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Reminders:

- If you want your newsletter by email, please send email address to llsutton@charter.net
- Put your items to sale or to advertise in the Sterling Estates-EBAY! Email address is RAPilotti@aol.com
- Have a happy and safe Halloween! Halloween is Wednesday, October 31.
- Safe Home Program is getting organized. Call Robin Jamison for more information 599-8138
- **WARNING!** It has been reported that two men in a two-tone blazer have been following several women of SE during their early evening walks. Take note and report any suspicious behavior to the police.
- Sterling Estates web site under construction. ETA:
- Annual homeowner meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2008. Two board positions will be available. Mark your calendars!
- Fall back: Turn your clocks back Sunday, November 4th

The Sterling Edition

Sterling Estates Kid's Safety Program



In July, Sterling Estates' hosted a Bike Safety program at the clubhouse for the kids in the community. Officer Tony Ivy, Sheriff's Department Public Liaison, lectured about bike safety and stranger danger. Officer Ivy suggested that the kids should always wear a helmet and shoes when riding a bike. He went over the necessities of a safe bike. Bikes should be in good riding condition; tires inflated, bike seats secure and bike reflectors visible. He also told the kids to keep to the right of the road on the streets.

Officer Ivy showed a puppy picture to the group of kids. He then asked the kids if they thought the puppy was his. Most of the Sterling Estates children at the presentation agreed that the picture was Officer Ivy's dog. He told the

group that he downloaded the picture just for the program and that he doesn't have a dog! In response to this, he described the two major ways strangers attract kids. One, a stranger will use a picture of a pet and ask for assistance in finding their lost pet. Second, a stranger will use false information about a sick or hurt parent or family member. Third, they will ask for directions. Tony Ivy suggested using a family password or code in case there is a family emergency. In conclusion, He told the kids to stay away from strangers. Children should always tell a parent if there is someone suspicious. Please take a moment to talk with your kids today about bike safety and stranger danger. Sterling Estates resident, Robin Jamison, will be putting together a Safe Home Program for kids in Sterling Estates in case of emergencies when they are outside and afraid. Look for this program soon ♦



A Message from Owen Smith

Greetings from your Sterling Estates Home Owners Association Board, hope you all have had a good summer. We have just completed our September Board Meeting and the 2007 Budget for our HOA is in good order at this point in the fiscal year. We will be working on the 2008 Budget at our upcoming Board Meeting in November.

It has been a tough summer at the pool for Light Property Management who we pay to manage the affairs of our HOA. They are responsible for multiple tasks and one of those is keeping the pool area in order and trespassers out. Our homeowners have done a good job of helping police this issue and calling Light Property Management but there have been far too many incidents and we really need to discuss this at our upcoming annual meeting in February. We have some ideas on how to better manage this process in 2008 and will be working on some proposals for all of us to consider.

We have also been actively trying to make sure our entrance is very appealing and we meet with the landscape maintenance company before each board meeting. This company has just completed the fall over seeding and fertilizing of all common area at the front of our subdivision. We have not done a good job of making sure the flowers planted at front remain attractive and before annuals are planted for fall, this area will be reconditioned with better soil.

Many of us have fescue lawns and the hot, dry summer has taken a toll on these yards. I have just completed aerating, over seeding and fertilizing last week and I encourage everyone with fescue lawns to complete this before the middle of October. We all have a significant financial investment with our properties and keeping the

landscaping of our yards appealing will enhance our property values.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY MAINTENANCE TO KEEP YOUR YARD ATTRACTIVE. THE STERLING ESTATES HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD BE VERY APPRECIATIVE.

We hope you have a good fall and we will look forward to seeing you in February at the annual meeting♦

Owen Smith—Sterling Estates HOA President

Homeowner Dues

By: Barbara Light

When paying your Bi-annual Homeowner’s dues, you **must** make sure you make your check payable to the **Sterling Estates Homeowner’s Association**, as requested on the invoices sent by Light Property Management. Quite a few homeowners have been making their checks payable to Light Property Management, and although in the past, the bank has accepted them and deposited them into the Sterling Estates account, Light Property Management was informed on September 19, 2007, that this would no longer occur. The bank will now return those checks to Light Property Management and the checks will be returned to the homeowner. The homeowner will then have to send a new check made out to the **Sterling Estates Homeowner’s Association**. Please note the delay in posting these payments to your homeowner ledger due to an incorrect payable could result in the application of late fees to your account♦

Halloween Tips

Trick or Treating should be one of the great adventures of Halloween for kids! It’s certainly a fun time here in Sterling Estates! And because of this, we have a large number of outsiders that frequent our community on this night. So, let us have a fun time, without trouble and pain, by following some easy tips to keep you and your child safe this Halloween!

