

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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Congratulations to Michelle and Levi Lipton at 107 Turnberry upon the birth of their son!



The Annual Stonebridge July 4th Picnic



Tuesday, July 4th at the Birkdale Ct. shady area at 3pm
Bring a dish to share for 8 people, chairs, place setting, & beverage
Host will provide hot dogs, rolls, fixings, ice and tables.



Call Beth Mostransky at 845-489-6162 by July 1st to RSVP
and to let Beth know what food you are bringing
If you have time to help or a card table to loan, call Beth.



Stonebridge Book Club

Book: The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man by Paul Newman

When: Thursday, July 20th, 3 PM

Where: 92 Turnberry Court

RSVP: Ellie Charwat at 845-797-0662

Reading Ahead: The Promise by Damon Galgut

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.

Many Hands Make Light Work: Become Involved in Our Community



Donna Thomas and others volunteer to help test the chemicals in the pool. This has to be done as per Health Department regulations. If you want to help with this, contact Donna, John Weisman, or Ginny Van Vlack and they will walk you through the process. A sign up sheet is in the pool 'office'.



The Garden Committee seeks help watering plants in the pool area, outside the pool area and around the entrance gate.. If you want to help there is a sign up calendar in the pool 'office'. The sun can be brutal and watering is a necessity to keep Stonebridge flora beautiful.

Also, please help control weeds in the pool area. A spray bottle of vinegar is in the pool 'office'. Feel free to use the vinegar to spray weeds in the pool area. Questions? Call Diana Salsburg of the Garden Committee.



Want a good workout? Help clean up and cut vines in areas beyond our common areas, not addressed by LCS. Areas behind some townhouses have woods encroaching and need trimming. If you would like to help trim back overgrowth, please contact Edie Stout and she will guide you to the areas in need of clearing.

Garden Committee

The HOA Garden committee met recently at Diana's house. Please let Diana Salsberg at #98 Turnberry know if you are interested in joining the committee. Since our main fundraiser has been the tag/bake sale, and this has not occurred in recent years, we are asking for donations from our community to continue our work. Checks may be made out to SHOA, with a memo note 'For Garden Committee' on the check.

A beautiful flowering cherry tree was planted, with garden funds, in honor of Mike Painter. Mike did much of the tree work here since Stonebridge was built. Since his passing his son Shawn has taken over the business. A big thank you to Edie Stout for her efforts in finding the perfect tree and arranging for its planting near the front exit to Stonebridge. It will be a fine remembrance when in flower next Spring. Happy Summer everyone, and let's keep Stonebridge green!



BTM Update

Black Top Maintenance is now completed on Turnberry Court. We continue to be pleased with the work. The new Project Manager is attentive and receptive to our questions and concerns. Birkdale will be started shortly. At the start of Birkdale, during the pre-dig assessment for underground lines, they found both gas and electric lines from Central Hudson running underneath the current road. Fortunately, the "U Dig NY" crew halted work. Central Hudson and the BTM Project Manager will meet to devise a safe plan. This has caused a postponement. Details will be disseminated in emails to those on Birkdale. John and Renee Weisman are handling communications. Contact John Weisman or Donna Augustine with any issues or questions.

Power Washing

Typically power washing occurs on an annual basis, rotating through 1/3 of our community. This year, in an effort to minimize expenses, the Board decided to powerwash only affected facades. In most instances, the buildings north facing facades require this attention. During the walkaround, members of the board evaluated the need and reported it to Diana Salsberg who got estimates for this work. The contract was given to Cappco Pressure Washing and is scheduled for July 20th at 8am.

It Takes a Village!

**Thank
You!**

Kudos go to Ginny VanVlack and John Weisman, our Pool Committee members, for working with the Health Department to get our pool ready for the season. They also make sure the pool is up and running all summer for the many people who enjoy its use!

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Thanks to John Weisman for discovering and repairing things that he sees as he drives and walks around our community.

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Thanks to Margery Groten and Linda Shekita who kept people living on Turnberry without email informed about the blacktop project. Thanks go to Janet Ellsworth for promptly sending out email updates to those affected. Thank you to all those who offered empty driveways on Turnberry!

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Kudos to David Larson and Joseph Garay for trimming the bushes and vines in the back of #53 Muirfield Ct.. Thanks also go to Joseph Garay, Ginny VanVlack and Edie Stout for removing all of the brush afterwards.



