

# STONEBRIDGE NEWS

**Contacting the Board** Requests must be made in writing to 54A Muirfield Ct. or [Stonebridgehomeowner98@gmail.com](mailto: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 Feng (Kevin) Qi and Sheng Nan Wang on the birth of their son. It is wonderful to have a newborn in our community!



## **Geese: Update**

Thanks go to Brenda Goldstein for researching methods to decrease the number of geese which have settled here. Their numbers seem to be greater than ever, and the outcry from the community is stronger than ever. Her work eliminated options which were too costly (e.g., capture and removal at \$150/bird; or ineffective approaches such as statues. One solution was found to be worthwhile so we have purchased 2 green lasers (at \$250 apiece), similar but stronger than laser pointers used during presentations. The laser beam is directed to the alpha male watching over its flock. It is directed to the ground at the male's feet, who feels the threat, and leads their group away. This will be done a few times a day, for a duration of time.

Several people have offered to donate to the cause. If interested, please write a check to Stonebridge Homeowners, and write in the memo "geese control" to have it directed toward this solution. We hope to gain enough contributions to not have to take from our 2023 budget. We will start the process of using the laser with just a few volunteers. We will bring others in at a later time, once we learn how it works. If you are interested in helping by using the laser, please send a note to [StonebridgeHomeowner98@gmail.com](mailto:StonebridgeHomeowner98@gmail.com).

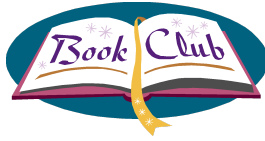
Finally, feel free to let your dogs help scatter and be a nuisance to the geese. Certain dogs instinctively will chase and bark at them. That is an effective means also.

**PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE!**



## **Roadwork**

BTM will begin their roadwork soon. Weather permitting, they will start with the curbs at the far end of Turnberry in the middle of March. They affect about 1-2 buildings per section of work. This is the most disruptive part of the process. You will receive regular emails specifying which area they are to address. It will include reminders to move your cars to available guest or free driveways. Typically your cars will be displaced for about 3-4 days. Margery Groten has agreed to help with communicating needs, especially for those who do not use email. Martin Charwat and Donna Augustine will be the liaisons to BTM during this initial phase. Please ask any questions you may have. The more we can work together, the smoother it will be for BTM and the community.



## **Stonebridge Book Club**

**Book:** The French Braid by Ann Tyler

**When:** March 16th

**NOTE CHANGE IN HOSTESS**

**Where:** , 55 Muirfield Court

**RSVP:** Gael Morey, 845-454-7354

**Reading Ahead:** The Venice Sketchbook by Rhys Bowen

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.



### **Condolences**

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends Of Ethel L. Tierney. She passed away at the age of 93 on February 4, 2023. Ethel is survived by her sister Mae (The Sisters) whom she lived with and shared many great memories. The Sisters were one of the first owners at Stonebridge (28 yrs.) and helped with the pool, bake sale and other projects. Other survivors are 3 nieces, 2 nephews, and many great-grand nieces and nephews who cherish her greatly. She was born on January 26, 1930 in Bronx NY and was predeceased by her parents Walter Tierney and Lillian Matchett Tierney. Ethel worked as a Secretary in CPA firms and retired from Deloitte. A mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, February 11 th 2023 at St. Martin de Porres church. A burial was held on Tuesday, February 14 th 2023 at St. Raymond's Cemetery Bronx NY. Donations can be made to St. Jude's Hospital, Ethel's favorite charity.

### **Behind the Scenes- It Takes A Village**

**Thank You!** Thank you to members of our Infrastructure Maintenance Committee composed of John Weidmsan, Artie Hidalgo, Bill Dewitt and Paul Doherty for making sure our burnt out street lights get changed and other things get done! Most recently, Paul Doherty repaired the streetlight by the Preswick and Muirfield circle. Thank you Paul!

**Thank You!**



### **Minutes of Stonebridge Homeowners Board Meeting**

The meeting was convened at 5:02PM on 2/16/2023 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; Brenda Berry (via zoom) and John Weisman (via zoom), members-at-large. The board meeting went immediately into executive session in order to discuss a private financial issue. The motion to adjourn the executive session at 5:14 PM was made by Edie Stout and seconded by Donna Augustine.

At 5:15 PM Steve Bartlett proposed and Janet Ellsworth seconded to accept the Minutes of the January meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

Steve Bartlett presented the financial report for the month of January 2023. Income for the month was \$47,425. Regular recurring expenditures for January included: \$15,287.44 to LCS Landscapes NY for Landscaping and snow removal; \$8.20 to Verizon for Telephone; \$425.80 to Central Hudson for Electricity and Gas; \$2,270.74 to Royal Carting for Refuse. Other expenses were \$751.97 to Steve Bartlett for computer/software/protection plan for Office Expense; \$25.00 to American Diabetes Associate in Memory of Anne McCabe for Memorials & Welcome; \$3,725.00 to Etts Plumbing & Heating for Repair of sewer and Drain lines; \$418.00 to O & M for Quarterly inspection and operational test for the Lift Station. As of January 31, 2023 the balance of the checking Account was \$103,819.45. The total in Reserve Accounts was \$183,215.33. The total in checking/savings was \$287,034.78. Donna Augustine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and John Weisman seconded.

In the January Newsletter the listing of the Flock safety for Utility System in the budget area was incorrect. It should have been in the Common Area Maintenance.

#### Corresponding Secretary Report

Steve Bartlett and Martin Charwat will meet with BTM to discuss the plan for the new curbing and replacement of the road surface on Turnberry Ct. Kevin Etts will be contacted to refill, with soil, the settled areas where he has replaced the sewer pipes on #17 & 20 Prestwick Ct.

Donna Augustine, Ginny VanVlack and Edie Stout interviewed Waverly Pest Control, Orkin Pest Control and JP McHale to select a pest control company for the year 2023. The cost of Waverly and Orkin contracts were twice as much as we have paid in the past for pest control. JP McHale does not contract for bees and wasps. After much thought and dialog with Pestech it was decided to stay with Pestech at the same monthly cost per month as last year. They have assured us that they have more technicians this year to give us better service and there will be a decrease in the annual cost since our new contract is from April to September instead of April through October. Edie will continue to work closely with Pestech.

The two pin oak trees at #95/96 at Turnberry Ct. will be removed before BTM starts work on that street. The Rose of Sharon at the Muirfield circle will be removed at the same time. The big tree east of the pool will be removed later this spring.

The next HOA Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday March 14 at 3:00 PM at 88 Turnberry Ct. The motion to adjourn was made by Steve Bartlett and seconded By Edie Stout. The meeting ended at 6:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edie Stout, Recording Secretary

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