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The Southbridge Star



<u>From the Desk of the General Manager</u>

Mr. Ron Crigger



POOL OPENS- the hot topic after this cold winter is that the pool opens May 28th. We are looking forward to another successful summer and once again Millennium Pools will be the company handling pool services. If you were registered via CellBadge last year you are good to go. If you need to make changes just sign in as you did before request a pin and make the change. If you need to sign up for pool registration, please look in this newsletter for instructions. You can start signing up anytime.

<u>PLEASE DO NOT LITTER</u>- please do not throw trash from your cars. We are finding a lot of trash on the streets from people throwing out their trash. We work hard to get the trash up, but no one does this on the weekends.

<u>COMMUNITY TRASH CANS</u>- these cans are provided for minimal waste and should not be used for household trash, car parts, oil or any large bags or items. These cans are getting filled and overflowing on a regular basis and only having one person to empty these is becoming more and more difficult.

YARD WASTE- Yard waste is collected from March 1st to December 31st, this is the

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current County Ordinance. All leaves will need to be in biodegradable bags which can be purchased at most hardware stores, Walmart, and some grocery stores. They can also be purchased online. Please see elsewhere in the newsletter for rules with limbs and other yard waste. You can also purchase a separate container for yard waste if it is marked "yard waste". Yard Waste of any kind or amount will not be taken if mixed in with the regular trash toter or recycling containers and the trash or recycling will not be picked up. Please do not hesitate to contact the office with any questions, 703-221-7716. YARD WASTE PICKUP DAY IS MONDAY.

<u>MASS EMAILS</u>. When emails are sent out from the office, they are mass emails being sent to everyone on the email list and are not directed to any one person or household. Emails that are directed to any one person will have your name mentioned in the body of the email. <u>SPRING FLING RETURNS</u>. Very excited that the Spring Fling is back and will be held on April 23rd. This year the Prince William County Sheriff's Department will be here to do free child identification cards.

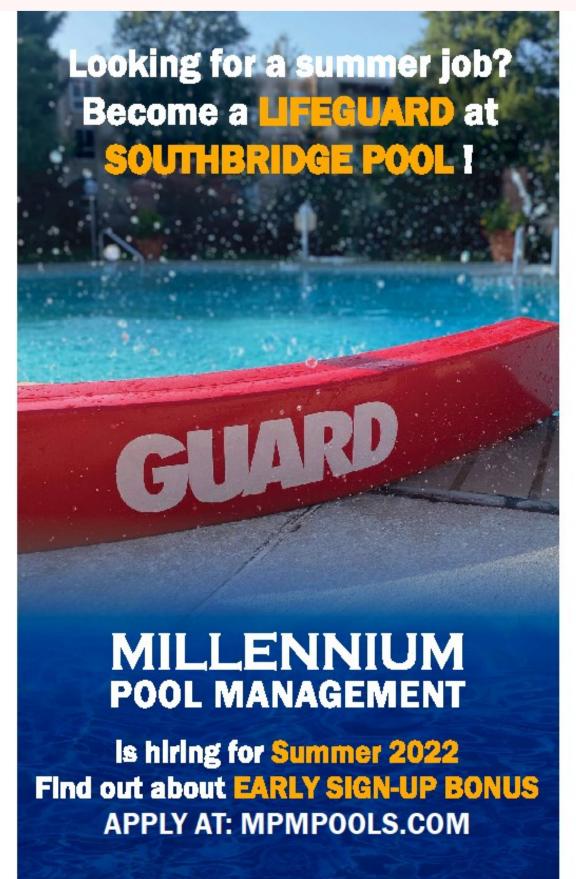
<u>CRAFTERS WANTED</u>- As we start to get back to normal and can hold events inside the clubhouse, the activities committee would like to have crafters offer classes. Crochet, ceramics, scrap booking, candle making, cake decorating, knitting, painting, just to name a few. These could be one time or on-going classes and Southbridge Clubs.

SPEEDING- Speeding continues within Southbridge. We are working with the Prince William County Police to place better signage out and to start setting up radar stations and possibly increase fines. Please slow down, stop at stop signs, and watch for children playing.

