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Children's Halloween Parade

Breakfast with Santa

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Dear Stoneleigh Neighbors,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families enjoyed the holidays. The busy holiday season has passed and the often quieter months of winter are here. But, before we know it, the busy spring and summer seasons of Stoneleigh will be here. Behind the scenes the Stoneleigh Board of Governors, the Social Committee, the Greening and Recycling Committee, the Pool Committee and more are hard at work getting ready for these busier months.



I have been fortunate to have this opportunity to serve as President of our community. Serving in this role has allowed me to get to know so many of our neighbors and to witness the commitment of our many volunteers to make Stoneleigh one of Baltimore's most sought after places to live. As my term ends, I would like to thank all of these volunteers: board members (old and new), committee members, COP patrollers, block captains, and special event planners. Can you imagine Stoneleigh without the Stampede, the Kids Tryathlon, the Easter Egg Hunt, spring tree planting and, of course, the pool? Neither can I. But without of the dedication of the many volunteers, they wouldn't happen.

Speaking of making all of these things happen, much of this would not be possible without the financial support of the community members through dues payments. Over the past few years, we have seen the payment of dues decline among our households. For those who did pay their 2012 dues, THANK YOU! And for those who may donations on top of their dues, THANK YOU AGAIN! For those who did not, we hope you will in 2013. Yes, we've had some difficult financial times in the past few years, but the return on your dues payment comes back to you. Without dues we cannot maintain the York Road strip and our historic signage; continue the tree planting program; and host our kids' social events and the very popular New Neighbor Welcome Party. And this is just the fun stuff. We have insurance and accountants to pay too. All of the work that your dues help to pay for helps to keep up our property values, even in these hard times. We hope to include a list of our dues paying members in an upcoming issue of the Stoneleighbite. We hope you will commit to paying your dues and we will see your name on that list.

While my term as President has ended, I will continue to serve on the board in the role of Past-President. I hope that in this role I can serve as a resource to others who may consider getting more involved in our community. Feel free to send an email to stoneleighpresident@gmail.com or call me if I can answer any questions. And, now I turn this page and these messages over to our new President, Karen Fireman, who I know is going to do a tremendous job at the 2013 Stoneleigh President. When you see her around the neighborhood, please thank her for taking on this leadership role that is so vital to our community.

Best,
Lisa Mathias

Stoneleigh Community Announcements

Birth Announcements

Heather and Tom Nelson of Oxford Road welcomed their second child, **Josephine Rosalie**, on September 9th. Josephine weighed 6lbs 14oz and measured 20.5 inches. Josie has been lovingly welcomed by big brother, Teddy, who is already teaching her about being a firefighter!

Heather and Brendan Keough of Hatherleigh Road welcomed **Catherine Eileen** on November 12th. Catherine weighed 9lbs 12oz. Mom and dad are thrilled with their new addition!



Catherine Eileen Keough



Josephine Rosalie Nelson

Nicole and Shawn Halsey of Ridgeleigh Road welcomed their third child, **Zachary** on January 2nd. Welcome, Zachary!

Welcome to Stoneleigh, New Neighbors!

Joe Cutrone and Anna DuVal – 823 Kingston Road -- moved to Stoneleigh from Evanston, IL back in July. Joe and Anna were married in June, honeymooned in Tanzania for a few weeks, then returned to settle on their new home on Kingston. Anna, Joe and their pup, Freddie, are delighted to be part of the neighborhood. Welcome, Anna and Joe!

Ryan and April Higgins – 7115 Wardman Road -- moved to Stoneleigh from Belvedere/Chinquapin Park and are originally from Chicago, IL. Ryan is the owner of Tamarian Carpets and April is a registered nurse at MedStar. They have a 10 year old son, Kienan, who is in the 5th grade at St. Pius. They enjoy photography, music and art, and travel. They are very excited to be part of the community. Welcome, Ryan, April and Kienan.

Support your Community – Join the Stoneleigh Community Association!

By joining the Stoneleigh Community Association, you will be supporting one of the area's best neighborhoods. Your dues will help fund programs and projects such as greening and recycling, Citizens On Patrol, quarterly circulation of our community newsletter, *The Stoneleighite*, the community website, and flyers. Dues also support social events such as Breakfast with Santa Claus, Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, and the Halloween Parade. To join, simply email StoneleighPresident@gmail.com. Stoneleigh - a great place to call home!

2013 Board of Governors - Stoneleigh Community Association

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Greening and Recycling Report

by Carol Newill

Recycling

Did you know? We can recycle aluminum foil and pans! And big plastic toys and garbage cans! But not styrofoam or the multiple types of plastic so many items may come wrapped in.

