

The Southbridge Star



From the Desk of the General Manager*Mr. Ron Crigger*

ARE YOU REGISTERED - sign up for email notices by going to the website and requesting log-in information. Go to www.southbridgeva.us. By registering you will receive valuable information and notices

LAMP POST - most if not all homes have a lamp post in the front yard. These lamp posts are invaluable as they provide much needed lighting in your yard and if everyone has them on, they provide much needed lighting to the street. Please use your lamp post and light up your street, a great way to deter unwanted persons in the area. If you only have a light at your front porch, turn that on as well.

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GRASS IN GREENER WHERE YOU MAINTAIN IT - help in keeping the community looking great and mow your yard when needed. Mowing should be done at least every 7 days to make it easier to mow. The taller the grass the harder it is to mow.

RESERVED PARKING SPACES - In the townhomes please do not park in a space that is not yours. Many residents are parking in a space that belongs to another person, and they are being towed. Everyone in the townhomes receives two spots, more than two vehicles you will need to park on the main roads.

TRASH CONTAINERS - we are starting to see more and more trash containers left out in open view. Trash containers must not be seen from the roadway. If you can find a small trellis or garden fence to block the containers from view, please apply to the Covenants Committee who may approve this.

COMING SOON...NEW FACEBOOK PAGE - a new Facebook page is coming soon. This Facebook page will be for Southbridge residents only and everyone will need to be approved to gain access. The page and items on it will not be sharable.

YARD WASTE PICKUP - more details will come out in the next few months. Also, in this newsletter check the flyer for a few details on yard waste. The new yard waste rules take place October 1st.

SOUTHBRIDGE EVENTS - we have missed the events and are looking to start a few up in the coming months. The Fall Festival is back October 16th. We are looking to have a couple of movie nights, a music night featuring a local band in the parking lot, and we are going to have a couple of yard sales.

BASKETBALL HAS ARRIVED - tennis court #3 now has two basketball hoops on each end of the court. It is "first come, first served" as to what you will be playing. A tennis court key is required. There is a \$10.00 deposit for the key which you can pick-up at the office. The courts are open daily until dark.

YARD SALE RETURNS JULY 31st - the yard sale returns this summer, July 31, 2021. Because the time will overlap with the pool being open, we will hold this on the lower right parking lot as you enter the community room

lot. There are 22 spaces available. Please contact the office to serve a space. The yard sale will be from 8am until noon.

COMMUNITY ROOM CLOSED - the community room will remain closed for the remainder of this year. We are hoping that the room will open in January.



Not only are we happy to have the pool open this year with no restrictions, we're also happy to welcome back our Southbridge Seals Swim Team!!



Southbridge Pool Hours

**Monday-Thursday
12Noon - 8:00 p.m.**

**Friday
12Noon - 9:00 p.m.**

***Saturday & Sunday
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Holidays
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

***SATURDAY OPENING HOURS ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**





WE NEED YOU!!!

We're looking for
volunteers to serve on our
Activities Committee
as well as our
Covenants Committee.

The Activities Committee comes up with new ideas to do
in the community and help carry them out.


The Covenants Committee reviews Applications from
homeowners that would like to make improvements,
alterations or changes to their home.

Please contact the
Management Office at
(703) 221-7716 to sign up!!

**BASKETBALL COURT OPENING SOON!!
TENNIS COURT #3 WILL HAVE A DUAL
PURPOSE
PLAY TENNIS OR BASKETBALL
TENNIS COURT KEY REQUIRED WITH A \$10.00
KEY DEPOSIT**



TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE REMINDER



Tree Limbs or Brush

These should be bundled with rope or twine. Limbs can be no longer than 4ft in length and 3in thick in diameter.

We will collect up to 10 bundles of brush per customer per pickup.

Grass Clippings and Leaves


Please place in rolled-up biodegradable bags **OR** un-bagged in a personal container clearly marked as "Yard Waste".

We will collect up to 10 bags per customer per pickup.


Trash and Recycling Toters

It is important to keep your toters 3ft apart and 10ft from any obstacles such as mailboxes, cars, lamp posts, or power lines.


THESE ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED!




ROCKS




CONCRETE




DIRT



SOD



TREE STUMPS



MULCH

ITEMS THAT ARE BAGGED OR BUNDLED ARE NOT TO EXCEED 50 LBS!



Eagle Protection Service is the Courtesy Patrol for Southbridge HOA. They can be reached at (703) 895-2029 should you need them.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
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**JULY 31, 2021
Community Yard Sale
8:00 A.M. until Noon
Lower Parking lot of the Clubhouse**

22 spaces available
To Sign up for a space contact the office, 703-221-7716
SPACE IS LIMITED



Inspections

We are out and about inspecting homes for violations. Please make sure you are mowing your grass on a regular basis, that is one of the most important things as overgrown grass sticks out more than some of the other violations.

