



The Stagecoach Express

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From the Board President

As summer approaches and the days get longer, it is time to start thinking about many things. As many of you have noticed, the grass grows faster, the days are longer and people are out more. At this time of year, it is important for all of us to take notice of these folks and be cautious of them. Every day I see people speeding through the neighborhood in cars and on motorcycles. I wonder how long it is going to be before someone gets hit and hurt or seriously injured. **I would like to remind everyone to take notice of the speed limits and remember, we do have our neighborhood patrolled by unmarked police cars at various times.** So you never know if you are being watched or not!

Again, the use of scooters, mini bikes and 4-wheelers is not permitted on our roads. This issue has been thoroughly discussed in our newsletter in the past. These are county roads and the Sheriff's patrol will stop and ticket the offenders. (I have seen this happen and the offender was placed in handcuffs until the parents arrived) **So be warned.** We have also granted the Pasco County Sheriff's Office permission to make arrests on our property. This increases their ability to do their jobs and we have been assured that they will be patrolling more frequently.

There are some issues I would like to mention are for the parents. I have had a few people stop by and advise me of things that they have seen happen. One issue is that children are **pulling the bags out of the doggie stations.** Where this might seem trivial, it does cost us money. And the bags are generally discarded along the street or by the lake and it just becomes litter. We all want to see our community stay as beautiful as possible and litter doesn't help!

Another issue is **soaping of the fountains.** I have noticed a big increase of this activity. And as fun as it

might seem to the kids, it is not fun for us when the pumps break and have to be replaced. Over the last few years, we have spent several thousands of dollars in repairing/replacing these pumps. It costs all of us, so please remind your older children and teenagers that this is not a joke and if caught will face legal consequences.

The month of May brings some activities that some of you look forward to. (Some more than others!!) **May 6th is the Spring Community Yard Sale!** Time to clean up, sell and go replace it with your neighbors' outcasts! So mark your calendars! Also, the **3rd Annual Spring Fling** is just around the corner. May 13th is the date and it promises to be another grand affair. We are going to have familiar attractions and some new ones. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. It is a good time to get out, meet some new people, have some good food, and relax for awhile.

One more thing of note is Parcel One. This is an ongoing issue and we are very close to signing an Easement Agreement with the perspective developer. What does this mean to you? Nothing yet. We are making provisions for how to deal with the front retention pond. They asked what we wanted, we told them and we are working to sign an agreement. This is ONLY for use of the pond and what we expect of them during the construction phase and how we are to be compensated afterwards. Let me assure you there are no provisions for use of any Stagecoach amenities, nor use of our park. Over the past year, there has been much discussion regarding parcel 1 sale and usage.

I wish all of you a great May and June and hope to see you at the Spring Fling! (I will be behind one of the grills again this year!!)

Robert Carpenter
President, Stagecoach POA

Stagecoach Community Yard Sale

Saturday May 6, Starts 7:00am

Here's your chance to sell your things.

Place sale items on your driveway.

Stagecoach Third Annual Spring Fling

Saturday May 13 Starts 12:30 pm

See Page 3 for details

COMMUNITY NEWS

ACC News

(Architectural Control Committee)

You can certainly tell that it's spring time in Stagecoach as the ACC continues to receive many applications for repainting, pools, screened rooms, and fencing. Thanks to all who submit ACC applications before making any changes Thank you to homeowners who continue to make improvements on their homes, thus making our community more attractive and valuable.

House Trim Color

The present trim color that you are asked to color match to is : **SW7005** (Pure White) or **SW7006** (Extra White) Sherwin Williams Colors, or you can go to any Sherwin Williams store and ask them for **Loxon A24W351 Extra White** (also know as Lennar Exterior Trim)

As many of you are aware, the pallet of house colors within our community is evolving. We now have more choices than the original dozen or so with Lennar. That being said, it is the belief of your ACC that it's also time to introduce an alternate trim color that will complement some of the deeper, warmer, tones that are now being approved by the ACC. The ACC is going to recommend to the Board that **SW7012** (Creamy) or **SW6385** (Dover White) Sherwin Williams Colors also be acceptable trim colors. Samples of theses colors are available at the Rec Center office.

ACC Welcomes Two New Members

Zsuzsanna McGovern has left the ACC due to personal reasons. We thank her for volunteering her time. Robert Carpenter will be leaving us, but he's not going far. In January he was elected President of the HOA so it was necessary for him to step down from the ACC. Bob, we will miss your wit and your point of view, but know your valuable insight will be well served as President of the HOA. Thank You! At the February 27th meeting of the HOA, the following names were submitted to join the ACC: Fred Dichter and Lloyd Evans. We are excited and welcome both of them.

Final Reminder

We all chose to live in a deed restricted community and if you are in doubt as to whether you need ACC approval, submit an application and come to the meeting. We invite you to come to the Rec Center on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm to see what happens at the ACC.



**Happy Flag Day
June 14th**

Crime Watch

**Crime Watch and Security Patrol
News**



May 2006 will be the 5th anniversary of the Stagecoach Security Patrol. This group of volunteers helps to keep your Stagecoach community safe. We are sanctioned by the Pasco Sheriff's Office and are members of the Pasco County Security Patrol Association. Fred Dichter and I are board members of the Association.

We need your help to keep your community a safe place. I know everyone is very busy, but we only ask for a few hours of time every couple of months when we are at full staff. Many of the team members have been patrolling since the beginning of May 2001. It would be encouraging to the current patrol members to know that someone else in the community cares about the safety of the entire neighborhood. **Please join us, we need your help!** Members are approved by the Sheriff's Office, have a pictured ID. Each member attends a class conducted by the Sheriff's Office. Classes are conducted at locations such as Stagecoach or other communities in Central Pasco. The Stagecoach POA board approved a fuel allowance this year to help pay for the cost of gas while on patrol. You also get a nifty golf shirt for your patrol duty and we have an annual "Thank You" Picnic. If you are interested in becoming part of the Patrol Team please contact me at 994-0014 or gypsy03@verizon.net.

