

# 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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We welcome Don Bleier and Cynthia Lucieer to 53 Muirfield Court. We wish them much happiness in their new home!

## **Reminder: Columbus Day Picnic!**

Gus Nolan invites you to our Annual Columbus Day Picnic!  
Monday, **October 9th from 12:30-2:30pm** at the Pool area.

Please bring your chair, utensils, beverage (no glass) & a dish to share.

Hosts will provide hot dogs and the fixings!  
RSVP to Beth Mostransky at 845-489-6162  
by October 6th with food choice.

Please call Beth to help set-up and/or cleanup or to loan your card table.



## **Stonebridge Book Club**

**Book:** The City of Falling Angels by John Berendt

**When:** Thursday, October 19

**Where:** 2 Birkdale Court

**RSVP:** Patty Cerniglia 914-907-9606

**Reading Ahead:** The Light We Carry by Michele Obama

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.

## **It Takes a Village!**

**Thank  
You!**

Thank you to our Welcome Committee, Mia Henry and Sandra Rae, for making new residents feel welcome and knowledgeable about our lovely Stonebridge Community.

Thanks are extended to Ginny Marcus and Beth Mostransky for helping our Book Club stay organized and active!

**Thank  
You!**

The 7th Annual Box-Tail Party on Labor Day was a huge success with 57 attending. We enjoyed good conversation, delicious appetizers, & ample wine. Thanks to Mia

**Thank  
You!**

Henry, Ginny Marcus, & Beth Mostransky for organizing the event. A big thank you to all who helped with set-up & clean-up. We survived the heat & humidity of the day!



## **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Stonebridge Homeowners Association is **Tuesday October 3rd 2023 at 6 PM**. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria of **Orville Todd Middle School, 11 Croft Road, Poughkeepsie, NY**.

Any person unable to attend the Annual Meeting can receive an absentee ballot for submission. Please let Janet Ellsworth, Corresponding Secretary, (845-797-8232 or email [stonebridgehomeowner98@gmail.com](mailto:stonebridgehomeowner98@gmail.com)) know if you need an absentee ballot. A ballot will be made available closer to the meeting date when the slate of candidates is known).

Absentee ballots must be returned to Beth Mostransky at 97 Turnberry Court (phone number 845-232-5261) prior to 5:00 PM October 2nd, 2023.

Persons needing transportation to the meeting are encouraged to contact a neighbor or any Board member for assistance. It is extremely important for all homeowners to attend this meeting, since a quorum of 51% of members (including absentee ballots) is needed to conduct Association business. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Openings on the Board: Consider Running for the Board!**

This year, three members will be elected to the Board of Directors for the years 2024 and 2025. The terms of Edie Stout, John Weisman, and Donna Augustine will expire at the end of 2023. The following members of the community have declared their intention to run for the open positions:

- Donna Augustine
- Abby Baird
- John Weisman

Nominations will be accepted from the floor and a write in candidate is also possible. But if interested, getting your name on the ballot is preferred and can be done by sending an email to [StonebridgeHomeowner98@gmail.com](mailto:StonebridgeHomeowner98@gmail.com).

### **Donna Augustine**

*I am interested in continuing another term on the board. I moved to Stonebridge 9 years ago from Clarence NY, a suburb outside of Buffalo. I was fearful of making the change, thinking no community could replace the one I left. But I immediately found otherwise, settling into Stonebridge. I take great pride living within this community. I find the surroundings beautiful and the people very neighborly.*

*I have been on the board for 5 years. For two years, I served as Corresponding Secretary and then served the past 3 years as President. I am proud of the way the self-managed board sets priorities to keep the environment well maintained, safe, and a comfortable place to enjoy. I have confidence in the board's fiscally responsible decision making. I strive to enhance communications and transparency between the board and homeowners.*

*I am retired from a 30-year career with the Department of Veteran Affairs. The first half of my career was in Nursing. The latter half was in Information Technology, specifically Application Support and Development. I held leadership positions supporting the VAs throughout the Northeast Region of the country. I am currently actively involved in the lives of my grandchildren, enjoying the 9 year old and helping the 13 year old become human again!*

*Thank you for considering me for another term on the board. I get great satisfaction from serving you and enhancing the community's reputation as a wonderful place to reside.*

**Abbey Baird**

*I am currently a Professor of Psychological Science at Vassar College. I have been teaching and doing research at Vassar for 17 years, living on campus for nearly all of that time. I enjoy living in a community with other people, which is why I feel so incredibly lucky to be living here with all of you in Stonebridge. I moved in with my fifteen-year-old twins (Griffin and Phoebe) just over two years ago and can finally say that we have found our "forever home". I have fallen in love with many new things like pickleball, gardening, and chasing geese with a laser pointer! I feel that it is important to give back to a community that has been so welcoming and provided such a friendly and safe place for my children. I am seeking a position on the board as a way to give back to my new community, and as an academic, I do have a fair bit of experience with committee work (I will not bore you with the list). In spite of my relative newcomer status, if elected, I promise to work hard to continue to make Stonebridge a wonderful community.*

