



# Stonefield News

## VILLAGE AND MEADOWS

The Neighborhood Association Newsletter

### FALL/WINTER 2002 ISSUE

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### Neighborhood robbery elevates awareness

At 8:10 p.m. Saturday, November 9, my mother-in-law was a victim of a strong arm robbery in Stonefield.

She had returned from the hospital and was sitting in her car in our driveway with the dome light on while looking in her purse for the house keys when a young man pulled open the car door, told her to move over, shoved her and stole her purse. He then ran to his car at the corner of Quartz and Boundary. She yelled and ran into our house.

She was very shaken-up and bruised and lost \$250, credit cards and the keys to her house. The police responded promptly and a report was filed. — *Submitted by Faye Schwager:*

Several days later, the police asked the mother-in-law to witness a line-up. As of this writing, we are not sure if they caught the suspect.

The man is described to be Hispanic in his late teens or early 20's, approximately 5' 4", with a pencil thin mustache and an accent, and wearing a baseball hat and a dark jacket.

The Middleton Police report this is a very unusual criminal event for Middleton.

**Neighborhood safety tips:**

- Be aware of strange vehicle and pedestrian activity.
- Please contact police immediately if you suspect a problem.
- Make sure post lights are in working order (a Stonefield covenant requirement).
- Make sure front porch lights are on and your home is illuminated.
- Make sure neighbors know if you are going to be gone for an extended period of time.

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### Calendar & Coming Events

**2002 SNA Board Meeting Dates:**

Thursday, December 12

**2002-2002 Babysitting Co-Op Dates:**

Jan. 9, Feb. 6, April 3, May 1 (see page 2)

## 2002-2003 SNA Board Members

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## SNA submits "traffic calming" plan

The City of Middleton and the Stonefield Neighborhood have devised a plan to reduce the median speed and volume of traffic on Stonefield Road.

The action was set forth when the City of Middleton held a hearing in September 5<sup>th</sup> about traffic calming. Out of that hearing committees of volunteers were formed to study and recommend solutions for three neighborhoods that Middleton had determined needed help. The Stonefield committee met with a traffic engineer hired by Middleton in September and October. The Public Works Committee will hear those recommendations on November 25<sup>th</sup> in Town Hall at 7:05 p.m.

The committee will be recommending a combination of medians beginning at the entry of Stonefield Road off of Old Middleton Road, and two traffic circles at the intersections of Boundary and Stonefield Road.

Once the Public Works Committee has heard and agrees to the recommendations, a month-long test will occur this spring. After the test, the neighborhood will be balloted and, if approved, design will proceed and construction will begin in the fall.

The volunteers for the Stonefield committee were James Dvorsky, David Nembard, Jon DiPiazza, Bob Sladky, John Doebley, Steve Meyer, Sheryl Swoboda, Dawn Krahn, John Grooms, Mary Jane Harbour and Tom Crozier.

## Enrollment Management Committee looks at school boundary plans

The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Enrollment Management Committee (EMC) has held discussions on the development of preliminary school attendance boundary scenarios to address enrollment imbalances in the district for the next five years.

The committee was formed as a result of feedback from the public at meetings held in February 2002. It includes district staff, school site-selected parents and administrators. For more information visit the EMC site at: <http://www.mcpasd.k12.wi.us/abt.emc.cfm>

The potential impact of any EMC decisions effects everyone. Even if you do not have school age children this could effect the value of your home in Stonefield.

## Skating rink for Elm Lawn approved

The proposed Ice Rink for Stonefield received approval by the city on Nov. 18. The “Porta Rinx” ice surface will be located on the tennis courts at Elm Lawn and lighting will be installed making the rink available until 9 p.m. nightly.

To help make this a success we are seeking the support of enthusiastic neighbors for the set-up, limited maintenance, and takedown of the new ice surface. Set-up and takedown will require 4 to 6 people.

We are planning to have the rink in around the 3rd week of December (weather permitting). In addition we will be circulating an adopt-a-park letter for families to select a week(s) for helping out with any light maintenance (flooding the surface if necessary or locking the gate in warm weather to protect the ice).

Everyone is welcome to pitch in for light snow removal. The Middleton Parks Department will help out after the heavy snowfalls.

Neighborhood residents interested in assisting with the rink are encouraged to contact Garry and Tia Bunz for more information at 827-6788, or [tbunz@chorus.net](mailto:tbunz@chorus.net).

