

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: Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

When: Thursday, May 16th at 3 PM

Where: 2 Birkdale Court

RSVP: Patty Cerniglia at 914-907-9606

Reading Ahead: The Measure by Nikki Erlich

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.

Power Washing

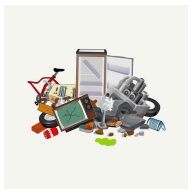
In the past, power washing was performed cyclically with 1/3 of the buildings washed yearly. Last year the costs were so high only the facades which were notoriously shaded and became moldy were washed. Often, these were the north facing facades. We discussed resuming the cycle approach but anticipate that is outside our budget. Therefore, we've decided to have the sides which are identified as significantly mildewy, professionally cleaned.



Pestech

Edie Stout has been generous enough to serve as the liaison with Pestech (while Brenda Goldstein is away) for May.

Spring Cleaning?



Habitat for Humanity ReStore near Kohl's accepts donations of most usable household goods, hardware and furniture Tues-Sat from 10:30-3:30. They also will pick up larger items. Phone (845) 297-7610 or Linda Shekita (914-466-8626) with questions.

The City and Town take in lots of unwanted trash which won't fit into your trash bins. Check with them for details as to hours and items accepted:

<https://www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com/212/Transfer-Station>

<https://www.townofpoughkeepsie.com/304/Transfer-Station>

Town of Poughkeepsie Transfer Station is open for bulk items:

May 13, 14th

June 10th, 11th

July 15th, 16th

Aug 12th, 13th

Sept 16th, 17th



Pool (Please see Pool Regulations at the end of the Newsletter)

The application for operating the pool has been submitted to Dutchess County and we don't anticipate any problems. Water will be turned on in the pool house in the next few weeks. Holland Pools will open and clean the pool starting in the middle of May. The anticipated opening for use is targeted for May 23, before Memorial Day.



BTM

As described in April, Black Top Maintenance (BTM) will be here in mid May to begin the final phase of our road replacement. Work will begin at the far end of Gleneagles, just prior to the Prestwick/Muirfield circle. Curb removal and replacement starts the process and progresses every few days down the street. Details of who is directly affected (residents whose driveways are blocked) will be communicated in advance to the homeowner. Since Gleneagles is the connecting street to the back, communication will occur to the community as it begins also. Anyone on Gleneagles who does not use email, will be contacted directly. Details of the entranceway street and curb work will be communicated as that section of work nears. It will be the last section done of the project. All communication will focus on a safe entry and exit from the community.



Condolences

Evelyn Horowitz, our Stonebridge neighbor, passed away on April 23. She is survived by her three children and their spouses, seven grandchildren and their spouses, and two of the "cutest ever great-grandchildren". Evelyn and her recently deceased husband David were original owners in Stonebridge and have lived here since 1998. A service was held on April 26th at Schomre Israel in Poughkeepsie. Donations may be made in Evelyn's honor to Congregation Schomre Israel Synagogue, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie NY or to a charity of your choice.

On April 15th, Dr. Michael F. Masciale, a well-respected local orthodontist, passed after a lengthy illness. His death was at home, as he wished, surrounded by his loved ones. In 1959, Michael married his college sweetheart, Barbara Schlaich. They were married for almost 65 years. Shortly after Michael's graduation from dental school, he joined the United States Army Dental Corps and proudly served his country for three years in France. He attained the rank of Captain and became Commander of the Dental Clinic on post. Michael moved his family to the Hudson Valley where he practiced orthodontics for almost forty years. Regardless of his achievements and experiences, Michael believed his legacy was the family of six daughters born to him and Barbara. His survivors include his beloved wife, Barbara; six daughters and their spouses; fourteen grandchildren; and his sister, Anne Bloedorn. With respect for Michael's wishes, the Mass to celebrate his life will be private. The family is grateful for gifts made to Hudson Valley Hospice should friends and family so choose.

Behind the Scenes- It Takes A Village

Thank You! *"I have always appreciated the community that is Stonebridge but never more so than after March 17, when I fell and broke my hip. Neighbors and friends came immediately to my rescue, especially Patrick McGuire and Christine Manning. Coming home to flowers and food and neighborly visits has helped to speed my recovery. Watch out for my red wagon walker as Mr Chips and I continue to walk our way to a full recovery, with deep gratitude to all," Anne Constantinople*

Thank you for the generous time and energy of Ginny Van Vlack, John Wiseman, and Brian from Construction Pros. Together they put in a new post, using a solid cement footing, at the Beechwood emergency entrance, and also restored the chain.



Minutes of Stonebridge Homeowners Board Meeting



The Stonebridge HOA Board meeting was called to order 4/25/24 at 3:00PM at 19 Prestwick Ct. The following members were present: Donna Augustine, President; Martin Charwat, Vice President; Janet Ellsworth, Corresponding Secretary; Abigail Baird, Recording Secretary; Brenda



Berry, Associate Treasurer. John Wiseman, Member at Large, attended via phone. Stephen Bartlett, Treasurer, was excused from the meeting.