- ~ Try to limit vehicle use because of the congestion in the neighborhood. If you have to go out, please be cautious of trick-or-treaters.
- ~Little children should go out only during daylight hours unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- ~ Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home.
- ~ Let your children know not to cut through back streets and undeveloped areas. Make sure they know to stay in populated places. Stay in well-lighted areas.
- ~Stop only at familiar houses in the neighborhood unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- ~Small children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween.
- ~Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.
- ~Instruct your child to never go into the home or car of a stranger.
- ~Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- ~Let older kids know they should stay together as a group if they are without an adult
- ~Have children cross the street at corners to avoid running out in front of vehicles.♦

Memo from Sterling Estates Homeowners Association

September 21, 2007

The uniformity of the mailboxes is one of the hallmarks of our neighborhood. The condition of some of the mailboxes has deteriorated. The problems range from the need for minor painting to total replacement. In order to maintain the standards of quality, The Board asks that homeowners take responsibility for this without involving the Violations Committee. We have contracted with a sign company who will complete all the necessary repair work for the entire neighborhood. Return this form completed with your specific mailbox repair needs along with pre-payment to David Busbee, 708 Gorham Drive, Boiling Springs, SC 29316 no later than October 15, 2007.

If you decide to do the repairs and painting yourself, the specific paints required to properly paint the complete mailbox are as follows and can be purchased at Lowe's: "Victory Blue", "Deep Veridian"(Green) and Silver by Olympic Paint.

Completed Form Due: October 15, 2007

Please check service needed:

- *Complete mailbox and post, painted and installed - \$175.00 _____
- *Metal box only, painted and installed - \$35.00 _____
- *Side panels with house number and paper box, painted and installed - \$80.00 _____
- *Vinyl post with beveled top and trim molding painted - \$75.00 _____
- *Trim molding and beveled top of post, painted and installed - \$35.00 _____
- *Beveled top, painted and installed - \$25.00 _____
- *Complete mailbox and post rework, paint only - \$65.00 _____

Homeowner's Name/ Address/ Phone Number

Return this form and your payment to: David Busbee
708 Gorham Drive
Boiling Springs, SC 29316
578-3676

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO LIGHT PROPERTY MANAGMENT

Helping Hands



Do you like to help others? Have you been the recipient and want to pass it on? Ways you can help:

Mobile Meals

Several Sterling residents are involved in delivering a hot meal and a smile to homebound folks in the Inman area.♦

Needs of the Community

Sterling Estates wants to welcome home Mike Dube!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CARE packages for Service Members.

This is a list of items needed for winter boxes to soldiers. Probably our next mailing will be in mid-OCT. Winter items needed are different than winter items and our supplies are low now. (Remember no pork or religious material allowed. Please remind people that these items need to be SMALL so that they'll fit in the boxes we pack. No large size items please). Revised **WINTER** items for the military from the Blue Star Mothers

- *baby wipes
- *GermX or Purell (small)
- Lens wipes (moistened)
- *eye drops
- *foot powder
- hard candy

- *CHOCOLATE candy (M&M's, Reese's Pieces, Snickers, etc)
- *small packs of peanut butter crackers
- *slim jims/beef jerky
- *Tuna in foil packs
- *power bars or granola bars
- individual packs of cookies
- *crossword puzzle books/Sudoku books
- small hand held games
- *mouse traps
- *individual packets of drink mix (Crystal lite, etc)
- *Gourmet Coffee and/or tea (Starbucks, etc)
- *disposable Woman's razors with soap strip (Schick Intuition and Venus)
- *Small kleenex tissues (individual)
- *Woman's hair bands, ponytail holders, barrettes
- Girl Scout Cookies
- shampoo (the hotel samples or small, no soap needed at this time, lotion the hotel samples or small)

Please leave donations in the box provided at Annette Cannon's home on 611 Gorham Dr. Annette can be reached at 864.599.5276 or email at Cannon_annette@hotmail.com. ♦

SE Block Party, The Best!

Special thanks go out to the following people for helping put on **THE BEST** neighborhood block party in the history of Sterling Estates: **Jan and Clark Davison, Lorrie and Rick Forrester, Mariann Wajenberg, Georgeann Pilotti, Tina Kovach, Kris McKinney, Laura Sutton, Paige Thornton, Allissa Stillenger, Katelyn Bendar, Gabrielle Morrow, Rachel Watson, Boiling Springs Fire Dept** and to all the Sterling Estates residents who participated. Thank you!!

