suggestions. *(See City Council action below.)*

Stonefield Signs: The SNA board will get estimates from sign companies to refurbish both neighborhood entrance signs, replace the posts on the sign at Stonefield Rd./Old Middleton Rd., and get estimates on a new sign for the entrance on Stonefield Rd. and Gammon Rd.

City Council adopts traffic calming in Stonefield

The Middleton City Council has approved the creation of 4-way stops at both intersections of Stonefield and Boundary Road, supporting the choices made by Stonefield residents and the SNA Traffic Calming Committee.

The vote, to some degree, ends a 12-

year on again, off again attempts to place stop signs on Stonefield Rd. In addition to the two 4-way stop signs, centerline and curb lane markings will be painted the full length of the road.

Speed bumps may be added later, in the event the 4-way stop signs don't reduce traffic speed.

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SNA Board Meeting Dates: October 16

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Thanks to...Liz Weirich, of First Weber Realty and a Stonefield neighbor, for paying for the mailing cost of this newsletter. Liz has been doing this for several years, and her support and contribution has been greatly appreciated.

SNA Starts Neighborhood Watch Program

Prompted by concerns with the increased crime, especially vandalism directed at homes, cars and park facilities, the SNA Board has created a neighborhood watch program effective October 1, 2003. This program was presented to the Board at the September 11 meeting, by Sgt. Chuck Foulke of the Middleton Police Department.

The SNA Neighborhood Watch works by using SNA President Jon DiPiazza as the contact point. Stonefield residents are to contact Jon at 836-5433 or jon101@chorus.net to report any incident or concern. Jon will then pass this along to his contact at the Police Department.

It also works in reverse as the Department will direct crime alerts to Jon who will then contact Stonefield residents via e-mail and newsletter.

All residents are encouraged to be alert and use the new system except in emergencies or situations that require immediate attention.

The Middleton Police Department encourages Stonefield neighbors to report all incidents, and should not feel intimidated to file reports.

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies,

SNA Directory update, dues and survey

In October, you will receive the SNA Director update form, along with the bi-annual dues notice, and a survey. The form includes information to help you get to know your neighbors. This will be the twelfth edition.

The survey seeks volunteers for neighborhood activities, and your input on neighborhood signs, formation of a neighborhood architectural review committee, and your comments about what's on your mind regarding neighborhood issues.

Return the update form, the survey and your dues after you receive it.

Stonefield Neighborhood Association at work for you

In October you will be receiving your notice for the Stonefield Neighborhood Association dues. We do this every two years to save on expenses and time. The dues are \$30.00 for the next two years.

Here are some of the activities and uses of your association dues:

- Coordinate Stonefield neighborhood-wide garage sale.
- Maintain appearance of and keep insurance on

neighborhood signs.

- Hold end-of-year ice cream for youth.
- Host 4th of July parade and treat for neighborhood youth.
- Support Elm Lawn woods restoration project.
- Hold neighborhood summer social and neighborhood party.
- Be prepared for contingencies requiring neighborhood action.

Kurt's Korner

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Traffic Calming

In the prior issue of Kurt's Korner, I reported that the first traffic calming test that was conducted on Stonefield Rd. failed to receive overwhelming support from the neighborhood. The Public Works Committee (PWC) met in August to review test results and get neighborhood input. After the review and input session, the PWC requested that the neighborhood traffic committee go back to the drawing board and devise a new plan with the help of Tom Sohrweide, a traffic engineering consultant hired by the PWC.

During this renewed planning process, Mr. Sohrweide discovered that two of the intersections (Boundary/Clovernook bottom of hill and Boundary top of hill) on Stonefield Rd were potential safety hazards due to line of sight restrictions at the curves. **What!?!** After 12 years of, "Sorry, this request doesn't meet warrants," we now find out that we could have had stop signs all this time because of a safety warrant! Armed with this revelation, the traffic committee agreed upon some options to pursue and Jon DiPiazza sent out a new survey, this time to all Stonefield residents. He received 108 completed surveys out of 280 Stonefield residences, that's nearly a 40% return rate!

Here's the interesting thing to ponder, if the 4 way stops had been installed years ago at these two intersections, would we still have concerns today about excessive vehicle speeds on Stonefield Rd. Of course, the only way to know for sure is to install those signs and monitor speeds over time. Well, that is essentially what the

traffic committee recommended to the PWC (see John

DiPiazza's update dated August 11, 2003). The committee held back from recommending speed humps until we had some measurable data from the 4-way stops.

Well, the PWC accepted most of the traffic committee's recommendation, but gave us only one 4-way stop at the Boundary/Clovernook intersection with Stonefield Rd. Ouch! I felt that the traffic committee would have recommended at least one set of speed humps had it known that one of the 4-way stops would be rejected. Therefore, when the PWC recommendation came to city council for approval, I asked for an amendment to include the second 4-way stop and it was passed unanimously. So, two 4-way stops and pavement markings are coming to Stonefield Rd in the next several weeks, a very positive step in the right direction!

Copp's Supermarket Proposal at Middleton Hills – Sound Off

District 3 is quite removed (or seems to be) from the controversy surrounding the proposed Copp's Supermarket at Middleton Hills. As a member of the plan commission and an alderman, I will be asked to vote yes or no to the Marshall Erdmann Company's request to amend the General Implementation Plan (GIP) for Middleton Hills to allow a supermarket use, which currently is forbidden. In everyone's collective memory, the City Council has never granted an amendment to a GIP.

I have already listened to or read over 8 hours of public testimony regarding this issue, but I haven't heard from any of my constituents in district 3. If you have any input that you think might be useful in helping me arrive at a decision, I would appreciate hearing from you. It's going to be a tough call. By the way, the final decision rests with the Council, the Plan Commission is advisory only.



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