

The Babbling Brook



May, 2012



Voice of the Stoney Brook Plantation Homeowners Association

Note from the President

I hope everyone is enjoying this early summer weather. I can already hear the air conditioning at our house saying "turn me on", and Georgia Power is waiting for those dollars to start rolling in! On the other hand, the advantages to Georgia's long spring and early summer include a glorious show of floral color and an already bumper crop of early vegetables at local area farms.

This year the Board has been busy. As always, there are the usual maintenance and clean-up routines underway. In addition, special budget approved clean-up projects have been completed at the Bridge on Redding Ridge and the cart path starting at Stonington. The main entrance has been replanted and azaleas were added to the cart path going from Stonington into the club house parking area.

Watch for more improvements to the planting areas at the pool entrance. As Stoney Brook plantings mature, more hedges, shrubs and trees will need replacement or severe pruning to keep plantings in proportion to the size of the buildings at the Club House and throughout the subdivision.

Our grounds maintenance manager, pool and clubhouse manager, and our treasurer are working regularly to carry out their duties. The Secretary is also hard at work reminding us of what our 2012 goals are.

Thank you to them all. If you have any concerns please contact me.

Kate Lipchiz, President

Revised Clubhouse Deposit Now Required

The Board has enacted a \$100 refundable cleaning fee for reserving the clubhouse. We've added additional garbage bins and a recyclable bin. We hope this will ensure the clubhouse gets cleaned thoroughly after it is used so it is ready for the next neighbor. Keeping the clubhouse clean helps maintain its value to the HOA. Reminder - the agreement requires the home owner's signature to ensure the home owner will be present throughout the event. Read it carefully before signing. Remember - no wet swimsuits in the Club House.

Pool News and Opening

Laurie Clarke and her crew are working hard to have the pool open by mid-May. The pool already looks sparkling after Spring cleaning. NEW POOL KEYS will be issued mid-July. Watch for news about this safety feature we are implementing to deter pool use by people other than SB residents.

Possible Poison Ivy Spotted

along the cart path between Redding Ridge and Peachtree Parkway by the pond. This has just recently been reported and the grounds committee is investigating ways to reduce its invasion. In the meantime, jogging or walking your dogs along this path is not recommended.

If anyone has any ideas about how to kill, dispose, eradicate or diminish growth of kudzu which is taking over the cart path behind Haddington Lane, please send your ideas to Martha Wilson. No goat recommendations please!

Tree Removal

If you want to cut down trees, you must get approval from SBHA's ACC before you can get a City permit to do so. But, don't stop there, trunks are trees too. They should be removed or ground down and covered with mulch or pinestraw.

New Pool Keys, Pool Rule Reminders and ACC Standard Reminders

In mid-July the keys to the pool gate and rest room doors will change. Work is in progress to make this procedure as pain free as possible.

One key will be issued at no charge to each household and will have to be signed for by the legal owner or official renter. When you sign for your key, you will also be attesting you have copies of the pool regulations and SBHA Covenants. If you lose your key during the season, a replacement key can be requested for \$10.

Your Board apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. Unfortunately, the majority of SBHA owners who follow the rules have to conform to this security issue because there are a few residents and non-residents who do not have privileges at Stoney Brook facilities, but continue to use them. Remember, only legal residents of Stoney Brook who are in good standing (dues paid up to date) and their guests can use common areas.

Board members and their designated assistants (such as pool staff) have the Board's full support in enforcing common area rules and standards. If someone questions you about something you are doing that may not be in accordance with SBHA, please try to settle any dispute amicably.

Major Pool Reminders:

- Sign in.
- Guests must be accompanied by the resident.
- Rough Play and Profanity are Banned.

- THERE IS NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY! Please read the rules posted at the pool regarding your personal responsibility.
- No wheeled devices or carts are allowed in the pool area or on the sidewalk leading to the pool. Please park them in the parking lot.
- No animals in the pool area.
- No wet bathing suits in the Club House.
- There is limited (but very nice) pool furniture available. PLEASE share it.

Let's all have happy, accident-free summer season in Stoney Brook.

To Update Your Personal Information

Kate Lipchiz is collecting changes to personal information for the website or printed directory. Please contact Kate if you would like any of your information changed. 2012-2013 Directories will be issued in late June.

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