It is time for inspections to take place and this year we will be concentrating on power washing and fencing. Please make sure your home gets power washed this year and check your fencing for any repairs. It is also important to remember that all trash cans must be kept out of sight on non-trash days. Although we will concentrate on power washing and fencing, we will not overlook any violations that need to be addressed. Grass is an ongoing issue so please make sure you mow on a regular basis and pull any weeds. A few other helpful reminders, make sure nets on basketball hoops are present and not torn and any light post are in good condition and not falling apart.

<u>STUDENT ARTWORK-</u> If you have any artwork, drawings, paintings, etc. no more than 8x10 in size please consider providing that to the office so the work can be displayed in the showcase at the pool area entrance. We will rotate the work all summer. We may also be able to accommodate small craft type items.

<u>CALLING ALL SOUTHBRIDGE VENDORS</u>. Do you sell Tupperware, pampered chef, Scentsy, or any other product, let us know so we can possibly bring back the vendor show that use to take place. If there are enough, we can add vender shows to the list of activities to take place at Southbridge.



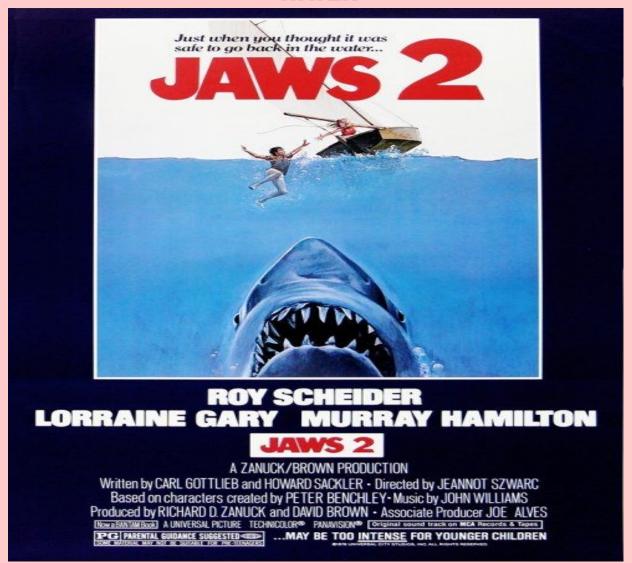


Bike and Scooter Safety Tips

Our association wants your kids to be safe while riding their bikes and scooters in our community, and we recognize that you can't be there to watch them all the time. Here are four steps that could increase their safety when you're not around.

- Teach kids how to fall. Learning how to ride correctly is only part of what keeps a kid safe. Falls are inevitable, and teaching your children to fall correctly will prevent many serious injuries. Teach them to roll on impact, relax their body, and try to land on their padded and fleshiest parts.
- Check equipment. Check bikes and scooters for cracks or dents, sharp metal parts, jutting edges and slippery surfaces. Replace defective equipment, consult a professional for repairs and apply self-adhesive, non-slip material to slippery surfaces.
- Make a rule for your kids—one person to each piece of equipment. They might be less likely to hop on a friend's scooter if they know it's unsafe *and* that they'll have to pay for replacing it when it breaks.
- Require protective equipment. Scooters, roller blades, bikes and similar equipment cause thousands of injuries—and even some deaths—every year. Make sure your children are wearing helmets, knee pads and elbow pads, *especially* if they are just learning. Buy a helmet your kid thinks is cool and you know is safe—it's worth the extra money if your child is more likely to wear it.

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT WAS SAFE TO GO BACK IN THE WATER



MOVIE NIGHT AT THE POOL



SATURDAY JUNE 25TH 8:00P.M.