Baltimore County Solid Waste Management can recycle many types of waste but there are limits based on commodity markets and the state of sorting technology. In other words, they have to be able to do something with the stuff we try to recycle! Here are some details:

- **PAPER:** YES to Non-metallic wrapping paper, books, cardboard, paper BUT not paper or cardboard dirtied by Food or covered by plastic, wax, or foil
 - **METAL:** YES to Aluminum foil and pie pans, steel and aluminum cans BUT not scrap metal, or pots and pans (save for Dumpster Day!)
 - **GLASS:** YES to glass bottles and jars BUT not dishes, ceramics, mirrors, crystal, Corningware, Pyrex, light bulbs (save those CFL's and fluorescent lights for Dumpster Day!)
 - **PLASTIC:** YES to toys, lawn furniture, flower pots, buckets, plastic coolers YES to garbage cans, laundry baskets IF clearly marked BUT not plastic bags, bubble wrap, styrofoam or other foam, salad bar plastic containers, CD cases, plastic utensils, plastic ring holders of beverage cans, or clam shells (packaging of toys, batteries)
- ➔ **REMINDER:** DO NOT use plastic bags to set out recyclables, please.

THANK YOU for helping to conserve our nation's resources by recycling! Any questions, please call Greening & Recycling, Brough and Carol 410-458-9213, or look at <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/recycling/singlestream/collectioninformation.html>

Canopy Shade Trees

Shade trees raise property values by 10 to 20% for an individual home. Neighborhoods with many canopy shade trees experience lower temperatures in summer, cleaner air, and the many benefits of beautiful streetscapes. Check out "Cool Communities," sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency. <http://www.coolcommunities.org>

Every family in Stoneleigh can help our community to be healthier and more beautiful, maintain property values, and be cooler in summer without high electricity bills.

1. Maintain the older shade trees on your property, and do not cut them down unless they are sick or pose a danger.
2. Plant TWO new shade trees for every one that used to grow on your property, as only about half of the young trees reach maturity!

Stoneleigh's Tree Planting Program planted 21 more canopy shade trees November 5th, with the help of Blue Water Baltimore <http://www.bluewaterbaltimore.org/>. We are pleased to offer our community-sponsored program again this spring, at a low cost for oaks, maples, London Plane, Tulip poplars, and ginkgos, planted in your yards and sidewalk strips. Just call Nate Collamer (410-935-1956) or Brough Schamp (410-769-8016) to sign up!

Spot the Differences



Answer: Since the top house has canopy shade trees, it has 10% to 20% higher sales value.

2013 Annual Meeting Update

by Lisa Mathias

The Stoneleigh Community Association held its Annual Meeting on January 15, 2013 at First and St. Stephen's Church. Despite the cold and rainy weather, 73 dues paying members, holding the proxies of 22 more dues paying members, attended the meeting. The slate of the Board of Governors, the 2013 budget and the pool house renovation project were all unanimously approved by the community. (See more about the pool house renovation in this issue of the Stoneleighite.) We heard updates from the Social Committee, the Pool Committee, the Greening and Recycling committee, the Stoneleighite editor, the COP Program, and the Cub Scouts. Stoneleigh's own, Steve Lafferty, one of our delegates in the Maryland legislature, stayed after the meeting adjourned to answer questions about this year's legislative session.

Of special note, the 2013 slate of board members did not include Brough Schamp for the first time in 14 years (or it might be 15 years - it's been so long he doesn't quite remember!). Brough has served as our Greening and Recycling chair over the years. Many of you know him as "the tree guy." Brough was that and more, and we have him to thank for so much that makes our community beautiful. When you see Brough around the neighborhood, please thank him for his many years of volunteer service!

Thanks also to the members of the Stoneleigh Board of Governors who arrived early and stayed late to help set up, check in members and clean up. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on our website in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all our new board members and thank you to all who attended the meeting. We hope to see even more of our neighbors at next year's meeting!

Stoneleigh Pool Update

by Lisa Mathias

Summer is still many months away but preparations for the 2013 Stoneleigh Pool season have already begun. We have a new Pool Committee Chair this year, Dave Frisch. Thank you Dave for stepping up to take on this important role in our community! And thank you to all of the Pool Committee members who are returning again this year: Nicole Johnson, Christian Merlo, Joe Pettit, Brian Schwanke and Mike Schuh.

