



# Stonefield News

## VILLAGE AND MEADOWS

The Neighborhood Association Newsletter

### SPRING/SUMMER 2003 ISSUE

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#### **STONEFIELD**

#### **e-MAIL NEWS**

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**SNA Annual Meeting elects board members.**

**Mayoral, city council, school board candidates meet with neighbors.**

The SNA held its annual meeting, Thursday, March 20, at the Elm Lawn Elementary School media learning center.

Following a report of the SNA's activities for the past year, the annual meeting featured a candidate's forum that included the candidates for Mayor, city council, and school board.

#### **Election of SNA Board**

The following Stonefield neighbors were elected to serve on the SNA Board of Directors:

President: Jon DiPiazza

Secretary: Tom Thieding

Treasurer: Sue Miller

Civic Director: Tom Crozier

Board Members-at-Large: James Dvorsky, Jeffery Mattox

Welcoming Committee: Robin Sweet

### Stonefield Spring Clean-up, May 24

The Stonefield Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 24, at 10:00 a.m. Interested residents should show up at the tennis courts. Jon DiPiazza will provide instructions for clean-up.

Help keep Stonefield an attractive neighborhood by participating.

#### **City Information**

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##### **City of Middleton**

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### SNA Calendar & Coming Events

**SNA Board Meeting Dates:** May 15, September 11

**Stonefield Spring Cleanup:** May 24

**Stonefield Garage Sale:** May 29, 30, 31

2003-2004

## SNA Board Members

### **PRESIDENT**

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### **WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

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## *Kurt's Korner*

by Kurt Sonnentag, District 3 Alderman  
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This is the first in a series of articles that I plan to contribute to the SNA Newsletter designed to keep residents informed on issues at City Hall and to field questions from residents about issues related to District 3 and Middleton. This inaugural article is a get to know me piece.

First of all, thanks to all who voted on April 1<sup>st</sup>. District 3 had approximately 550 voters turn out for what proved to be a very significant mayoral election. It was also significant for me personally as it marked my first run for public office. Secondly, I would like to thank our former alderperson Faye Schwager for her support of my candidacy, without which I would not have been running unopposed! Faye did a terrific job representing District 3 during her two terms in office and I hope to continue that tradition.

So, you ask, who is Kurt and what is District 3 getting for the \$400 per month alderman stipend? I grew up in Janesville, graduating from Parker H.S. in 1970. I majored in Parks and Recreation Administration at UW-LaCrosse, graduating with a B.S. in 1974. I held various sales and marketing jobs over a 22 year corporate business career which took my wife, Kristine, and I to homes in Illinois, New Jersey and Virginia. Of course, our 3 children, Sarah, Susannah and James went along too.

Through all the moves and job changes, I yearned to own and operate a business. So in 1994, the Sonnentag's moved to 6414 Stonefield Road from Glen Ellyn, IL vowing that this would be the last move! Nine years later, we are still here and I have become a self-employed business owner with 5 Subway franchises. This change in careers has allowed me to devote time to civic and non-profit volunteer efforts that I never had time for in corporate life.

I have served on Middleton's Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission for 5 years now, the last four years as chairman, which by ordinance also placed me on the Middleton Plan Commission as a citizen representative. As a result, I have gained much insight into the municipal political structure and its workings which will help me serve you better.

Our new Mayor, Doug Zwank, recently appointed me to be an aldermanic representative to the Parks Commission and Finance Commission, both of which have been approved by the Common Council. He has also appointed me to be a citizen representative on the Plan Commission which should be approved at our next Council meeting. I take these appointments seriously and promise to give my best effort in representing District 3 and Middleton.

Please do not hesitate to call or send an email (preferred) if you have a problem or wish to discuss an issue. I have committed myself to providing the essential local governmental services that improve quality of life and safety for all residents while keeping property taxes low.

# Stonefield neighbors and businesses wanted to Welcoming Kits

Welcome from the SNA Welcoming Committee!

If you are a Middleton business manager or owner we have a terrific opportunity for you. We are rebuilding our Welcoming Kits for new Stonefield neighbors and we are looking for small items of value (ie: packets of coffee) or valuable coupons (ie: free pizza) to “welcome” our new friends. This is a perfect opportunity for you to introduce your business to potential new customers and to build a

long term shopping habit early on.