A Big Thanks for the Back to School Party-

Thanks to all who came to the Back to School party. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Thank you for all the delicious side dishes and for being so flexible about what to bring. A few items were left at the party (water wings and a lightweight ground cover); so, if you are missing these, give us a call at 599-8138. The Jamisons *Editor note: Let's all give a thanks to the Jamisons for hosting this spectacular event each year!*



First Annual Sterling Estates Craft Fair and Bake Sale

Whether it is hair bows, birdhouses or beaded necklaces here is your chance to show off your creative talents. If you aren't crafty then make your favorite cookies, fudge or pumpkin bread. This is a great chance to sell your wares or purchase some early Christmas presents and get to know your neighbors.

Who: SE Ladies, Gents and Young People

When: Saturday, November 17, 8AM-2PM

Where: SE Clubhouse Lawn

Winter Community Events

Every Wednesday
,141 Colfax dr

Cornhole Playoffs

Corn hole game **Colfax vs Rhapsody**.
Come support your street! Let's see
which street has the #1 cornhole
players in Sterling Estates. Needed:
cheerleaders of all ages.

October 25

7pm-8pm, SE Clubhouse

Meet & Greet

Welcome New Neighbors! Come meet
new friends, find out neighborhood
activities and eat great snacks! Bring the
kids.

November 17

8am-2pm, SE Clubhouse lawn

Craft/bake fair

Another great way for Sterling Estates
to come together! Sale your crafts and
baked goods or shop early for
Christmas!

Holiday Season

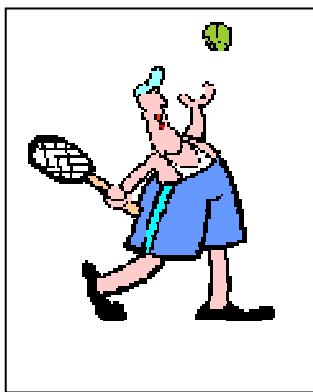
Cookie exchange

Need a host/hostess to put on the
cookie exchange this year. If interested,
please contact Jan Davison at 578-7099

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Sterling Estates Social Activities

Here is a great way to meet some
of your neighbors, have some fun
and even get in shape. If you have a
new activity that you would like to
start, please contact Jan Davison
578-7099, jcdavison@charter.net.

Corn hole--What is it?--It's a game
where you take turns throwing corn
sacks (like bean bags) onto a
wooden deck with a hole in it. The
game originated in Cincinnati OH as
a tailgating activity before the
football games. It's easy to catch on
and a lot of fun. If you are interested
in joining in the fun watch the
message board for information on
the next event...guys and gals
welcome. We play at 141 Colfax
Dr., the home of Lorrie and Ricky
Forrester 599-5931.

Rotation Ping Pong- It's ping pong
only you run around the
table...great exercise and a real test
of your ping pong skills. Really,
anyone can play it and it's really not
that hard. We would like to get a
group started for the Fall so if you
are interested call Clark Davison
578-7099 or email at
jcdavison@charter.net

Tennis-Play every Tuesday at 7PM.
Call Clark & Jan Davison 578-7099.
Join us Tuesdays at 7PM on the
tennis courts at the park on Old
Furnace Rd. For more information
call Clark and Jan Davison 578-
7099 or email at
jcdavison@charter.net

Ladies' Night-Outings to area
restaurants. Call MariAnn Wajnberg
814-1348.

Pool-Rick Forrester 599-5931 Play
weekly on a Saturday or Sunday-
Rick Forrester 599-5931.

Golf-SE Golf League plays monthly
at area golf courses-Bobby Brown
599-0959.

Cards- Pinochle and/or other card
games. Call Roger Pilotti 814-4422.

Scrap Booking-Robin Jamison 599-
8138

Knitting-Robin Jamison 599-8138

Baby Sitting-Call Misty Potter 599-
8643 to get names of neighborhood
babysitters or if you would like to
get your name on the list.

Pet Sitting- Misty Potter 599-8643
or Becca Sutton 599-6709.

New Neighbors Greeter- need
smiling faces willing to greet new
faces in our neighborhood. Ways
you can help include making and
delivering invitations to the new
folks, putting together information
bags, attending the Meet and Greet,
bring snacks. Interested call Jan
Davison at 578-7099

Safe Home- If anyone would like
to participate in the Safe Home
program, please contact Robin
Jamison at 599-8138. The concept is
that each of our neighborhood
streets will have one or two Safe
Homes where our children can go if
hurt, feeling threatened or afraid in
an emergency♦



Sterling Estates Ebay

1. Mary Kay products. Barb Linnerud. 599-1741.

2. Tutoring services, grades K-5, in all language arts areas, offered by Paige Thornton, 31 Lenox Place, 578-6005.

3. Tutor for Bridge playing wanted: call Roger, 814-4422.

4. Computer desk, solid oak, armoire top, \$350. or b/o.

Antique wash stand, marble top with aqua tiles, \$500.

Both offered by Verna Murphy, 231 Oldmaster Court, 599-0312.

Entries/deletions to: RAPilotti@aol.com or 814-4422.

