

FEBRUARY 2025 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 term expirations: Vice President & Grounds Chairperson– 2025, Secretary & Treasurer – 2026, President & Buildings Chairperson - 2027**

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## Financial Report through January 31, 2025

Total Liabilities and Capital	\$162,552.34
Total Expenses	\$ 18,166.57

## **STONINGTON WOODS OPEN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

**TODAY IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – ONLY 21 DAYS ‘TIL SPRING!!!**

➡ **REMINDER** The Architectural Control Application form as shown in the revised (January 2025) Stonington Woods Condominium Association Rules and Regulations is required before beginning any project within your Limited Common Element. Limited Common Element is identified as the patio and mulched area abutting the condo unit. The application must be submitted and conditionally approved by the Board of Directors. This covers the patio, storm door, windows, generator, satellite dish and others.

The board has hired a new landscaping company for 2025. Yellowstone Landscaping Company did some excellent work for Stonington this past summer and charged much less than Anders' bid for the work. Using Yellowstone this year for all of our landscaping needs means a savings of almost \$8,000.00.

A Stonington resident has offered to change our pole light bulbs for us (another savings this year). Please continue to notify a board member when you notice a burned-out light. We offer a big thank you to the "volunteer" for agreeing to help our community.

The board will have two positions whose terms are expiring this June. Please consider being a member of the board yourself or think about nominating someone for a position.

Our Property Manager, Taylor Miller, will make sure that the gutters and downspouts that were not cleaned in the fall will be taken care of when the weather permits.

As mentioned in the January 2025 Buzz, the freezing and thawing of winter has caused our sidewalks to raise and lower in places. Please be especially cautious and perhaps consider walking in the street. The board will assess all walks after the spring thaw for any trip hazards.

### **PASSING**

Garnett Lewis, 87, passed on Saturday, February 8, at her home (136 Stonington Circle). Garnett was a long-time resident at Stonington Woods and a member of the First Methodist Church, Newark. She was also a member of our Social Committee and attended the monthly Ladies' Luncheons for many years. Garnett was a gentle soul with a welcoming and pleasant smile and always a joy to be around. She will be missed. A bereavement donation was made in her memory to the First Methodist Church, Newark.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Around 12 ladies attended the February 12 luncheon at Thiago in Heath. There were mixed reviews of the food, the service was good for a limited staff and comfort was a challenge. The next ladies' luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12 at the Pizza Cottage, 969 Mt. Vernon Road. Carol McDaniel is in charge and may be contacted at 740/522-6383 for your reservation. Please advise her if you are willing to drive or will need a ride.

## CURRENT FUNDS' FINANCIAL STANDING

Social Committee - \$220.33; Bereavement - \$466.00. These funds are currently financially stable; however, if you wish to donate, please contact the following individuals: Social Committee – Coya Pack, 128 Stonington Place; Bereavement – Gloria Johnson, 48 Stonington Circle. Donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

## PONDERINGS

Upon reading about this in The Columbus Dispatch recently, I thought perhaps it might be of interest to expound upon Senate Bill 34 and to understand more clearly the documents and the 10 Commandments that are listed therein. There is no endorsement for or against this bill whatsoever in the following.

Senate Bill 34, Historical Educational Displays Act – This is a new proposal from the Ohio Senate that would allow school districts to display the Ten Commandments and one of 9 other secular documents in school classrooms. Having said that, the other 9 documents are: Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, Northwest Ordinance, The Mottoes of the 50 United States, Magna Carta, Bill of Rights, United States Constitution and Articles of Confederation. Have you ever heard of the Mayflower Compact? A little bit of history. Documents are not listed chronologically correct.

