# The Southbridge Star

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## From the Desk of the General Manager

#### FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome 2018, another year has come and gone. 2017 was a great year at Southbridge. Rain at the Spring Fling and Spring Yard Sale did not dampen our spirits, the show must go on. The pool party was a great success, nearly 700 in attendance. The weather was perfect, the food scrumptious and you couldn't ask for better company. The pool season was successful and the swim team although not winning the division finals, had a very successful season. If you have not experienced a swim meet they are open to the public, there is a lot of energy in the air and I still wonder if anyone from the Southbridge Seals will one day be an Olympian. The pool closed and before we knew it, it was time for the fall yard sale, along with our first movie night which was also successful, 128 in attendees watched The Boss Baby. Perfect weather, perfect popcorn and perfect neighbors made for a great evening. Fall Fest came and went with nearly 500 showing up for this wonderful event, no rain and 672 served, (corn dogs). It is always great seeing everyone at the events, great way to meet neighbors. This year is bound to be another great year, check out the events calendar, two movie nights and we added a Trunk or Treat to be held at the clubhouse parking lot on Halloween night. See everyone at our first event. Wishing all of Southbridge a very Happy New Year!!

## SNOW REMOVAL

Just a reminder that townhome streets and section 4 are the only streets that are plowed and treated by the Association. All other homes are plowed and treated by VDOT. Sidewalk clearing is the responsibility of each homeowner in all areas of Southbridge. Please remember to also help a neighbor who may have difficulty clearing snow from their vehicle or their driveway.

#### **CAR BREAK-INS**

Please be mindful to lock your vehicles. Summer was quiet but now there are those that are out and about checking vehicles. This is Prince William County wide and not just a Southbridge issue. It is believed that those doing this are looking for unlocked vehicles, making them an easy target. News reports have been that garage door openers are being stolen as well, they come back later and get into the house. Keep vehicle doors locked as well as the door leading from the garage into your home. One important thing is to be in contact with your neighbors and keep an eye out for anything that may not seem right. Remember to call 911 first, then the patrol at (703) 895-2029. Also, please let management know at the office.

#### INSPECTIONS

Melissa and I would like to thank those who complied with our annual inspections in such a timely manner. Inspections are ongoing throughout the year. Inspections, along with compliance will increase the value of the homes in Southbridge.

#### THANKSGIVING FOOD AND COAT DRIVE

A big THANK YOU to those who made donations to the food drive. All items donated were given to Northern Virginia Family Services who distributes the food to families in all local counties. Coat donations went to St. Paul United Methodist Church and were distributed to the homeless.

#### MEET SANTA

Santa arrived and so did the snow which only added to this great event. Kids (of all ages) were greeted by Santa and it was great seeing all the smiles. Santa enjoys his visit to Southbridge each year, getting to see all the kids as they grow up. As Santa drove out of sight he wanted to remind all the kids to go to bed early on Christmas Eve so he could make his rounds at Southbridge.



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## Movie Night

\*\*\*\* ₩e had an amazing turnout 🛠 for our Movie Night. There were over 130 residents. We showed The Boss Baby and it was a hit! We'd like to thank everyone who come out to show support for the community events that we put on. See you next year at the movies!  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ 













2018 Movie Night Dates

May 5, 2018

September 8, 2018

Movies will start at dusk at in the clubhouse parking lot. Be sure to bring your chairs and blankets for seating.

## Reduce Threats to You and Your Children

Countless accidents, injuries, and deaths occur in and around the home, and our community is no exception. Our children are often at the greatest risk—even when we do everything we can to protect them. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), there were 20 deaths and more than 200,000 toy-related injuries in 2005 alone, and that's just counting injuries treated in emergency rooms. Nine of the deaths occurred when children either chocked on a toy or aspirated an object into the lungs. Several died as a result of accidental strangulation. To reduce these and other tragedies, CPSC provides information that can help you and your family avoid some of the more common threats. CPSC publications cover topics like safe practices pertaining to toys, children's furniture, clothing, cribs, electrical devices, home heating equipment, household products, poison prevention, pools and much more. CPSC also offers information on holiday safety, indoor air quality, and safety for older Americans.

Let's all take extra precautions this holiday season. Free, downloadable information on these and other safety topics is available at www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/pub\_idx.html. Source: www.CAIOnline.org



















Santa arrived at Southbridge to meet and greet our children. The kids made their list and he checked it twice, to find out if they were naughty or nice.





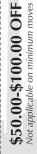


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## Are Our Rules Reasonable?

The association has a number of rules and regulations that we ask you to observe so we can all maintain our property values and quality of life. We always try to be reasonable with our rules by following the guidelines below. If you believe a rule fails the "reasonable" test, let the board know at the next meeting. We'll consider how we can improve it.

- We make every effort to enforce rules uniformly, taking into account the consequences.
- We think developing rules for the sake of having rules is unnecessary. The association develops rules only if they're really necessary.
- All our rules are based on proper authority—either our governing documents or state or local law.
- We don't make rules to limit your activities. We're trying to ensure that each resident can enjoy the community free from the disruptive or harmful behavior of others.
- We really don't want to punish anyone. We try to make rules that encourage understanding and compliance.

Source:www.CAIOnline.org



>> UPCOMING EVENTS

# Save The Date Community Activities for 2018

Spring Fling - April 14<sup>th</sup>
Spring Yard Sale and Movie Night
May 5<sup>th</sup>
Annual Pool Party - June 16<sup>th</sup>
Fall Yard Sale and Movie Night
September 8<sup>th</sup>
Fall Fest - October 13<sup>th</sup>
Trunk or Treat - October 31<sup>st</sup>
Meet Santa - December 15<sup>th</sup>

## Meetings

## January 2018

January 3, 2018 Activities Meeting 7:00**PM** 

January 17, 2018 Covenants Meeting 6:00**PM** 

January 23, 2018 Board Meeting 7:00**PM** 

## February 2018

February 7, 2018 Activities Meeting 7:00**PM** 

February 21, 2018 Covenants Meeting 6:00**PM** 

February 27, 2018 Board Meeting 7:00**PM** 

## March 2018

March 7, 2018 Activities Meeting 7:00**PM** 

March 21, 2018 Covenants Meeting 6:00**PM** 

March 27, 2018 Board Meeting 7:00**PM** 





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