Power Washing of your siding should be checked. We have lightened up on power washing violations since there is costs associated with doing so but this work needs to be done.

We will be sending out more notices over the coming weeks. Be reminded that violations that are not resolved will result lead to further action to include hearings as well as legal action.

We currently have several pending legal issues pertaining to owners not complying with our notices of violations. The legal cost to the homeowner can be quite high and becomes a part of your account balance.

Peach, Tomato & Mozzarella Salad

Ingredients

1/2 cup White balsamic vinegar
1 Garlic clove, minced
3 Tbsp Brown sugar
3 Tbsp Extra virgin olive oil
1/4 tsp Salt
2 Fresh peaches, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 lbs. Tomatoes, preferably heirloom, cut into bite size pieces (remove seeds and juices if plentiful)
4 Tbsp Fresh basil, chopped
8 oz Fresh mozzarella cut into bite size pieces
Fine sea salt & freshly ground black pepper, for serving

Directions: In a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, garlic, sugar, olive oil and salt until fully incorporated. Add the peaches, tomatoes and the basil and toss with the dressing. Mix in mozzarella.

Sprinkle with fine sea salt & freshly ground pepper to taste.

Note: Alternatively, you can slice the peaches, tomatoes and mozzarella and arrange beautifully on a platter, then drizzle with dressing. Also, the flowers on the salad are chamomile flowers. They are safe to consume, but we use them just for decoration.



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Fall Festival



OCTOBER 16, 2021

NOON TO 4:00 P.M.

CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT

JOIN IN ON THE FUN



WE TAKE THE GREY AWAY SO YOUR PROPERTY CAN SEE ANOTHER DAY!

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Increase Your Home's Value

A house is one of the biggest purchases a person will ever make, and most want to keep their homes looking beautiful not only for themselves, but also to entice future buyers. From time to time, it is a good idea to invest in some home remodeling to add to its appeal. Of course, before making any major changes to your home, you will want to be sure you go through the proper channels—such as the association architectural committee for approval and the city for the necessary permits—to make sure that you don't run into any legal issues.

So, when it comes time to give your house a facelift, consider these touch-ups and renovations that will not only make your home look better than ever but also help increase its value:

Re-paint Your Rooms: One of the easiest (and cheapest!) ways to dramatically change the entire look of a room is to add a fresh coat of paint. Not only will it immediately make your walls look crisp and clean, but also, because wall color can greatly dictate the feel of a room, it's a simple way to change the ambiance of your home. Since darker colors seem intense on walls and can make a room look smaller, it's usually best to stick with lighter, warmer hues for your overall color to make your home feel open and welcoming. If you want to paint with darker colors, consider limiting them to an accent wall so that the color isn't overwhelming and pops against the lighter colors.

If you're doing the painting yourself, here are a few tips so your paint job looks professional:

Apply a coat of primer first so that walls won't soak up as much paint. Use two coats of paint to ensure a rich, even coverage.

Use painters' tape along the outside edge of the area you're painting to get sharp, even lines.

Update Your Kitchen and Bathrooms: If your kitchen or bathrooms look like they belong in an era long since passed, it might be time to update them. That can be as simple as retiling the floor and replacing faucets and cabinet hardware or as complex as completely remodeling the rooms. When you remodel, consider avoiding too-trendy decor and instead stick with classic looks that will stand the test of time—this will keep you from redecorating again in five years and also make your home all the more appealing to potential buyers.

Add a Home Office: People's work and home lives are drastically merging as more and more workers telecommute from home. Because of this, turning an empty basement, attic or bedroom into a dedicated home office can give you a peaceful place to work and be a real selling point for potential buyers.

A good home office will have enough space to comfortably work in and have easy access to the Internet, electrical outlets and cable and phone jacks. Touches like built-in bookcases and desks can add that extra something that makes your home office a productive place to work.

