

STONELEIGH NEWS

Upcoming Events

- July 1** – HOA Quarterly Dues Due (\$360)
- July 4** – Parade and Games
- September 29** – Annual Picnic
- October 1** – HOA Quarterly Dues Due (\$360)
- November 13** – Annual Meeting

Event News

The **Yard Sale** and **Junk Army** were once again very successful. Thanks to everyone that came out to sell their wares and everyone that came by to browse and maybe even buy a thing or two.

Now it's time to start thinking about **July 4th**! We will once again host a parade and games for the kids. Be on the lookout for a flyer in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to volunteer to help (we can always use more water balloons!), please contact Emily Summers at esummers@markettorque.com or 703-869-2538.

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SURVEY COMING SOON!!!

Watch your mail in the coming weeks for a community-wide survey.

We had a great response to the survey we conducted two years ago, and hope to have even more responses this year. You will be able to fill out and drop off the hard copy of the survey, or follow the instructions to complete it online. We are looking forward to your feedback.

Farewell to Treasurer Laura Coblentz

It is with a heavy heart that we will soon say goodbye to Laura Coblentz, who has served on the Board for three years as Treasurer. The Coblentz family is moving to another home nearby. Best of luck to you, Laura and family!

Laura's departure means there is a vacancy on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on the Board and finishing out Laura's term as Treasurer, please contact Mitchell Sacks at msacks@verizon.net or 703-748-5997.



Fill this Space!

We like to use this newsletter as a way to get information out about upcoming events, policies, and anything we think would just be helpful for the community to know. Lately, it's been challenging to come up with a diverse array of topics, so we are looking to you for suggestions.

What would you like to see covered in the newsletter?

Do you have a service or business you would like to advertise to the 134 homes in our community? (Dog-walking, house-sitting, babysitting, yard work - whatever you want to publicize is fine by us.)

Feel free to submit articles of any kind. Or just give us a topic, and we'll work on writing something up.

All items will be published after Board review.

It's your neighborhood, so it's your newsletter!

Just email Heather Kennedy at heather.kennedy@gmail.com with your thoughts.



Stoneleigh Google Group

Stay informed and communicate directly with your neighbors. The Stoneleigh Google Group is a powerful tool to sell or give away items, discuss schools, ask for or provide recommendations for quality service providers, start a dialogue in the community, or just get the word out about something you think might interest your neighbors. It is a very useful tool if we just use it. Be sure when you sign up to have new messages emailed to you (you don't want to miss out if someone is giving away something you could use!).

To sign up, visit:

<http://groups.google.com/group/stoneleigh-hoa>

Grant Won

The Stoneleigh Association applied for and received a Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Grant (NEPP) from Fairfax County to "Preserve West McLean's Tree Canopy" in the amount of \$3,500. Seventy-two applications were made for these NEPP projects and 31 were selected for funding.

For forty years, the Stoneleigh HOA has developed and maintained a large canopy of trees in West McLean. Our homes are at the western entrance to downtown McLean and our plantings extend along Davidson Street and Westmoreland St. The 134 townhomes in our association enjoy shady roads and large green spaces - which connect to other McLean neighborhoods and the park.

In the past few years the mainstay of our large trees, the pin oak, has been devastated by disease. Our white pines along Davidson have not weathered well in the heavy snow and winds of the last few years and we will be replacing them over time. The locust trees (which are at the corner of Westmoreland and Chain Bridge have been declining and will be replaced by America hollies to add to the existing privacy screen, as well as additional canopy trees.

We proposed to plant six trees including willow oaks, american elms, and maple trees as part of this project. Soon you will be asked, as part of our community survey, where you want the trees to be planted. The size of the trees we are planting is 3.5 inches thick and probably ten to fifteen feet high. They will take many years to mature.

We also agreed to plant additional flowers at the end of Alicent Place near Davidson and add azeleas to the property.

This planting program will begin in the fall.

Parking Lot Restriping

You may have noticed that the recent restriping and renumbering of our parking lot does not look so great in certain areas. Apparently the older paint is a kind that doesn't like to be painted over. We are working with the contractor to determine a time for them to come out and fix the problem. We will work to give you as much notice as possible. Fortunately, this work will be much less of an inconvenience. The affected cars will probably need to be out by 7am, but will be able to park right back in their spots that evening, as the paint does not take much time to dry.

We apologize for the inconvenience. Please know that we are demanding satisfaction from the contractor and will not work with them again until this issue is resolved to our satisfaction.

If you know of an area where the stripes and numbers are already peeling up or just don't look as nice as they should, please email James Hawkins at Cardinal Management - J.Hawkins@cmgmt.com

Friendly Reminders

- **Bring in Trash Cans**
Just a reminder that all households should bring their trash cans into their backyard after trash pick-up on Tuesdays and Fridays. Your neighbors thank you!
- **Pick up after your dog**
Please remember to take your little plastic baggies with you to pick up your pet's waste. Nobody likes stepping in the stinky stuff. And keep in mind all of the children in Stoneleigh that play in the common areas. Let's keep Stoneleigh clean and enjoyable for everyone.

Old Chesterbrook Road Bridge Closing

The bridge will close the weekend of June 8-11, then close for the rest of the summer on June 16, 2012. The project will replace the worn timber decking and steel beams with a more durable concrete superstructure. To finish most of the work before the next school year, crews will close the bridge for the summer, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Old Chesterbrook Road is a favorite shortcut for McLean residents to get into Washington, D.C. or to Reagan National Airport. The new bridge will continue to carry two lanes of traffic and a sidewalk, and edge-to-edge it will be a few feet wider. The road alignment and elevation will be slightly improved to match the bridge, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation. The work also includes new approach sidewalks on the north side of Old Chesterbrook Road, a pedestrian crossing, and connection to Pimmit Run walking trail.

The existing bridge was built in 1978 and has been structurally deficient for several years, VDOT said. In January 2012, inspections revealed advanced deterioration of the structural steel that downgraded the bridge's condition rating and reduced the load-carrying capacity limit to 20 tons. This project was accelerated and approved for emergency procurement to replace the deteriorated elements and restore full-load capacity as soon as possible.

Traffic Impacts

- Weekday lane closures through June 15 – Beginning Monday, May 21, drivers can expect traffic to be reduced to one lane over the bridge from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. Flagger will direct traffic.
- Weekend bridge closure June 8 - 11 – Crews will close the bridge from 7 p.m. Friday, June 8 through 5 a.m. Monday, June 11 to relocate a sewer line for the project.

- Summer-long bridge closure – The bridge will close to traffic on Saturday, June 16 and will re-open by Tuesday, September 4.
- Detour- Via Westmoreland Street, Chain Bridge Road, Old Dominion Drive and Birch Road.

After the bridge re-opens in September, some additional daytime lane closures may be needed to finish detail work. The entire project is expected to cost about \$1 million and be complete in November 2012.

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