

# Stonebridge Community Association Newsletter

Fall 2013

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4<sup>th</sup> Annual SCA  
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## Save these dates:

4<sup>TH</sup> Annual  
Ladies Night  
Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

AGM  
Tuesday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

Kids Christmas Party  
Sunday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Welcome to the Fall 2013 edition of the Stonebridge Community Association newsletter. Stonebridge continues to grow and we are pleased to welcome new members to the association. Fall is upon us and with that brings new routines and activities. We have some great activities planned for our members throughout the remainder of 2013 so we hope to see you soon.

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Stonebridge Community Association AGM will take place:

**Date:** Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30pm – 7:00pm Refreshments

7:00pm – 9:00pm Presentations and Q&A

**Place:** Stonebridge Golf & Country Clubhouse

Join us for refreshments, mingle with your neighbours and hear what the executive team has been working on.

## Safety & Security Update

The SCA has been working on some safety improvements for the neighbourhood. We have been successful in getting the lines repainted on Kilbirnie Drive to help with speeding (white lines on the side and solid yellow down the middle) and are working with Jan Harder to make Kilbirnie Drive a 40 km zone and put up more signs showing 'Kids at Play'.

There are several safety issues surrounding drop-off and pick-up at the new St. Cecilia Elementary School. A lack of parking for parents, illegal parking in front of residents' driveways and aggressive driving are all cause for concern. We have been working with the school board and Jan Harder to resolve these safety issues.

Finally, we are pursuing an increased police presence in Stonebridge to set-up speed traps and to monitor 4-way stops.

## Call for Volunteers

Want to give back to your community? No matter what level of commitment you can make, we have a job for you. We are looking for people to help out with events, to maintain the Kilbirnie skating rink, to assist with our soccer program or to join the executive team. Email [stonebridgeca@hotmail.com](mailto:stonebridgeca@hotmail.com) if you would like to help.



Stonebridge Community  
Association - Barrhaven



*Please watch for trick or  
treaters when driving on  
Halloween night. Have your  
kids wear something  
reflective to keep them safe.*



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Stonebridge Ladies Night

Please mark your calendar for the 4th Annual Stonebridge Ladies Night:

Date: Thursday, November 21st

Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm

Where: Stonebridge Golf & Country Clubhouse

Registration is \$40 per table, and is limited to 20 vendors on a first come, first serve basis, with preference given to vendors residing in Stonebridge.

As in previous years, each vendor is asked to donate a door prize worth a minimum of \$50. There will be a \$2 admission/door prize fee and all proceeds will be donated to the Barrhaven Food Cupboard on behalf of the community and the vendors. You are welcome to have additional raffle prizes at your respective tables in order to attract new clients.

Email [SCAEvents@hotmail.com](mailto:SCAEvents@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Parks & Recreation Update

### ***Kilbirnie Park***

We would like to thank the City of Ottawa operations crews who weeded and added new mulch to the shrub beds, and facilitated the clean-up of green paint that was covering the tables and floor of the gazebo.

### ***Kilbirnie Skating Rink***

The SCA has committed to be the rink operator at the Kilbirnie Outdoor Rink for the coming season. This means we need community volunteers to build the base ice and then maintain the rink for the season. If you are interested in helping, we can add you to our email list and you will be notified when we need extra hands (initial base ice flooding, snow-blowing and scraping after big snowstorms, etc). If you are able to make a weekly commitment, you can be part of one of several crews that maintain the rink on a weekly basis. Please contact [stonebridgeca@hotmail.com](mailto:stonebridgeca@hotmail.com) to volunteer!

## Keeping Stonebridge Beautiful

Please help keep your neighbourhood clean and beautiful. Let's respect our pathways and parks by picking up after your pet and bringing your pet waste home. Have litter? Please put it where it belongs. Our parks have garbage cans so there is no need for garbage to be thrown on the ground.

## Environment Update

### *Tree Mapping Project*

Last autumn, we applied for and successfully received a grant through the City of Ottawa's Community Environmental Projects Grants Program (CEPGP). We received funding to assist in our efforts to map our park trees (focusing on Ash trees) and to better gauge our tree canopy. This will assist us in dealing with the Emerald Ash borer since, if nothing is done in the next few years, we stand to lose many beautiful trees in our parks, on the golf course, in our conservation areas, in our woodlots, and on our private properties. We are currently in phase 1, which focuses solely on tree mapping our three parks: W.C. Levesque, Kilbirnie, and Golflinks.