While our Pool Renovation Committee makes progress on the pool house project, our membership chairs, Christian Merlo and Nicole Johnson are working hard on a new online sign up system for the 2013 pool season. We will provide you with updates on this new program as we have them. Please make sure you are on the community email list so that we can notify you about registration. Watch for emails and continue to check our website for information. If you are not already on our email list, please send your email address to stoneleighpresident@gmail.com. If you have questions about the pool, you may email Dave Frisch at stoneleighpoolchair@gmail.com. And remember to watch your email and mailbox for more information about membership sign-up.

Stoneleigh Community Association Dues

by Lisa Mathias and Karen Fireman

It's that time of year again when we ask our residents to pay their community association dues. Unfortunately, only 65% of the households in Stoneleigh pay their dues. We hope to see that number improve in 2013. Dues collection will be happening a bit differently this year though. This year we will have the option to pay SCA dues online. If you are planning to join the pool, you will pay your SCA dues at the same time you pay your pool dues through the new online system, so please do NOT send a check now! Stay tuned for more details about the new online payment system.

For those of you who do not plan to join the pool, but need to pay your dues, you have a few options: (1) you may use the form that was delivered with this issue of the Stoneleighite, (2) you may download a dues form from our website or (3) you may wait until the new online system is set up and pay your dues electronically (even if you are not joining the pool, this option will still be available to you). We encourage those of you who can pay online to do so. But if you do not have access to a computer, we will gladly process your dues payment the old fashioned way. Please send questions to stoneleighpresident@gmail.com or contact our Treasurer, Greg Dildine, whose information is listed in this issue.

Pool Renovation Committee Update

by Joe Cirelli

The Pool Renovation Committee, with a big hand from our architects at ADW in Towson, unveiled the drawings, renderings and preliminary samples of finishes for our proposed Pool House renovation at the annual Stoneleigh Community Association meeting on January, 15th.

As a reminder, we plan to completely gut the existing pool house, and construct from the ground up expanded bathrooms which will include 4 toilets (2 toilets/2 urinals for the men) and a shower in each restroom. The manager's office will be relocated to the "COP" building to accommodate the larger bathrooms. We also hope to install a swimming pool lift as we continue to move towards our goal of making the entire facility comply with ADA regulations.

A motion was made to approve a construction budget of \$200,000 \pm 10%. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Soon thereafter, the renovation committee and Association leadership interviewed general contractors, and began negotiations on a contract to do the construction. We hope to see the trucks rolling in February, and we expect the whole construction phase to take approximately 8 weeks from demolition to occupancy. Assuming that we are successful in these endeavors, we look forward to Memorial Day weekend when the entire community will begin enjoying our brand new, greatly expanded, ADA compliant bathrooms.

The Spooktacular 2012 Kids Halloween Party!

by Dana McCulloch & Michelle Gutberlet

The 2012 Kids Halloween Party was held Sunday, October 28th at First and Saint Stephens Church. Though Hurricane Sandy forced the party indoors, she did not dampen our Halloween spirit! We had a full house of ghosts, goblins, princesses, pirates, and superheroes ready to party. Everyone enjoyed singing and dancing along with Ellis Woodward, the musical entertainer. The kids had a blast making a spooky spider craft and playing party games like Pumpkin Bowling, Pin the Tail on the Cat, and the Witch Hat Toss. It was a great event. Thanks to the Halloween Committee for all of their hard work and the families who braved the impending weather to get out and have a little fun!



The kiddos love Yo Ellis!



Grace Walen



Caroline Fitz-Patrick with Audrey and Hadley Kennedy

Photos courtesy of Cara Walen



Stoneleigh's Second Annual

SHAMROCK N' BOWL

Saturday March 16th

at Stoneleigh Lanes

7:00-10:00



Tickets \$20 per person until March 10th
\$25 thereafter ***limited tickets available***

Includes: Food, unlimited bowling and shoe rental



This event is BYOB!



Featuring: Raffle for Stoneleigh Pool 2013 Membership.

\$5/ticket, must be present

Drop off checks (payable to Stoneleigh Community Association) to Jen Broome at 7102 Rich Hill Rd

Stoneleigh Mixed Bowling League - Winter 2011-2012

by Nancy Talbott

The Stoneleigh Mixed Bowling League is celebrating its 40th year!! The first half of the season has been completed in this new year of 2013. The league started out with 12 teams of four people for a total of 48 bowlers, nine of them new members to the league. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, job changes, and some injuries, the league is down to 43. Anyone interested in giving bowling a try? Please come join us. It is a fun way one night a week to make new friends and get a bit of aerobic exercise.