Crime Stats are posted on the Stagecoach Web Site. If you see this type of activity or are a victim of it call the Sheriff's Office and report it. **The non emergency phone number for the Sheriff's Office is 813-929-1204.**

Information from the Pasco County Sheriff's Office:
The Pasco County Sheriff's Citizen Academy is starting new classes about every other month. The class meets twice a week for six weeks and you will learn everything you would ever want to know about operation of the Sheriff's Office. If you are interested please call me for an application. The meetings are held at the Land O Lakes Correction Center. **It is FREE to Pasco County**

residents. Several folks in Stagecoach have attended the Academy, including yours truly, and can tell you it was a great experience!

I have included, in this newsletter, a checklist that was prepared by the Pasco Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit to help you assess the security of your residence. The Crime Prevention Unit will come to your house, make an assessment, and offer suggestions to make your home safer. If you are interested, contact the Pasco Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit or call me and I will get you the number to call. **(See page 4)**

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"scan card". Your new card gives you access to the fitness room, the bathrooms, and the pool area. **If this is not done, the cards you received from the seller at closing will be deactivated.** Consequently, you will not be able to enter the gated and locked areas. Thank you!

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Stagecoach 3rd Annual Spring Fling in The Park Saturday May 13, 2006 12:30PM Good Food and Great Fun

Residents with last name beginning with the letters
A-L to bring a side dish

Residents with last name beginning with the letters
M-Z to bring a desert

Here are just some of the fun things to be enjoyed this year...

Sno-cones
Volley Ball
Moon Walk

Pony Rides
Dunk Tank
Under Sea Adventure

Obstacle Course and Rock Climb Slide Combo

A Clown - Face painting & Balloon figures

Pasco County Sheriff's Office Presentations

The Land O Lakes High & Middle School Jazz Bands

Raffle for terrific door prizes-Raffle tickets \$1.00 each
or 6 for \$5.00

Remember to bring chairs or a blanket.

Can't wait to meet you there!!!

TO ALL NEW REISIDENTS OF STAGECOQCH

The Recreation Center attendants remind all new Stagecoach homeowners to come to the Rec Center during office hours (M-F 1-9p & S/S 11a-8p) to fill-out your Registration Form. You will then, receive your

PARENTS, PLEASE TALK TO YOUR KIDS

There has been a recent outbreak of vandalism in our community. The instances of **our fountains being soaped** is on the rise again (at least three times in the last week). When our fountains are soaped, the labels from the boxes and bottles cause damage to the pumps. **The motors burn-out and they are not cheap to repair and/or replace.** The anti-sudsing agents cost money and the huge clouds of bubbles as they float across SR54, especially in the dark hours, creates a serious road hazard and could cause an accident.

The doggie stations have also been vandalized. Some young boys were recently seen, on more than one occasion, pulling the plastic bags (long streamers of them) out of the doggie stations and just leaving the bags as litter to harm our wildlife, plug our storm drains, and create more work for our attendants, plus the bags cost money to replace. Another group of girls thought it was funny to blow the bags from the doggie stations up and pop them and just throw them in the streets as litter.

Residents have witnessed these acts of vandalism. **It is important, especially as the summer months approach, for parents to talk to their older children and teens about the difference**



between vandalism and harmless fun. Harmless fun is just that, harmless. It hurts no one, it hurts nothing, it costs nothing. **VANDALISM CAUSES HARM. IT CAN HURT OUR WILDLIFE, DAMAGE COMMUNITY PROPERTY, AND IT COSTS ALL OF US LOTS OF MONEY!!!!**



STAGECOACH COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ladies Night Out

Please contact Ann Troutman at (813) 994-3593 or atroutman@tampabay.rr.com for further information.

to register your child by June 1st.

Father's Day is Sunday June 18th

MAY 14TH



HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

Yes No

- 1. Do exterior lights illuminate all entrances to your home?
- 2. Is shrubbery kept trimmed back so a burglar can't hide near windows and doors?
- 3. Are garage doors kept closed and locked at all times?
- 4. Are exterior doors made of solid core construction (including door leading from garage to house)?
- 5. Is there a peephole viewer (180) on the front door?
- 6. Are sliding glass doors secured with auxiliary locks or pinned, and are screws in the track to prevent removal of doors?
- 7. Are exterior doors secured with a deadbolt lock (single or double cylinder) with a minimum 1" throw?
- 8. Are windows secured with auxiliary keyed locks or pinned with a nail?
- 9. Do you report suspicious persons or activity in the neighborhood to the police immediately?
- 10. Are doors locked at all times?
- 11. Are your valuables marked with your Florida driver's license number? Do you have a record of them with complete serial number and make and model?

If you were able to answer **yes** to all of the above precautions, you have greatly decreased the likelihood of your home being burglarized.

**Check to see who is at the door before opening it to strangers.
A wide angle viewer is easy to install and inexpensive.**

Father's Day Craft for Children

If your child wants to make a special craft for his or her father, stepfather, or grandfather, please call Jenna Murski at (813) 385-0856

A NOTICE FROM OUR MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Rather than receiving a violation letter, our management company reminds you that **trash cans must be removed from view** after trash pick-up.

There are some mailboxes that are in need of cleaning or painting. If this warning applies to your mailbox, please remedy the problem before you receive a violation letter.

After mowing lawns, **grass clippings are NOT to be blown into the street**, as the clippings cause additional cost to maintaining our retention ponds and drains.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!!!
Do your part to keep Stagecoach beautiful!!!