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Welcome to the Spring 2016 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](http://www.stonebridgeca.com) or contact us at membership@stonebridgeca.com to join!

Kilbirnie Skating Rink

Despite the challenging weather conditions this Winter our dedicated volunteers continued to spend countless hours maintaining the ice to stretch out our skating season at the Kilbirnie park as long as possible. The rink was up and running in record time after the high of 15°C on Christmas Eve!

A high level of dedication is required throughout the season to maintain an outdoor ice rink with a high quality skating surface. We are so very fortunate to have residents in our community that have this level of dedication and continue to give their time and effort for the enjoyment of skaters young and old in our community. Hats off again this year to Andy and Mark for maintaining our rink!

'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 coaching volunteers that we require to run the program before April 3rd**. No prior experience is required as activities with the younger kids involve simple games with the ball. Email us at soccer@stonebridgeca.com if you can help this year. Help us spread the word about our soccer program to residents of Stonebridge!

Call for Volunteers

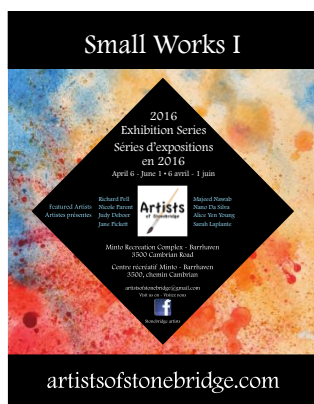
We are seeking community-minded neighbours who want to get involved in their community association. Please let us know if you are interested in any of the following areas:

Secretary, Communications, Business Sponsorship, Membership, Parks & Recreation, Volunteering

We meet as a group once a month in the Echo boardroom at the Minto Recreation Complex – Barrhaven (MRCB). Meetings are held during the 3rd week of each month (excluding July, August & December). Check the website for the date and time of our [upcoming meetings](http://www.stonebridgeca.com). You're always welcome to join us.

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.



Artists of Stonebridge – 2016
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Upcoming Events

Annual Spring Clean Up Week

Clean Up Week: April 30th - May 7th

Clean Up Kick-Off Date: Saturday April 30th

Rain Date: Sunday May 1st

Time: 10:00 am

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

We will kick-off our Spring Clean Up week in our three community parks and main community entrances. Register with us at spring.cleanup@stonebridgeca.com and we'll distribute our efforts across these locations and make sure that you're on the list for free pizza at lunch! Bags and gloves will be provided.

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](#).

Annual Stonebridge Garage Sale

Date: Saturday June 4th

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (some sellers will be open much 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 of Stonebridge along with a listing of your key items for sale. Register with us at garagesale@stonebridgeca.com.

'Just for Fun' Soccer Program

Date: May 19 - June 23rd (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 coaching volunteers are secured.

We don't yet have enough coaches to run the program, please contact us at soccer@stonebridgeca.com if you can help. We are also looking for a field coordinator to manage the soccer balls and oversee the field during each session.

Movie Nights in the Park

Date: Planning for 1 or 2 Saturday evenings during June - August (dates TBA)

Time: After dusk

Cost: FREE

We are hoping to partner again with [Sequoia Church](#) to bring you an amazing outdoor movie experience again this summer (with Sequoia's large [Airscreen](#) and professional grade audio system). Grab your blanket and chairs and enjoy a movie under the stars with friends and neighbours!

Tree Mapping Project – Phase III Completed

In October 2014, we applied for our third grant through the City of Ottawa's Community Environmental Projects Grants Program (CEPGP). The third phase included tree inventory and mapping of our community's street trees on the West side of the Stonebridge community.

Volunteers were assembled early 2015 and detailed project planning was undertaken in collaboration with City Forestry staff. The project team included a certified arborist, a scientist, an analyst, a mapping expert, several naturalists and resident volunteers. Field work started in May and was conducted throughout the Summer. The findings of phase III of the project were presented at the Annual General Meeting of the SCA in November (AGM presentation [available here](#)).

In October, lead representatives of private street-tree neighbourhoods were invited to an information session. We were pleased to share the importance of a care and maintenance street-tree strategy and implementation with representatives of 12 private streets on the West side of the Stonebridge community.

In completing this project, we have assessed the quality of our tree cover and have identified the Ash tree locations. This assisted 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 in the future. The detailed findings of phase III have been submitted to the City's Grant Office and Forestry Services, as well as our City Councillors for Ward 3 (Harder) and Ward 22 (Qaqish). For further information contact us at environment@stonebridgeca.com.

Kudos to Nicole and the project team for making another exceptional contribution to the health and welfare of the Stonebridge community's tree canopy!

Three New Park Benches at W.C. Levesque

The Stonebridge Community Association has purchased three new parks benches for the largest of our community parks, W.C. Levesque.

