

## **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

June, 2016

### Preparedness

Calling "911": If you need to call 911, remember to give your full address, including your county and your zip code. There have been mix-ups as a result of partial addresses.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee is hosting a WORKSHOP on October 13, at 3:00 PM, to further help you with survival skills. Save the date. More information later.

### Landscape Committee

Several members of the Landscape Committee have noticed that park strips in front of single family homes seem exceptionally dry this year. Single family home owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to maintain their front yards and park strips in a healthy and vigorous manner. For those owners who have their own irrigation controllers, please turn on your irrigation and adjust the timer as needed during extreme heat. HLS will adjust the timers controlled by gang timers.

The Landscape Committee is anxious to stay in touch with all owners, and share with everyone the exciting things being done to keep our Village the wonderful place it is. To that end they have prepared a full page report on their current activities. Please be sure to see the back page of this Association News.

### Age Verification

It is time again! Because Stoneybrook is a federally qualified Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Age 55 housing development, every two years we must verify that all owners/residents are age 55 or over.

Within the next couple of months, we will all receive from Willamette Community Management (Kurt Powell) a form to complete, sign and return. Please watch for this important document.

*Bernie H. Parsons, Secretary to the Board of Directors*

**NEWS FROM THE "LANDSCAPE CORNER"**

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Hello, Stoneybrook neighbors! Your landscape committee is keeping busy on your behalf, and we have some things to share with all of you.

We are walking the campus frequently to observe landscaping issues which need attention. We have corrected major irrigation problems along 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Country Club Drive.

We are documenting instances which require correction by the landscape service provider. We are attending to specific problems concerning shrub, tree & turf care; mowing; weeding; and irrigation maintenance.

We are clarifying our responsibilities while working in collaboration with your Pond and Tree Committees and ARC. Our supportive Board really helps the efforts of all the committees.

Understanding that quality landscaping treatments enhance values of all our properties, our Board has begun a reserves account to take care of emerging problems. Trees are dying. Shrubs are failing. Wrong species have been planted in wrong places. We do not desire to replace plant-for-plant or tree-for-tree with prior poor choices.

**So here's the NEW news:** The Landscape Committee has developed a strategy for creating a sustainable campus design. Following a set of principles posted on the Stoneybrook web site, we are proceeding to convert to a more naturalized landscape. Plants chosen from native varieties will be stronger and better suited to their placements. We expect that costs associated with irrigating, pruning, maintaining and replacing will diminish significantly over time. Our shift in thinking brings us into much better practices to help us confront climate change challenges. The Board has authorized us to create a PILOT/ Demonstration plot, just North of the Pool/Club House. You may watch the process unfold along with us!

A bulletin board in the Club House Meeting Room is set up to showcase our progress. Statements of "sustainable" and "native" landscaping principles are posted. Pictures and diagrams illustrate concepts and track implementation. You will find our calendar of meetings and activities. (On May 25<sup>th</sup> Scotch pines were removed. On June 7<sup>th</sup> all remaining vegetation except two *Styrax japonica* were removed from the demonstration plot.)

We welcome your comments so please come visit the display, and leave notes if you wish. Stoneybrook owners have a wealth of experiences and local connections to assist our deliberations. Let's "Grow the World We Want to Live In," together!!

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