

Cobblestone News

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www.cobblestoneneighbors.com

Cobblestone Homes Association General Meeting
The General Meeting will be <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 11th at 6:00 pm</u>.
Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Spring

Spring has arrived! And with it comes more outside activities. Please watch for children riding their bikes and crossing our roads. Parents, please teach your children bicycle safety and make sure they wear a helmet.

The pool will be opening soon and the pool rules must be obeyed. Please make sure your children who cannot swim have on life jackets. No children under the age of 12 should be left unattended at the pool.

Some of you will be out planting flowers in your flower beds. Please keep in mind that if there are shrubs in your front flower beds that the lawn service needs to trim that they cannot be held responsible for damage to your flowers. It is also impossible for them to pick debris from the cuttings out of your mulch.

We have pet stations throughout the neighborhood. Please use them. We keep it stocked with bags for picking up after your dog and Terry empties the receptacle weekly.

TNR

The Trap, Neuter and Release program is being continued now that it is Spring. This is "kitten season" so if you see kittens, please let Joan know and do not disturb the mama because she will hide her babies and we want to be able to locate them when they are old enough to be socialized and adopted out. We also want to be able to spay the mama so she cannot have any more litters.

If you see a trap sitting out, please do not bother it. We are trying to trap the unfixed cats that still reside at Cobblestone.

Feral cats are great at keeping the mice, rat and snake population at bay. We just want to stop them from breeding so that Cobblestone does not have a huge feral cat problem in the future.

We want to thank all the wonderful folks who have helped us with food and donations to the TNR program. This allows us to continue our efforts.

"fife is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."

Charles R. Swindoll

Semi Annual Yard Sale

It is almost time for Cobblestone's Semi Annual Yard Sale! The date is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 6th</u>, <u>from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm</u>. Cobblestone pays for the advertising in the paper and puts up the signs at entrances. All you have to do is price your stuff and rake in the money!

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Lawn Service

Starting Wednesday, March 22, Payne's Lawn Service will be back to mowing weekly. They are scheduled to mow on Wednesdays. If it rains on Wednesday, they will make it up on Friday, weather permitting. Make sure you pick up and put up things in your yard so that nothing impedes their progress. Be sure and move your cars if you don't want dirt or grass accidently blown on them. The lawn service tries to be cautious but with the blowers it is hard to prevent this. Also, make sure all trash cans are stowed away.

Please do not stop them on property or contact them with a problem. Your concern must go through Joan at the office. Please either email her or drop a note off at the office outlining your issue. She will then go over it with the Supervisor and address it. This way, there is a record of your concern. If you contact the lawn service directly, you will be told to contact Joan.

Trash

We are still having trouble with the trash being put into cans and taken to the road on Sunday evenings for trash collection on Monday mornings. You must use a city approved trash can. You have to bag your trash before putting it in the can. You cannot leave loose bags of trash out. The trash men are not suppose to pick those up. If you have furniture to throw out, you must make an appointment with the Bulk collection department at Solid Waste. You may then set the furniture out at the curb on the morning of the scheduled pick up.

You may not store trash in breezeways and on common ground. Cobblestone has a \$100 fine for any homeowner that dumps loose trash or furniture on common ground. If you are a tenant, your landlord is fined.

You may request a FREE trash can by calling the City Sanitation Department. Their number is 673-6300. The City will deliver it to your home. Please put your house number on it so if it gets lost, it will find its way back to you. The City has a fee for a second trash can delivered to the same address.

Water

The cost of water and sewage makes up almost half of your monthly dues. Please remember to keep your watering to no more than 3 days a week for no more than 20 minutes for each section. No washing cars on property. There are several car washes in close proximity you can use. The more we have to pay for water and sewerage, the less we can spend on other things we need. Please do not water the day the lawn service is due to mow or the day before. They cannot mow wet grass.

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.

Pool

The Electronic gates for the pool have been installed. Instead of a key, you will now be using a card, similar to those used in hotels. Each swipe of your card will tell us who is entering the pool and what house the card is assigned to. This will make it easier for us to identify the person or persons at the pool. These cards can be deactivated if pool rules are broken or if someone moves and takes the card with them. They can also be deactivated if your dues are not paid. Each card will be set up to only operate during certain hours eliminating the need for someone to lock and unlock the pool gates. Although, Frank Leonard, our courtesy officer, will still come by at 10:00 pm each night to make sure everyone has exited the pool.

Each household will receive their first card free. Additional cards will be \$25.00 each. However, you will only be able to have two key cards per household at any given time. If you lose your card you should contact Joan so she can deactivate that card which assures that it cannot be used by an unauthorized person. In the event you fail to notify us, you will be held responsible for any damage that person may do while using your card. If a card is found, it can be read to find out who it belongs to.

Each person picking up a card, will be required to sign a letter that will be placed in your file. This form will state that you understand and will abide by the pool rules. Tenants will need written permission from their landlords to receive a card. Landlords will be responsible for any misuse or damage of the pool by their tenants.

We are hoping to open the pool on Friday, May 5th, weather permitting. You may begin picking up your key cards after April 16th.

Clubhouse

On a trial basis the Board has restructured the price of rental on the Clubhouse. It can be rented for \$40 per hour for 25 people or less and \$60 per hour for more than 25 people and there will be a two hour minimum. People renting the clubhouse will be given 30 minutes prior to their event to decorate and 30 minutes after their event to clean up. The \$250 damage deposit is still place. Since we have cameras that are time stamped, any overage of time will be deducted from the deposit.

Vehicles

No car repairs are permitted at Cobblestone. And no cars can be stored here. All vehicles must be in running condition and have current inspection stickers and valid tags. Any vehicle parked in a guest parking spot must be moved weekly. If not, we consider it abandoned and it will be towed at owner's expense.