

STONEBRIDGE NEWS

Contacting the Board Requests must be made in writing to 54A Muirfield Ct. or
Stonebridgehomeowner98@gmail.com.

The Board meets monthly to review issues/requests. The minutes in the newsletter show the date of the next meeting. After the meeting, you will be notified. Please, **only** call the Board if you have an **emergency**

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Holiday Luncheon



Thursday December 21st at 12:30pm
Longobardi's Restaurant in the
Imperial Plaza Wappingers Falls 1574 Route 9
\$40 per person (includes tax & tip)
Bread, Salad, Pasta and Dessert
Choices: Chicken Francese, Chicken Parmigiana,
Eggplant Parmigiana, or Broiled Grouper
Beverage: Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee, or Tea and a Cash Bar
RSVP by Dec. 15th



Mail or drop off your check made out to Beth Mostransky at 97 Turnberry Ct.
For more information call Beth at 845-232-5261



Book Club Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 14 at noon

Double O Restaurant

Route 9, Wappingers Falls

RSVP Ginny Marcus by December 10 at 845-471-3230

Reminder: please bring 2 suggestions for 2024's book selections



Birds and the Bees



Care to join a conversation about the Birds & the Bees? No, not the one your parents stuttered through, one about Pollinators, their importance to our ecosystem, and how we might help them flourish.

Did you know that 75% of all flowering plants need pollinators in order to bloom and propagate?

Or that 35% of all food crops need pollinators to produce food & seeds for next year's crops? Did you also know that Pollinators are in trouble due to habitat loss, disease, parasites, and environmental contamination?



What can we do about all that, you may ask, since we live in townhouses? We can actually take numerous small actions to encourage birds, bees, butterflies, and bats to visit our gardens and neighborhood. From the flowers we plant in our own small gardens to small clusters of plantings strewn about the Stonebridge property. Things like cutting back invasive vines and placing plants at the edges of our ponds designed to clean the water are also possibilities.



If you are interested in finding out more or have ideas/skills you'd like to offer, get in touch with Mary Gregorius, revmbgregorius@gmail.com to join conversations and research over the winter months.

Through this we will derive a list of ideas to present to the Board, which each of us in our neighborhood might implement to encourage & enhance pollinators.

Looking forward to hearing from all of you gardeners out there.

The Rev Mary B. Gregorius

It Takes a Village!

The Sunshine committee includes Arlene Barresi, Beth Mostransky, and Maria Doherty. They send cards when residents are ill, or hospitalized, or in need of a sympathy card. Please reach out to any of them if you know of anyone who can use a cheer up card. They can also run errands, help pick-up mail, drive to apts., etc. as does our Caring Committee.

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HUGE thank you to Edie Stout who is stepping down from being our Pest Tech liaison and thank you to Brenda Goldstein for stepping into Edie's shoes!

Kudos to Joseph Garay for volunteering to work with Shawn Painter, our tree cutter.

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Our Financial Review Committee: Steve Bartlett, Eileen Nye and John Kisslinger deserve our thanks for making sure all our finances are in order!



Board Notes to Homeowners

Our Flock Security Cameras are on line with the local law enforcement. Since both the City and Town Police use the Flock system they are authorized to review our data as needed in real time. This is another level of security for Stonebridge.

Stonebridge Homeowners' Meeting



The HOA's meeting was called to order at 3:07 PM on November 9, 2023 at 70 Muirfield Ct.

The following members of the Board were present: Donna Augustine, President; Martin Charwat, Vice President; Steve Bartlett, Treasurer; Janet Ellsworth, Corresponding Secretary; Edie Stout, Recording Secretary; John Weisman (via zoom) and Brenda Berry, Members at Large. The October minutes were accepted by Donna Augustine and seconded by Martin Charwat.

Steve Bartlett presented the financial report for the month of October 2023. Income for the month was \$49,237.62.00. Regular recurring expenditures for October included: \$15,287.44 to LCS Landscapes NY for landscaping and snow removal; \$437.00 to Central Hudson for electricity and gas; \$94.94 to Verizon for telephone and suspension service; \$2,300.95 to Royal Carting for refuse; \$6,782.03 to Traveler site insurance installment payment.

Other expenses were \$77.98 to Steve Bartlett for reimbursement for mailbox keys; \$97.62 to Donna Augustine for reimbursement for website domain and service; \$875.81 to Pestech Pest Solutions for pest control; \$750.00 to Construction Pros for repair of rotted siding underlayment, #39; \$700.00 to RBT CPAs, LLP for accounting services related to reconciliation QuickBooks journals; \$3,499.95 to Cappco Pressure Washing for replacement lost check; \$500.00 to Lapolla's Home Repairs for #8 Birkdale to fabricate and replace fascia; \$703.63 to Shawn Painter for removing storm damaged tree limbs behind #72 and #120; \$209.00 to Etts Plumbing & Heating to winterize the pool; \$2,300.00 to Mark Christopher to replace #13 walkway and \$123.77 to McCabe & Mack LLP for attorney services related to a collection legal action. As of October 31, 2023 the balance of the Checking Account was \$32,043.03. The total in Reserve Accounts was \$144,335.62. The total in Checking/Savings was \$176,378.65.

The HOA Board reviewed a preliminary budget plan for 2024. Several adjustments were recommended and it will be finalized at the HOA's December meeting. There will be no increase in the HOA's monthly fee for 2024. The board reviewed the status of the current Action Items presented by Janet Ellsworth.

The next meeting of the Board will be December 8, 2023 at 3:00 PM at #88 Turnberry Ct. Brenda Berry seconded it.

A big thank you goes to Joseph Garay who next year (2024) will be our liaison to Shawn Painter our tree cutter. Joseph has already been trimming some trees and cutting up some fallen trees.

Also a big thank you goes to Brenda Goldstein for becoming our liaison for next year (2024) to Pestech, our pest control company. She has been reading about bees and is eager to volunteer for next year.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to Linda Shekita for her wonderful job in proofreading, organizing and printing our monthly newsletter. Linda's art works that she adds to the Newsletter are fun and eye-catching. We cannot say enough about how easy she is to work with and takes little credit for such an outstanding job.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edie Stout, Recording Secretary

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