

Stacy Ridge Newsletter Supplement

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Neighborhood Garage Sale - October 3

Mark your calendars for the Neighborhood garage sale on October 3. And let me introduce you to our new neighbors John and Patti Festa and their daughter Mary who recently moved into 1917 Baltimore. They have lots of stuff they want to sell and have kindly offered to handle the entire event.

They are running ads in the area newspapers and putting up the area signs. All you have to do is have your junk... oops... stuff ready to sell by 8:00 am Saturday, October 3. The sale will run until about 2:00 pm. Be sure to stop by to meet and greet John, Patti and Mary (and buy some of their garage sale stuff). Please send me an email so that we can have an estimate of how many will participate.

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What to do with the doggie do?

The answer is simple. Clean up after your dog. I am reprinting a poem written for the newsletter a couple of years ago by our Benevolent Dictator and HOA Board President Bill Carder who also calls himself the Poet Laureate.

Canine Productivity

By: SRHOA Poet Laureate

Big Dogs, Little Dogs all do what dogs must do.
Sooner or later, they all make Poo.

Let me be clear, let there be no doubt.
It is not the Poo named Winny, which I talk about.

Your dog, your yard, makes no diff to me.
My dog, my yard, something I may let be.

Your dog, My yard What the heck,
Where were you born? My yard is not your poop deck.

Why the adieu, about a little poo?
What seems little to you seems to me to be a lot.
This is something, which will not be forgot.

So be a good neighbor, be a friend.
Be mindful of the poo from your dog's rear end.

Take the walk. Enjoy the day.
A simple plastic bag will take the evidence away.



Yeah Team! Now move your cars!

Did you drive by the Stacy Ridge Park on Thursday evening, September 3? The parking and traffic situation was wild. I received several calls and emails. You will probably be hearing a lot more about this topic in the near future.

Jason Tucker sent this photo showing just a fraction of the congestion on Thursday evening.

Tania Rippy sent the following advice and information.



Attention: Coaches, Team Members and Residents Stacy Ridge Park Traffic Safety

There is a parking and traffic control problem on Country Brook when multiple practices are occurring at the same time. There are many factors that complicate this issue, but the bottom line is that people who park their cars on Country Brook need to follow standard parking laws and general safety practices as listed below. If you notice traffic or parking violations, immediately call the APD non-emergency number at **214-509-4321**. This is a very effective way of showing them our safety concerns. The police can make patrols of the area when the problems are occurring.

Please share the following traffic and parking safety requirements with your teams. Safety of our teams and residents is a major concern. Together, we can improve Safety by following standard parking rules and general safety practices.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS-

- Parking must be with the flow of traffic (Right Side of car must be within 18 inches from curb)
- No Parking 15 feet of either side of a fire hydrant
- No Parking 30 feet on the approach of a stop sign
- No Parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk

GENERAL SAFETY-

- Please respectfully avoid parking on North side of Country Brook, allow this for Home Owners and their guests.
- When leaving the area, please exit by driving East along Country Brook to Versailles or further east to Country Club Road.
- Please do not turn around on Country Brook or use homeowner's driveways to turn around.
- Have children enter vehicles from the right side of the car (the side that should be parked along the curb).
- **When possible residents should walk or bike to the fields for practice to reduce the number of cars parked along Country Brook.**

The police department will issue citations for violation of these parking restrictions and other traffic violations. For questions please contact **Tania Rippy, Safety@StacyRidgeHOA.com**.

Area Crime Watch Committee

Those of you on our neighborhood email distribution are probably aware that most of our recent communications were related to an outbreak of break-ins, thefts and vandalism. There were articles in the printed newsletter related to that topic. I want to make you aware of an Area Crime Watch Committee that I started a few years ago, which includes Safety and Crime Watch Committee representatives from 10 or 12 area neighborhoods in Fairview, Lucas and northeast Allen. The area committee also includes a Collin County Deputy Sheriff, the Police Chief of Fairview, Allen Police Department Neighborhood Safety Representative and the Superintendent of Lovejoy ISD. My intent for forming this committee was to keep the lines of communications open on safety issues that affect all of our neighborhoods. Luckily there has been little activity until the recent series of crimes. As information about area safety and crime-related issues is sent to me, I will work with our neighborhood Safety and Crime Watch Committee Chair Tanya Rippy and send the information to you as quickly as possible. We, of course, appreciate you keeping us updated with any and all information that you can share on safety issues around your home. We will do our best to verify the information that we receive from you and the Area Crime Watch Committee before broadcasting it to our email distribution lists. You can contact Tania Rippy and me at Safety@StacyRidgeHOA.com and Communications@StacyRidgeHOA.com.



