

AUGUST 2026 BUZZ



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AROUND THE WOODS

MISSION STATEMENT

The Stonington Woods Condo Association's Board of Directors is an elected volunteer body of property owners who as a group work to manage assets, ensure compliance with the written Rules and Regulations and By-Laws while serving to preserve the property values in Stonington Woods community. The purpose is to have a friendly, safe and well-maintained neighborhood that fits well into the community. The Board of Directors presents this statement as volunteers working to keep Stonington Woods Condos a pleasant place to live.

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Current board member term expirations: Franklin & Kinder – 2027, Kinney & Pack – 2028, Barnes & McCoy - 2029

Financial Report thru July 31, 2026

Total Liabilities and Capital	\$271,801.45
Total Expenses	\$ 22,569.98

STONINGTON WOODS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

The Board now has a handyman service available for its use to help with any projects/repairs that might arise. You as an owner may also use their services for any project /repairs that you might have inside your condo. If you have a need for any handman service, you do not need to go through a board member, you can contact them directly and set up an appointment yourself (and obviously pay them yourself). Their contact information is:

Mathias Property Services 740/644-0430

You were informed last month that the Board had raised the number of approved items (e. g., flower pots, statuarys, shepherd hooks, etc.) in your mulched area from 4 to 5. If you have more than 5 items, please place the extra items on your patio area behind your fence.

Please include the date for the next Buckeye Bash, Friday, October 2 on your calendar. It's always a good time to enjoy good food and a great time to gather with your neighbors. Location: Condos/driveways 132 & 134 Stonington Place. THE #1 Ohio State Buckeyes will be visiting #22 Iowa Hawkeyes, Iowa City, Kinnick Stadium (seating capacity 69,250). Most of their home games are sold out. It will be broadcast live on ESPN; however, time is to be determined.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee has provided the listing of Ladies' Luncheons which began in July and now go through November 2026. All attendees will meet at 1:00pm and on the second Wednesday of the month:

The Social Committee has chosen the Granville Inn as the next destination for the ladies' luncheon.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>SC Member in Charge</u>
September 9	Granville Inn \$\$\$ 314 E. Broadway, Granville	Sue Greene 740/405-7761

The Granville Inn has been a refined establishment since 1924 when railroad and coal magnate John Sutphin Jones arrived, married and settled on Monomoy Place and built their estate, Bryn Du. They then purchased land on East Broadway to build a refined inn and country golf club. Both opened on June 24, 1924. The property earned national attention as the "most costly small hotel in America." The Kent family acquires the property in 1976 and adds The Tavern after Granville lifts its ban on alcohol. Subsequently, a group of local investors purchase the inn in 2003. Denison University purchased the inn (believe in 2013) and made sweeping renovations as it is today.

Be sure to contact Sue for your reservation by Friday, September 4. Also, advise if you need a ride or are willing to carpool.

Back-to-School Driving Safety Tips



Never pass a stopped school bus with yellow flashing lights, a red stop light or an extended arm as it is illegal in all 50 states. Drivers who violate Ohio school bus stopping laws can be fined up to \$500 and may have their license suspended.

On a two-lane road, when a school bus is flashing yellow for slowing down or a red stopped light, all traffic must stop in both directions.

On a two-lane road, with a center turn lane, all traffic must stop in both directions.

On a four-lane road, only drivers on the same side of the road as the bus must stop and at least 10 ft. behind the bus.

On a four-lane road with a center turn lane, drivers on the same side of the road as the bus must stop at least 10 ft. behind the bus. Drivers on the opposite side may continue.

Be extra careful at all crosswalks.

Be alert beyond school hours. There are many after-school programs and sports that take place.

Be alert for pedestrians, cyclists and children near playgrounds, parks and residential areas. Children are unpredictable and can appear from between parked cars or dart into traffic in an instance.

PONDERINGS

Words of the Month:

Funicular (n.) – A railroad that goes up and down a mountain with cars connected by a cord.

Soroize (v.) – To have sisterly feelings; to join together in sisterhood.

Jolabokaflod (n.) – The Icelandic tradition of giving books as gifts on Christmas Eve.

Cacophonous (adj.) – Characterized by a lot of noise; loud; earsplitting.

Unputdownable (adj.) – Unable to be set aside; riveting (as in reading a book).

NOTABLE SEPTEMBER DATES

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day, a Federal Holiday honoring achievements and contributions of the American worker.