We had a Halloween party with Halloween inspired tasty treats- lots of good cooks in this group make it another reason to join! Our Thanksgiving roll-off had three turkey winners- Jeff Yost, Sharon Manson, and Dave Lee and two cranberry winners- Rick Reid and Gary Bacon. During our Christmas party we helped two members celebrate their Christmas Eve birthdays- Anne DesMarais and Lauren Jaques. Congrats to our triple-header bowlers: Diana Rush w/155, Steve Kimball w/161, Jeff Yost w/159 and Gary Bacon w/139. It has been a very competitive year so far.



The end of the first half of the season was a close race with the first place team winning by just one game. Team #12 "Cheaper By The Dozen"- Diana Rush, Meg Elseroad, Conny Stehl, and Jeff Yost pulled off this win with a 48/16 won loss record. The second place team is #11 "Ocean's 11"-Joan Sanders, Jan Sorensen, Dick McAllister and Steve Kimball had a win-loss record of 47/17. Congratulations to all. The second half starts Jan.10, 2013.

Stats for the first half are:

Hi Team	Set #11	1414
Hi Team	Game #8	537
Hi Men's Set	Ray Steinberg	412
Hi Women's Set	Sharon Manson	393
Hi Men's Game	Pat Doherty	170
Hi Women's Game	Diana Rush	155

Good luck to all for the second half. Anyone interested in joining the league as a regular or willing to try it out as a substitute, please contact Nancy Talbott (410) 377-0542 Or Debbi at Stoneleigh Lanes (410) 377-8115.

Garden Club of Stoneleigh

by Wilma Starkey

The holidays are now over and as we take the Christmas decorations down the house looks bare. We need a few blooming plants to remind us that spring will be coming. Perhaps you planted some paper white bulbs or an amaryllis or your poinsettia still looks fresh. Mine was a red and white combo which looks pink and a little like spring. If you don't have anything blooming, go to a florist or even the Giant to pick up a bit of spring color.

The Garden Club, on Jan 8th is hearing about using native plants in landscaping. We are learning that plants native to Maryland are easier to grow and need less water and rich soil. Tuesday, Feb 12th we will go to Manor Care Nursing Home in Towson to help some of the residents make tray table flower arrangements. This is something the residents really enjoy and we do too. March 12th will be a trip to Hampton Mansion, where we will have a tour of the house as well as the grounds. Then THURSDAY APRIL 4th we will visit the Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park to see their display of Spring Flowering Bulbs.



Now we are up to the time for our annual geranium and plant sale which will be at the end of April. Look for our order forms at the end of March and remember our geraniums are always "the best". As always, if any of our programs sound interesting call Barbara Leo 410 377-6313 or Wilma Starkey at 410 377-2748

Save the Date: Stoneleigh Community Yard Sale is Saturday, April 13th



The annual Stoneleigh Spring Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 13, from 9-12. The rain date is Sunday, April 14. We will advertise on craigslist.com and with signs posted on York, Register, and Stevenson the week of the sale. So clear out your closets, attics and basements and turn your unwanted stuff into cash. Kids can turn old toys into spending money. Team up with a neighbor and sell your stuff together. People are more likely to stop if they see a bigger sale or several close together. Let shoppers know which streets are participating.

Contact Phoebe Letocha at PAEL73@yahoo.com or 410-337-8367 if you have any questions or if you want to spread the word that your block is participating. If you don't have stuff to sell, you can still participate by walking around the neighborhood and picking up some great deals.

Hints:

- Early bird dealers may arrive by 7:00 or 8:00 to prowl for collectibles, jewelry, tools, and other antiques. So set up early and be prepared for experienced bargainers if you have stuff they want. Otherwise set up by 8:30 for the first wave of regular customers. If you are selling electronics, test them to see if they work.
- Price your stuff with stickers (25¢, 50¢, \$1, etc). Be prepared to bargain. Stock up on quarters, ones and fives for quick change. Use a fanny pack or deep pockets to keep your cash instead of the risk of an unattended cash box. Periodically secure bigger bills by locking them inside the house.

2012 Christmas Decoration Judging

by Nancy Talbott

What started out as a cold and blustery day, turned into a bright and sunny day for the annual “Door and Overall” decoration judging. Our two judges from another garden club were definitely in the holiday spirit and could not wait to get started on their tour of Stoneleigh! The two judges are from a different garden club every year. In doing that, it gives everyone a chance each year. We do not know from year to year what particular theme, color, style or choice of decoration the judges will take a liking to. There were two ladies from the Garden Club of Stoneleigh who acted as pilot and co-pilot for the tour. They answered questions and checked the realness of greens, etc. but were not part of the judging itself.

