

# STONELEIGH NEWS

March 2013

## Upcoming Community Events



**March 23rd** Easter Egg Hunt

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** HOA Quarterly  
Dues Due (\$360)

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** Yard Sale

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Junk Army

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** Outdoor Movie  
Night

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Garden Tour and  
Cocktail Party

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** HOA Quarterly  
Dues Due (\$360)

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** Parade and Games

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** Annual Picnic

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** HOA Quarterly  
Dues Due (\$360)

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** Annual Meeting

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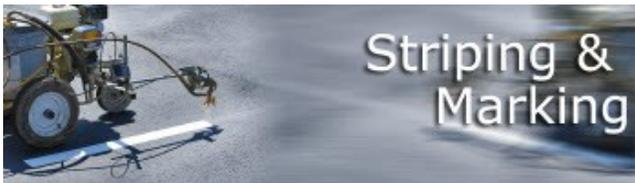
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## Contract Awarded for Parking Lot Restriping!



We are pleased to announce that we have awarded the contract to restripe our parking lots to Fairfax Paving & Concrete.

We expect the work to take place sometime in March or April.

As soon as we have more details we will let everyone know via email and flyers.

All cars will need to be removed from the lots early in the morning, and can be returned

that same evening.

The contractor will be scraping off the old markings and preparing the surfaces before restriping. If you'd like to have your spot relocated, please let James Hawkins at Cardinal Management know by sending him an email at [j.hawkins@cardinalmanagementgroup.com](mailto:j.hawkins@cardinalmanagementgroup.com).

## New Website

Our website, [www.stoneleigh.org](http://www.stoneleigh.org), has been completely redesigned, thanks to the efforts of Mitchell Sacks and Emily Summers.

There is now a blog, which will allow us to make announcements to the entire community. Additionally, all Association documents are accessible, should you have any questions about by-laws or policies. An archive of newsletters is also available.

Contact information for Board members can be found. If you would like to access the password-protected neighborhood directory, you will need to create a new login and be approved. Please take a look and let us know what else you would like to see on [Stoneleigh.org](http://Stoneleigh.org)

## Call for Board Members

We need you! We are in need of homeowners to join the board. We have had one vacancy on the board for almost one year, and just recently board member Heather Kennedy resigned from the board.

If you've ever thought about serving on the board and volunteering your time to make your community a better place to live, now is the time! It doesn't take up a lot of your time, and it's a great way to find out what's going on in our community.

If you are interested, please contact board President Mitchell Sacks at [msacks@verizon.net](mailto:msacks@verizon.net).

## Fairfax County Provides Tax Relief for Seniors and People with Disabilities

Fairfax County provides real estate tax relief and car tax relief to citizens who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements. Qualified taxpayers may also be eligible for rent relief. Returning applicants must file between January 1 and April 1. (Some exceptions may be available if applications are filed late due to a hardship that prevented the application from being filed in time. Detailed requests for hardship waivers must be submitted in writing to the Department of Tax Administration.)

Forgot to apply for 2012? Applications are still being accepted based on hardship and for first-time filers through December 31, 2013. For eligibility requirements or for an application, call 703-222-8234 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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## Details on this years Community Events

### Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, March 23, Stoneleigh will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children. This has become a very fun neighborhood tradition. We need volunteers the week before to help stuff the eggs and a couple of people to help hide them the morning of the event. Please contact Doug Hoyt ([dmhoyt\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:dmhoyt_1999@yahoo.com)) if you are willing to help.

If you do have kids, then there is no reason you can't make a little extra money selling their old clothes and toys at the...

### Yard Sale

Once again, Stoneleigh will accommodate any neighbors that wish to have a yard sale

on Saturday, May 18 – to coincide with McLean Day for optimal traffic. We will place the ads and put out the signs. All you have to do is show up with your unwanted items and be ready to make some easy money! If you are interested in participating, please let Heather Kennedy ([heather.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:heather.kennedy@gmail.com)) know.

If you can't sell everything, or you just have junk laying around, then be ready for the...

