

# Cobblestone News

# **Special Edition August 2019**

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**Cobblestone Website:** 

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**Dues** 

After an unanimous vote last night, the dues will be going to \$155 per month starting August 1, 2019. The Association raised the dues in order to absorb the \$7 trash fee the City is charging each house. So please don't forget to make your check or money order out for the new amount. If you are on Automatic Draft with the office, the adjustment will be taken care of for you.

## Water

Almost half the dues amount you pay each month is going to cover the water and sewage bill. Cobblestone's monthly water bill is running in excess of \$20,000 per month. When you wash your car or overwater your yard, Cobblestone has to pay for it. There are nice car washes located in our area. Please take your vehicles there to wash them. Please limit watering of yards and beds to no more than 3 times a week for no longer than 20 minutes per section. When we have to pay high water bills, it takes away from other things we need to spend money on. Violators will be warned the first time. Second offense is a fine of \$100 and third and subsequent fines are \$250.

#### Just a reminder:

If you don't obey the pool rules, you will lose your pool privileges.

## **Parking**

Each home has a reserved parking spot that has their house number on it. Please do not park in someone else's numbered spot or your car will likely be towed at your expense. If you have a second vehicle, it needs to be parked in an Open spot which has no number. Please let your visitors know not to park in anyone's numbered parking spot. Also remember that because of limited parking at Cobblestone, if you have a third vehicle, you will need to park it off the property. For those houses with garages. You may park in your garage or in your driveway. You have no assigned parking.

Any car found parked in a red fire zone will be ticketed and towed at your expense. Parking on the grass or on any area of the common ground is prohibited. You will be immediately towed at your expense!

The only cars that should be parked in front of the clubhouse are people using the pool or people conducting business in the office.

Please keep in mind that all cars parked in open spots must be moved every two weeks or they are considered abandoned. No wrecked vehicles are permitted in Cobblestone at any time. No trailers can be kept and stored on property.

No major or lengthy vehicle repairs are permitted. If the repair is going to take more than an hour or two, you will need to take your vehicle to an auto repair shop.

No resident is allowed to run a business out of their home. This is a violation of City zoning laws and Cobblestone rules. Please use our website:

www.Cobblestoneneighbors.com

It's a great way to turn in a work order, pay your dues, email property management, find rules & regulations or just voice a concern.

For a copy of the Rules and Regulations, which includes information on fines, either stop by the office or go to our website.

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### **Trash**

Please do NOT put your trash in a recycle bin or leave loose bags of trash out. The City Waste Department will not take trash left in a recycle bin and the loose bags will be torn open by animals looking for food. The fines that are in place for this is First Offense: \$100, Second Offense: \$250 and third offense: \$350. If you are a tenant, your landlord will be fined. If you do not have a trash can, please call the City Waste Dept. and request one. Their number is 673-6300.

If you have a bulk pickup of furniture, bedding, etc. Please call the City Waste Dept. and schedule a day for them to pick it up. Once they give you a date, then you may put it out by the road the morning that they are scheduled to pick it up. Owners who rent/lease their property are responsible for the actions of their tenants and will be fined if their tenant does not comply to the rules.

The City will not pick up Construction materials. This includes toilets, wood, cabinets, appliances, etc. If you put it out, you will receive a dumping fine. The fine for dumping is \$250.

Also, the Lawn Service is not responsible for the cuttings and debris that came out of your backyard. So please do not put it out thinking they will pick it up. You need to call City Waste or haul it away yourself.



## **Homeowners**

Please replace or repair your old and ragged front doors and storage room doors. This is a homeowner responsibility. It always makes your home look nice when there is a fresh coat of paint on the front door and your storage door is either repaired or replaced. Also, remember to keep your back patio cleaned off and clutter free. If your gutters need to be cleaned out, please let the office know and Terry can clean them out for you.

### Cats and Kittens

As most of you know, we have been doing the Trap, Neuter & Return (TNR) for the feral cats in Cobblestone for the last 5 years. It has been a success! We have had no kittens in the office so far this year. Eventually the colony will die out. Feral cats are good for killing rodents, snakes and other wild animals. They also prevent cats from other colonies from moving in on their "territory". And because they can no longer breed, this keeps their numbers down.

The problem we are having now are domestic cats roaming the property. If you own a cat, please, keep your cat indoors! Not only is it a City Law, it is a Cobblestone rule. There are predators such as coyotes and birds of prey out there. Domestic animals, yes, even small dogs, make these predators an easy meal.

## Dogs

Please keep your dog on a leash and pick up after them! We have 10 Pet Stations with bags set up in Cobblestone. There is no excuse for not picking up after your dog. If anyone sees an owner who does not have their dog on a leash, please take a picture and send it to Joan at Cobblestone327@gmail.com and she will fine the person. The same applies for people not picking up after their dog as well. Shoot a video as proof and Joan will fine them.

Dog and cat feces contains numerous diseases such as E-Coli, Giardia, and Coccidia. Many pets display symptoms of lethargy, diarrhea, vomiting, etc. If your pet is sick, please get it to a vet. This is one of the reason fines are in place for not cleaning up after your pets.

Fines are as follows for violating the pet rules. First Offense: Letter of Warning, Second Offense: \$100. Third Offense and continuing offenses: \$250.

## **Termites**

Please have your home checked for termites. Termites can eat the supporting structure of your house and the neighbors' house. This is NOT a Cobblestone responsibility. Cobblestone does not repair or replace termite damage on homes. If we find termites in your house while we are replacing rotten wood and painting, all work will cease until you have your house inspected and treated. So make that call today and have a licensed professional inspect your house for termites and other wood destroying insects.

For those homes with Masonite siding, we will not paint your house if there is rotten wood or rotten Masonite on it. Please inspect your home and replace any rotten wood or rotten Masonite so that it can be painted in the rotation.

If any homeowner is not sure as to when their house is scheduled for painting, please contact Joan in the office, she keeps a list of when your house was last painted and when it is due for paint again.