

STONEBRIDGE NEWS

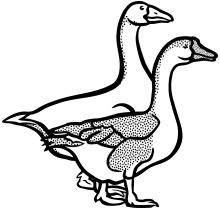
Contacting the Board Requests must be made in writing to 54A Muirfield Ct. or p .

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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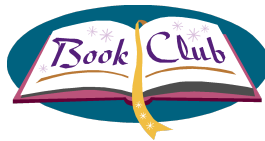
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Geese



The geese are more prevalent than ever! They are numerous and seem happy to stay for the winter! Several neighbors (particularly on Turnberry where the droppings pose a health risk) are requesting action to lessen their population. Brenda Goldstein has volunteered to investigate approaches to decreasing the population. The DEC is being consulted. McCann Golf Course is being asked if they have any plans underway and whether partnering with them is doable. This is all work in its infancy. If you have insight into a cost effective approach, please consult Brenda or a board member.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE!



Stonebridge Book Club

Book: Horse by Geraldine Brooks

When: February 16th

NOTE CHANGE IN HOSTESS

Where: 50 Muirfield Court

RSVP: Ginny Marcus, 845-471-3230

Reading Ahead: The French Braid by Ann Tyler

We are limiting the group to 12 people. For our meetings, we ask that you call to reserve after first receiving your Newsletter. To keep it fair, no reservations will be accepted beforehand.

Behind the Scenes- It Takes A Village

**Thank
You!**

Thank you to members of our Library Committee **Mia Henry, Rita Lewis and Christine Manning** for all of your help keeping our Stonebridge Library by the pool neat and orderly for all to enjoy!

**Thank
You!**

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Anne McCabe. She and her husband Edward were original owners at Stonebridge. They were pioneers in starting the Home Owners Association. Anne passed away January 15, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She was born in the Bronx and worked as a registered Nurse at Westchester Medical Center. Anne retired as the Head of Health Services at Westchester Community College. Edward and their daughter Peggy Anne McCabe predeceased her. Anne is survived by her children; Kathy Palladino, Tom McCabe, Ellen McCabe and Elizabeth Romeo. Anne was a pleasure to have in our community and she will be greatly missed by her friends and neighbors.





Board Announcements/Reminders

Electrical infrastructure

A repeated issue during road work last year was disruption to our streetlights. It became evident the wiring initially done was poorly laid and not up to current code. Fortunately, BTM took accountability as needed. Their preferred electrician worked til resolution.

Last summer, BTM's electrician noted the wire feeding the Glen Eagles circle outlet had no power. This was caused by a substandard junction box (not waterproof) or corrosion of the wire (not in a conduit). He terminated the ends. While decorating for Christmas, we noticed the outlet was no longer live. To solve this, the electrician said it would require new wiring and cutting into the road. The board decided not to remediate the outlet.

Conduits

Knowing the electrical circuitry is faulty, and anticipating future needs for new wiring, junction boxes and street lights, the board plans to place conduits along the current lines during the next phase of roadwork. However, the complete upgrade of the lighting system will only take place *after* the expense of the roadwork when resources become available.

Plumbing Issues

When you have a plumbing issue believed to be from an exterior source, please contact John Weismann or a board member asap. We work with Etts plumbing on a regular basis. They know our water and sewer system very well. They know where the valves for turning off the household water are located. Internal issues are the responsibility of the homeowner. External issues are the HOA's. We want to avoid redundant work and expense!

Newsletter Clarification

All submissions for the newsletter should go to Edie Stout (stout@vassar.edu). for compilation and editing. She will work with members of the board for final wording and submit it to Linda Shekita.

Minutes of Stonebridge Homeowners Board Meeting January 11, 2023 92 Turnberry Court



The meeting was convened at 3:08 p.m. on 1/11/2023 at 92 Turnberry 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; Brenda Berry and John Weisman (via zoom), members-at-large.

Steve Bartlett proposed and Martin Charwat seconded a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 2023 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Bartlett presented the financial report for the month Of December 2022.

Income for the month was \$40,123.58.

Regular recurring expenditures for December included: \$15,287.44 to LCS Company of NY for Landscaping and Snow Removal; \$8.20 to Verizon for Telephone; \$128.09 to Central Hudson for Electricity and Gas; \$2,270.74 to Royal Carting for Refuse; \$203.77 to City of Poughkeepsie for Water and Sewer.

Other expenses include: \$343.10 to Linda Shekita for Supplies for monthly Newsletter; \$5,406.25 to Flock Safety for Utility Systems; \$213.00 to Etts Plumbing & Heating for Pool Service and Repair.

As of December 31, 2022 the balance in the Checking Account was \$18,786.60. The total in Reserve Accounts was \$181,936.80. The total in Checking/Savings was \$200,723.40.

The year ended with a deficit, expenses exceeding income, of \$72,635.25 which was anticipated. The 2023 adopted budget is projected to result in a net income of \$8,977.00

Janet Ellsworth made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Martin Charwat seconded.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

The Board reviewed the status of the old Action Items as well as the new presented by Janet Ellsworth. Under old items, Edie Stout will get a quotation from Shawn to remove the pine trees in front of #95 & #96 and remove the Rose of Sharon bush in the Muirfield Court Circle. A second quotation will be obtained to remove the top of the tree by the pool.

The outlet on the Prestwick/Muirfield/Gleneagle circle will not be repaired at this time because the problem is under the new road surface.

New correspondence concerned an obstruction found in the sewer egress in front of #17; Kevin Etts investigated and found a broken pipe that he will repair. He will also cap a broken drainpipe between #59 & #60.

Brenda Berry will look into the cost of having a Reserve Study done to determine if we are setting aside an appropriate amount of money in our reserve accounts.

John Weisman suggested that conduits for electrical wires be placed under the pavement of new roads planned for Turnberry, Birkdale and Gleneagles in anticipation of future streetlights.

Donna Augustine questioned whether the HOA's website was being used enough to warrant maintaining it. After some discussion, the HOA board decided in light of its modest cost and relative ease in maintenance to keep the website.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday February 16 at 5:00 p.m. at 70 Muirfield Ct.

The motion to adjourn was made by Steve Bartlett and seconded by Janet Ellsworth. The meeting ended at 4:15 p.m. The Board meeting immediately went into executive session in order to discuss a private financial issue.

The motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Brenda Berry and seconded by Janet Ellsworth.

The meeting ended at 4.35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edie Stout, Recording Secretary

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