## Neighbors urged to control barking dogs do dog cleanup.

There have been complaints of neighbors allowing dogs to bark beyond reason and control. While dogs are welcome in Stonefield, it is important that you respect your neighbors and control your dog from excessive barking.

Some dog owners are also failing to pick up after the dogs. To uphold public health, and be considerate neighbors, please pick up after them.

To address problems, first call your neighbor making them aware of the problem and politely ask for them to take of the problem. If a satisfactory solution is

## Baby Sitting Co-op meeting dates

The SNA baby sitting co-op has set its schedule for the coming months. Those parents who participate in the babysitting co-op build a network to share babysitting opportunities. Bring your children to the meetings to get to know other parents and kids in the neighborhood. All meetings start at 9:30 a.m. For more information and to RSVP, contact Valerie McCarthy at 831-2952

Jan. 9—Shirley Stephan, 6626 Clovernook Rd., 831-1842

Feb. 6—Shirley Stephan, 6626 Clovernook Rd., 831-1842

April 3—Meriel Rongstad, 6709 Lannon Stone Circle, 827-5415

May 1—Jean Wiencek, 6405 Wydown Circle, 831-8150

## Ladies Night Out

The Stonefield Baby Sitting Co-op would like to invite all Stonefield ladies to a **Ladies Night Out** on Thursday December 5th, 2002, at Ginza of Tokyo, 6734 Odana Road, Madison. Cocktails start at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Although the official RSVP date has past, please call and we will do our best to accommodate, if possible. For more information call Valerie McCarthy at 831-2952.

not reached, contact the Middleton Police Department.

## Holiday Country Bazaar

There are many new and exciting new items at this year's Holiday Country Bazaar, including: Snowmen and Santas, Pillows, Blankets, Purses, Towels, Wooden items, Gift Mixes in a Jar, Pajama Bags, Trees, Tree Skirts, Stockings, Original Artwork and Prints, as well as hundreds of ornaments.

Location: 1332 Boundary Road

Dates: Thursday Dec. 5th - 3:00pm-9:00pm

Friday Dec. 6th - 10:00am-7:00pm

Saturday Dec 7th - 10:00am-3:00pm

Contact: Mary Jane Smith (608) 836-8757

## City Snow / Ice Removal Ordinance

Owners or occupants of each building are responsible for removing snow and ice. Snow and/or ice must be removed from the entire width of the sidewalk and handicap ramps within the daylight period following the end of the snowfall. If ice cannot immediately be removed, it must be sprinkled with sand, ashes or sawdust, until it can be removed. It is also illegal to plow, throw or blow snow onto the city street.

## Alternative Side Parking in effect

To avoid parking tickets and to assist the city in snow removal, make sure you have your vehicle parked on the even-numbered side of any street on even-numbered calendar days and on the odd-numbered side of any street on odd-numbered calendar days between 1:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m.

## Subscribe to SNA e-News

The SNA e-News provides you with timely news and information from SNA. The e-News is sent as needed with items of interest to SNA members. We currently have 140 subscribers. SNA has taken every reasonable effort to keep your e-mail address confidential, and your e-mail is not given out or shared with anyone.

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## Donate equipment for Elm Lawn

Elm Lawn playground aides have informed us they are very low on balls & playground equipment. The PTA will be purchasing equipment after they collect donations of equipment.

If you no longer need the following, please leave them in the basket on the porch of Cathy Friedl, Elm Lawn PTA Vice President, at 6712 Clovernook Road.

1. Soccer balls, footballs, kickball's, & basketballs (all sizes, especially small)
2. Frisbees, especially soft ones
3. Koosh balls & toys, soft or squishy throw toys like Nerf.

## Elm Law woods restoration project underway

A large group of Elm Lawn School teachers, children, and adult helpers are trying to restore the woods beside the path and school building with many of the native species. They are working in conjunction with the city (Penni Klein) since it is primarily the city's land, and they have the knowledge to make the project a success.

At this point the group is trying to remove the invasive plants and trees, which requires plants to be destroyed before replanting. In the Spring 2001, the students worked many hours to remove garlic mustard plant. Since garlic mustard seeds can live up to 5 years, it will be a continuing project.

Adults are now using loppers supplied from the city to

cut the buckthorn bushes/trees out of the woods. This tree multiplies quickly and has basically taken over much of the woods.

