

Spring 2014

# Stonebridge Community Association Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring 2014 edition of the Stonebridge Community Association (SCA) newsletter. The Stonebridge community continues to grow and we are pleased to welcome new members to the association. We have some great activities planned for our members throughout 2014 so we hope to see you soon.

## Change in SCA Executive

During the first quarter of 2014, Chris Clarke announced that he would be taking a step back from his role as President of the association, in order to address the increasing demands of both work and a young family.

The Board has decided to take a new approach with the role of President, by sharing the responsibility among two current members of the Board: Josh Grundy, Director of Development & Transportation, and Matt Stephen, Treasurer. These two individuals will share the duty of Co-President, while continuing to fulfill the requirements of their current roles.

During this transition period Chris has generously offered to remain on the Board to assist with the changeover. Without question, Chris has helped to propel the Association forward and has been a key person in shaping our community. The SCA would like to thank Chris for over 4 years of dedicated service and for his continued support in the coming year.

## SCA Spring Soccer – Call for Coaches

The six week community ‘Just for Fun’ Soccer program is for Stonebridge children ages 3-9 and is run completely by parents and volunteers. There are usually about 150 children that participate in this program taking place Mid-May to June on Thursday nights from 5:30-6:30pm at WC Levesque Fields (determined by field availability).

In order to keep this popular program going, 15-20 volunteer coaches are required. We are looking for enthusiastic and interested parents or students looking for volunteer hours. Please volunteer as soon as possible via email at [info@stonebridgeca.com](mailto:info@stonebridgeca.com); we need to have coaches identified by April 30th. We will not be posting registration dates until the coaching volunteers are in place.

## SCA Family Membership

Membership in the Stonebridge Community Association is an inexpensive way to support the local community and in turn, receive some great benefits including early access to community-related information and participation in events hosted by the association. Membership can be conveniently paid through the Stonebridge Community Association’s website at [www.stonebridgeca.com](http://www.stonebridgeca.com) by Paypal.



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## Upcoming Events

### Annual Spring Park Clean-up Day

**Date:** Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Location:** Kilbirnie and W.C. Levesque Parks

We all benefit from the cleanliness of our community parks, so please join us in this cleanup effort. We will be cleaning at both Kilbirnie and W.C. Levesque parks. Please meet us under the gazebos at either park. Bags and gloves will be provided.

(Rain Date: Saturday, May 3rd)

### Annual Stonebridge Community Garage Sale

**Date:** Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

As they say, "One man's trash is another man's treasure". Sort through your bins and boxes and get ready for those out hunting for treasure. The Annual Stonebridge Community Garage Sale is growing in reputation as one of the best community garage sales, so don't miss the chance to clear out your closets, or find some treasures yourself!

### Movie Night in the Park

**Dates:** Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> (Frozen)  
 Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> (A Turtle's Tale)  
 Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> (Planes)  
**Time:** Dusk  
**Location:** Kilbirnie Park

The movie selections for our three movie nights in the park have now been made. Bring your blanket and chairs and enjoy a movie under the stars! Popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase.

## 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 our events, be a SCA representative for your street, or join the SCA board. Please send us an email at [info@stonebridgeca.com](mailto:info@stonebridgeca.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

## Stonebridge Environment Update

### Tree Mapping Project – Phase II

The association has once again received the necessary funding from the City of Ottawa's Community Environmental Projects Grant Program (CEPGP) to continue with the second phase of our community tree mapping project. We will be focusing on mapping street trees (with an emphasis on Ash trees) on the East side of Stonebridge.

We are looking for volunteers again this year to assist with our tree mapping project. If you have a few hours to spare this summer and are interested in learning more about the project and what you can do to help, please email us at [environment@stonebridgeca.com](mailto:environment@stonebridgeca.com).

### What's Digging Up My Lawn?

Well, thankfully spring has finally sprung! Unfortunately, it seems that our community skunks, raccoons, and crows are up to their old tricks. In case you haven't had issues with your lawn before, you may be dealing with grubs.

The City of Ottawa provides useful information on their website regarding Spring time pests and offers numerous methods of control:

<http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/water-and-environment/lawn-and-garden/pests>

## 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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. Monarch did not originally plan to build at this location and a commitment not to build in this location was provided to homeowners in the vicinity.

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

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

The City of Ottawa planner is aiming to have the zoning report for this application ready for the May 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 Planning Committee meeting. Please join us at the planning committee meeting to voice your concerns with this development. Check the website for updated information on this topic ([www.stonebridgeca.com](http://www.stonebridgeca.com)).



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## Fun at the 2014 Easter Party

On Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>, over 65 of our community kids celebrated with the Easter bunny at the Annual Stonebridge Kids' Easter Party at the Stonebridge Golf Clubhouse. This sold out event had the kids making a bunny bag to use for their Easter egg hunt, along with other Easter crafts. After a very exciting egg hunt, held inside the clubhouse and outside on the patio, the kids enjoyed a pizza lunch and dessert.



A tremendous thank you goes out to Nestle Toll House Cafe in Barrhaven for generously donating delicious cookies for everyone to enjoy. If you are interested in volunteering to help with future events, please email Kelly Fry at [events@stonebridgeca.com](mailto:events@stonebridgeca.com).

## SCA Website Refresh

Over the course of the last four months the content on the Stonebridge Community Association website has undergone a major refresh. Although the look and feel of the website remains the same, website content has been reviewed and updated, and a renewed commitment has been made to keeping this content current in the future.

If you have any questions, comments or recommendations for the SCA website, please don't hesitate to let us know at [info@stonebridgeca.com](mailto:info@stonebridgeca.com).

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