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Meet Your Board Member



Our most recent addition to the board of directors is Vicky Strain, who moved to Stonegate North Villages Metropolitan District in 2020. In fact, after her tour of the model homes in the new Stones Landing neighborhood she was so struck by the community — and the new construction with a beautiful one-story layout — that she returned that same day to initiate her contract.

Born and raised in Colorado, she spent many years living in Centennial. "My last neighborhood wasn't a Metropolitan District and didn't have an HOA. I really appreciate the sense of community, the community standards, and the family feeling and comfort that's found here," says Vicky.

Her career has been spent in the field of security and she brings a keen awareness of security issues, risk detection and awareness to her new board role. In addition to her ability to view situations with a security lens, she brings vast management and customer relations skills to her new role as well. "I tend to get along well with everybody and am often the person who can help navigate a tough conversation. I think these types of skills are very helpful in most walks of life."

While she has enjoyed a long and successful career, Vicky is set to retire later this year. Her plans to retire motivated her to begin looking for other ways to give back to her community. "I haven't had the time, outside of my career, but am excited to now have the ability to give back to my community more," she says. In addition to her role on the metropolitan district's board, she is looking at a few specific volunteer opportunities in Parker as well.

Vicky has two sons, one who is married with a family and one who lives with her when he is not working as a counselor. His recent time spent in culinary school means she gets to enjoy homecooked gourmet meals, in addition to his company, something friends and family envy. In her spare time, she enjoys golfing and gardening. Twice she has been a recipient of a Stonegate Owner's Association letter, stating how much the HOA appreciates the time and commitment she has given to her lawn. Exemplary in so many ways — from her lawn and garden — to her willingness to play a role in her community — Vicky is certainly appreciated!

Welcome to the board, Vicky!



Denver is having a snowy and cold start to its winter, with significant snowstorms and accumulation. The crew for the district continues to be out working to clear the walking paths as each new storm hits, as are the crews from Douglas County. But, as 9News notes in a recent article, the elements are proving a challenge to many places across the metro this year. In fact, the last time Denver experienced more than 2 inches of snow on the ground for more than a week was 11 years ago.

According to the article from 9News, "Denver is famous for its sunny rebounds after big snow events, but that just hasn't happened this season. The lack of sunshine has obviously prevented snow melt, but it has also allowed the snow to pack down and solidify. Snowpack gets harder to melt the longer it sits because it gets denser. That essentially means there's more water and ice in the snowpack as opposed to snow crystals and air pockets. The denser the snowpack, the more heat energy required to cause melting." *cont.*

The article continues by explaining the scientific reasons some melting is harder to address, including sublimation, low albedo, direct melting, weather conditions like wind and humidity, and radiation from the ground. To read more about the science involved, you can read the **article** here.

We have set out buckets of pet-friendly ice melt in particularly troublesome areas and will continue to work diligently, but we appreciate your patience — and willingness to walk around any leftover icy patches — as well.

Happy Valentine's Day



Board of Directors for Stonegate North Villages

The District is governed by a board of directors who serve staggered terms. You can email the Board of Directors directly at

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stonegatenorthvillages.org**

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Upcoming Meetings

Our next meeting is the 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are held online and meeting details can be found at the bottom of the website.

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