The judges were each given a set of guidelines to go by to help them make their decisions. Those guidelines were: use of fresh greens and plant material; originality of design and theme; and the amount of effort. Some use of artificial fruits and accessories were allowed. A warm thank you to Agnes O’Farrell for hosting a delicious luncheon and some much need hot tea after our final drive through the neighborhood.



First Place – Door – 7100 Wardman Road



First Place – Overall – 7117 Bristol Road

Our judges critiqued each entrant and made notes along the way, a daunting task when there are over 500 homes in our neighborhood. The judges ‘final selections were chosen because they felt that the winners had incorporated the style and uniqueness of their home and/or doorway into the design and choice of greens and decorations for their home. They both said they felt a great deal of effort was put forth with all of the homes. They both commented on some of the more unique touches that were added to make an overall attractive design. These two particular judges seemed to be drawn to homes that incorporated the use of urns, filled with greens, into the overall design of their decorations. Many thanks to the two judges for taking time out of their day to tour our

neighborhood. Thanks as well to so many of our neighbors for making Stoneleigh proud.

We did make several complete trips around the entire neighborhood, so the judges could make their final decisions. And the winners are:

OVERALL

1st- Sally & Roberto Salvatori
7117 Bristol Road

2nd- Lisa & Bill Mathais
811 Chumleigh Road

3rd- Linda & Geoffrey Boyd
7105 Rich Hill Road

4th- Molly Shock
711 Stoneleigh Road

DOOR

1st Ron & Cookie Schneider
7100 Wardman Road

2nd Jeff & Alix Rodman
7101 York Road

3rd Gwen & Cory Farrugia
7111 Sheffield Road

4th Colleen & Brian Marden
817 Wellington Road

Hons on a Mission Update

by Donna Rae Smith

Our mission is to reach out with genuine compassion to others. Once a month we collect specific food items that are in need and once a season we sponsor a project that is decided upon by anyone in the community who has an idea about where our efforts would be best spent. Of course, there are many organized charitable activities happening in Stoneleigh. This fall many of our residents helped ease the difficulties caused by Hurricane Sandy. Folks went in trucks and vans loaded with all kinds of donations. It's great to live among caring neighbors.

Fall Teen Clothing for Residential Mental Health Facility

In November Ann Snead packed up many bags of clothing for these kids. Coats, sweaters, dresses, pants, shoes, belts, new gloves, new winter hats, and new flannel pj's were all delivered to some smiling and thankful mental health workers who assured us that everything would be carefully distributed to the kids.

Winter Suited To Succeed Collection

The Winter Hons project benefits Suited To Succeed, a Baltimore charitable organization that helps women move from poverty to employment with workshops, counseling and clothing appropriate to the workplace. Stoneleigh women looked in their closets for suits, skirts, tops, pants, shoes, handbags, scarves, belts, coats, and jewelry to donate. As of press time, the January 10 drop off event was still a few days off, but several early birds had already given 130 items! Having the right skills and experience are critical factors in the employment process, but appearance also plays a major role in helping women boost self-esteem and confidence. Based on calls and donations so far, we expect our neighborhood to make a HUGE difference in the lives of many women in our area.

Heidi and Lois Joellenbeck organized this project. They discovered that the men of Stoneleigh also have work clothing they want to contribute to a similar cause, so here's a heads up: next winter we plan to collect Menswear! The two men's organizations we will be working with are Sharp Dressed Man and Attire 4 Hire. Any men out there who want to head up or help with this first ever event in Stoneleigh please contact Donna Rae at donnaraesmith@yahoo.com!

Upcoming HON Events

Spring 2013 Project

We have been asked to collect girls and boys prom attire for a nearby residential mental health hospital. Dresses, shoes, jackets, pants, shirts, belts – any clothing item that would be suitable for prom!

Monthly Food Drive

This is from Maria Wetherington, our contact at ACTC and fellow Stoneleigh resident –

“The spirit of giving is alive and well in the Stoneleigh community. In 2012 the Assistance Center of Towson Churches, www.actconline.info received a generous donation of food each and every month of the year from the Stoneleigh community. Spearheaded by Hons on a Mission, this effort reflects the spirit of compassion and a desire by so many to make a difference. Many families have been faced with hard times yet the call to serve and come alongside those in need is stronger than ever. Last year more than 30,000 people came to the Center in need of food. Thank you Stoneleigh community for your partnership and allowing us to continue the 28th year of our mission of reaching out to those in need.”