**John Weisman**

*Hi neighbors. My name is John Weisman. I live at 1 Birkdale Ct with my wife, Renee. We have been residents of Stonebridge for 9 years. I serve on the HOA board in the capacity of the "infrastructure" point person. This means overseeing roof installs, driveway sealing, maintaining pool equipment and servicing, outdoor lighting, and other required repairs and upgrades. You've probably seen Renee or me watering the plants at the entrance on Wilbur. Prior to retiring I was a senior program manager at IBM and then Senior Vice President and General Manager at OAO Technology Solutions, providing data center service delivery to IBM nationwide. I was also a member of the Town of Poughkeepsie Planning board for 23 years, 16 of which I served as chairperson. I am a Poughkeepsie native. Before HGTV Renee and I also had a side business of rehabbing homes ( Flip or Flop but we didn't have any flops). I enjoy the challenge of maintaining and improving our wonderful community. I ask for your vote in my bid for re-election so I can continue to serve Stonebridge. Thank You.*



**Minutes of Stonebridge Homeowners Board Meeting**

The HOA's meeting was held by zoom due to some members being exposed to COVID. The meeting called to order on September 7, 2023 at 2:04 PM.

The following members of the Board were on zoom: Donna Augustine, President; Martin Charwat, Vice President; Steve Bartlett, Treasurer; Janet Ellsworth, Corresponding Secretary; Edie Stout, Recording Secretary; John Weisman and Brenda Berry, Members at Large.

The Board meeting went immediately into executive session in order to discuss a confidential legal issue. The motion to adjourn the executive session at 2:10 PM was made by Martin Charwat and seconded by Janet Ellsworth. The regular session opened at 2:11 PM. Donna Augustine proposed a clarification of an item in July 2023 Treasurer's report. The item regarding reimbursement of \$200.00 to John Weisman would be offset by a credit from LCS on their next bill for the damaged storm door and not the HOA. The July minutes were then accepted by Donna Augustine and seconded by John Wiseman.

#### Treasurer's Report

Steve Bartlett presented the financial report for the month of August 2023. The income for the month was \$48,127.94. Regular recurring expenditures for August included: \$15,287.44 to LCS Landscapes NY for landscaping and snow removal; \$437.00 for Central Hudson for electricity and gas; \$2,300.95 to Royal Carting for refuse; \$53.80 to Verizon for telephone.

Other expenses were \$260.00 to R&C Cleaning for July and August Bi-weekly pool house cleaning; \$4,407.35 to Holland Pool for July & August pool service and chemicals; \$368.00 to McCabe & Mack LLP for August services related to collection action; \$702.81 to Tancredi Landscaping, LLC for repair, filler for #34 & #82 drain areas;

\$3,950.00 to RBT CPAs LLP for preparation of cy2022 financial statement; \$6,781.99 to Travelers for monthly site insurance premium; \$46,000.00 to BTM-Blacktop Maintenance for completion of Birkdale paving, 50% down; \$3,499.95 to Cappco Pressure Washing for replace lost check #4871 (stopped); \$875.81 to Pestech Pest Solutions for pest control.

As of August 31, the balance of the Checking Account is \$56,443.15. The total in the Reserve Accounts was \$140,840.95. The total in the Checking/Savings was \$197,284.10.

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

There was a request to see if a crosswalk could be installed from the front gate of Stonebridge to the walkway along McCann Golf Course. There was a discussion about it, but it was pointed out that the crosswalk by Spratt Park was not very successful and that not many drivers stop at that crosswalk. Also, the cars coming from Spackenkill Road drive too fast down the hill and around the curve to make it a safe crosswalk. It was a unanimous decision by the HOA board that a crosswalk from Stonebridge to the walkway along McCann Golf Course would not be safe for our residents. The decision ultimately lies with the administrators of the Town or the City of Poughkeepsie.

The fire road has become cluttered with tree limbs and other debris. LCS will come in October or November to clear the debris out of the road to make it a safer fire road.

We have engaged an additional mason, Rafael Flores, who will help complete repair of some of the sidewalks and stoops.

The October meeting of the HOA Board meeting will be the annual meeting at Orville Todd Middle School. The November HOA Board meeting will be 11/14/2023 at #70 Muirfield Ct. at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edie Stout, Recording Secretary

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