

# STONELEIGH NEWS

## Upcoming Events

**December 23** – Caroling Party

**January** – HOA Quarterly Dues Due (\$360)

## Great Turnout for Annual Picnic

This year's picnic was a smashing success. The food was delicious. The kids loved the unlimited bouncing in the moonbounce. Everyone enjoyed the good company and great music from The Aloha Boys. A big thank you – or **MAHALO** – to Isaac Hoopii for convincing his band to take the gig. Thanks to everyone who came and brought a dish, as well as our incredible volunteers who did the shopping, set-up, cooking, and cleaning up. Can't wait until next year!

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**"There's one Christmas carol that's suitable for my voice. The one where the dogs bark Jingle Bells."**

## \* Join Us for Christmas Caroling

On Friday, **December 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7pm, everyone is invited to meet under the trees at Dunterry and Alicent to go Christmas Caroling. We will roam Stoneleigh and spread Holiday Cheer after a brief practice session. Words to the carols will be provided. Be sure to wear warm clothing in the spirit of the season and bring a flashlight. Hope to see everyone there! But if you don't join us, be sure to open your door when we come by. Offerings of wassail and figgy pudding won't be turned down, especially if someone can tell us what they are.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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## Changes to the Board of Directors

At this year's Annual Meeting, the following Board members retained their seats:

- \* Mitchell Sacks
- \* Laura Coblentz
- \* Heather Kennedy
- \* Winnie Pizzano
- \* Don Sumihiro
- \* Emily Summers

One new member, Doug Hoyt, was elected to the Board.

The Board wishes to thank Robin Crawford for her years of service to the community. She is retiring from her position as Vice President, and we wish her the best of luck.

## Welcome Douglas Hoyt, Our Newest Board Member

Douglas Hoyt, his wife Michelle and their two kids, Michael (4) and Sophia (2), moved to Stoneleigh in June 2010. Doug has been working for the U.S. Department of State for nine years. Overseas postings include London, Manila and Vilnius. Interestingly enough (for the DC area anyway) he grew up in the Great Falls/McLean area, having graduated from Langley High School and the College of William and Mary just three hours south of here. Doug's wife Michelle also works for the Department of State. Michael is a pre-schooler at Peter Piper Pre-school on Lewinsville Road. The Hoyt's address is 1528 Westmoreland Street (the front row facing Chain Bridge).

## McKeever's Pub Stoneleigh Promotion

"Like" McKeever's Pub on Facebook to find out about the special promotions they are planning just for Stoneleigh residents. Mmmmm.....burgers.....

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/McKeevers-Pub>

## Changes to Property Management

Stoneleigh has a new property manager at Cardinal. David Fanning has taken over for James Hawkins, who has decided to serve our country by joining the Army National Guard. We wish him the best and thank him for his service to us and now, America.

You can reach David Fanning at **d.fanning@cardinalmanagementgroup.com** or **703-565-0042**.

The Cardinal Management Group main number is **703-569-5797**.

Katherine Boyd is the Accounting Representative and her number is **703-565-5022**.

The 24-hour emergency number is **1-866-370-2989**.



## STOP for School Buses!!!

When you don't stop for a loading or unloading school bus, not only are you endangering children, you are breaking the law.

The following is taken from 2006 Virginia Code § 46.2-859:

A person is guilty of reckless driving who fails to stop, when approaching from any direction, any school bus which is stopped on any highway, private road or school driveway for the purpose of taking on or discharging children, the elderly, or mentally or physically handicapped persons, and to remain stopped until all the persons are clear of the highway, private road or school driveway and the bus is put in motion.

## WINNIE'S LANDSCAPE UPDATE

The sad news is that we are losing the large pin oaks to disease. These trees provide most of the canopy and park like setting that we have in Stoneleigh. This year we took down four of these trees as well as 6 other trees that were diseased or unsafe. Next year we will remove a few more for safety concerns. We have consulted with arborists and there is simply not a cure.

New trees that are fairly large are quite expensive to buy and to plant. We have applied for a grant from Fairfax County's NEPP program to replace five of the large pin oaks. As part of the application we will – with community volunteers – establish a wildflower garden at the Davidson end of Alicent Place – much like the one planted by McLean Cove near the Dunterry curve. We plan to have a meeting/party to solicit residents' ideas as to where to plant the trees.

Fall planting is complete. We are replacing two front yard trees removed this fall. We accomplished turf repairs and filling holes (one caused by the earthquake) throughout the property. At 1601 Dunterry Place we planted a large willow oak and restored the grass in that area. We replaced the cherries on Chain Bridge with a maple tree and crape myrtle. Along Davidson where the white pines were removed due to snow damage, with a variety of evergreens to visually have soft and shiny as well as draping and vase shaped plants to provide variety. In the early spring we will remove the mulch and plant grass in the area at the end of Dunterry Court.

Included in this update is information from Blade Runners describing Magic Salt, the type of snow melt we use. Also included as the last page of the newsletter is a schedule of when you can expect landscape maintenance work to take place throughout the coming year.