Many students can easily identify the invasive species. They are also learning respect, teamwork and responsibility for their woods. Last year, students worked on removing the garlic mustard with book buddies, such as a 4th grade teaming up with the kindergarten.

The project will start up again in the spring. Stay tuned for details. For more information contact Lynn Karle at 608 831 9650 or, [Tortugaboys@aol.com](mailto:Tortugaboys@aol.com).

# Stonefield Covenant Compliance

Every Stonefield owner has a responsibility to comply with their Covenants and Deed Restrictions. If you do not have a copy, please contact a Stonefield Association board member. The Association often receives complaints about noncompliance. SNA did not develop the covenants and is not responsible for enforcement. However, we have a responsibility as a neighborhood to maintain the standards that we all agreed to when we purchased our homes. Homeowners cannot arbitrarily pick and choose which covenants they will or won't abide by. The Covenants and Deed Restrictions is a legal and binding agreement. Direct comments, concerns and questions in writing to the SNA who will act only as a go-between to forward them to the appropriate covenant compliance committee formed in accordance with your plat's covenants and deed restrictions. The covenant were designed to protect the interests of all the property owners.

Some of the restrictions include but are not limited to:

- *Storage of boats, trailers or other RV vehicles is prohibited unless kept inside garages (temporary storage for loading or unloading is not to exceed 48 hours).*
- *Accessory buildings are expressly prohibited (this includes dog houses and kennels).*
- *Only two domestic animals may be kept on any Lot and must be housed within the principal structure.*
- *No firewood or woodpile shall be kept outside a structure. (except Lots 3-7 and 15-51)*
- *No clotheslines shall be permitted on a permanent basis.*
- *Exterior antennas, satellite discs or solar panels shall NOT be*

*permitted.*

- *The use of developer approved light posts and mailboxes is mandatory to ensure continuity within Stonefield Village. (Plastic newspaper tubes are not permitted).*
- *Trash and garbage containers shall not be permitted to remain conspicuous except on days of trash collection.*
- *No fence shall be erected on any part of any lot without prior written approval! Primarily, only fences surrounding swimming pools are permitted.*
- *Landscaping covenants for your plat must be followed.*
- *The Lots shall be used for residential purposes only.*
- *Parking of service vehicles owned or operated by any Owner is prohibited unless kept in garages.*
- *No cars or other vehicles shall be parked on lawns or yards at any time.*

While noncompliance is sometimes unintentional, neighbors are aware of those in noncompliance.

Enforcement: *If any Owner shall violate or attempt to violate any provision of this Declaration during the term of this Declaration, then all other owners, and all other persons owning any lot or lots within said plat shall have standing to bring proceedings at law or equity against the Owner violating or attempting to violate any such provision and the prevailing party shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs.*

## Bits, pieces and scraps of news....

### SNA Opportunity.

The SNA is looking for a volunteer to head up the SNA Welcoming Committee. The main job is to distribute welcome packets to new neighbors to community. Contact James Dvorsky at 836-4045, or james.dvorsky@att.net, for more information.

### What's new on City of Middleton web site: [www.ci.middleton.wi.us](http://www.ci.middleton.wi.us)

- From the City Assessor's office: Now you can look up City of Middleton residential property information.
- The latest Middleton Water Quality Report is now available

from the Middleton Water Utility.

- The 2002 City organizational chart is available here.
- Learn about how Middleton is developing a "Smart Growth Plan" in conjunction with the Village of Waunakee and the Towns of Springfield and Westport.
- The Draft 2002-2006 Capital Improvements Program.
- City of Middleton Master Plan.
- Middleton Common Council Meeting agendas and minutes are available online.
- Middleton's City Ordinances are online.

### Thank You To.....

**Liz Weirich** of First Weber Realty, an SNA neighbor, for paying for the mailing cost of this newsletter.

**James Dvorsky** for organizing and running the Annual Picnic.

**Patty Dean** for organizing the 4th of July Picnic.

**Shirley Stephan** for planning the Back to School Coffee

**Jeffery and Lynne Gould** for hosting the Summer Adult Social.

**Mari Brunsell** for the plantings at the Stonefield entrance.

**Diane Brown** for organizing the Garage Sale.

**Kathy Miller** for heading the Welcoming Committee.



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Do you have community event information, family news or neighborhood photos to share with neighbors in Stonefield?

Drop us a line to include your news in upcoming issues, or just to comment on the newsletter.

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## SNA Social Photos