Geese Update

The geese populating the area has declined considerably since we started using the lasers. Since Spring is the mating season, we worked to keep them away from nesting here. We feel we can now enter maintenance mode with someone living along the Birkdale/Turnberrypond taking one laser and someone living along the Turnberry/Muirfield pond taking the other. If you are willing to use the laser during the maintenance phase, please send a message to Stonebridgehomeowner98@gmail.com .



Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mae Stringer. She passed away on May 30, 2023. Mae was born in the Bronx, NY on May 5, 1928. She married her husband, John Stringer, on September 9, 1951 who predeceased her in 1979. After Mae retired as a secretary at Holiday Industries, she moved to Poughkeepsie with her sister Ethel Tierney. The 'Sisters' (as they were affectionately referred) were one of the first owners at Stonebridge. They lived here for 28 yrs., helping with the pool, bake sales and other projects. Five children and their spouses, thirteen grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren survive Mae. She will indeed be missed by all.



Minutes of Stonebridge Homeowners Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM on June 8, 2023 at #1 Birkdale Ct. The following members of the Board were present: Donna Augustine, President; Martin Charwat, Vice-President; Janet Ellsworth, Corresponding Secretary; Edie Stout, Recording Secretary; John Weisman, Member-at-Large and Brenda Berry (via-Zoom) Member-at-Large. Steve Bartlett, Treasurer was excused. The board meeting went immediately into executive session in order to discuss a confidential financial issue. The motion to adjourn the executive meeting at 3:15 PM was made by Martin Charwat and seconded by Janet Ellsworth. At 3:16 PM Donna Augustine proposed and Edie Stout seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting.

Steve Bartlett was excused for the meeting but submitted his monthly treasurer's report for review and discussion.

Treasurer's Report for the Month of May

Income for the month was \$49,185.00. Regular recurring expenditures for May included: \$8.20 to Verizon for telephone; \$437.00 to Central Hudson for gas and electricity; \$2,300.95 to Royal Carting for refuse; \$15,287.44 to LCS for landscaping and snow removal. Other expenses were \$125.00 to LaPolla's Home Repairs for #61 siding repairs; \$4.35 to John Gallaway for reimbursement for drain pipe plug; \$3,192.00 to Travelers for Site Insurance (quarterly liability installment); \$318.97 to Proseptec for semi-annual septic cleaning; \$1,450.00 to Mark Christopher, to relay 3 stones and repoint the entire walkway at #89 Turnberry Ct.; \$3,225.00 to Etts Plumbing & Heating Inc. to replace broken sewer line at #86 Turnberry Ct; \$446.85 to McCabe & Mack for legal services related to a current action; \$810.34 to Pestech Pest Solutions for Pest Control; \$1,526.52 to Holland Pools for Pool Services and repairs (Opening: weekly maintenance and chemicals) and \$50.00 to R & C Cleaning for Bi-monthly cleaning of Pool house restrooms.

As of May 31, 2023 the balance of the Checking Accounts was \$153,448.61. The total in the Reserve Accounts was \$189,221.42. The total in Checking/Savings was \$342,670.03. Donna Augustine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Janet Ellsworth seconded it.

A discussion occurred regarding the cost of site insurance. Brenda agreed to submit a Request for Proposals closer to the end of the calendar year. The call would include our current broker and request proposed alternatives to our current areas of coverage. The effort would be to affirm and/or lead to potential cost saving.

Corresponding Secretary Report

The board reviewed the status of the current Action Items presented by Janet Ellsworth.

This month, Kevin Etts, our plumbing contractor, repaired broken sewer lines at #34 and #82. Once again, if you are having issues with your sewer drainage, advise a board member as soon as possible. The HOA covers that cost. The cost of any other sewer related repairs done by other than an approved plumber will be the responsibility of the owner.

A flowering cherry tree has been purchased in memory of Mike Painter, our tree surgeon for many years and Shawn Painter's father and was planted by the front gate on June 20, 2023.

Power washing will be done on July 20th to the units in most need of this service, concentrating on the Northern exposures. Power washing is limited this year to contain our costs while focusing on Capital improvements.

The next meeting of the board will be on 7/06/2023 at #88 Turnberry Ct. at 3:00 PM.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 4:06 PM by Janet Ellsworth and seconded by Martin Charwat.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edie Stout, Recording Secretary

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