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"United We Stand, Divided We Fall"

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Message from your Association President

Greetings my Fellow Cobblestone Residents,

Here it is again, time for the neighborhood updates and I do hope you find this letter informative and encouraging.

Have you noticed the new flower addition to the parkway? I hope you have as it is there to help beautify the neighborhood; to offer a joyful, pleasant and clean appearance to all those who pass by it. It is a bit challenging however, as it requires portable water to be delivered to it but several of our volunteer neighbors help to transport the water and are so appreciated and I think you will agree it will be worth it when it is established and offers much more than just concrete and dirt. Additionally, Jay Geiger and his crew are doing a great job keeping our parkway cared for. We should always want other neighborhoods to look forward to coming into our neighborhood for events like our community garage sale, or something as important as maybe the sale of your home? It makes a huge difference if the environment in which we live that our neighborhood looks cared for rather than abandoned, which brings me to the next thing. Do you know our home values can rise and fall based on the maintenance of our surrounding environment? That includes the entry points of our neighborhoods and the trash along the roadsides, which we get a lot of. Let's all thank the handful of our neighbors who volunteer their time to clean it up for the benefit of us ALL! So, if you see them out picking up trash, please stop and thank them personally.

Maybe you want to get involved more? That would be fantastic and we always need more helping hands. We are planning for another community cook out (Oct) and garage sale (Sept), so if you haven't started already, start your spring cleaning now and get ready to make a few dollars. And with that in mind, (the few dollars, that is), I want to share a story with you because it's important that you know the kind of people you live around. I hope you have a neighbor like the one I'm about to describe, and I hope you are a neighbor like him as well. Let me introduce you to Fred (you might know him).

You see Fred Melton is a kind and generous gentleman who may not always be able to do some of the volunteer work we often need but Fred is a generous man who wants to do what he can to help our neighborhood association survive. Why, you might ask? Because it takes work to keep the neighborhood clean, manicured and in some balance of order otherwise nobody would mow the grass on the parkway, pick up trash, and sometimes even fight with the city about our surrounding environment. It takes money to operate and many volunteers, but I digress. Let me get back to Fred. So, you see Fred and I had a remarkable conversation and he said to me (Chuck), how about if I help pay for another home's association dues, would that help? I thought what a great idea! Do you know we have 499 homes in this neighborhood and only 149 have actually paid their annual association dues? That means 30% of the people living here are paying for

the rest of you who aren't. Folks, please understand how important this plea of mine is to you. Yes, a plea! It is only a meager \$4 a month to help keep your neighborhood looking respectable. Many associations cost \$100's and have greater restrictions. Please help us keep our community clean and beautiful. If you can't pay the entire \$50 at one time, please consider breaking it up over a couple of months. Just having you join us as a participant will be greatly and sincerely appreciated. If you have questions as to how your association utilizes your \$50, I invite you to please come to the monthly meetings. We discuss many things there that may settle your concerns and maybe even encourage you but please take an interest in your neighborhood. We need you to be joined with us so we can accomplish more.

COBBLESTONE ASSOCIATION MEETING

Date: June 20, 2019 (Thursday)

Time: 7 pm

Location: Watson Realty – corner of Monument Road and McCormick.

Watson Realty is allowing us to continue usage of their Conference Room at no charge. We THANK them for helping our Community again.

Cobblestone Association Dues:

Our Membership dues of a mere \$50.00 was due *on or before* March 1, 2019. We have enclosed an envelope for your convenience. We would like all of our neighbors to seriously consider what our neighborhood would be like without our volunteers and everyone paying their membership dues. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me personally, Chuck Hickmon at 904-534-2602, or better yet come to our meeting on June 20th. REMEMBER without you we don't exist.

Upcoming Events:

- September 14th, We will be having another Community Yard Sale. So, get your items ready!
- October 5th, Our Annual Cook-Out is scheduled and Volunteers will be needed.

Door Prize Drawing:

We will have a nice door prize drawing donated by one of our great neighborhood merchants for all that attend the Cobblestone Association Meeting. **See you at the meeting!**

Thank You Sincerely,

Chuck Hickmon, President

Richard Jenkins, 1st Vice President

Jimmy Davis, 2nd Vice President

Brenda Carmine, Treasurer

Sherry Jenkins, Secretary