Friday, September 11 – Patriot Day, honors the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

Saturday, September 12 through Sunday, September 13 – Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year

Thursday, September 17 – Constitution and Citizenship Day, commemorates the signing of the Constitution and recognizes U. S. Citizenship.

Friday, September 18 – Celebrates the founding of the U. S. Air Force (September 18, 1947).

The whole month of September is known as National Senior Center Month and Healthy Ageing Month. NSCM was created by the National Council on Ageing to spotlight the vital role senior centers play in promoting the health, well-being and social connection of older adults. Activities during the month include health and wellness programs, intergenerational events and community outreach. Healthy Ageing Month encourages adults 45+ to focus on mental, social, healthy and financial wellness.

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Since it's still "Play ball!!" season, I thought it would be fun to visit one of America's most recognized baseball players (catcher)...Yogi Berra and his "Yogi-isms:"

"It ain't over till it's over."

"Baseball is 90% mental. The other half is physical."

"You can observe a lot just by watching."

"When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

"The future ain't what it used to be."

"It's like deja vu all over again."

I found it quite amusing this last "-ism" was reported in today's (8/24/26) Columbus Dispatch as having been said by Rep. Joyce Beatty, D-Ohio regarding whether the John F. Kennedy Center vs President Donald J. Trump's name should or should not be removed from the building's façade. Just say'n.

Back to.....

Who was Yogi Berra (not to be confused with Yogi Bear)?

Yogi (Lawrence Peter Berra – 5/12/1925 – 9/22/2015) was an American baseball player (catcher) for the New York Yankees (1946 to 1963) and later coach & manager of other teams. He acquired his famous nickname from a teammate who thought he looked like a Hindu yogi as he sat cross-legged while waiting to bat. He played in a record 14 World Series, winning 10. He established records for a catcher for his era, all of which have since been broken. He batted left-handed and like most catchers, threw right-handed. The traditional reason why right-handed catchers predominate is because most batters are right-handed and therefore

stand to the left of home plate, so a left-handed catcher is blocked from throwing out base runners. Yogi was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972 and on November 24, 2015 was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barak Obama and presented to Larry Berra, on his father's behalf. If you're interested, more info on Yogi can be read on the internet.

HISTORY OF THE PURPLE HEART

1782 – President George Washington creates the Badge of Military Merit to honor valor during the Revolutionary War.

1783 – The first three recipients receive the award, remaining the only documented honorees for nearly 150 years.

1932 – Army Chief of Staff General Douglas MacArthur revives the award, renaming it the Purple Heart. Why Purple Heart? While the medal is now made of metal and features a relief bust of Washington, it retains the original purple heart shape and color, preserving the symbolic connection to the original badge. The original badge was a heart-shaped piece of purple cloth, edged with silver, and bore the word "Merit" stitched across it. The purple color was chosen deliberately. Traditionally associated with nobility, Washington transformed it into a symbol of courage and sacrifice to recognize service and valor regardless of rank for common soldiers rather than for elite officers. The heart shape symbolizes bravery and devotion.

1942 – President Franklin D. Roosevelt expands eligibility in all military branches and authorizes posthumous awards retroactive to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

1952 to 2014 – Eligibility expands to include Vietnam War veterans, prisoners of war, and those wounded in peacekeeping missions, terrorism, or friendly fire incidents; civilian eligibility is eliminated.

Today – The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates over 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded since 1932.



ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS:

The full moon will appear on Monday, September 21 and is known as the Harvest Moon and is the closest moon to the equinox; traditionally providing extra light for farmers during harvest season.

Autumnal Equinox – Wednesday, September 23, marks the start of fall in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere. Day and night are approximately equal in length.

SEPTEMBER AND THE BEGINNING OF AUTUMN

September is a month of gentle transitions – a bridge between the warmth of summer and the crisp embrace of autumn. In the Northern Hemisphere it carries a unique duality – the first half often still hums with lingering heat, while the latter half ushers in cooler breezes, golden light and the first hints of seasonal change. Leaves begin to blush with orange, red and golds. Harvests reach their peak and the air takes on a crisp clarity that feels both refreshing and nostalgic. September often carries a feeling of renewal. It's the start of a new school year, a time for new and fresh goals, and a season for gathering – whether gathering around a table of harvest meals or under the open skies to enjoy the last of the warm evenings. The month invites reflection, preparation and a slower pace, as the world subtly shifts toward the quiet beauty of fall.



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"See you in the neighborhood"