

# STONEBRIDGE NEWS

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[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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Welcome to the new residents of 102 Turnberry, Dennis and Susan Devereux. We wish them many happy years at Stonebridge.

## **Bocce Play**

There is an enthusiastic group of residents who play bocce each Saturday at 10a.m.. The venue has been freshened for the new season and is ready to go. New players are always welcome. Come watch or join a game!

## **Pickleball**

Pickleball players meet at our newly refurbished courts each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9 to 11 (March through November weather permitting). We encourage participation and can offer a Pickleball clinic to those interested (call Sandra Rae at 845-471-4541 if interested). Not certain? Come watch or get a feel any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.



## **Stonebridge Book Club**

**Book:** Fellowship Point by Alice Dark

**When:** Thursday, May 18th, 3 PM

**NOTE CHANGE IN HOSTESS**

**Where:** 79 Muirfield Court.

**RSVP:** Shelley DeWitt, 845-656-1089

**Reading Ahead:** The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

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.

## **Geese Update**



The amount of geese populating the area has declined considerably since we purchased and have used the lasers. Since the Spring is the mating season, we will continue to work to keep them away from nesting here. We feel that another month of diligence is needed, and then we can probably go into a maintenance mode with someone living along the Birkdale/Turnberry pond taking one laser. And someone living along the Turnberry/Muirfield pond taking the other. If you are willing to keep the laser during the maintenance phase, please send a message to

[Stonebridgehomeowner98@gmail.com](mailto:Stonebridgehomeowner98@gmail.com).

## It Takes a Village!

**Thank  
You!**

Thank you to Beth Mostransky, our Sunshine Committee, for bringing cards of cheer to our neighbors and friends. If you know of someone who could use a cheer up card, please call Beth at 845-489-6162. If you would like to join Beth in bringing cheer to others, let her know.



### Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of William H. Austin Jr., who passed away on Friday April 14th 2023 at the age of 80. He is survived by wife, Jane, of 57 years; daughter Kim and husband Dave; son Billy and wife Becky; as well as three grandchildren, Kyra, Austin and Beatrix. He and Jane have resided on Gleneagles for the past two years. Born in Brooklyn, Bill has lived in the Poughkeepsie area since 1966, when he began working in the Poughkeepsie City Schools. After that, he had a stellar 8-year career as head crew coach at Marist College, where he led his team to victory in the prestigious Dad-Vail regatta, and where he laid the groundwork for the women's rowing program. In 1978, Bill co-founded Allsport Racquet and Fitness and had a long and equally successful career as an entrepreneur in that field. Indeed, he was affectionately called "The Godfather of Fitness". The family asked for donation to Family Services of Poughkeepsie, NY (<http://familyservicesny.org/>)

### Board Announcements/Reminders



#### Road Work

Black Top Maintenance has begun work on Turnberry. We continue to be pleased with their work product and efficiency. There is a new Project Manager from last year, but he seems equally attentive and receptive to our questions and concerns. Margery Groten and Linda Shekita have assisted with communications, particularly to those who do not use email. Janet Ellsworth disseminates the plans via email a few days in advance of the work. The messaging is mostly intended for those whose driveways will be inaccessible for those few days. Thank you to all who have offered any empty driveways. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Martin Charwat or Donna Augustine.



### Spring Walk Around

During the last couple weeks of April, the board did the walk around assessment of common areas and exteriors in need of attention by the homeowner. At the time of this newsletter, things are looking quite good. The masonry work that required a good deal of time and money last year is noticeable, with very few walks still pending attention. The decks overall are in good repair. The homeowner of decks requiring attention will be receiving individual notification. Typically power washing occurs on an annual basis, rotating through 1/3 of our community. (1-40, 41-80, 81-120). This year, in an effort to minimize expenses, we have decided to selectively powerwash only affected facades. In most instances, the buildings' north facing facades require this attention. During the walkaround, members of the board are evaluating the need and will report it to Diana Salsberg who is getting estimates for this selective work. Siding repairs were identified and will be dealt with individually. Front gardens not in compliance with bylaws will be noted to respective individuals. Thank you for putting time and effort into your home's exterior maintenance to make the community look desirable for all to enjoy.

## Minutes of Stonebridge Homeowners Board Meeting



The meeting was convened at 3:01 PM on 4/4/2023 at 19 Prestwick 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), member -at Large and John Weisman, member-at-Large was excused.

The Board meeting went immediately into executive session in order to discuss a private financial issue. The motion to adjourn the executive session at 3:07 was made by Steve Bartlett and seconded by Donna Augustine. At 3:08 Martin Charwat proposed and Edie Stout seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

Steve Bartlett presented the financial report for the month of March 2023. Income for the month was \$48,943.52. Regular recurring expenditures for March included: \$15,287.44 to LCS Landscaping for Landscaping and Snow Removal; \$2,303.32 to Royal Carting for Refuse; \$343.00 to Central Hudson for Electricity and Gas; \$8.20 to Verizon for Telephone; \$213.22 to City of Poughkeepsie for Water/Sewer. Other expenses were \$1,942.64 to Shawn Painter for Tree removal and Stump Grinding at #94-#96; \$474.91 to Donna Augustine for reimbursement for purchase of 2 laser units; \$52.13 to Donna Augustine for reimbursement of printing expense of By-Laws for Welcome kits.

As of March 31, 2023 the balance of the Checking Account is \$110,767.34. The total in Checking/Saving was \$294,958.54. The total in Reserve Accounts was \$184,191.20. Donna Augustine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with a small correction and Janet Ellsworth seconded.

### Corresponding Secretary Report

The board reviewed the status of the current Action Items presented by Janet Ellsworth. There were complaints of lawn damage from LCS snow plowing and Peter Rae asked LCS to address as part of their spring cleanup.

The bridge at the end of the pond between Muirfield and Turnberry Ct's is showing its age and needs to have some railings replaced. Joey Lapolla will provide an estimate for doing the repairs.

Edie Stout consulted with Victor Salamone from Adams Landscaping about what kinds of trees would be appropriate to replace the two pin oaks trees that were removed from #95- 96 Turnberry Court. He said there were a few options but they would have to be small. He will send me a list of possibilities.

There was a request for No Mow May to encourage areas with natural pollinators. No Mow May's goal is to pause mowing during the month of May allowing flowers to bloom in your lawn to help early season pollinators. The board decided that this would not take place this year because they want to discuss the Pros and Cons of this with the whole community at our October meeting.

The next meeting of the HOA board will be on 5/8/2023 at 70 Muirfield Ct. at 3:00 PM. The Board meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM by Donna Augustine and seconded by Brenda Berry

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edie Stout, Recording Secretary

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