Went into closed executive session at 3:00PM

Executive session ended at 3:06PM

Regular session opened at 3:06pm

Donna Augustine moved to accept March meeting minutes, Brenda Berry seconded.

Donna Augustine presented the March Treasurer's report. Income for the month was \$37,855.00 (from the P&L sheet). Regular recurring expenditures for March included: \$15,898.94 to LCS for landscaping and snow removal; \$481.00 to Central Hudson for electricity and gas; \$2300.95 to Royal Carting for refuse; \$8.20 to Verizon for telephone; \$1130.61 to O&M Solutions for utilities related to the Lift Station; \$226.87 to City of Poughkeepsie for utilities related to Water/Sewer.

Our current balances are \$99,256.44 in Cash and \$200,246.84 in Savings and Certificates of Deposit for a total of \$299,503.28.

Janet Ellsworth moved to accept the treasurer's report, Brenda Berry seconded.

The Board reviewed the status of the March Action Items presented by Janet Ellsworth

We revisited the fact that the stones near the bridge on Gleneagles Drive are falling into the pond. It was suggested that we approach the Garden Club for ideas about how to address the issue.

It was noted that the grass needs replacing in front of Units 95&96 and near the flagpole. LCS provided an estimate that seemed excessive, it was suggested that we get an estimate from Tancredi and Gabe Landscaping before making a final decision.

We returned to the issue of how best to prioritize the need for dead/dying tree removal. John Weisman offered to show the trees of concern to an arborist he knows and obtain a second estimate and priority plan. He will also be shown the trees by Joe Garay who heard what our usual tree person (Shawn) thought.

We discussed how units 22 and 35 both have drainage issues from the roof that overhangs the walkway and has pitted or degraded their walkways. Remediation of this issue may require consultation from the architect committee. John Weisman and John Gallaway are planning to look at the diverters over the doors of a few units on Prestwick and see if something like this could be used with regard to units 22 and 35 garage annex and its overhang.

We revisited the Garden Club's request for a watering system for the entrance area of Stonebridge. Estimates are being obtained for a "sleeve" to bring water from the pond side to both brick walls. This would be the first stage of bringing water to the area and would capitalize on those areas already being dug up for our roadwork.

Next meeting: May 9, at 3:00PM at 92 Turnberry Ct.

Janet Ellsworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30PM, Brenda Berry seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abigail Baird
Recording Secretary

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POOL REGULATIONS

The pool is available for use by all Stonebridge residents and their guests. All guests must be accompanied by a resident. If you are having a large number of guests (more than 6) you should contact a member of the Board and limit your time to 2 hours. Children under 16 must be supervised by an adult of at least 21 years of age.

HOURS OF OPERATION: The pool is open for use from 8am to 10pm but may be closed at any time at the discretion of the pool chairperson. The hours between 10am and 11am and between 6pm and 7pm are reserved for relaxation and swimming by adult residents and their adult guests. All children must be outside of the fenced in pool area during those adult times. Therefore, please plan accordingly!.

ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES: An emergency phone and a first aid kit can be found in the library/storage room located on the right side of the pool building. Emergency phone numbers are posted near the phone. In the case of a serious emergency CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY before taking any further actions.

Any situation requiring an ambulance, hospitalization medical attention, first aid or first aid materials must be entered into the emergency logbook also located in the library/storage room. In addition, a SHOA Board member should be notified as soon as possible so that the incident may be reported to the County Board of Health as required by law.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES: Food and beverages are permitted on the deck area provided there are no glass bottles or containers. No eating or drinking is permitted while in the pool.

GARBAGE: The general rule is if you brought it I, you take it out! All containers and refuse must be removed when leaving the pool area. There are no garbage containers and there is no garbage pickup for the pool. The containers located in the men's and women's rooms are solely for the use of paper towel disposal.

POOL FURNITURE: When the pool is busy, please do not put belongings on any chairs or lounges that are not for your personal use to reserve for others. Umbrellas should be taken down when leaving or when particularly windy.

PROHIBITED AT THE POOL

- Children under the age of 16 unless supervised by an adult of at least 21
- Flotation devices (such as rafts, boogie boards, boats, chairs, etc.) Noodles are acceptable, as are small tubes for children who cannot swim.
- Roughhousing
- Diving
- Glass containers
- Smoking
- Open sores or communicable diseases
- Improperly diapered infants
- Radios without earphones
- Swimming alone
- Swimming when lightning or thunderstorms are in the area, or during an electrical power failure
- Cooking or barbecuing, unless Stonebridge sponsored

EMERGENCY EVACUATION: The pool should be evacuated immediately should a serious accident occur, if there is a fecal accident in the pool, or in the presence of inclement weather. Horns and sirens from nearby golf courses may signal the pending arrival of lightning or thunderstorms, however good judgment should be used at all times.