The arrangements required to acquire these park benches have been underway for over two years, but as a result of the persistence of the volunteers on the board of the SCA and the support of City staff these park benches are now available in the W.C. Levesque park, enjoy!

2015 SCA Annual General Meeting

For those of you who attended the 2015 AGM we thank you for taking the time to join us at the Stonebridge Golf & Country Club for a recap of our accomplishments in 2015 and objectives for the coming year. If you weren't able to join us, the presentation prepared by the board of the SCA is a great way to learn what your dedicated community association volunteers are focused on ([available here](#)).

At the AGM we announced that two long time members of the board have moved on, namely our past Treasurer Matt Stephen and our past Director of Environment and later Volunteering, Laura Fromow. Thank you both for over 4 years of generous service with the SCA.

We are fortunate to have found a new Treasurer to serve on the board. Welcome aboard Josie! Many thanks to Ed for serving as interim Treasurer.



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[Happy Trails Pet Care](#), a full service pet care company, is donating a \$75 gift card available for all services offered.

[Jenn Gates](#) of Mary Kay McKinnon is donating a Gardener's Best Friend Basket valued at \$75.

Thank you for your generous prize donations!

New Business Member Spotlight



Visit the [Stonebridge Business Directory](#) for a listing of all our business members.



Stonebridge Traffic Review

In the Fall of 2015 the Stonebridge Community Association requested a meeting with Councillor Harder's office (Ward 3) to discuss the traffic safety issues that have become a serious concern for many in the community.

As a result of the concerns expressed during this meeting, Councillor Harder has initiated a traffic review in the Stonebridge community and engaged a traffic analyst to work directly with us to assess targeted locations with respect to speeding, traffic rule compliance and overall traffic signage. We have provided as input all locations in the community that you have reported your concerns to us over email and Facebook. This review is being performed throughout the entire Stonebridge community and also has the support of Councillor Qaqish (Ward 22).

Traffic counts and speed surveys have been underway over the last few months throughout the community. A report is being prepared that will communicate the results of the Stonebridge Traffic Review. This report will be used to submit recommendations to the City for review and implementation, in order to address our traffic safety concerns. We are meeting with the traffic analyst in April to discuss preliminary results. Email us at safety@stonebridgeca.com for further information.

Business Membership & Monthly Prize Draws

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.

Prizes donated by businesses are awarded to randomly selected Stonebridge residents who are members of the Stonebridge Community Association. Since this program was introduced in October of 2014, we have awarded over 30 prizes totalling over \$4000 in value (average value over \$100 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.

Street Rep Program

With Spring in the air our Street Reps will be hitting the streets to visit neighbours and greet newcomers. Many of the streets in our community are without a representative, an important role that involves minimal effort. If you are looking for a way to contribute to the community and enjoy meeting new people, please contact us at street.reps@stonebridgeca.com to find out how you can help.

New Orchard Park

Councillor Qaqish (Ward 22) hosted a public consultation at the Uniform Sales Center regarding the development of the Orchard Park, designated as a parkette in the original plan of subdivision for The Orchard development. This park will include a balance of areas designated for play for the children, with open green space that accentuates the natural grade of the site. Visit the [City of Ottawa's website](#) for details of the park concept plan and the play equipment options under consideration. Park development is planned to be completed by Fall 2016.

Proposed Development at 3740 Jockvale (Pink House)

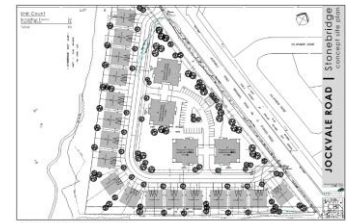
Uniform Developments is at the pre-consultation stage with the City of Ottawa with regards to a proposed development of 3740 Jockvale (known locally as the Pink House lot) and intends to file planning applications some time this year. Original plans included 36 three-story townhomes and 6 low-rise (3 ½ story) medium density flats.

The Stonebridge Community Association provided initial input into the City and the builder with regards to density compatibility with existing dwellings bordering the site, request for a minimum 10-meter tree buffer within the site, implementation of a traffic light at the Jockvale/Golflinks intersection prior to any construction, and the advancement of the Jockvale road widening from Cambrian to Prince of Wales.

Uniform Developments has modified its proposed development with the following changes:

- From six 3 ½-story flats (84 units) to four (56 units); the units are relocated from bordering the golf course to bordering Jockvale;
- 36 3-story townhomes have been replaced by 34 semi-detached bungalows bordering the golf course;
- The request for a 10-meter tree buffer within the site has not been considered;
- The street entrance appears to line up with Golflinks and the design indicates a roundabout planned at this intersection.

Visit our [website](#) for further information and please forward all concerns, comments and questions to development@stonebridgeca.com. A public consultation is expected to occur after the application has been submitted to the City (to be confirmed).



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