We will be applying for the 2013 grant so we can proceed with phase 2 of the project: mapping street trees, golf course trees, the conservation areas, and private properties (these will be divided further into a phase 3 for 2014).

Many wonderful volunteers from our community have given their time assisting with this project. Without them, none of this would have been possible. First and foremost, a big thank you to Nicole Parent, who has lead this project from the very beginning. Her passion for our community and her desire to save our trees has truly made this project a huge success. Thank you so much to our community volunteers: Bill Armitage, Garnet Strong, Ann Lieff, Richard Pell, Kyle Brydges and our tree experts: Regie Alam, Bettina Henkelman, Doug Flowers, and Eric Jones.

### *Fountain and Pond at Riverstone and Jockvale*

Have you noticed that our lovely pond and water feature have deteriorated significantly over the last few years? We have received numerous complaints about the maintenance of the pond and fountain this year. These features are the responsibility of the Stonebridge golf course, but clearly are not being looked after as well as in previous years. Unfortunately, the golf course feels there is nothing wrong with the current state of the pond and fountain and has no plans to change its maintenance program. If you are concerned about our fountain and pond and would like to voice your concerns, please email Craig Stanley at [CraigS@monarchgroup.net](mailto:CraigS@monarchgroup.net) and Joe Warner at [JoeW@monarchgroup.net](mailto:JoeW@monarchgroup.net) who are in charge of the golf course and maintenance.



*"If nothing is done in the next few years, we stand to lose many beautiful trees in our parks, on the golf course..."*



## Kids Christmas Party

**Date:** Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 9:30 - 11:30

**Place:** Manotick Arena

**Cost:** \$10/child. You must be a member of the Stonebridge Community Association to participate.

Email [SCAEvents@hotmail.com](mailto:SCAEvents@hotmail.com) to register your child(ren).

## Membership

Membership in the Stonebridge Community Association is an inexpensive way to support the local community and in turn, receive some great benefits. It is as much about fundraising for the community and the SCA as it is about individuals making a connection with other residents and local authorities.

A family membership costs just **\$20/year** and helps make the SCA effective in its role as your association by enabling social events, communication of events and key issues through signage, newsletters and a website. Funds also help provide the base financing to support a community improvement project or, alternatively, to oppose major initiatives that could damage or threaten our community.

Membership of the association is managed on a calendar basis and any membership fees paid throughout the year are until December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year. Membership can be paid through the Stonebridge Community Association's website at [www.stonebridgeca.com](http://www.stonebridgeca.com) by Paypal or by cheque. A reminder e-mail will be sent out to all association members in December to ask that you renew your membership for the 2014 calendar year.

## Monarch's Proposed Development on Hole 5

Monarch is planning to add 11 single family homes on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole of the golf course located south of the tee boxes. Monarch did not originally plan to build at this location, and a commitment was made to homeowners in the vicinity that this green space would not be developed.

Stonebridge residents are strongly opposed to this infill development application for a variety of reasons including:

- Traffic Safety Issues and Notable Tree Clearing
- Inconsistency with the Surrounding Community
- Residents' Loss of Privacy and Decrease in Property Values
- Changes to the 5<sup>th</sup> Hole of the Golf Course

### Written Comments to the City of Ottawa

If you share these concerns please contact the City of Ottawa and Jan Harder:

[birgit.isernhagen@ottawa.ca](mailto:birgit.isernhagen@ottawa.ca) (City Planner)

[jan.harder@ottawa.ca](mailto:jan.harder@ottawa.ca) (Ward Councilor)

RE: **3700 Jockvale Rd (D07-16-13-0021)**

### Public Consultation

The public consultation for this development application has not yet been scheduled, but is likely to occur in November. You will be notified of the date, time and location of this meeting once determined. Please come and strengthen our voice if you oppose this development!

If you are interested in the activities underway in opposition to this application you can reach concerned Stonebridge residents by emailing [stonebridge.hole5.development@gmail.com](mailto:stonebridge.hole5.development@gmail.com).

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*“Share the feeling of community pride – become a member of the Stonebridge Community Association”*

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*“Please be mindful of the speed limit when driving through our community. Call police or 311 to report dangerous drivers.”*