Mayflower Compact, originally titled Agreement Between the Settlers of New Plymouth, was the first governing document of Plymouth Colony. It was written by the men aboard the Mayflower (not the first Mayflower that sailed 100 + years earlier), consisting of Separatist Puritans, adventurers, and tradesmen. Although the agreement contained a pledge of loyalty to the King, the Puritans and other Protestant Separatists were dissatisfied with the state of the Church of England, the limited extent of the English Reformation and reluctance of King James I of England to enforce further reform. The Mayflower Compact was signed aboard ship on November 21, 1620. Signing the covenant were 41 of the ship's 101 passengers; the Mayflower was anchored in Provincetown Harbor within the hook at the northern tip of Cape Cod.

Northwest Ordinance was to establish a framework for governing the Northwest Territory, admitting new states, and protecting civil liberties of settlers. It was also to ban slavery in the new territory. Northwest Territory consists of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and the northeast section of Minnesota. Today, these states are considered the Midwest area of the United States.

Declaration of Independence, a document that was approved by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and that announced the separation of the 13 original North American British Colonies from Great Britain.

Magna Carta, also known as the Great Charter, is a document guaranteeing English political liberties. Drafted in 1215, at Runnymede, a meadow by the River Thames and signed by King John under pressure from rebellious barons. The Magna Carta limited the king's power and established rights that have become part of English Law and the foundation of the constitution in English speaking countries.

Bill of Rights, the first ten commandments of the United States Constitution, ratified in 1791 and guaranteeing such rights as freedom of speech, assembly and worship.

United States Constitution, the fundamental law of the U. S. federal system of government and a landmark document of the Western world. The oldest written national constitution in use, the Constitution defines the organs of government and their jurisdictions and the basic rights of citizens. The Constitution was written during the summer of 1787 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by 55 delegates to a Constitutional Convention that was called ostensibly to amend the Articles of Confederation (1781-1789) , the country's first written Constitution.

Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union, was an agreement between the original 13 states of the United States, formerly the original 13 colonies, that served as the nation's first frame of government. It was debated by the Second Continental Congress at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, between July 1776 and November 1777 and finalized by the Congress on November 15, 1777. It came into force on March 1, 1781, after being ratified by all colonial states.

Ten Commandments: Holy Bible, New King James Version (NKJV) 2<sup>nd</sup> book of Old Testament, Exodus 20:3-17

You shall have no other gods before me Exodus 20:3

You shall make no idols Exodus 20:4-6

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain Exodus 20:7

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy Exodus 20:8-11

Honor your father and your mother Exodus 20:12

You shall not murder Exodus 20:13

You shall not commit adultery Exodus 20:14

You shall not steal Exodus 20:15

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor Exodus 20:16

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male servant, female servant, ox, donkey nor anything that is your neighbor's Exodus 20:17

Mottos of 50 United States: Motto of Ohio – With God all things are possible  
All other mottos can be found in the internet's Wikipedia site.



Longest word in the English dictionary – pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis. It has 45 letters and refers to a lung disease contracted from inhaling very fine silica particles specifically from a volcano. Medically, it is the same as silicosis.



A newly-married couple were about to eat dinner. She had prepared ham and just sat down at the dinner table. He noticed she had cut the ends off the ham and asked her why. She replied, "Because that's what my mother did." The next time she saw her mother, she asked her why she cut the ends off the ham when she prepared it. She replied, "Because that's what my mother did." She then asked her grandmother why she cut the ends off the ham when she prepared it. She replied, "So it would fit the pan."



\$20,000/football game is what it costs to broadcast the first-down yellow line marker. To find out how this line began to appear on TV and the technology involved to make it happen, type in "[www.mentalfloss.com](http://www.mentalfloss.com) – first-down yellow line marker." Who knew?

### ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS



Wednesday 3-5 - Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)

Sunday 3-9 - Daylight Savings Time – On Saturday night before bed, be sure to set your clocks one hour ahead...Spring Forward!

Monday 3-17 - St. Patrick's Day – Be sure to be wearing of the green and perhaps enjoying a pint of your favorite ale.

Thursday 3-20 - 1<sup>st</sup> day of Spring! – Spring arrives at 5:01 AM.

## WELCOME SPRING!



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"See you in the neighborhood"

