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NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE SENECA WHETSTONE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IMPORTANT DATES:

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 10, 2007 7:30 p.m.

November 19, 2007

Place: Gaithersburg Public Library

Annual Meeting: December 3, 2007 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Place: Forest Oak Lodge
(Rt. 355 & Game Preserve Rd.)

Message from the President:

Hello again,

I want to say “Thank-you” for assuming personal responsibility for shared space as you stoop to pick up litter. As you can see, those small cooperative efforts make a big impact on the beauty of our unique neighborhood.

Please come out on October 13th and enjoy our Neighborhood Barbeque. The food should be exceptional, and, when you think about it, you really can’t beat the company either. Meeting and greeting your neighbors is probably the most effective civic activity you can perform. Just by showing up and extending your hand, you join the group most likely to share your interests and concerns.

While you’re thinking like a neighbor, please consider coming to our next meeting on Nov 19. We’ll be putting the finishing touches on the plan for the Annual Meeting and the next HOA Board Election.

And considering the Election, please, please think about taking a Board position next year. I, for one, will be stepping down to focus more of my “free” time on the Booster Club at Watkins Mill. Remember, the HOA Board is your link to the local issues of the day. It’s an opportunity to be a neighborhood and municipal “player.” One VERY big issue that will be affecting our neighborhood in the coming years, for example, is M-83. I expect SWHOA to be a big factor in either opposing the road or in deciding some of the design details of the road, if it’s built (or both). Work would start in 2010. Do you care?? You know what to do...

Sincerely

Winn

Join your neighbors for
FUN, FOOD and FROLIC at the
Seneca Whetstone Neighborhood
BBQ

When: Saturday, October 13th from 3-6pm on
the M-83 Field

Bring: Chairs, blankets, children's picnic
tables, drinks, a salad or dessert to share, **and a**
to decorate



Menu: Pulled chicken and pork sandwiches, sides,
coleslaw, cornbread, and hamburgers for the kids!

Sponsored by your Seneca Whetstone HOA

Fun activities for all and door prizes! Children under 12
must be accompanied by an adult.

RSVP by October 5th

Name: _____ # of adults attending: _____
Address: _____ # of children attending: _____

- Return to 10800 Game Preserve Rd (*corner of Gatlin and Game Preserve*),
- Call (301) 330-1417, or
- Email wsgaynor@comcast.net

FROM THE TREASURER

We are now $\frac{3}{4}$ through the Fiscal Year and still we are in double digits for members who have not submitted their annual dues. We again will be sending out reminders and if this applies to you, please send your assessment to the address on the newsletter as soon as possible. As advised in the last newsletter, we still have several individuals who have outstanding balances over several years old and we are pursuing restitution – don't put yourself in this position.

If you or your realtor requires confirmation of dues payment, please get in touch with Jay Long.

FROM THE SECRETARY

We are continuing to work on the 2007 directory and we will probably have both a hard (paper) and a soft directory. Continue to check the web page on the Neighborhood Link site for address and phone number lookup.

I am also working on an assessment of Old Game Preserve to push our concern with the county for improvements on this road that is used by our school buses. The impact of having a storage facility on that road has the potential to significantly impact us. If you have concerns about these and other neighborhood developments, be sure to document your concern in an email, letter or start a discussion on the website.

A general note here – If you see white zone change signs near the neighborhood take note. It can affect you!

FOR SALE

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GREAT FUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Basket Bingo for Special Olympics Maryland will be held on December 1, 2007, at the American Legion Post 171 located at 10201 Lewis Drive, Damascus, MD 20872. All proceeds will go to Special Olympics Maryland. Tickets are \$18.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. All prizes will be filled Longaberger baskets. Refreshments will be available. Anyone who is interested in attending can call Barbara Waldecker at (301) 528-5052 or email her at specialolympicsmdbingo@msn.com.

WEBSITE

The Seneca Whetstone Homeowners' Association website continues to have new information added to it on a regular basis and has PDFs of recent newsletters for your convenience. The link to the website is: www.neighborhoodlink.com/gaithersburg/swhoa. Please check it out! If you have suggestions for the site, please feel free to contact any Board member.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Please be advised that the Maryland registry is at <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/online/servs/sor/>. The National Registry of Sex Offenders is at <http://www.nsopr.gov/>. The California Megan's Law List is available online at www.meganslaw.ca.gov. The lists are available for individuals to check and take whatever precautions they feel are necessary for personal protection or protection of their children and/or family. As a disclaimer, please know that it is not the SWHOA's responsibility to check this list, or to publish any information from it.

REMINDERS

Commercial vehicles are not allowed in the neighborhood unless they belong to a contractor doing work during daylight hours only.

Trash receptacles must be stored out of sight except on pick-up days when they are put at the curb. Please keep your trash cans and recycling bins in your garage or behind a fence that will completely shield them from view at all other times.

DOGGY DOO Continued....

We continue to have fewer sightings of "gifts" on lawns and near the curbs in our lovely neighborhood. Thanks, dog owners! We all appreciate your care and consideration in picking up after your pets. Please remember that **Montgomery County law** requires pet owners to clean up the mess left by their pets. You can be fined \$100 if someone files a complaint.

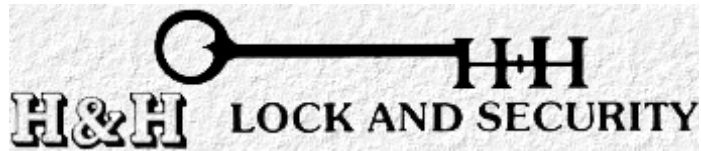
Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203 (a)(2): An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director.



Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	301-840-2454
Animal Control	240-773-5960
Consumer Affairs	240-777-3636
County Call Center	240-777-6000
Housing Code Enforcement	240-777-3785
Landlord-Tenant Affairs	240-777-3609
Police (non-emergency)	301-279-8000
6th District Police	240-773-5700
Fire (non-emergency)	240-683-6520
24-Hour Bioterrorism Hotline	(240) 777-4200
Snow Removal	240-777-6000

See <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/government/services/services.asp> for a full listing (including forms for streetlight outage and pothole reporting)



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