



Next Board Meeting:
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2011 @ 6:00 pm in clubhouse

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STARTING THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

Can you believe it is 2012 already? There hasn't been a lot of rain this year, but it's coming. Please take the time out of your day to keep the outside of your home clean and tidy. Water your grass, trim your bushes and trees to ensure that this place stays beautiful. Have a great 2012!

KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE - SAFETY TIPS TO THINK ABOUT...

- Replace all exterior doors, including a door leading to a garage, with steel or solid core wood doors. Hollow core wood doors can be more easily kicked in by an intruder. Exterior doors should also have peepholes so you can see who is on the other side before you open it.
Check all door and window locks. Add deadbolts to doors that do not already have deadbolt locks. Add locks to windows that do not already have locks.
Contract with a home security alarm company and have a monitored alarm system installed. Most come with some kind of keypad and several sensors that can be customized for your security needs. If the alarm is tripped accidentally, you will usually have time to contact the company to tell them of the error. Otherwise, police will be notified and sent out.
Set up outdoor motion lights. These should be placed in areas that will otherwise be dark at night, such as the backyard.
Keep all doors and windows locked even when you are at home. Desperate intruders set on will make use of an unlocked door or window. This includes your garage door and the door leading from your house to an attached garage.
Keep shrubbery low so it does not block the view of your home from the street. Thick trees and high shrubbery gives an intruder concealment from your neighbors and therefore makes your home more inviting. You can also plant thorny bushes and keep large cacti in pots beneath windows to discourage peeping and break-ins through the windows.
Make your home look occupied at all times. Keep a radio or television and several lights on. Some alarm companies offer lights on timers. You can also buy timers separately from most home supply stores. Have a neighbor or friend check on your house daily while you are away and collect your mail and newspapers so they don't build up.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH: VEGETARIAN CHILI

Ingredients

- 1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes
4 cups reduced-sodium vegetable broth
1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
1 (15-ounce) can white (cannellini) beans, rinsed and drained
1 (15-ounce) can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 cup frozen baby lima beans or regular lima beans
1 cup chopped onion
1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon minced pickled jalapeno (from can or jar)
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 tablespoons dried Mexican oregano or regular oregano
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 to 2 teaspoons hot sauce
1/3 cup couscous
1/2 cup shredded Monterey jack cheese
1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
Salt and freshly ground black pepper



Directions

In a slow cooker, combine all ingredients but the couscous, shredded cheese, cilantro, salt and pepper. Cover and cook on LOW for 6 to 8 hours or on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours.

Five to 10 minutes before serving (depending on temperature of slow cooker) add couscous, cover and cook, until couscous is tender. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Just before serving, top each serving with shredded cheese and cilantro.

MANAGEMENT CORNER

The next water meter reading is scheduled for Saturday, February 4. Please bring your dogs inside until the meter reader has read your meter, make sure your gate is unlocked that morning, and make sure the meter is accessible (no foliage, etc. blocking the meter). To receive a reminder a couple of days before the reading, sign up by sending an email to anne@anchorcommunitymgt.com.



Motorized scooters in the community are causing a safety issue, both to the kids who are riding them and to the other residents who have to dodge them. Please keep Stonegate safe and do not use motorized scooters in the neighborhood.