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Welcome to the Spring 2015 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. Visit our [website](#) or contact us at membership@stonebridgeca.com to join!

Kilbirnie Skating Rink

We have enjoyed a wonderfully long skating season at our community skating rink in Kilbirnie Park, although extremely cold at times. Our rink has been used for numerous events this season, including the St. Cecilia/St. Emily Schools' Family Skate Night. There were well over 200 participants at this event on January 23rd!

We extend our gratitude to the team of rink volunteers for doing an amazing job creating a high quality and well maintained skating surface for the enjoyment of our community again this year. Special thanks to Mark Black and Andy Nera, the prime volunteers responsible for creating the base ice and maintaining our rink, for their countless hours of dedication. Thank you Mark and Andy!

'Just for Fun' Stonebridge Soccer is Back!

We are pleased to announce that we will once again run our six week 'Just for Fun' Soccer Program for kids aged 3-9, **conditional on finding 25-30 coaching volunteers that we require to run the program before the end of March.** No prior experience is required as activities with the younger kids involve simple games with the ball. Email us if you can help this year at volunteering@stonebridgeca.com.

Call for Volunteers

The SCA is very much in need of your assistance this year. We are seeking community-minded neighbours who want to get involved in their community association. Please let us know if you are interested in any of the following areas:

Website Administration, Secretary, Communications, Environment, Events, Business Sponsorship, Development and Transportation

We meet as a group once a month in the Echo boardroom at the Minto Recreation Complex – Barrhaven (MRCB). Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month (excluding July, August & December), guests are welcome at 8.00pm.

Not sure how you can help? Contact us now at volunteering@stonebridgeca.com, or join us at our monthly meeting, and we'll find the best fit for you based on your interests and availability!

As always we are looking for volunteers to assist in many ways, some that require as little as just hours a year to help out with an event for example.

Upcoming Events

Annual Spring Clean-Up Week (April 25th – May 2nd)

Clean-Up Week: April 25th - May 2nd

Park Clean-Up Kick-Off Date: Saturday April 25th

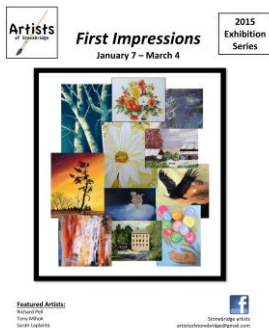
Rain Date: Saturday May 2nd

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Kilbirnie, W.C. Levesque and Golflinks Parks

We will kick-off our Spring Clean-Up week in our three community parks. Meet us there on Saturday, bags and gloves will be provided. Stay as little or as long as you want.

Can't make it for the kick-off? Contribute to the clean-up at your convenience throughout our clean-up week. You can find more information on the city-wide **Cleaning the Capital** initiative at the [City of Ottawa website](#).



[Artists of Stonebridge](#) – 2015
Exhibition Series - MRCB

Annual Stonebridge Garage Sale

Date: Saturday June 6th

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (some vendors will be open earlier!)

Our garage sale has grown in reputation as one of the best community garage sales in the city, so don't miss the chance to clear out your closets, basements and garages, and make some money in the process!

We will be offering a listing service on our website to our SCA members so that buyers can easily find you on a map along with a listing of your key items for sale.

'Just for Fun' Soccer Program

Date: May 21 - June 25th (every Thursday)

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: \$40 per child (t-shirt included, SCA membership required)

Online Registration: Will open once 25-30 coaching volunteers are secured.

We don't yet have enough coaches to run the program, please contact us at volunteering@stonebridgeca.com if you can help.



Movie Nights in the Park

Date: 3 Saturday evenings - one in June, July and August (to be announced)

Time: After dusk

Cost: FREE

Bring your blanket and chairs and enjoy a movie under the stars! We are looking for sponsors and a new service provider to assist us with these events. If you know anyone who may be interested please let us know at info@stonebridgeca.com.



Tree Mapping Project – Phase III

In October 2014, we applied for our third grant through the City of Ottawa's Community Environmental Projects Grants Program (CEPGP). We were successful in this endeavour and received funding to continue with the third phase of our Tree Mapping project, namely the Stonebridge community on the West side of Jockvale Road.

The third phase includes tree inventory and mapping of our community's street trees on the West side of the Stonebridge community. In so doing, we hope to better gauge the quality of our tree cover and identify the Ash tree locations. This will assist us in preparing mitigation measures to not only deal with the destruction caused by the invasive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) but to help increase the tree cover in our community.

If you are interested in your natural environment and the community in which you live, and have a few hours to help out, we are looking for volunteers to assist with this project. In terms of taking inventory of street trees, we'll begin in May, once the trees have leafed out and hopefully the field work will be completed by the time the hot summer months roll in.

Please email environment@stonebridgeca.com to add yourself to our working team, we will be glad to have you on board!



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update

The **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)** were identified in many of our community trees several years ago and unfortunately, continue to be a problem. It is of the utmost importance for residents to check ash trees on their property to identify whether their ash have been infected, as EAB can easily spread throughout our community's ash trees. On a side note, volunteers will be mapping all street trees on the West side of Stonebridge this June. Any residents with infected trees will receive a letter from the association letting them know about it and what they can do.

