# Stanton Farms Townhomes HOA Newsletter

August, 2011



# Mark your Calendars Stanton Farms Townhomes Board of Directors'

Business Meeting -

Monday, August 8, 2011 7-9 PM Lilley Gulch Recreation Center

#### Notice to all residents

The Board will be presenting a policy concerning In-home Occupations. If you have concerns or questions, please plan to attend.

Michelle Giometti, CPA, will be in attendance to discuss the audit for Stanton Farms Townhomes and answer your questions.

Planning ahead - At the September 12, 2011, Board of Director's Business Meeting, the procedure for processing delinquent accounts will be explained.

"Thanks A Bunch" to -



Melanie Goldstein, Bloomers, Inc., for the assistance she has given to the Landscape Committee

**Leslie Redd-Preston** (10239C) for creating, donating, and presenting to Melanie Goldstein a gift basket that expressed the community's appreciation

Those Donating gift certificates for the "Plant-it-Forward" Beautification Contest Winners -

O'Toole's Garden Center - three gift certificates (\$50, \$25, and \$10)

**Jared's Nursery & Garden Center** - a \$25 gift certificate **Home Depot** - a \$25 gift certificate

**Aaron Allie** – for donating a birdhouse that he made and which was then given to a Beautification Contest winner

**Aaron and Alleigh Allie** – for presenting a Yoga demonstration during our "Bring Your Own Picnic" event

## **Professional Management Associates (PMA)**

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#### **Stanton Farms Townhomes Website**

www.neighborhoodlink.com/ Stanton\_Farms\_Townhomes/home National Night Out – Tuesday, August 2, 2011 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Location: East of 10299 G



#### Where is our money going?



Cost of concrete work (Valley Pans, Repairs, & Replacements)

2011 - \$22,000

The work that has been done by Western Maintenance & Construction comes with a warranty. However, that warranty is void if the barriers are moved or vehicles drive on the concrete before it is properly cured.



**Reminder** – It is necessary and very important to request approval to install a satellite dish *prior* to installation.

The need to remove and/or relocate satellite dishes on units where the repair and painting is occurring this year has caused extra work and has also inconvenienced residents. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Window Well Cover Offer for SFT

We have been offered a savings on window well covers if 3 or more homes in Stanton Farms Townhomes purchase window well covers through The Colorado Cover Company (cocoverco.com). The cost given to one homeowner for a 61X22 opening is \$195 for the basic cover, an additional \$26 to cover the window above the cover, \$30 for a security attachment, and \$20 for labor. The savings will be \$35 per cover and a Western Maintenance referral will provide an additional \$15 savings.

Please contact PMA at the number to the left if you are interested in participating in this group purchase.

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Has the heat just gotten to be too much? No A/C? Western Maintenance and Construction would be glad to give a personal quote to anyone looking for a fair price and quality work. Call 303.744.9000.

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# Landscape Committee

Four entries into the 2011 "Plant it Forward" Beautification Contest were awarded prizes donated by local businesses. Additional prizes – Judges' Choices – were given to residents who did not enter but whose areas "caught the judges' eyes".

1st Prize – Diane Martin – 10349C

\$50 gift certificate from O'Toole's Garden Center Diane has created an "Angel Garden" in her front yard, with a colorful variety of flowers. Her back deck area has flower pots, wind chimes, and perennials. The area around the deck had chunks of cement and was very unsightly but Diane has greatly improved the area.

2nd Prize – Sue Sandoval – 10369B \$25 gift certificate from O'Toole's Garden Center Sue cleared out rock, replaced the soil, and used many "rescue plants" (purchased at the end of the season last year) to create an "English Garden" by her home and her neighbor's home. Her neighbor, Cherie Arnone, has purchased plants and offered ideas for their garden.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Marta Leithiser – 10530A \$25 gift certificate from Jared's Nursery and Garden Center

Marta's garden needed to be recreated after it had to be dismantled to allow for major sewer repairs. She saved nearly all the plants, reused the original rock, and used donated soil and the mulch from a tree that needed to be removed.

4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Kelly & Richard Sosiewicz – 10440B \$25 gift certificate from Home Depot Kelly & Richard created an outdoor room using natural elements that provides privacy and enjoyment day & night. Twinkle lights create a special effect at night.

Judges' Choices -

Jody Lansing – 10349B \$10 gift certificate from O'Toole's Garden Center Cherie Arnone – 10369C

A birdhouse built and donated by Aaron Allie

Thanks to the judges - Charla Newcomb,

Sherry McManus, and Henrietta Wilbraham Also, many others in our community have created lovely areas, have cared for those areas near their homes, and/or have gorgeous pots of flowers — some very visible, others tucked in corners or less visible.

Many thanks to all of you who have helped to beautify our community!

The Landscape Committee appreciates the support and thanks we have received.

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Both Mike and Brenda were born and raised on the San Francisco Peninsula. Brenda lived a few blocks from the Pacific Ocean beaches and Mike was a real "Beach Kid", too.

Though you'd never guess it now, they are "survivors" of the "Sixties Generation" in San Francisco. They will tell you that with big smiles.

Mike is a Vietnam Era veteran with 4 years in the Air Force. He did some favorite duty, spending 1 ½ of those years in Brindisi, Italy.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1979, Mike's job with the former Union Carbide Corp as a sales and technical rep brought the Conn family of four to Aurora for what was supposed to be 4-6 years. Here they are now – 32 years later- still in love with Colorado!

When son Mark and daughter Pamela grew older and moved out on their own, Mike and Brenda looked for smaller quarters and settled on Stanton Farms Townhomes. They became one of the first families to move in and are one of the limited number of "originals" to remain

Mike served for a couple years on the first Board of Directors for SFT, with Brenda assisting the Board at every juncture. They dedicated many hours to the community; but well worth it, they both say.

Brenda had a long career as a Corporate Credit Manager in the plastics and paper industries until an accident sent her into retirement in 2003. Mike retired in 2006 so they could start this new life journey of retirement together.

These days the Conn's can be found often on the back deck of their home at 10510A with book in hand; or you can see Mike, almost every day, taking their little brown Chihuahua, Cheech, around the neighborhood for a walk. He loves it when he gets a chance to chat with a neighbor–Mike that is!!

Mike and Brenda were "golf nuts" in the past. It took up much of their free time. They would load up their clubs and overnight bags and head out to smaller towns throughout the state to try out the "local" courses.

Although the golf had to come to an end, the Conn's remain very active and busy. They try to attend as many Rockies home games as possible during the season. They love mountain day trips and road trips that, of course, include Cheech. They never tire of historical Colorado sites. They attend stage plays/musicals and cruise through dusty used book stores looking for unexpected reading treasures. They enjoy watching good movies with fresh popcorn at home or in theaters. They can also be found spending an afternoon at the local Starbucks, reading and people watching. Dining out and chatting with neighbors is also on their "to-do" list. Most importantly, time spent with their grown children and the time they spend with each other, enjoying retirement, is at the top of their list.

Nice to meet you, Mike and Brenda....