Stanton Farms Townhomes HOA Newsletter

December, 2010

A Message from your Board of Directors

"A helping hand is sometimes the best present of all."

Many individuals in our community have the spirit of giving all year, not just during the holiday season.

There are those who lend a hand in a time of need – a ride to the emergency room or the doctor's office, help with a car that has a bad battery, a warm meal when someone is too sick or would have difficulty preparing one, shoveling snow for someone who can't or shouldn't, grocery shopping for someone who has difficulty getting out,

Then there are those who water plants when someone is away, pick up papers, lend a sympathetic ear, offer tools or expertise, ...

The lists could go on......

Those who give without expecting anything in return help make this a great community.

We wish you and your families a joyous holiday season.



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Mark your Calendars.....

<u>Stanton Farms Townhomes</u> <u>Board of Directors' Meeting</u> –

Monday, December 13, 2010, 7-9 PM Lilley Gulch Recreation Center

Stuart Bailey is the newest member on the Board of Directors. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Information Systems Management. Stuart has been a homeowner in Stanton Farms Townhomes since April, 1999, and is a self-employed Information Technology Consultant. One of his favorite pastimes is underwater photography.

Safe Holiday Season Tips

From Sheriff Ted Mink

When shopping -

Do not leave purchases in plain view in your vehicle. Place them in your vehicle's locked trunk or out of sight.

Be vigilant, especially after dark. If you are carrying a purse, hold it close to your body. Do not get so absorbed in your phone conversation that you fail to recognize what is going on around you. Try to walk out with other shoppers or ask store security for an escort.

Gift giving -

If you are mailing gift cards or checks to loved ones, take your mail to the post office and walk it inside the building to see it off. Placing outgoing mail in your own mailbox or even stand-alone US Mail boxes opens up the possibility of stolen mail and the pilfering of monetary gifts. **Never** mail cash.

Solicitation for charitable donations rises around holiday time. Check out charitynavigator.org to see if the charity exists and how responsible it spends its donations. Never provide bank acct #'s or Social Security #'s to a solicitor.

Meet Your Neighbors...

Bob & Henrietta Wilbraham

Bob and Henrietta have made 10389 F their home since their marriage in 1997 when their two separate lives became one. Bob, an only child, describes his childhood in New Jersey as "chaotic". His parents separated when he was 6. he was raised by two grandmothers until he was 15, and then he was on his own. Fortunately, for Bob, he had an aunt and uncle who reached out to him with love and kindness and helped him become a Christian. He joined the Merchant Marines and then the U.S. Navy at 17. After his military service, Bob studied engineering in Texas. But toward the end of his military service, Bob was introduced to the Navigators, a group that works with service men, college and university students, professionals, and churches to help men and women use their lives in service for the Lord; and he spent the next 50 years of his life on staff with the Navigator organization. Thirteen of those years were spent in Copenhagen, Denmark, and another two years in Bergen, Norway, working with university students. Bob married his first wife in 1956 and they had 5 children, who live in various locations in the United States and Haiti.

Henrietta was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in a family with 2 sisters and 2 brothers. After graduation from high school, she went to college in Minnesota and then onto Illinois to live. Computers were part of her life for the next forty years. Upon moving to Denver, she began working for the Department of Defense at Lowry AFB and retired from there after 20 years of service. Fort Collins became her home. She served as president of a church organization for 6 years, and it was through this organization that Henrietta met Bob.

Henrietta had never been married before, but as she says – "When Bob & I met, we realized we were right for each other." They were married about 6 months later. Henrietta has been a teacher's aide at an elementary school for the past 10 years and so enjoys working with 1st graders. Together, Bob and Henrietta enjoy visiting her family that still makes Michigan their home. Henrietta loves to garden and to cook. They receive great pleasure in visiting with their neighbors and are very happy with their lives in this community.

West Metro Fire Rescue offers the File of Life, FREE smoke and LOW COST Carbon Monoxide alarms, FREE home safety checks, and other services to residents in the West Metro Fire Protection District.

"What is the File of Life?" – It is a program that encourages citizens to keep track of vital medical information, allowing emergency responders to access this information. It is for not only seniors, but also people of all ages, especially individuals with medical conditions and developmental disabilities.

For more information, please call (303)989-4304, ext 537 or go to westmetrofire.org. Click on "Community". Under "Seniors" on the right side of page, click on "File of Life".



If it is Tuesday (and Trash Day), it must be *windy*......

This seems to happen quite often. To help "stray" garbage cans and lids find their way home, please put your address on the cans **and** the lids. Thank-you

---- Gutter and Downspout Cleaning ----

Recently there has been extensive cleaning and removal of leaves from gutters and flushing of downspouts. A few problem areas need more work. If you still feel you have a "problem" gutter or downspout, please contact PMA (contact information appears on previous page).

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