



Woodstone Newsletter

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I hope everyone had a great summer and hope you have a great Labor Day.

A welcome back to Gail, who visited her family in California for a short period of time.

A welcome to Bill and Charlotte Wilson, as new homeowners at Woodstone.

The pool will officially close on Tuesday, September the 7th, the day after Labor Day.

Please be aware of copperhead snakes in flower bed areas. One was spotted at the end of Hickory Bluff last week and moth balls were placed in the beds which did result in him moving on.

I picked up a copy of the 2011 Farmer's Almanac yesterday. The almanac places us in Region 9, which is the **Mid Atlantic region, rather than the Southeast**. The months of December, January, and February all call for below average temperatures and above average participation. Heavy snow is predicated in the mountain areas. Many people in the south have followed the almanac for decades as a weather predictor, planting tables, and gardening hints.

Property Management Report

The two roofs on Crestview Court were completed and this was the last of our shake roofs.

Cantilever repairs have begun at 332 Hickory Bluff and will take sometime as this was one is the worst and most costly of all the units. Only one more unit remains to be repaired on Hickory Bluff

Power for two buildings on Hickory Bluff was moved to a new transformer.

Several decks have been pressure washed this past month. Please contact Gail if you want your deck cleaned.

Deck replacement was completed at 339 Hickory Bluff.

Steps were replaced at 329 Hickory Bluff.

Holes have been sealed in the siding of several units due to critter invasion.

**REMEMBER: THE SPEED LIMIT IS 24 MPH
ALSO, PLEASE DRIVE ON YOUR SIDE OF THE STREET, AS THIS HAS
BECOME AN ISSUE WITH PEOPLE DRIVING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF
THE STREET.**

As a homeowner, if you are interested in doing your own weeding, please contact Gail through a Customer Service Request Form and your unit will be marked and in the future our landscaper WILL NOT weed in front of your unit. We will however, expect that you will do this! This should stop complaints of flowers and wild flowers being removed from a homeowner's flower bed.

If you are transplanting wild flowers to the banks near your homes, please let Gail know. If I am not notified, it will be assumed they are weeds and will be removed. Gail will also ask our landscaper that no vegetation BE REMOVED from the banks of any kind. If this then becomes a problem, please let Gail know.

Gail hopes everyone had a wonderful summer and is trying very hard to handle all your concerns but sometimes cost restraints result in a longer period of time to complete your concerns. Gail hopes everyone understands and that your issues will be taken care of.

President's Corner

The Value of Being Neighborly

Things have been changing at Woodstone. We are working on the forth of our five big projects. We hope to see a shift in budget plans in our next fiscal year. This will be the first time in years we can start on getting out from behind some delayed maintenance that we all want to see change for the better.

Issues like roofs, staining and decks can come back on line and we will all be better off for it.

I ask you to consider some neighbor issues. We all want a clean, quiet, orderly, uncluttered, pleasant and considerate community. Please don't litter, or place inappropriate trash in the dumpsters. Please curb your dog and attend to their leavings. We have had 2 unfortunate instances of vandalism at the pool. This kind of thing just costs us all money and is completely pointless.

We have had to place security cameras now and that is unfortunate but was necessary. Loud traffic, especially late at night, resulted in our having to remove the Basketball goal. We had 2 instances of behavior at the pool which resulted in barring actions. Unfortunate and unhappy events for all involved.

But with the change of seasons comes new opportunities. Fall is our most beautiful time of year. Let's enjoy it this year together. Our renewed budget opportunities will soon allow us some new options. Let's do our best to renew Woodstone together along with it. Pick up some litter, please drive the speed limit, stay on your side of the line, don't go in the exit zones and remember to say "Hey" to your neighbors.

We have a fine place to live, let's make the best of it!

Thank you,
John Hendricks

OTHER ITEMS

Thanks go to Gail, Byron, Melinda, Chris, Jason, and the board for their work and support to our community.

Tips

Stainless steel appliances clean up nicely if scrubbed with baking soda which has been dampened with just a little vinegar.

To rid your home of pesky gnats, place a small bowl of apple cider vinegar in the room. The sweet smell of the vinegar attracts the gnats and they will drown.

Please send me any comments or suggestions to make our newsletter better for all homeowners.

Thank you - Audrey

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