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Join a Committee and contribute! Board meeting attendance not required.

December Board Meeting

There will be no December Board meeting.

Board meetings are open to any homeowner who wishes to attend.

Sturnbridge Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 472954, Charlotte, NC 28247

Did You Know?

Going into your attic is like a trip to your in-laws. It's uncomfortable, and you probably won't enjoy it. But these little excursions are necessary from time to time. If you haven't inspected your attic lately, get up there and give it a thorough onceover. Your attic should be cool and dry. If it's unusually warm or you see condensation on your roof's sheathing or rafters, then you need to improve attic ventilation and insulation. If this problem isn't addressed, it can lead to mold growth, produce conditions which cause ice dams and lead to elevated utility bills.

Architectural Control

Homeowners must first obtain Committee approval for any exterior modification to your home or property, including a new roof, siding, windows, or paint.

The application form can be downloaded at www.sturnbridge.com or obtained by contacting Bill at architectural@sturnbridge.com.

Swing Set Replacement

Swing sets will soon be replaced at park. If you can help with demolition of existing set please contact Greg Miller at parksandrec@sturnbridge.com.

Kids Turkey Trot

The 2nd Annual Kids Turkey Trot was a success! Thank you to Megan Raulston and Irene Salema for all of your hard work and dedication!

Board Meeting Notes

The board unanimously approved approximately \$4,300 for two swing sets from Playgrounds of the Carolinas to include 3 regular "belt" swings and 3 toddler swings. We will reuse the toddler swings currently at the park since they were purchased a year or two ago.

Three new benches are needed at park. The board will check with company installing swing sets on price of new benches.

The board will talk with a landscaping company about doing some low - maintenance landscaping on the small island on Meadowridge.

The board will look into pressure washing and staining the fence along Carmel Road.

Get Ready for Winter

Freezing temperatures are bad news for pipes and exterior faucets. As water freezes, it expands and can burst plumbing lines and fixtures. More than 250,000 homes will experience ruptured pipes this winter, leaving homeowners with extensive water damage and some expensive repairs. Before cooler temperatures settle in, place a cover on all exterior faucets and wrap exposed plumbing in insulation. Pipes that are in unheated areas of your home such as attics, basements or crawlspaces are especially vulnerable when the temperatures drop.

Bring in the New Year Social

Do you have great holiday decorations you want to show off? Then host a portion of the Bring in the New Year Progressive Dinner! We need one more home to use as stop for our gathering in January. If you are interested, please contact Megan at social@sturnbridge.com.

SNA Dues

About 40 homes have not paid their SNA dues of \$125 plus late fees. Please check your records to ensure your dues have been paid. If not, please do so ASAP. Please mail them to SNA, P.O. Box 472954, Charlotte, NC 28247. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Culp at 704-542-1042.

Lawn Tip of the Month

Gutters and downspouts are no place for leaves, pine straw and other debris. If your house is like most, though, that's exactly where these objects are headed. Homes in wooded areas or with large trees nearby are particularly vulnerable, but it's important to regularly check gutters and downspouts no matter where you live. Gutters that are clogged will hold water, and downspouts that have blockages may not be able to properly funnel water away from your house. Both situations can create significant problems for homeowners.

Happy Holidays from your SNA Board!