

Cobblestone News

Spring 2019

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New City Trash Fee

As some of you may be aware, the City of Shreveport has recently passed a \$7 a month fee, per house, for trash pickup. Following last years significant increase in the water/sewer rates, there is no ability to absorb this additional expense in the current HOA budget. Thus we will be calling a special meeting to consider this issue and to vote to have the \$7 added to the dues by amendment to the Covenant and Restrictions. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting. Notice of meeting date and time will be mailed to each homeowner along with an Owner's Proxy. If you cannot attend, please assign your proxy to another homeowner or to a Board member, then deliver it to Joan in the office. It is imperative that every homeowner be at this meeting or that we have their proxy.

To obtain a copy of the Covenant and Restrictions, please go to our website at www.cobblestoneneighbors.com or you can get a copy from Joan in the office.

Cobblestone Web Site:

www.cobblestoneneighbors.com

The office will be closed Friday, April 19th in honor of Good Friday. It will reopen Monday, April 22nd. Please go to our website to leave a work order or you may leave a message on the office answering machine. Happy Easter!

Yard Sale

Weather permitting, the semi annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th, from 8:00am until 3:00pm. Cobblestone pays for the advertisement and puts out the signs at the entrances. All you have to do is mark prices on your items and pocket the money.

For those without driveways, please place your stuff in your designated parking place, making sure not to overflow into your neighbors parking spot.

Be sure to clean up all your items after the sale. Either donate them or trash them. If left on common ground, you will be fined. So please, clean up after yourself.

Dues

Dues are \$148 per month and due on the 1st of each month. They are late after the 10th and a late fee will be charged to your account. Please be sure and put your house number somewhere on your payment so that it gets credited to the correct account.

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.

Safety

All areas of Shreveport are having trouble with car burglaries, including ours. Please lock your cars after removing any valuables. And keep your doors at home locked as well. If the thieves don't get a "pay day", they quit coming because our subdivision becomes a waste of time. If you see anything suspicious, please contact the Police Department immediately. 673-7300 option 3 or contact our courtesy officer, Frank Leonard, at 318-820-7376.

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Homeowners

Please replace or repair your weathered 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.

Please have your homes inspected annually for termites and other wood destroying insects. Cobblestone is not responsible for the extermination or for the repair of damage caused by them.

Make sure the shut off valve to your home is in working order. This valve, that is usually found in your flowerbed, controls the water inside your house. If it is not in working order, please contact a plumber and get it fixed. This is not something that Cobblestone pays for.

Pets

Please keep your dogs on a leash and clean up after them. There are 9 Pet Stations on property that are equipped with bags. There are fines in place for not cleaning up behind your dog.

Make sure your cats and small dogs are put inside so they aren't taken by predators. Coyotes can scale a privacy fence so they are not safe left alone on your patio or roaming loose. Pets should never be left on your patio for extended periods of time.

Bees

This is the time of year for bees. You may notice them swarming. They travel in a huddle to protect their queen and will stop on various objects including tree limbs, while in route to a new colony. If the bees remain there for more than a couple of days, please let the office know. However, 99% of the time they will move on the next day. They are just resting.

It is against the law to kill bees. They pollinate our flowers, fruits and vegetables. Without bees, every living creature would soon become extinct.

Watch for small openings into your house around your eaves, chimney, doors, etc. Bees and wasp can get into your walls and from there into your house. If bees get into your walls, they will build a honey comb. If you need help caulking these cracks, let Joan know at the office and she will have Terry come by to help you.

Children

Please supervise your children and we ask you not to allow them to ride their bicycles, scooters, etc. on the sidewalks. When riding in the street, they need to obey the signs and ride with the traffic. There are so many cars traveling in Cobblestone that we don't want your children hurt.

Pool

Weather permitting, the pool will open for the season on Friday, May 17th. Please locate your key card. If you cannot find it, there is a \$25 replacement fee to get another one. If you are a tenant, you will need to get with your Landlord. Landlords must sign a letter giving you permission to obtain a pool key card. <u>EVERYONE will</u> <u>need to bring their key card to the office and have Joan</u> <u>reprogram it.</u> Pool rules are posted on the sliding doors at the clubhouse and can also be found on our website. If you need a copy, contact Joan in the office and she will be glad to give you a copy.

For the pool opening, we will have a Mexican food truck in the parking lot from 4:00 until 8:00 pm that day. You may buy from the truck, take your meal into the pool area and enjoy friends and neighbors. Cobblestone will furnish the desserts and beverages. So mark your calendar for a nice night out at the pool with your family.

Mailbox

Please check your mailbox at least twice a week. The mail carrier is having trouble delivering mail to full mailboxes. If your package is left in the mail locker for 3 days or longer, he will be forced to return it to the sender. We have a new mail carrier and he is trying to learn the route quickly so that he can give you excellent service. Please be patient with him while he learns.

Trash

The trash issue is getting better, but still not great! We are still having trouble with the trash being put into the proper containers and taken to the road on Sunday evenings for trash collection on Monday mornings. You must use a city approved trash can and you have to bag your trash before putting it in the can. You cannot leave loose bags of trash outside. The trash collectors may not 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. Moving boxes must be broken down and put in recycle. You must return your trash can to your house no later than Tuesday morning.

****You may not store trash in breezeways and on common ground. Cobblestone has a \$100 fine for any resident that dumps loose trash and a \$250 dumping fine for furniture, yard debris and other large items dumped on common ground. If you are a tenant then your landlord will be 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.