

Stratford Condominiums at Heather Glen

August/September 2010 Edition
<http://www.stratfordcondo.org>

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Monthly Board meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- August 24, 2010
- September 28, 2010
- October 26, 2010
- November 23, 2010
- December 28, 2010***

***This meeting is often cancelled due to the Holidays.

All members are encouraged to attend!

Message from the President...



As we begin the downhill side of summer, three rehabs and three roof replacements will have been completed and within budget to include other projects that keep us compliant with State and County ordinances. An update to the Reserve Study has been completed this year and will help to identify requirements for the out years. An extra effort by the Landscape Committee – headed by Bill Gennetti, planted a lot of trees and bushes around the area. Thanks to all who assisted in keeping these and other plantings watered during the dry spells.

There are changes on the horizon with reference to water rates, FHA Loan approvals, and other factors that may affect our Homeowner's Association and we will keep you abreast of these changes as they occur at our Monthly Meetings and other media. I encourage more participation, as many Owners and Tenants alike are missing important information that they find out too late or blame Management for not making it available. We provide this information in one of numerous forums – Monthly Meetings, Newsletters, Web Site, Notices, etc. **So please, become a pro-active doer and NOT a post-active complainer.**

And in summation with this edition, we would like to thank Sharon Howington, our Editor, for her artful contribution to our Newsletter over the years, as she will be departing our Community in the very near future. So...if there is anyone out there wanting to share their time & expertise please contact me or someone on the Board. **GOOD LUCK & A SPECIAL THANKS TO SHARON!!!**

Farewell...It has been so wonderful being a part of Heather Glenn community for the past 17 years...however it is time for me to move on. Honey (my dog) and I will miss all of you that we have met during our daily walks. To anyone that is interested in becoming the next Newsletter Editor, even if it's not your passion to write...which requires very little...it is a great way of giving back to your community, something we all need to do in one form or another. Being the Editor gives you first-hand knowledge and helps making the news not just informational but entertaining to all your neighbors. Please think about it and email Bill or any Board member if you're interested. It's been fun...I will keep in touch, since I will only be minutes away in Bristow and have many friends here. Take care. ♪ Sharon ♪



**Honey and Sharon
(Editor)**

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Water Consumption Update

We can continue to stabilize from month to month and are doing well with our usage rate. On the downside, the County has announced plans for a Rate Increase effective September 2010. Please continue to be vigilant in your water usage and repairing water leaks. Any anomalies in a building's usage will result in Management sending a Notice to check for leaks. Thanks for the good work to date!

Condensate Lines

With the extremely hot humid weather the past months, many people are experiencing leaks due to plugged lines. These are an owner's responsibility, please have your Service Technician check and clean these lines during servicing.

Exterminator Service

Reminder: The HOA provides only termite service and bee nest removal for the building and other common areas. Ants, spiders, roaches, etc., are the responsibility of the unit owner. With the weather switching between periods of dry and hot to wet and humid, these insects will come and go accordingly.



Back to School Traffic

The time for kids and teachers to return to school is quickly approaching. Please be alert and patient as we adjust to the school bus time schedule and increased traffic.

REMEMBER – YOU MUST STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES!



Shhh...Quiet Please

A little Reminder: Please be considerate of your surrounding neighbors (below and beside) and take all precautions to minimize excessive noise, such as loud music; loud walking; conversation; children playing (indoors & outdoors); and TV sets, etc.

This includes the stairwells and areas in immediate vicinity of the building. The existing Bylaw on Noise is predicated on the PW County Code, Chapter 14; therefore, complaints should be reported to the police using the non-emergency number 703-792-6500.