### **Magic Salt Starts Out As Ordinary Rock Salt.**

When sprayed with a distilling by-product mixed with magnesium chloride, rock salt becomes Magic Salt!

### **Magic Salt Works Better.**

Magic Salt works faster and lasts longer than rock salt, and is effective to –30F. Light snow under 2" can be burned off without plowing! Magic Salt is less corrosive and environmentally friendlier than other ice melters, and leaves no residue, unlike calcium chloride products. It's safe to handle, and biodegradable, too.

### **Magic Salt Eliminates Sand Clean Ups.**

Magic Salt melts snow and ice therefore there is no need for sand. As a result, sand is not tracked into buildings, there is no mess, and sand will not clog up drains. Magic Salt reduces Spring Clean Up time and associated costs by eliminating sand deposits during the winter.

### **Magic Salt Saves Money.**

You can use 30% to 50% less Magic Salt than you would ordinary rock salt, and Magic Salt can virtually eliminate the use of sand in many applications. Because of its residual effect, Magic Salt means fewer trips to a job, saving you time and money.

### **Magic Salt Is Safer.**

It is the only ice-melting product approved by the EPA. It is far safer for Concrete, Asphalt, Plants and pets.

## DON'S INTEL CORNER

### Restaurant Recommendations

We went to Bazin's on 111 Church St. in Vienna for brunch. It was very good. The owners are also going to open Alegria, which will serve authentic Mexican food right next door. Judging from the quality at Bazin's, the new place ought to be pretty good. It is slated to open in late December.

Opposite Bazin's and down an alley near a bike shop is Pure Pasty, a British pie shop. These are not pastries, but authentic meat pies such as Chicken Masala, Lamb Stew, beef, and more. All of the pasties are freshly made and very good. We saw lots of British ex-pats ordering piles of the meat pies.

Morton's is moving from the old place to the building that held Borders Books sometime in 2012.

Metro 29 was featured on the TV food show, "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives." It looked pretty good to me. It is located at 4711 Lee Highway in Arlington, near the intersection with Glebe Rd.

Other places that have pretty good food:

- \* Evo Bistro in McLean - Great Happy Hour
- \* Sea Pearl - 8191 Strawberry Lane. It's in the newer buildings near Merrifield. They have very good seafood.

Another interesting place is the Iris Lounge located at 1524 Spring Hill Dr. They have a bunch of stuff going on there, but New Years Eve they are serving up a buffet and a theater performance, which I understand was sold out last year. They even have a poolroom, but manage to stay classy. It's nothing like the place in Houston that I went to once, where the motto was, "Barney's - Where people shoot pool instead of people."

### Holiday Safety and Security Tips

The holiday season is upon us, so here are some helpful tips.

- \* **Remember, awareness is the best weapon.**
- \* Lock your car doors and don't leave packages on the seat. When walking out to your car, don't chat on the phone as you will be distracted and won't notice any threats approaching you.
- \* Have your keys ready. You don't want to fumble around looking for them when carrying a bunch of packages, as you will be distracted by not paying attention to your surroundings.
- \* Inspect your vehicle as you approach it. Look for obstructions near the wheels or flat tires.
- \* Before opening the door, look inside and if necessary, underneath the vehicle to make sure that no one is hiding. Carry a small flashlight to check inside the vehicle during the night.
- \* Open the door quickly to prevent someone from attacking. Once inside, lock all the doors and leave! Don't hang around talking on the phone and texting. You are distracted.
- \* Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, con artists may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- \* At home. if you plan to have lots of packages delivered to your door, you should have a neighbor hold your packages. Thieves look for packages left on the front porch. Okay, so now you've opened all your loot. Thieves know that many households have new and oftentimes expensive items in their home following the holidays. In too many cases, residents make it easy for the dirtballs to figure out which homes to target, by putting out the boxes, the identify their new gifts in plain view with the other garbage. Avoid becoming an easy target by breaking down the boxes and mixing them with other trash in a non-transparent garbage bag.
- \* **REMEMBER: Criminals generally select victims who are unaware and unprepared.**

# Service Timeline

A. General Grounds maintenance	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Mow, Edging, Bed Maint												
Tree Pruning												
Shrub Trimming												
Perennial Maintenance												
B. Mulching	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Mulching												
Edging Beds												
Fall Mulching												
Tot Lot Chipping												
C. Leaf Removal and Clean-up	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Leaf Removal												
Spring Clean-up												
Parking lot clean-up												
Trash Waste service												
Perimeter Control												
Curb Gutter clean-up												
D. Turf Care	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Crab Grass Control												
Broadleaf Weed Control												
Fertilization												
E. Tree and Shrub Program	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Dormant Oil/pest inspections												
Shrub Fertilization												
Tree Fertilization												
F. Turf Enhancement Program	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Aeration and Seeding												
Liming												
Seasonal Color	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Spring Rotation												
Early Fall Rotation												
Late Fall Rotation												