We've been collecting lots of great food and the momentum is growing. If you don't participate in this activity, please think about picking up a few items once a month and donating them by putting them in one of the bins at one of the following homes. Collection locations are at:

- 715 Stoneleigh Road (Mary Eisenberg)
- 705 Stoneleigh Road (Annie Biser)
- 821 Wellington Rd (Maria Wetherington)
- 805 Kingston Road (Kate Bagli)
- 7104 Copeleigh Road (Katie Ball)
- 606 Hatherleigh Road (Bissett Schwanke)
- 7009 Kenleigh Road (Janice Arcieri)
- 7004 Wardman Road (Angela Wu)

More than 100 Residents Attend Breakfast with Santa!

by Jen Klindinst

On December 8, 2012, Santa made his annual trip from the North Pole to visit with more than 100 resident children at Stoneleigh's annual "Breakfast with Santa" event. This year Santa also brought some elves and singing entertainment for the children as they awaited their turn to meet Santa. The children came prepared with drawings, stories and detailed wish lists to share with Santa. Both adults and children enjoyed a delicious breakfast of fresh fruit, bagels, donuts, coffee and juices. Stoneleigh residents exemplified the Christmas spirit with their abundant toy donations. Over 50 toys were delivered to Prologue Inc. and "A Birthday Anywhere" to spread cheer to local families in need. A special thanks to all who attended and contributed their time and talents to make this neighborhood favorite a success!



Photos courtesy of Mari Kate Connolly and Audrey Kennedy

The Stoneleigh Social Committee Looks Ahead to a Festive 2013

by Mari Kate Connolly

Happy New Year Stoneleigh! The Social Committee had another wonderful year full of fabulous events for both kids and adults. 2012 brought some changes to our traditional event calendar, which were requested by residents through a survey at the end of 2011, and well received by the neighborhood.



Our four annual children/family events, Easter Egg Hunt, Labor Day Fair, Kids Halloween Party & Parade and Breakfast with Santa, were joined last year by our new event for Stoneleigh's Tweens, which was held in the summer at the pool. Over 90 "tweens" enjoyed this inaugural event! And there were two adult evenings, our new Winter Adult party, "Shamrock N' Bowl" held at Stoneleigh Lanes, and our Summer Social, the "Summer Shindig" held at our own Stoneleigh Pool. The adult events had reduced prices & potluck style dining which was a huge hit with neighbors!

A special thank you goes to the Social Committee Co-Chairs and all the Committee members for all your planning and hard work in 2012. And thank you to all the neighbors who attended and had a fabulous time at the events. Please check out the 2013 social event calendar which will be posted later this winter on www.stoneleigh21212.org. In addition, the Social Committee will continue to promote events through the Stoneleighite, flyers and emails.



The 2013 Social Committee will hold their first planning meeting on Monday February 4th. Although the committee is thankful to have many returning members in 2013, we are always seeking new neighbors with fresh ideas to join our talented and dedicated group.

Please contact our 2013 Social Committee Co-Chairs, Mari Kate Connolly (marikate.connolly@gmail.com) or Meghan Virro (meghanrayvirro@gmail.com), for more information.

Santa Claus Tours Stoneleigh Once Again!

by Cara Walen

During the month of December, Jim Clemmens of Wellington Road is a very popular man. For the last twenty-five years or so, Jim has cultivated a great network amongst not only volunteer fireman in the area, but some awfully important people at the North Pole as well. Jim has managed to have Santa and Mrs. Claus to visit Stoneleigh by way of a Providence Volunteer Fire Company fire truck.



Santa and Mrs. Claus greet the children of Stoneleigh

Seeing that landing the sleigh and caring for the reindeers during the stop is not possible within the neighborhood, the good folks at the Providence Volunteer Fire Department let him land the sleigh there while they drive him through our neighborhood on one of their finest trucks! Setting out about 7pm, Santa and the Mrs. toured the streets of Stoneleigh waving to eager and excited children on December 23rd. As always, crowds gather to wave hello and catch a glimpse of Santa.



Neighborhood volunteer elves!



Lindsay Voss on elf duty

Stoneleigh Citizens on Patrol Report

by Anand Sivaramakrishnan



Stoneleigh still rarely features in the crime log, thanks to your active neighborly spirit! Car thefts did rise last year, so park in lit areas when possible. If you hear foot traffic late at night, peek outside - thieves walk through hoping to find unlocked cars.

