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The Official Sterling Hills HOA Newsletter

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Welcome to the relaunch of the Sterling Hills Newsletter!

Mark Your Calendar for the HOA Annual Meeting!

The HOA Annual Meeting will be held at **7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27**, at the Fred Arbanas Golf Course Club House.

If you would like to have your shed amendment approval forms notarized, a notary will be present starting at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the board, there will be one or two open positions.

Other agenda items will include an update on trash service, the state of the monuments, and where we'd like to see the neighborhood and the HOA going into the future.

The meeting usually lasts 60-90 minutes, and it's OK if you can't stay the whole time. We do need 26 residents to achieve a quorum, which is required for any voting issues. If you have any questions about the agenda prior to the meeting, please contact Randy Moreno or Matt Thompson (see page 2).

Community Events

Lee's Summit is full of fun things to do. Check out some of the upcoming events below.

Downtown Farmers Market

Wednesday & Saturday, 7 a.m.-Sell Out

Fourth Fridays Art Walk

Downtown LS, 5 p.m.

Music in the Park, July 22

Howard Station Park, 6:30-10 p.m.

We're pleased to bring you a brand new official newsletter from the Sterling Hills Homeowners Association. Back by popular demand, we look forward to bringing you quarterly communication so you know what's going on in our community.

Stay Up to Date on NextDoor

Sterling Hills is on NextDoor! NextDoor is a private social media site that helps you connect with your neighbors, both in Sterling Hills and other nearby subdivisions.

We currently have more than 200 members who have signed up. If you haven't already, please consider joining. The Board intends to use the forum to update residents on various issues, and it's a great way to stay in touch with your fellow Sterling Hills residents. Curious about how to use NextDoor? See page 2 for our tips.

The Shed Amendment

As you've probably heard, based on resident interest, the HOA has been trying to amend the bylaws to allow sheds. The proposed amendment was sent out in late June to each household, along with a form for those in favor to sign, have notarized and return to the HOA or the attorney's office. Alternatively, they can be returned and notarized during the Annual Meeting.

If you did not receive the paperwork, you can pick up a copy at the attorney's office, or contact Matt Thompson or Randy Moreno (see contact information on page 2).

Trash Service Update

As you've probably heard by now, Town & Country has been purchased by WCA. The biggest change is as follows:

All items are expected to be placed inside of the company-provided trash and/or recycling bins. If you have items that will need to be picked up that will not fit in a bin, please contact WCA customer service BEFORE trash day so they can make arrangements to pick up your item(s).

If you have any questions, concerns or problems with the service, please contact Randy Moreno (see page 2) so he can alert our HOA contact. You are also welcome to contact WCA customer service at **816-380-5595**.

Who's Who in Sterling Hills

Get to Know Your Neighbors

The VIPs of Sterling Hills are the residents! Get to know your neighbors on NextDoor. Visit www.nextdoor.com/join, and use Code YKSZKE.

The Board

Our all-volunteer board works hard to keep our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. If you need to get in touch, seek out the individuals below.

Randy Moreno, President

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Matt Thompson, Vice President & Acting Treasurer

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Want to Join The Board?

We will have one and potentially two open seats on the board.

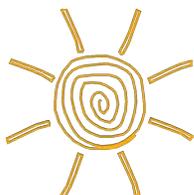
Responsibilities include the following:

- Willingness to work with a team
- Interest in finding ways to bring our neighbors together
- Ability to attend board meetings once a month

If you're interested in serving, join us at the annual meeting!

Website Help Needed

We're in need of a volunteer to help spruce up our neighborhood's website, www.sterlinghills.org. If you have web design experience and would like to help, please contact Matt.



During the summer months, we're all outside more. Make sure to keep an eye out when you're driving for kids and pets. Parents, remind your children to keep to sidewalks and to watch out for cars when crossing streets.

Together, we can keep our neighborhood safe!

Tips for Using NextDoor

Using the tips below can help our neighborhood to get the best use out of our private social network.

Tip #1: Be Nice

Above all, be polite and courteous! It's easy for things to get out of hand on the internet, but keep in mind that the people you're talking to are the people living in your neighborhood.

Tip #2: Control Who Sees Your Posts

You can choose to post to all nearby neighborhoods or just to the Sterling Hills neighborhood.

Tip #3: Send Private Messages

If you want to speak directly to one of your neighbors, NextDoor is a great way to get ahold of them individually even if you don't know their phone number or email address. Simply click on "Inbox" to get to the private messaging area.

Tip #4: Use Urgent Alerts Sparingly

You'll notice in the graphic above that you have the ability to label something as an Urgent Alert. This is a great way to let your neighbors know about something ASAP, since it sends out an alert via the phone app or email, depending on each individual's settings. Keeping in mind the Boy Who Cried Wolf, do consider whether or not a message truly needs to be labeled as urgent.

Tip #5: Start Groups

NextDoor has a "Groups" function that allows you to add individuals to either public or private groups. Whether you're planning a block party or starting a monthly poker night, Groups can be a great way to stay organized with your fellow neighbors.

Stay Safe This Summer!