The [City of Ottawa website](#) outlines how to identify infected ash trees, offers information on injections, and discusses removal and disposal.

The window for treatment of ash trees is in the late Spring. However, treatments can be completed until the end of August. If you have a city owned tree on your property that you would like injected, call 311.



Spencer Warren Elected Zone 4 OCSB Trustee

In December the Ottawa Catholic School Board of Trustees appointed Spencer Warren as the Trustee for Zone 4 – Barrhaven/Gloucester-South Nepean.

Spencer Warren is a resident of the Stonebridge community and served as the Director of Safety and Security with the association since 2011. Spencer has resigned from the association to focus on his new role. Many thanks to Spencer for his time spent with the association.

We are pleased to announce that the role of Director of Safety and Security has been filled recently by Jenny Rebekha whose background in this area will be an asset to the Board of Directors and the community at large. Welcome aboard Jenny!

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Watch for the end of month draw for our [March Business Prizes!](#)

Nicole Rosenfeldt, [Real Estate Representative](#), is donating a free hour consultation for Home Staging or Interior Decoration.

Andreina Lujan and Carrie Brown are donating a free day pass at the [Westin Health Club](#), one hour registered massage, and a one hour fitness session.

Thank you for your generous prize donations!

Business Member Spotlight



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Monthly Stonebridge Business Prize Draw

In an effort to engage local businesses we have introduced the Stonebridge Business Prize Draw program. This program offers businesses that cater to the Stonebridge community an opportunity to bring visibility to their products and services by making prize donations to the program. This donation is posted on our [website](#) and our [Facebook page!](#)

Prize donations are awarded to randomly selected Stonebridge residents who are members of the Stonebridge Community Association. Since this program was introduced in October of last year, we have awarded 9 prizes totalling over \$2000 in value (average value over \$200 per prize). Check our [online prize draw listing](#) for details. Don't miss an opportunity to win our monthly business prize draw by joining the SCA on our [website](#), or by contacting us at membership@stonebridgeca.com.

Stonebridge Business Membership Program

In addition to the monthly Business Prize Draw, we continue to offer a variety of business advertising opportunities including advertising space on our website and in our newsletter, sponsoring of events, discounting of products and services to residents of our community, and listing in our new [Stonebridge Business Directory](#) available to members of the Stonebridge Community Association.

If you own or operate a business that provides products and services to the Stonebridge community, please contact us if you're interested in providing our residents with an opportunity to support your local business. Visit the [Business Membership](#) page on our website, or contact us at sponsorship@stonebridgeca.com for further information.

Have you had a great experience with a business that caters to the Stonebridge community? Let us know at sponsorship@stonebridgeca.com and we'll reach out to them to see if they are interested in our program.

Street Rep Program

If you know of someone on your street or in Stonebridge who is good with people and loves the community, they are an ideal candidate for the Street Rep Program. Please nominate them by email at street.reps@stonebridgeca.com, include their contact info and we will reach out to them to see if they are interested in participating in the program.

The goal of the program is to raise awareness of the Stonebridge Community Association and its [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) to obtain up-to-date information on activities, events and projects that will have an impact on our community.

The first step is to designate a representative for every street!

With Spring in the air our Street Reps will be hitting the streets to visit neighbours and greet newcomers. If you'd like to know whether or not your street already has a representative in the program please contact street.reps@stonebridgeca.com.

Landscaping Settlement with Monarch (5th Hole)

Last summer the Stonebridge Community Association continued its opposition to the proposed development of 11 new homes South of the 5th hole of the golf course by filing an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). This appeal was scheduled to be heard on January 7th, 2015.

The SCA along with representatives of concerned residents living in the vicinity of the proposed development entered negotiations with Monarch in late November (primarily Cedardown Private and Sandgate Ridge). These negotiations focused on mitigating the impact of the proposed development through a variety of landscaping measures. These measures included extensive augmentation of the landscaping buffer between existing homes and the new homes, and the planting of additional trees supplied where possible from Monarch's nursery stock, both deciduous and coniferous, in locations near existing homes but on Monarch property.

We are pleased to announce that a settlement was finalized on December 19th binding Monarch to implement the negotiated landscaping measures. As a result the appeal to the OMB was withdrawn and the agreed to landscaping plan has been submitted to the City by Monarch on file number D02-13-0080.

The 11 new homes on Stromness Private have been released for sale, referred to as the [Eleven development by Monarch](#). According to Monarch's initial projections the infrastructural changes will begin this Spring with the first phase of landscaping measures to be implemented shortly thereafter. All landscaping measures will likely be in place after construction is completed in Fall of 2016.

[Monarch gets set to close out Stonebridge in Barrhaven](#), *Ottawa Citizen*, March 13th 2015

[Mattamy Homes Finalizes Purchase of Monarch Corporation](#), *PR Newswire*, January 28th 2015



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