Keep up the good work reporting suspicious people or occurrences. Call (410) 877-2222 to report anything even slightly suspicious - the sooner the better! Recent miscreants include fake utilities employees (with no logo'ed vehicle in sight), and one only-slightly-successful copper guttering thief. Calling the county dispatcher will get these people out of our area, and send them and their partners in crime elsewhere! And, as a general rule, it's wise to let your neighbors know when your house is empty overnight. And of course, for emergencies call 911.

Stay alert, and stay in touch!

Anand, Stoneleigh COP Director (Anand0xff@gmail.com)

Stay Connected in Stoneleigh!

Did you know that we offer the **Resource List**, which includes babysitters, house sitters, dog walkers, and other miscellaneous services, on our website? This password-protected file is accessible at any time, so in case you recycle your Stoneleighte, visit www.Stoneleigh21212.org and follow the links for Community Resource List. Follow the instructions to obtain your password if you can't remember yours – it is that simple!



Did you know that over 75% of the homes in Stoneleigh are members of the **Stoneleigh Community Association Google Group**? These homes receive emails from time to time updating them on community news and events that are about to take place. We do NOT allow merchants or vendors to advertise through this service, nor do we share your email addresses with any third party organizations. This is not a message board or public forum. This service does not have a “Reply to All” function, nor does it publicly display members email addresses. Members simply receive carefully vetted emails alerting them to community news and events. There no fee of course to join; simply email the Stoneleigh President at StoneleighPresident@gmail.com and request to be added to the group.

Stoneleigh Community Calendar

Please mark your calendar for these neighborhood events

Shamrock 'N Bowl	Sat Mar 16 th
Kids Easter Egg Hunt	Sat Mar 23 rd
Stoneleigh Stampede	Sat May 25 th
Summer Adult Social	Sat Jun 8 th
Stoneleigh Tween Event	TBD
Kids TryAthlon	Sat Aug 31 st
Labor Day Fair	Mon Sep 2 nd
Kids Halloween Party & Parade	TBD
Fall Adult Social Event	TBD
Breakfast with Santa	Sat Dec 14 th



Please visit www.Stoneleigh21212.org for more event details!

Stoneleigh Historic District Nomination Amendment for National Register of Historic Places to Include Houses Built after 1954

by Kathleen Williams

Stoneleigh was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the National Parks Service in November of 2003. The application for inclusion on this list was based on the historic significance of Stoneleigh as a street car community typical of the early 20th Century. The homes built after 1954 were not considered to be contributing to that significance and are not included in the Historic District.

At the direction of the Stoneleigh Board of Governors, I contacted Laura Trishman at EHT Tracerics who wrote the original Historic District nomination. I met with Laura and her associate in early August and took a tour of the neighborhood to look at all of the homes built after 1954. EHT Tracerics then prepared a proposal for the Board to revise the application to include these post 1954 homes. The cost to prepare this nomination is significant.

I emailed the proposal to Peter Kurtze, Administrator, Evaluation and Registration for the Maryland Historic Trust. Mr. Kurtze would ultimately be involved in the approval of the application. He responded that he didn't not feel that it would be possible to link the later phase of development to the themes already established for the Historic District and there was not any new context to make those homes eligible. Because it seems highly unlikely that these later homes could be brought into the Historic District and therefore be eligible for the tax credits, the Board has not contracted with EHT Tracerics to prepare the nomination amendment.

I would be happy to arrange a meeting for the owners of these post 1954 homes to explain this further if there is interest in doing that. I would arrange to have Carol Allen, our neighbor and member of the Baltimore Landmarks Commission, explain this in greater detail. Please either call me at 410-299-7011 or email me at kathleen.williams@longandfoster.com if you have an interest in learning more about this.

Street Paving May Be in the Plans for 2013

As you have no doubt noticed, many of the streets in Stoneleigh are in need of repair. Many have deteriorated where they were patched after the curb and gutter work a few years ago and many are just full of pot holes. I surveyed the neighborhood and indicated on a map where the problems were. There were only a few blocks that didn't seem to need anything. I sent this to James Lathe at Baltimore County and to David Marks. I also spoke with Mr. Marks in person to ask for his help.

I am coordinating with Jim Dobson in Anneslie. It is our hope that by joining efforts that we can create a greater efficiency for the County in paving both Stoneleigh and Anneslie.

