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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month I mentioned meeting two families who had recently moved into Stone Forest because of others they knew that already lived here. Now I've met two more. That speaks well of our neighborhood and residents. Also, most of the homes that were up for sale have moved pretty quickly. There has been some concern that a large number were purchased and then leased out. Michele Martin of Chaparral Management did some research and was able to determine that 15% of Stone Forest is renter-occupied. That definitely is not a bad percentage. Since some worry that renters won't maintain the property as well as a home owner, their yards will be watched just as well as the rest of the houses. Also (and this is where you come in) most renters will respond well if they are welcomed into the community. If they feel that they are part of the neighborhood, they're much more likely to maintain the property in a satisfactory manner. So, that is our assignment, make a point of getting to know your neighbor--new or old.

Now, there is another reason to get to know your neighbor. Recently we sent out a communication about a serious incident that took place when one of our residents was relaxing in his garage with the door open just after midnight when three individuals suddenly appeared, threatened him, and took several of his electronic items and left. At least, they did not make any attempt to enter the house. This was a crime of opportunity. They were just casing the neighborhood, saw an easy target and took advantage. This is also a wake-up for those of us that are out running or walking after dark

(which is coming earlier and earlier). Watch out for yourself as well as your fellow residents. If your wearing earbuds or something similar, I'd recommend keeping one ear open. Our neighborhood is no more dangerous than others but it also no more safer than others. Even The Woodlands has had similar incidents. As to the suspects in our case, it appears that they were caught about one week later doing similar stuff in south Montgomery County.

So, stand back and take a look at your home and see what you and the family do that would make you vulnerable. Then make some changes. I'd also recommend changing storage habits so that more of the cars can be placed in the garage. Those vehicles make great targets for guys looking to make easy money. I'll bet you can get shelving done to get stuff off the garage floor for about what your deductible is if your vehicle gets vandalized or broken into.

Enough sermonizing. Now for happier stuff. The sidewalk is done and you are encouraged to take a walk on the new segments and enjoy the cooler air that is either here or is coming. (Remember this is being written in early September but I'm optimistic that several cool fronts have hit by the time you read this. Was I close?)

Next month's message should be written by one of our new HOA board members. so that you have a chance to listen to someone other than me and that gives them a chance to become known to y'all.

See you on the streets,
Dick Leonard, HOA Pres

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The feast will be prepared and served at Klein UMC located at FM 2920 and Kuykendahl. Turkey and ham with all the fixings, along with lots of pies, will be served for all who would like to join us. We will be serving from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is the Third Annual Thanksgiving Feast for Klein UMC which served approximately 130 of our neighbors last Thanksgiving. Come enjoy the love of Christ and fellowship.

Flu shots will be available at no charge from our local neighbor at Walgreens. Flu shots are vitally important in this region of Texas. We want to make certain that everyone receives these shots so they can stay healthy throughout the season.

ABOUT KLEIN UMC

Since our founding in 1979, Klein UMC has been a spiritual leader in our community. As one of the founding churches of the Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) and United Methodist Action Reachout Mission by Youth (UMARMY), we are a community of faith that are called to serve, and here at Klein UMC we have many places for you to join us in serving the community and those around us. As a body of Christ, we are made up of a community of people with diverse talents, spiritual gifts and convictions.

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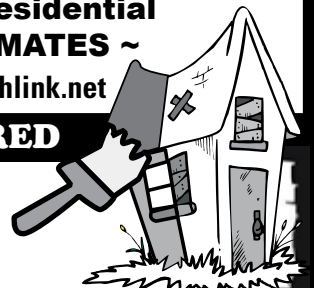
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) say that nearly 90,000 patients die in U.S. hospitals each year due to a preventable disease – many could be avoided if everyone properly washed their hands.

From germs on office equipment to sick colleagues who decided to come into work anyway, people face the same dangers in the workplace. The same simple fact holds true: Washing your hands regularly is an effective way to prevent yourself from catching or spreading a preventable disease or illness.

WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS

The CDC recommends washing your hands every time you:

- Prepare or eat food
- Use the restroom
- Tend to someone who is sick; both before and after
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze
- Handle garbage
- Treat a cut or wound
- Change a diaper or clean up after children
- Handle an animal or animal waste

HAND WASHING BASICS

The CDC has issued specific guidelines about effective hand washing:

- Wet hands with water
- Use plain bar or liquid soap
- Create a lather by vigorously rubbing hands together for 15-20 seconds—about the amount of time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” twice
- Be sure to wash palms, back of hands, fingers, and nails (clean nails by gently scratching nails down your opposing soapy palm)
- Rinse off soap under a stream of water

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

- Focus on hand washing in the lunch and/or break room
- Be careful when using sponges and dish towels. These are ideal sites for bacterial growth. Always wash your hands after using these items.
- Maintain a clean work area; regularly clean any office equipment, especially shared items such as phones and keyboards.
- Remind your colleagues of the importance of hand washing, particularly when you witness someone neglecting to wash his or her hands.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about how washing hands regularly can help prevent disease, ask your health care provider, or visit the CDC's creative Web site dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of hand washing at www.henrythehand.com.

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