No loud noises after... 10pm during the week (Sunday –Thursday) and 11pm weekends (Friday & Saturday)

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Heroes' Welcome Honor Flight! Volunteers Needed

Heroes' Welcome Honor Flight (HWHF) is an organization under American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 that is dedicated to welcoming our Nation's Greatest Generation to the Nation's Capital to see the World War II Memorial dedicated in their honor. Honor Flight Network (www.honorflight.org) was formed in 2005 and dedicated itself to bringing these heroes to their Memorial – at no cost. We gather in groups at the airports to receive them with smiles, handshakes, flags waving and music playing; all in an effort to let them know that their efforts will never be forgotten. At the Memorial, we provide water and guide them through the Memorial to ensure they “don't miss a thing!”

In addition HWHF provides guardian training for those individuals who want to go the extra mile and spend the day with a Veteran. To learn more check out us out at <http://www.honorflight.org>.

Many of us who have come to do this on a regular basis have found it an incredibly rewarding experience. You will learn about the history of our Nation and World War II through the eyes of the men and women who actually lived it. It is an incredible journey; one that we hope you will join us on! If you'd like to find out more about us, please go to www.heroeswelcome.org or send an email to Judi Wybenga, Chair, Heroes' Welcome Honor Flight at heroeswelcomeiad@gmail.com

Upcoming Bull Run Swim & Racquet Club (BRS&RC) Recreational Activities



Pool season is coming to an end...just as a reminder: Pool Hours are Monday-Thursday 11am – 8pm; Friday 11am – 9pm; Saturday 10am - 9pm; and Sunday, 10am - 8pm.

Children's Midnight Swim – Friday, August 13th from 9pm – Midnight; Rain Date: August 14th. Children under 18 **must** be accompanied by an adult.

Adult Midnight Swim – Friday, August 27th from 9pm – Midnight; Rain Date August 28th. Two-guest limit, \$5.00 per guest.

Neighborhood Watch Program Report for Stratford Community (June 2010)

If you see any suspicious activity in the neighborhood, please call Prince William County Police at 703-792-6500



Call Type	Totals
DISORDERLY IN PROGRESS	2
911 HANG-UP / OPEN LINE	2
ALARM	1
DISORDERLY	1
DOMESTIC IN-PROGRESS	1
FIREARM VIOL IN-PROGRESS	1
SUSP VEH IN PROGRESS	1

Our Point of Contact:

Officer Jason Alicie

Prince William County Police

Crime Prevention Unit

8900 Freedom Center Blvd

Manassas, VA 20110

Direct Line: 703-792-4425

Email: jalicie@pwcgov.org

He who does not prevent crime when he can, encourages it. — Roman philosopher, Seneca

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Prince William County Police Department Crime Prevention Unit Prince William, Virginia Community Awareness

Emergency Dial 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dial (703) 792-6500

May 28, 2010

The Prince William County Police Department works hard to keep you safe and your valuables secure. The Police Department can't do it alone, however; we need your assistance to ensure that you don't become the victim of a crime.

Incorporate the following safety tips into your lifestyle to create a safer environment for yourself, your family and your property:

Property Safety Tips

- Do not leave valuable items in vehicles or, if you do, always place them out of sight.
- **Lock your vehicles!** Do not leave vehicle doors unlocked, even for a few minutes.
- Do not leave spare keys in the vehicle or somewhere on the outside of it.
- Practice Operation ID: Keep track of serial numbers for your items or take a photograph to aid in identification if the property is stolen and later recovered.
- When you are home, keep all doors and windows locked (to your vehicle and home).
- Keep your front and rear porch lights on, use motion sensors.

Personal Safety Tips

- Report all suspicious activity to the police.
- Remain alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Discuss safety tips with your children and encourage them to remain alert and aware of their surroundings at all times.
- Start a Neighborhood Watch.

Contact the Crime Prevention Unit for information 703-792-7270

Report all suspicious activity immediately by calling:

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency: 703-792-6500

Anyone with any information concerning these or other crimes should call Prince William County Crime Solvers at (703) 670-3700 or toll-free at 1-866-411-TIPS. You don't have to give your name, just the information. You could earn up to a \$1,000 cash reward.

<http://www.pwcgov.org/police>