

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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Stonebridge Book Club

Book: Small Things Like These by Clare Keegan

When: March 21st at 3 PM

Where: 78 Muirfield Court

RSVP: Mia Henry at 845-623-0246

Reading Ahead: Hang the Moon by Jeanette Walls

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.



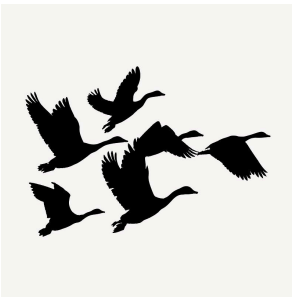
Trash and Recycle Bins

Please remember trash and recycle containers should not be placed at the curb earlier than 5 PM on the day before pickup. Also, your containers must be removed from the curb within 24 hours of pickup. Please help us keep our roads clear and avoid tempting local critters with the smell of trash!



Geese Control

As many of you know, last year we began to try to control the geese population in earnest through the use of lasers to deter them from nesting and feeding here. 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 causes no harm to the geese. This month marks the beginning of the mating/nesting season so we ask us all to be vigilant. We have 2 lasers available to loan out. If you wish to borrow one, notify StonebridgeHomeowner98@gmail.com.



Also, feel free to have your dog pester the geese. Finally, be aware that the geese feed on the droppings from your bird-feeders and **PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE!**

Road Work

Stonebridge is now entering its final phase of completing the roads and curbs. Our next phase will include GlenEagles, from Wilbur to the Muirfield/Prestwick circle. We are in the early part of the Black Top Maintenance's (BTM's) 2024 schedule. Weather permitting, work could begin as early as the end of March. There will be considerable details to relay as this will require safe entrance on and off of Wilbur. Also, the heavy equipment used for curb replacement on Gleneagles will require safe passing. There is at least one resident who will need to have communication with caregivers. Thank you in advance for your part in making the process go smoothly.



Behind the Scenes- It Takes A Village



LCS did a fantastic job during our last snow storm, thanks in part to the feedback they received from our liaison, Peter Rae.

Our Infrastructure/Maintenance Committee deserves thanks for seeing to repairs like bulb replacement on our streets and other odd jobs around our neighborhood! Thanks go to John Weisman, Artie Hidalgo, Paul Doherty and Bill DeWitt for helping out!



Condolences



David Horowitz, our Stonebridge neighbor, died on February 21st at home. He is survived by his wife Evelyn and 3 children and their spouses, 7 grandchildren and their spouses, and two of the "cutest ever great grandchildren". David and Evelyn were original owners in Stonebridge and have lived here since 1998. A service was held on 2/23 at Schomre Israel in Poughkeepsie. Donations may be made in his honor to Congregation Schomre Israel Synagogue, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie NY or to a charity of your choice. Evelyn expresses her deep gratitude to the community over many years of caring and support. She is touched by not only the support she and her husband have received, but also David's aide, who was given rides by neighbors who simply recognized a need.



Minutes of Stonebridge Homeowners Board Meeting

The Stonebridge HOA Board meeting was called to order 2/14/2024 at 3:00pm at 92 Turnberry Court. The following members were present: Donna Augustine, President; Martin Charwat, Vice President; Janet Ellsworth, Corresponding Secretary; Steve Bartlett, Treasurer; Abigail Baird, Recording Secretary. John Wiseman, Member at Large, attended via Zoom. Brenda Berry, Associate Treasurer, was excused from the meeting.

Donna Augustine moved to accept the December meeting minutes, Martin Charwat seconded.

The Board went into closed executive section 3:05pm. Executive session ended at 3:12pm. Opened regular session at 3:14pm

Steve Bartlett presented the January Treasurer's report. Income for the month was \$47,408.75. Regular recurring expenditures for December included: \$15,898.94 to LCS for landscaping and snow removal; \$532.10 to Central Hudson for electricity and gas; \$8.20 to Verizon for telephone; \$2,300.95 to Royal Carting for refuse; \$6,782.01 to Traveler's for installment payments of site insurance. Additional expenses included: \$729.30 for office expenses (Deluxe Checks). There was also a \$50.00 donation made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Donna Kisslinger.

Our current balances are \$121,561.50 in Cash and \$149,584.80 in Savings and Certificates of Deposit for a total of \$271,146.30.

Treasurer's report, other notes:

Next week Steve will transfer \$50,000 from our Ulster Savings Bank Checking to the Hudson Valley Credit Union creating a 12-month CD @5.6%.

Janet Ellsworth moved to accept treasurer report, Donna Augustine seconded. All approved

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

We discussed the dead tree that has fallen from the island into the water in the front pond. Because there is no danger to any nearby residence, the board agreed to allow the tree to go back to nature and be part of the ecosystem.

John Wiseman and Donna Augustine will set up a meeting with BTM, Martin Charwat and Donna Augustine will walk around to map out where BTM will do the paving and curbing. The board anticipates that the biggest question will likely be how much we are able to do in the pool parking lot.

The Pestech contract was signed with a very slight increase. The same services will be provided

Concerns shared with the board prompted a discussion about the putting out and bringing in of trash bins. The SHOA rules and regulations state that once trash/recycling has been picked up residents should return their empty bins to their garages within twenty-four hours.

Next meeting: March 14, 2024 at 3:00pm at 88 Turnberry Ct.

3:51 Stephen Bartlett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:51, Janet Ellsworth seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abigail Baird
Recording Secretary

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