



Stonefield News

VILLAGE AND MEADOWS

The Neighborhood Association Newsletter

WINTER 2003 ISSUE

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SNA working on neighborhood safety

The SNA has learned that there were a number of reports of vandalism to cars in the neighborhood around Halloween and again in early December of last year.

In several instances, car windows were smashed and spaghetti sauce was poured over the windshield and hood of a car. One of the cars was apparently an abandoned car that had been parked on the street for over 24 hours. These types of incidents are upsetting so the SNA board asked the Middleton police if this amount of vandalism was unusual and what was being done about it.

Their response was that, although the level of activity doesn't seem to be higher than usual, the reports of vandalism are still being investigated and no one has been apprehended. The suspicion is that some kids or friends of kids in our neighborhood are to blame.

The police ask that if anyone knows of anything regarding these incidents to please contact them. They have increased their patrols of the neighborhood as a result – especially at night – and have not had an incident since.

Street parking ordinance

The official rule regarding parked cars is that a vehicle is in violation of street storage after 24 hours (can be ticketed) and is in violation of vehicle abandonment after 48 hours (can be ticketed and towed). Typically, the police respond to citizen complaints on those issues, unless it's obvious (missing a wheel, flat tire, snow plows have to go around it, etc). Residents are encouraged to call the police if they have an abandoned vehicle in the neighborhood.

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Calendar & Coming Events

2003 SNA Board Meeting Dates: February 13, May 15, September 11

2003 Babysitting Co-Op Dates: Feb. 6, April 3, May 1 (see page 2)

SNA Winter Social: February. 15 Capitol Brewery

Ladies Night Out Sign-up Deadline: February 28

Ladies Night Out: March 6

SNA Annual Meeting: April 10

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Stonefield strong-arm robbery follow-up

In our last newsletter we reported that a strong-arm robbery had occurred in our neighborhood on November 9. Apparently, the suspect picked out the victim by the car she was driving and followed her into the neighborhood.

We are glad to report the suspect was apprehended, identified in a line-up by the victim, and is now in jail. He had a preliminary hearing the week before Christmas and was bound over for trial. This case will take some time to be resolved, but in the meantime the suspect will remain in jail on high cash bail as well as a probation hold.

Kudos to the Middleton police for their diligence and swift justice.

The Middleton police offer a number of programs to keep neighborhoods safe. If there is enough interest, we could enlist their help to begin a Neighborhood Watch program. They also offer a service to watch your house while on vacation. More information can be found at the City of Middleton web site.

Traffic Calming Update

The City of Middleton will be sending out ballots sometime this winter to approve the testing of traffic calming measures that were recommended by the Stonefield Road committee (composed of Stonefield residents).

The purpose of the ballot is to allow property owners (mainly on Stonefield and Boundary Roads) the opportunity to approve or disapprove the testing of the calming measures to take place this Spring. If approved, once the test is completed a month later, the same property owners will have an opportunity to react to the test with another ballot and to approve or disapprove the installation of the traffic calming measures.

The committee recommended a combination of medians and traffic circles along Stonefield Road. Those most affected would be property owners whose parking space on Stonefield Road will be reduced due to the median requirements and to Boundary residents who turn onto Stonefield at both intersections.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the traffic calming initiative, please direct them to Tom Crozier, SNA Civic Director tom@crozier-ip.com.

Beat the winter blahs with Stonefield Neighborhood Association and Middleton community events

2003 Cardinal Mardi Gras and Raffle!

The Cardinal Mardi Gras will be held Thursday, February 6, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Corner of John Q. Hammons & Fourier Drive
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy three French quarter buffets, cash bar, and silent auction. Experience the costume contest and Mama Digdowns Brass Band Parade. Win fabulous raffles and door prizes, and dance to live jazz bands.



Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from Marj Ready at 831-0581.

The Cardinal Booster Club Mardi Gras party is designed to raise funds for Middleton High School Students. Money raised this year will be used for continued purchases of equipment for the fitness center and items associated with the new addition.

Ladies Night Out, March 6

The Stonefield Babysitting Co-op moms invite the neighborhood women to Ladies Night Out on Thursday, March 6.

The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. at *Studio You* (2701 Monroe, Madison) with pottery decoration. It continues at 8 p.m. at *Bluephies* next door for dinner or munchies, and ends when we go home.

Please bring \$15 to Studio You (or more if you want to do a larger project) and cash for your food and drink at Bluephies.

RSVP to Valerie McCarthy 831-2952 by Feb 28. We hope to see you there.

SNA Winter Social February 15 at Capitol Brewery, Middleton

The SNA Winter Social will be held at the Capitol Brewery on Saturday, February 15th, from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to pass or a snack to share. Capitol Beer, wine, soda and bottled water will be served by a Capitol bartender.

Last year's event was well attended - come meet your neighbors!

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

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



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