We need 30 items/coupons for a two to three year kit supply. We’re told that Welcome Wagon can cost as much as \$65 per month, but this is absolutely FREE to you providing you qualify.

If you are interested, please email your name, your business, daytime phone and your suggested item to: roisweet@aol.com (Robin Sweet). Please put **Welcome Kit** in the section marked “RE:” (I

## Street resurfacing in Stonefield

The City of Middleton will resurface Woodgate Rd. and Clovernook Rd. between Woodgate and Boundary. Special assessments will apply to all property owners. A notice for the hearing of the special assessment was published in the Middleton-Times Tribune in March.

## SNA looking for neighborhood leaders to serve on committees

Help build a strong neighborhood by being involved in the Stonefield Neighborhood Association. There is a volunteer opportunity to get involved:

Summer Social Volunteer-SNA is looking for someone to host the Annual Summer Adult Social in June or July. Please contact any board member to volunteer your yard. Think hard -- summer is coming soon.

## Play Bunco! A terrific way to get to know your neighbors

Bunco is a simple dice game that allows us to talk and play and eat and play and talk; all in the name of getting out for the night and getting to know our neighbors. Each group has twelve players with a few alternates. You play only once a month in the evening yet it’s a great way to find out what’s going on in the schools, the city and the neighborhood.

A new group is currently forming - get in on the ground floor! If you’re interested, please fill out the attached form and return to: Robin Sweet, 1411 Shady Oak Circle, 231-9966 or roisweet@aol.com

We will contact you promptly. A group does need 12 to 16 player and alternates, however, so there may be a delay in the formation of the group. Please be patient!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# 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....

### Keep your post lamp lit

For home security purposes check your post lamp to make sure you have a working bulb and light sensor.

Replacement globe lanterns are available at Madison Lighting. The post lamps are the signature icons for the Stonefield Village portion of the neighborhood.



### Need a mailbox replaced?

Stop by Wildbirds Unlimited on the corner of Odana Road and Whitney Way to order your custom mailbox. There are several patterns of mailboxes to choose from that comply with the SNA building covenant.

### Barking dogs still waking you up?

There are still complaints of neighbors allowing dogs to

bark beyond reason and control, sometimes at the same time each morning. Be a good neighbor and control your dog from excessive barking.

Also, please remember to pick up after the dogs. To uphold public health, and be considerate neighbors, please pick up after them.

# ***STONEFIELD VILLAGE AND MEADOWS*** ***2003 Annual Garage Sale***

Thurs. May 29, 2003 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fri. May 30, 2003 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sat. May 31, 2003 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

- ◆ A \$4.00 fee per family is collected to help cover advertising costs;
- ◆ Advertising in Capital Times, Wisconsin State Journal and Middleton Times Tribune;
- ◆ Signs at the neighborhood entrances;
- ◆ Maps indicating participating homes for bargain buyers;
- ◆ Participation all days is not required; but take advantage of the advertising and buying momentum! The busiest day is usually Thursday.
- ◆ Once registered, a garage sale sign will be delivered to your home to place on your mailbox.

If you wish to participate, please call Lynn Edlefson at 833-1250 and then fill out the bottom portion and mail to Lynn (address below).

***Make a \$4.00 check payable to SNA (Stonefield Neighborhood Association) and send to Lynn Edlefson (6701 Lannon Stone Circle, Middleton WI 53562) Deadline: ASAP Please PRINT info:***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Days you will be open: Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Special items to list:

Clothes \_\_\_\_\_ Infant \_\_\_\_\_ Toddler \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Misc \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts \_\_\_\_\_ Antiques \_\_\_\_\_ Household \_\_\_\_\_ Toys \_\_\_\_\_ Sports \_\_\_\_\_



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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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Thank You to...

**Joan McGovern** for her service on the SNA Board of Directors.

**Shirley Stephen** for serving as Social Director.

**Laurie Meixelsperger** for volunteering to run the End of School Ice Cream Social.

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