### Junk Army

On Sunday, May 19, the Association will cover the cost of having the Junk Army come out and collect all manner of trash and junk. Past items sent off include, furniture, TVs, and even a cast-iron bathtub! If you've got something, and you don't want it anymore,

be on the lookout for the map with the drop-off areas and deadline for putting your items in the piles.

All of the junk will be picked up that day, leaving the neighborhood nice and neat for Stoneleigh's very first...

### Outdoor Movie Night

On Saturday, June 1, as the sun goes down on our beautiful community, the big screen will go up! We will be showing a family-friendly movie and hope to have some fresh popcorn and other treats. So, bring your kids and friends for a fun movie night under the stars. Don't forget your blankets or lawn chairs.

If a kids' movie isn't your idea of a good time, then maybe you'll be in the mood for a more grown-up occasion, like the...

### **Garden Tour and Cocktail Party**

After a few years off, a Stoneleigh tradition is returning. You may have recently seen a flyer inviting you to the Stoneleigh Garden Tour and Cocktail Party on Sunday, June 2.

And looking ahead, plan to attend these other Stoneleigh events:

July 4th Parade and Games – Thursday, July 4

Stoneleigh Annual Picnic – Saturday, September 28

Stoneleigh Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting – Tuesday, November 12 at 7pm

## **Who owns the fence?**

With Spring fast approaching, a question that comes up often is "Who owns the fence between homes?"

The answer is simple, the fence ownership is shared between you and your next door neighbor both. So when it's time to replace that old worn out fence, please make sure to work with your neighbor to split the costs.

If you have a situation where a fence needs replacement, but your neighbor won't agree to pay their half, please contact James Hawkins at Cardinal Management who can assist in mediating the situation.

## **Ice Melt Buckets**

In the next few weeks (perhaps by the time you read this) Blade Runners will pick up and store the Ice Melt buckets located throughout the Community.

Once again we had a mild winter and ended up not needing to use these much (if at all). They will be emptied and cleaned out, and next year will be placed back on site with fresh material.

## **Contacting the Board of Directors**

When issues arise, the best course of action is to contact our community manager, James Hawkins of Cardinal Management Group, at [j.hawkins@cardinalmanagementgroup.com](mailto:j.hawkins@cardinalmanagementgroup.com) or 703-565-0042. However, you are also welcome to contact any of the following people who volunteer their time to serve on the Board:

Mitchell Sacks	President	<a href="mailto:msacks@verizon.net">msacks@verizon.net</a>
Doug Hoyt	Vice President & Architectural Standards Chair	<a href="mailto:dmhoyt_1999@yahoo.com">dmhoyt_1999@yahoo.com</a>
Winnie Pizzano	Treasurer & Landscaping Chair	<a href="mailto:wpizzano@verizon.net">wpizzano@verizon.net</a>
Vacant Position	Secretary	
Don Sumihiro	Member-at-large & Security Chair	<a href="mailto:saxet3715@hotmail.com">saxet3715@hotmail.com</a>
Emily Summers	Member-at-large	<a href="mailto:emily_y_summers@yahoo.com">emily_y_summers@yahoo.com</a>
Vacant Position	Member-at-large	

## **Post Lamp Conversion to LED Lighting**

Our project to replace the incandescent lighting in our lamp posts was stalled over the winter. The prototype fixture installed in front of Linda Edwards home at 7021 Alicent Place failed. The good news is that the vendor replaced faulty parts at no charge, and was able to determine why the parts failed.

The vendor just came out with a new and improved version of their LED fixture which doubles the light output over their original version. Since we wanted to see a comparison of the old and new fixtures, we asked them for a sample, which has just been installed in front of 7011 Alicent Place. You can really see the difference!

We have 62 lamp posts in the community and are now ready to upgrade all of them to LED. In order to do so, the associations electrician will need to gain access to your home to replace the existing transformer with a much smaller unit which uses a fraction of the power of our old transformers.

In addition, we'll be replacing posts and lanterns as many of our existing fixtures are just worn out.

## **Stoneleigh Directory Updates**

As part of the redesign of the Stoneleigh website, we would very much like to update our directory. Please take a moment to send your current contact information to Mitchell Sacks ([msacks@verizon.net](mailto:msacks@verizon.net)). We'd like to have your home and cell numbers, and any email addresses you'd like listed in the directory.