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Social Committee Report

All work and no play makes... yada, yada, yada. Many of you remember the wonderful events that we had in the first few years of development of our neighborhood. In the past, we had an annual Chili and Dessert Cook-off, catered social events at the Pool & Amenity Center and spring and fall activities for the children. You may have seen the plea regarding all committees in the printed newsletter, but let me make a special one here for the Social Committee. We need your help to re-establish a Social Committee for our neighborhood. I really miss the events. Thanks to Tania Rippy, the Safety Committee continues to sponsor neighborhood safety-related events. Your HOA Board of Directors and a few of our committees are working hard to maintain a strong, safe and healthy HOA. It is not fair to expect only a very few people in the neighborhood to continue to do all of the work. I realize that volunteering to chair the Social Committee is a huge commitment. So, we are implementing a new process of volunteers to help with only one event. If you like it and want to continue, great! If not, 'thank you very much.' If you are willing to help with a chili cook-off, Kindergarten party, pool party, block party, whatever, please send an email to Communications@StacyRidgeHOA.com.



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Last Splash Day - Pool Closes October 4

Following your garage sale on Saturday October 3, you may want to take one last dip in the Stacy Ridge Pool before it closes on Sunday, October 4, 2009. Send me an email if you do not have the pool gate code. On the following Monday morning, the gate will be locked for the next 6+ months. We hope you enjoyed using the pool and amenity center this summer.

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National Night Out – Tuesday October 13

Save the Date: National Night Out is Tuesday October 13. National Night out is an event to unite communities against crime and learn about other important safety issues. Stacy Ridge and Country Brook neighborhood Safety committees will sponsor this family event with the Allen Police Department. Be prepared for food, fun and great information. More details will be announced later this month. If you can help with this event, please contact Tania Rippey at safety@stacyridgehoa.com.

Neighborhood Directory and Email Distribution

Our neighborhood has finally reached build out with 275 homes now in Stacy Ridge Estates. The Communications Committee (which currently consists of yours truly) published the 2009 Edition of the Stacy Ridge Estates Neighborhood Directory in May. This year's directory is even more complete and comprehensive than prior editions. In your directory, be sure to locate and take advantage of the Babysitters, Lawn Services and Pet Sitters Listings in the back of the directory. You will also find an updated listing of McGruff Safe Houses in our neighborhood, a list of board members, committees and committee members and contact information for our property management company, Neighborhood Management (NMI). Of course, there are many more families listed in this year's directory. We have family contact information on 265 of the 270 families that live in Stacy Ridge Estates.

Please help us keep the directory up to date. As you see new families move into our neighborhood, encourage them to contact me at the email address below or download the Directory Information Form from our web site www.StacyRidgeHOA.com and send the completed form to our property management company, NMI, at the address shown on the form. If your family contact information in our directory is out of date, send me an email or fill out the Directory Information Form and send it to NMI. Be sure to include your email address.



We hope you find the neighborhood directory to be very useful for your family. It helps us keep you updated on city and surrounding communities' activities and issues that affect our neighborhood like the recent series of break-in, thefts and vandalism. It is for getting to know and keeping in touch with one another. It is for neighborhood crime watch, holiday parties, block parties, ladies' activities, and other similar uses. We hope you do not use the directory for political, business or commercial purposes or share it outside of our neighborhood. If you have questions about using the directory, please send an email to Communications@StacyRidgeHOA.com.

The Communications Committee publishes a printed directory once each year in April or May. Your help in keeping the directory up to date is welcomed and encouraged. Please keep us posted on changes that need to be made to your directory information. Send your information to Communications@StacyRidgeHOA.com. It is very important that we maintain a current email address for you. Much of our neighborhood communications is by email. The HOA Board of Directors and NMI, the property management company, will continue to communicate official HOA business and these newsletters via US mail.

We also welcome your comments and feedback about the directory. We would like to hear from you if you have information that you feel should be shared with the neighborhood. You can contact me by mail, email, phone, or doorbell. My contact information is in the directory.

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A Personal Note from the Gentle Muser

Most folks stopped reading and hit delete on this email a long time ago, but for those brave souls that are still reading, here is one final personal note. My time for neighborhood activities has been somewhat diminished this past year for business reasons, but I want you to know that I love Stacy Ridge and I proudly serve the homeowner's association in as many capacities as my time permits. Please know that I am doing my very best to keep your neighborhood directory and web site up-to-date and to provide information via emails and the newsletter on important events and issues that affect you, your family, your home and your neighborhood. I love hearing from you, even if it's complaining about doggie do or parking. Your input is always welcome and I will pass it along as appropriate. I hope to hear that you are volunteering to help with a social event or have some great ideas about how we can bring Stacy Ridge Estates back to a vibrant and active neighborhood. I'm here, waiting and listening for you.

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