Stoneleigh Historic Tax Credits



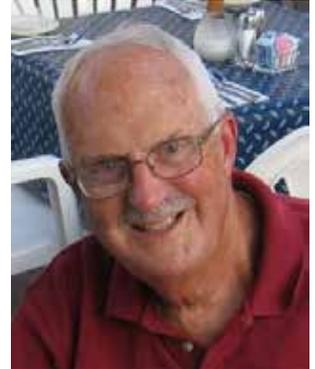
This is just a reminder that because Stoneleigh was added to The National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District in November 2003, residents of homes built before 1954 are eligible for tax incentives against their state income tax for approved work done to their homes. Baltimore County enacted legislation making additional credits available. State credits of 20% of the cost of approved work are applied to State income tax. County credits of an additional 20% are applied to property taxes. **Applications must be submitted to the State and County and approved by them before work begins or the credits will not be given.** I have compiled information intended to assist homeowners in determining if their

planned work qualifies for the tax incentives and to provide a guide to the necessary forms and data. If you would like a copy of that booklet, please either call me at 410-299-7011, or email me at Kathleen.Williams@longandfoster.com. I can email it in PDF form or drop a printed copy off at your home.

What is there for a former editor of The Stoneleighite to do? Why, write a column, of course!

Nostalgia ... Thy Name is The Stoneleighite!

Do you ever wonder what went on in our community fifty years ago? In many 'hoods you can only wonder, unless you are able to find a long-time neighbor with a good memory. In Stoneleigh, we are fortunate to have The Stoneleighite, which has faithfully recorded community events and concerns for nearly three quarters of a century! Archives of past issues are kept by the editor and Board of Governors.



The December, 1962, issue offers some interesting history. I was particularly intrigued by the intensity of scouting activity for both boys and girls in the community. Of course, this was still back in the days when recreation league sports and other youth activities were not as heavily promoted as they are today.

Girl Scout troops were filled to capacity and boosted of 41 new Brownie scouts and 12 intermediate Scouts. They were very involved with baking and selling goodies at the Labor Day table. In June, two girls, Carol Serini and Lynda Sherman, were awarded the Curved Bar Award, the highest Girl Scout Award, equivalent to Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts. New prospective members were placed on a waiting list. The Troop Organizer was Dorothy Skeen (Mrs. John H. Skeen, Jr. of Hatherleigh Road). There is at least one Girl Scout Troop in the community now that I am aware of, but we seldom see any mention of them in The Stoneleighite.

Stoneleigh Cub Pack 352 began its '62-'63 season with 43 boys registered and organized into 5 Dens, under the leadership of Cub Master Dick Berry and Assistant Cub Master Wally Swank. As now, Cubs met monthly at Stoneleigh School and parents were enrolled with their boys to provide leadership. With the exception of a year or two lapse, the Cub Pack continues in operation with about the same number of Cubs. Each year, from a third to half of the pack bridges over to one of several Boy Scout Troops nearby, so there is constant turnover of Cubs and leaders.

Boy Scout Troop 352 was active with hikes along the Skyline Drive (Appalachian Trail) and camping trips. Sam Tuttle was an active committee member. I believe that Roger Merritt was Scout Master at the time. The troop was discontinued some years ago, but its BSA 352 designation is still available for recharter.

Sea Scout Ship 352 – are you aware that we had an active and skilled Sea Scout unit in Stoneleigh at one time? It was originally chartered in '49 and led by Emerson Patten as Skipper. The ship had at least 3 boats, power and sail, and was based at Sue Island on Middle River, at the Baltimore Yacht Club. The Ship provided patrol service for regattas at the club. In '62, the Ship took several overnight cruises to ports on the Bay, and an annual week's cruise to Solomon Island and other ports in the Potomac River area. In August, the ship placed fourth of 70 boats in a navigation contest and received a trophy. In late October on an overnight cruise to Chesapeake City, the ship rescued a sailboat with a broken mast in rough water. In winter months and early spring, classes were held and maintenance made on boats and equipment. SSS 352 disbanded after 22 years for lack of continuing leadership. The Dumbarton Badminton group was active and played in frequent tournaments. I recall that neighbor Doug Penniman was Maryland State champion in the amateur badminton league.

The entertainment committee reported on a picnic at Lake Roland and the Labor Day Celebration, which over the years has been a continuing favorite in Stoneleigh. The coming dinner dance was mentioned and reminded me of the fantastic times of neighbors dressed-up and enjoying good food, music and dancing. I close my eyes and imagine that I can hear the music, the laughter, the rattle of ice cubes in cocktail glasses, and smell the aroma of sumptuous offerings on the buffet table. Ah Stoneleigh! You knew how to party back then!

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The Stoneleigh Community Association invites

Children (ages 10 & under) with a parent to attend an annual favorite....



Stoneleigh's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23, 2013

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall – 6915 York Road

Don't forget your Easter Basket!

