



The Islander Newsletter

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HOP ON DOWN AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Come join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023 at 9 A.M. Doughnuts and beverages will be served. Bella Bunny or Buddy Rabbit is looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces and having pictures taken; so, don't forget your cameras. Please bring your own baskets for your child to participate in the hunt. We will not be collecting the eggs. Your children can take them home.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help setup, help with the event and help tear down. If you have any children that need community service hours, please let Jodi or Linda know.

KUDOS TO THE YARD GUYS!

Hurricane Ian dumped 2 feet of water in the Hospitality shed. Luckily 80% of the contents are in plastic tubs, but mold was starting to grow. I got in touch with Donny of The Yard Guys to pressure wash the interior/exterior. He didn't hesitate for one minute when he saw the interior and all the tubs that had to be moved. He volunteered his and 2 of his guys' time to load all of the bins into one of his trailers and began to pressure wash.

It looks great! There are some stepping stones in front of the shed. They were so dirty they could not be seen. Now they are sparkling white.

The Yard Guys did a stellar job and helped the Hospitality Committee immensely! A huge 'Thank You' goes out to all who helped. Stone Island is the best place to live.

VOLUNTEER *you can make a difference!*



Hello! from the Hospitality Committee!

"The Mission of the Stone Island Hospitality Committee is to enhance and benefit the quality of life for the residents of Stone Island"

You are invited to join us at our monthly meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from September to May. We offer morning and evening meetings. Check www.MyStoneIsland.com or the Stone Island Facebook Page for the time and location of each meeting or you may contact Jenny Weathers 407-383-4977 for more information.

Our committee organizes the community events and creates the fun! If you are still working, retired, a housewife, a mother, or a single lady, this is the group for you! Bring your smile and ideas, we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Jenny Weathers, Hospitality Committee Chair

Just a reminder that this hard-working Hospitality Committee will have its next meeting Tuesday, April 11 starting at 9:30 AM at Cheryl Class' Home located at 1401 Kettledrum Trail.

Come and join the fun!



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Annual Ladies' Luncheon



On Saturday, March 18, ladies gathered for the Island annual Ladies' Luncheon sponsored by the Hospitality Committee. Cheryl Class opened her home to this fun group. Each table was decorated beautifully for the 46 ladies who attended. Each brought a dish to share for a wonderful 'pot luck' lunch. There were salads of all kinds, a spiral ham, veggies, lasagna, and Pam Baumann's famous corn casserole. Then, there was the dessert table; cookies, cakes, cobbler, brownies and more. It was a feast enjoyed by all. But the best part was getting together with Island friends; longtime friends catching up, and getting acquainted with some of our new islanders. Needless to say, there were lots of laughter, hugs and fellowship among this gathering of Island ladies.

Stone Island Treasure Exchange

When: Saturday, April 15th @ 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Stone Island Residents are invited to bring your unwanted treasures to exchange (free) with your neighbors. If you have larger items (e.g., refrigerators, boats) take a photo, label with your name and phone number & bring the photo of your item for display on the "Free stuff" board. Hanging racks will also be provided for hanging clothing items; but, bring your own hangers. *Please know that you must take home the items that are not taken by your neighbors. Any questions, call Paula 407-323-8723.*

Playground Dedication

The long-awaited Stone Island Playground was officially declared open at the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony held on Saturday, March 11th. A huge Thank You goes out to the current and past HOA Board members who supported this project,



as well as, to the Community Improvement Committee who worked for over 3 years to make their vision a reality. This was definitely a team effort; however, the real hero of this project is HOA Board member, Nick Dvorak. He contributed many hours of his personal time,

equipment, money, and labor to make this playground amazing. Nick was nominated to cut the ribbon to open the playground and the residents of Stone Island will forever remember him while watching the children play.



Although the playground is open, there is still a large canopy feature to be installed. If you are interested in donating toward the purchase of a new canopy, please speak with a Board or Community Improvement Committee member.

Submitted by Tammy Blackburn





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The newsletter is now digital only and the general information that is excluded from the newsletter will be found on the website. www.MyStoneIsland.com

STONE ISLAND IN THE STONE AGE

...by Norma Philips

From February 1973 "Pebbles":

"Jeanette and Clayton Deen entertained 25 relatives for Christmas dinner at their home on Stone Island Road. The Deens also had Wilbur Litsey /Stone Island's sheriff/ as their Christmas dinner guest. "

"LITTER, LITTER, LITTER: We are somewhat unhappy with the litter being tossed around the Island and would like to remind you that keeping the Island clean is to everyone's benefit...Let's all do better in 1973."

"STONE ISLAND REALTY, INC.: Effective January 1, 1973, Stone Island Realty began operating as the exclusive sales agent on Stone Island. ... We will eventually move to a new sales office at the new causeway entrance."

ARE YOU A NOT-YET-

WELCOMED RESIDENT?? There are some homes in the neighborhood where the Hospitality Committee is not always made aware of changes

in ownership. If you received a newsletter and/or have not yet been "officially welcomed" to the island, please contact **Tammy Blackburn** (954-802-8310) and someone from our Welcome Committee will visit you with a Welcome Bag, which includes a directory, local information of interest as well as some surprises!

If you are a new resident (or an older resident) who did not receive your copy of the 2021 Stone Island Directory, contact Tammy Blackburn.



A VERY SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Dear Stone Island Residents,

The end of 2022 was quite difficult for our community, but an incredible testament to why it is so good to live here. There were so many who lost everything, were displaced from their homes, or trapped inside their homes for months with no easy way in or out.

During this time, we saw so many of our neighbors step up to help one another. Some went above and beyond to help our community and we wanted to acknowledge a few of them. **Robby Dollard, Jamie and Jodi Naugler, Phil and Pam Lappies, Joe Cahill, Bob and Jenny Weathers, Hunter Hubbard, and Daniel Giaquinto** thank you for all you did for your neighbors during this difficult time. An extra special 'thank you' to **Andrew Hulcher**, our HOA president, for all his efforts on our behalf and **Jane Rourke** who kept us informed throughout the entire ordeal. We know there are so many more who helped their neighbors and we want you all to know how appreciative we are to have every one of you in this community.

Stone Island is the beautiful community that it is because of each of you. Please reach out and let us know if there is anyone we missed.

With Love and Gratitude,
The Ladies of the Hospitality Committee