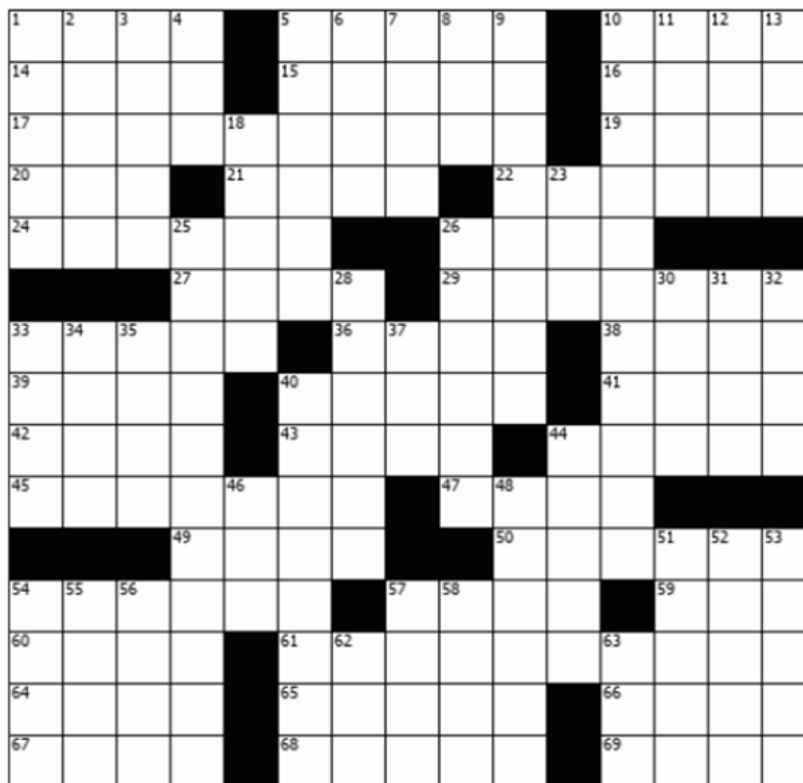
Let There be Light: When a room doesn't have enough light, it can feel very drab and enclosed. Bring in some much-needed brightness by adding new light fixtures to a dreary room. Don't be afraid to use different types of fixtures to get the best results—for example, in a kitchen you could use a hanging pendant to spotlight a specific area (like the kitchen's island), recessed light fixtures to spread the light over the entire room and track lighting under the cabinet to make the kitchen feel open and bright. If you're not sure which types of lighting fixtures will work best for you, consult a residential lighting designer to find out how to light your room just right.

Finish Your Basement or Attic: Utilize every inch of your home by turning your unfinished basement or attic into extra living space. These areas are untapped gems that can be used as game rooms or extra bedrooms, or, with enough space and the right design, a home all on its own complete with a living room, kitchen, bathroom, and bedrooms. Basements and attics have special characteristics that need to be addressed. For example, basements are prone to water infiltration and attics often have slanted ceilings. It's a good idea to bring in the professionals to guide you through these obstacles and make sure all major components like plumbing, electric, walls and floors are done correctly.

Multiple Choice

Across

1. Get bent out of shape
5. Hop out of bed
10. Homer's boy
14. Apple product
15. Poker strategy
16. Consent and Reason, e.g.
17. Rickety old car
19. Tough journey
20. Music producer Brian
21. Cushiness
22. Wrecks completely
24. Trips the light fantastic
26. Some is junk
27. Geometry calculation
29. Listening
33. Privations
36. To-do list item
38. Kind of market
39. Scads
40. Leaves out
41. Bitsy opener
42. Start a hand
43. Statistical calculation
44. Conquers
45. Grand plans
47. Rock's companion
49. Nitwit
50. Salad bar bit
54. Like some competitors
57. Tournament draw
59. Alumna bio word
60. --- Spumante
61. Snitch
64. Czech or Serb
65. Skiers' transports
66. Scott Turow novel
67. Play opening?
68. Lauder of cosmetics
69. Unkempt state



Down

- | | | |
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| 1. More than uptight | 18. Suggestive looks | 44. Sword or swordsman |
| 2. Hotpoint competitor | 23. It may be struck | 46. Soft shoe, for short |
| 3. Betray | 25. Herd journey | 48. Threat-ending words |
| 4. Agt.'s take | 26. Overcome | 51. Senseless |
| 5. Travolta film | 28. Not more than | 52. Monica of sports |
| 6. Diner sign | 30. Utah ski resort | 53. Cobbler's stock |
| 7. It can wear down from too much travel | 31. Take ten | 54. Eschew edibles |
| 8. NAFTA signatory | 32. What Simon does | 55. Cruise stopover |
| 9. Locker room motivators | 33. Rolls of bills | 56. And others |
| 10. Conflict site | 34. Templeton or Baldwin | 57. Career HRs, e.g. |
| 11. Taj Mahal's city | 35. Early life preserver? | 58. Raison d--- |
| 12. Walk unsteadily | 37. Word with traveler's or band | 62. Washboard at the gym |
| 13. Exclamations of reproach | 40. Brunch fare | 63. Star Cruise |



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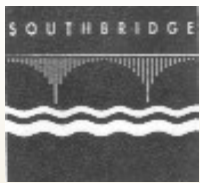


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