Bring chairs, blankets or bean bag chairs for seating IN COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSAL PICTURES® AND SWANK MOTION PICTURES ®

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POOL REGISTRATION REGISTER ONLINE

NO NEED TO WAIT UNTIL POOL SEASON, SIGN UP ANYTIME

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER

- * Log Into: southbridge.cellbadge.com/registration
- * Click on green registration "I NEED TO REGISTER"
- * You will receive an email and text that you are approved.
- * Log back in as above and request pin number.
- Once you receive the pin number log in and enter all members of the household.
- * The office will do a final approval and you are ready to use the pool.
- * Once registered and approved, any changes are made by you and required a new pin code.
- * All tenants must be approved by their landlord before approval can be obtained, tenants will register and once verified by the homeowner they will be approved. A current lease is required.

ENTRY TO POOL

- * When you arrive at the pool, provide the gate guard with your address and they will register all those who are with you.
- * Upon your first visit to the pool the gate guard will take all the pictures as they check you in.
- * Those who are delinquent in their assessment fees, or who may have been suspended from using the pool will be blocked

from entering.

* 2 guests are permitted for each household. ID is required and the guest must sign in, Southbridge residents cannot come into the pool on a guest pass. The ID cannot have a Southbridge address.



SOUTHBRIDGE

ANNUAL SPRING FLING A FUNFILLED DAY SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2022 NOON TO 4:00 P.M.







PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE OFFERING FREE CHILD IDENTIFICATION CARDS



























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





Cranberry Apple Spring Mix Salad

Ingredients

SPRING MIX SALAD:

- 1 5-ounce spring mix package
- 1/2 red onion, chopped
- 1/2 apple, chopped
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup roasted pecans

CRANBERRY VINAIGRETTE:

- 6 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup fresh cranberries
- 2/3 cup olive oil

- 2 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 large cloves garlic
- 3 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt and pep per
- 4 tablespoons of water

Instructions

- 1) In a large bowl mix all the salad ingredients and set aside.
- 2) Place all vinaigrette ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth.
- 3) Serve immediately and enjoy!

Source: www.mykitchencraze.com

Tips for Keeping Water Clean

Keeping water clean begins with each of us—where we live, work and play, and with the simple daily actions we take. Here are a few ways you can make a difference to reduce pollution:

- Plant trees, shrubs and groundcovers, especially around surface water. Vegetation acts as a natural filter for runoff entering ponds, lakes or streams. Plants can also prevent shoreline erosion and keep soil from washing away.
- Maintain a healthy lawn. A dense, healthy lawn can be an excellent filter for pollutants. Before you apply fertilizers, test your soil so you apply only what you need. Use the right fertilizer, at the right time and in the proper amount.
- Clean up after pets. Dispose of pet waste in the garbage.
- Compost grass clippings, leaves and garden waste. When these materials are washed into streams and lakes, they decay, which in turn consumes oxygen fish and other aquatic animals need to survive.
- Practice integrated pest management (IPM) around your home and garden. IPM reduces pest problems through a variety of cultural, mechanical, biological and chemical methods. Try to eliminate chemical use or keep pesticide use to a minimum by using them only when other methods are not successful.
- Maintain your vehicles in good condition to prevent leaks such as oil or antifreeze. Spilled motor oil, gasoline and lubricants can contaminate wells and streams.

Visit www.auduboninternational.org for more conservation tips.



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Southbridge Residents Special of 20% off window cleaning.

WE'RE ON THE WEB! WE'NE UN THE WED! WE'NE OUT THERIDGENA. There may only be 30 days in June, but the month is chock-full of reasons to celebrate. In addition to <u>Father's Day</u>, Flag Day, and <u>Juneteenth</u>, June is also known as <u>Pride Month</u> — and there are many more events throughout the month that you may not even know about. From food-centric celebrations (like National Egg Roll Day and National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day) to somber remembrances (like D-Day and National Cancer Survivors Day), June's holidays and observances include something for everyone, and if you're looking to start planning out your month, then you've come to the right place.



MAY 7, 2022 Community Yard Sale 8:00 A.M. until Noon CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT

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







Wednesday June 1*

Global Running Day



Friday June 7d

Love Conquers All Day



Wednesday June 8th
World Oceans Day



Sushi Day

Sunday June 19th
Father's Day

Tuesday June 21"
Go Skateboarding Day

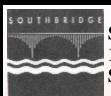
Please Take My Children to Work Day

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Meteor Watch Day

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