



Stonefield News

VILLAGE AND MEADOWS

The Neighborhood Association Newsletter

SUMMER 2003 ISSUE

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SNA Board news and action

Elm Lawn Woods Project

The SNA board voted to donate \$250 to the Elm Lawn Woods Project for the purchase of plants. The school and the city have been doing a forest restoration project to remove invasive species and plant native flowers and plants. Their work has improved the view of the Stonefield neighborhood along Gammon Rd.

Stonefield Directory update

This fall you will receive a family bio sheet to get updated neighborhood information for the Stonefield directory. You will also receive a survey asking your input on a variety

of neighborhood issues. Please return the directory sheet and the survey after you receive it.

Covenant compliance committee

The SNA board has started discussions on forming a covenant compliance committee to respond to neighborhood questions and action by neighbors in regard to covenants that are attached to most property titles in the neighborhood. Upholding covenants provides everyone in the neighborhood equal protection on aesthetics and architectural consistency.

Stonefield Picnic

The Stonefield Neighborhood Association Family Picnic will be September 14 at the Stonefield park. We'll have a DJ and fun and games. It's a great way to meet new friends in the neighborhood. Watch for more details.

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SNA Calendar & Coming Events

SNA Board Meeting Dates: September 11

Babysitting Co-op: September 11

SNA Picnic: September 14

2003-2004

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Kurt's Korner

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Traffic Calming

The Stonefield Rd. traffic calming test is over and most of the votes have been counted. A preliminary count indicates that the test did not receive a 60% approval from voters, so we now move onto the public input part of this process. Stonefield residents had a chance to voice their opinions at the Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for July 28th at 7:05 PM at City Hall.

My position on this city-wide issue is this: The traffic calming device must be effective in slowing traffic, safe for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians, and must be cost effective. If you apply these hurdles to the recent Stonefield Rd. test devices, I think the devices failed. First of all, the islands and traffic circles slowed traffic on average only 2 MPH to 4 MPH. While I had a sense that traffic was slower during the test, I was disappointed with the measured results. Secondly, I think the traffic circles confused drivers (a lot of incorrect left turns) causing a safety concern. Bicyclists took issue with the islands as the street narrowed and made it difficult for a car and a bike to squeeze through at the same time, another safety concern. Thirdly, constructing circles and islands is fairly expensive due to the curbing involved and then there is the cost of ongoing maintenance by city crews.

So what is the answer? I believe it to be a combination of speed humps (used on High Point Rd) and stop signs. Speed humps will slow traffic and are more cost effective than islands or circles. Stop signs...you know what they are supposed to do and they are pretty cheap. Unfortunately, our intersections do not meet the traffic counts required by the Federal MUTCD (manual of uniform traffic control devices) in order to install a four way stop. Regardless, I will continue to advocate for installation of stop signs.

To review, at this point in time, there is no set plan for Stonefield Rd traffic calming. Also, send me an email (district3@ci.middleton.wi.us) to let me know if you agree or disagree with my position. It's a good idea to check the city website home page for meeting date and time changes (www.ci.middleton.wi.us)

Street Work

Shawn Stauske advised me that the Woodgate and Clovernook Street work is scheduled to conclude on August 20th. Since the contractor doing this work is also contracted for street work in other areas of the city during the same time period, Shawn's confidence level in hitting this completion date is somewhere between "no way" and "it's a slam dunk".

The "chip sealing" that recently occurred on Old Middleton Rd. was done by the City of Madison. While they took their time sweeping up the excess chips, at least the work is now finished on our end of the road.

Alderman Email

During the first few weeks of my term, about 15 residents of District 3 sent emails to me at the city's District 3 email address. Unfortunately, these emails did not get forwarded to my home email address (kjsunman44@aol.com). When we tried to fix the problem, all of the emails were accidentally erased. If you were one of these residents, I apologize for not responding. Please try again. We have been testing the system for several weeks and the emails are now being successfully forwarded to me. Thanks for your patience!

Reward offered for car thefts. Lock your car doors for security!

The Middleton Police Department is investigating a series of cases of theft from vehicles. On Friday night or Saturday morning, May 30 or 31, at least 20 cars were broken into. The cars were unlocked. They were entered, ransacked, things were stolen and the doors were left open. This occurred in the south east side of Middleton.

On Wednesday night or Thursday morning, June 4 or 5, at least 35 cars were broken into. Again, the cars were unlocked, they were ransacked, things were stolen and the car doors were left open. This occurred in the north

east side of Middleton.

If you have information about these crimes, contact the Middleton Police at 827-1000 or remain anonymous by calling the Tipster line at 827-1007.

The Middleton Police are offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of the persons responsible for these crimes.

Submitted by Detective Dave Haselow, Middleton Police Department

Traffic calming update

The City of Middleton Public Works Committee held a meeting on July 28, regarding Stonefield Rd. traffic calming. The meeting generated much input from neighborhood residents. No decisions were made.

Public Works directed the SNA traffic calming committee to gather more input and meet with

the City's consultant to decide on a final plan to be presented to Public Works.

All Stonefield residents are encouraged to direct their ideas and opinions or join the committee by calling SNA President Jon DiPiazza at 836-5433 or e-mail jon101@chorus.net.

Bits, pieces and scraps of news....

Come bowl with the Tuesday Ten Pins

The Tuesday Ten Pin bowling league is seeking bowlers and teams for the 2003-04 season. New bowlers to seasoned veterans--everyone's welcome! Bowling equipment is available--no need to buy your own.

Join some of your neighbors already in the league! Form your own four-person team with your friends, or join an established team, and look forward to Tuesday mornings. This league is open to all women!

Details:

- The season runs from September 9, 2003 – March 30, 2004 at Schwoegler Park Towne Lanes.
- Tuesday mornings, 9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
- The (approximate) cost is \$9

weekly. There is child care available. Prize \$ is awarded at the end of the year!

For more information, please call: Rosalie Koschkee at 831-0629.

“Thank You” to our neighbor

Thank you for Megan and Rad Hawkos, 6716 Clovernook Rd., for hosting the SNA Summer Social.

Keep your post lamp lit

Ever notice how dark some areas of Stonefield are at night? That's because many owners have forgotten to replace the bulbs in the post lamps in front of their house. Check to make sure you have a working bulb and light sensor. Replacement globe lanterns are available at Madison Lighting. Working lamps help improve security in the

neighborhood. 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.

Potty train your dogs?

Or, train the owners to pick up after them. Just a reminder to please pick up after the dogs. We are still getting reports of neighbors failing to uphold public health and basic consideration by bagging or scooping the doggie-do.



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

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Babysitting Co-op meets Sept. 11

Lynn Sweeny will be hosting our Babysitting Co-op on Thurs., Sept. 11. The meeting will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. Her address is 6502 Woodgate Rd., and her number is 836-0841. People can RSVP to Valerie McCarthy at 831-2952.