

ASSOCIATION NEWS

January 2019

Do You Want to Make Any Changes to Your SVOA Directory Listing?

The Welcome Committee has had a great response to our request to benotified of changes to directory listings. Thank you! There is still time to notifyus of any changes you would like for your listing in the 2019 Stoneybrook Single Family Residents' Directory. Have you changed your telephone number, maybe switching from a landline to a cell phone? We can now list one Home and one Mobile telephone number for each household. Has your e-mail address changed? Do you have any other additions or deletions? If you have any changes, please advise Susan Hayes by calling her at 541-752-0498 no laterthan December 28.

2018 Annual Meeting Highlights

- 1. The annual meeting was held on December 6, 2018 in the clubhouse. A total of 57 voting members was present. In addition, 63 members voted by proxy. The total voting membership for the Stoneybrook Village Association is 190 (consisting of 136 votes for single family homes, Stoneybrook Lodge 40 votes, and Stoneybrook Assisted Living, 14 votes).
- 2. Mary Moore and David Stewart were nominated and elected to the board by a unanimous voice vote. There were no additional nominations from the floor.
- 3. Jan Napack introduced the possible formation of a neighborhood association. She described City of Corvallis interest in such associations.
- 4. The treasurer, Diane Marthaler summarized the year 2018. Assessment for 2019 will be increased to \$150 per month for most owners. The primary reason for the increase is the an increase in expenses for the Common areas (from \$102 in 2018 to \$113 in 2019) with an actual decrease in expenses for single family units (from \$39 to \$37) bringing the assessment of \$141 for 2018 to \$150 for 2019.
- 5. Committee chairs summarized committee activities for the year 2018. She explained the reason for the increase in assessment
- 6. Tony Olsen and David Stewart described a possible audio-video system for the clubhouse stressing the inadequacy of the current set-up. A voice vote was asked for at the end of the presentation. There appeared to be a majority in favor of such a system. The primary concern during the discussion was the anticipated cost of about \$35,000 and the manner in which this would be paid.
- 7. The meeting was bittersweet with the expiration of the terms of Gary Barnard and Tony Olsen. The board and the members expressed their appreciation. It was noted that Tony Olsen served on the board for ten years. If not a record, then certainly worth noting.

DecemberBoard Meeting Highlights

1. Mary Moore and David Stewart were elected to the board at the annual meeting.

- 2. Officers for the coming year are: Mary Moore, President, Gerald van Belle, Secretary, Diane Marthaler, Treasurer.
- 3. The Board elected Chris Mathews to fill the remaining two-year position.
- 4. Committee reports were distributed.
- 5. The Tree Committee summarized removal of trees adjacent to the clubhouse for safety reasons and their replacement. The board requested Buena Vista Arbor Care to determine if the trees owned by Stoneybrook Lodge on the east side of the clubhouse in the park strip right-of-way constitute a hazard to life or property. The board authorized the Tree Committee to remove the trees in front of the clubhouse that belong to the association.
- 6. The Welcome Committee received board approval to add to the committee Becky Plum and Erika Schoell.
- 7. The Activity/Clubhouse received board approval for the addition of Marcia Solomon to the committee and to discharge, with appreciation, Maggie Jackson and Debbie Griesmeyer.
- 8. The Board adopted a motion to include twice-yearly crane fly abatement for all homes and common areas. At the same time the Board decided not to include lime addition and mowing the St. John's Wort. The Board also decided that straightening and raising sprinkler heads was a responsibility of the owners.

Let Your Lights Shine

Several homes in the neighborhood added festive lights. Here is a sampling.





EMERGENCY TIP OF THE MONTH January 2019
(The Wisest New Year's Resolution you can make)
IMPORTANT

DOCUMENTS

Suppose you have survived a disaster. Your home be a wreck; you may be in a shelter or even the hospital. How do you prove what your prescriptions



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are? Do you have your insurance information? How about the names and contact info for your doctors? What about later- your home insurance information to file for a claim? Is it all on your computer? But, there may not be electric power to run your computer. Is it in a bank vault? Will the bank be open?

What can you do to make a difference before such an event?

The answer is to make sure that you have copies of all your important documents and put them where they can be found. Some people have purchased a portable fireproof document safe to keep in the garage or even in their car. Otherwise, a copy for your go-bag in a clear plastic bag is an alternative.

What are those important documents that you may wish to have copied?

- Name, address, phone number, alternate phone number, and email address
- Family contact people and their information if different from yours
- Out of town/state emergency contact(s)
- Driver's license, passport
- Credit cards
- Medicare cards, insurance cards
- Home insurance info
- Medicine list/allergies/medical tags (eg. diabetic, blood thinners)
- Cash (there may be no credit card use and no ATM's working)

And don't forget to update the IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS list as you add or delete new meds, or other changes.

Next Board Meetings

- 1. The Board will meet with Kurt Powell in a special meeting on January 3, 2019 at 2pm in the Clubhouse to discuss the structure of the budget.
- 2. The Board will meetin the Clubhouse every second Wednesday of the month at 2pm. The next meeting is January 9, 2019.

SVOA Website

All Committee reports—and other material—are available on the Stoneybrook Village Owners Association website: http://www.svoa-corvallis.org/. The monthly Association News is not a substitute for these reports—it only provides highlights and is highly subject (some would say, suspect) to the whims of the editor, the secretary of the Association.

REMINDER: Exterior modifications (with few exceptions) of homes in Stoneybrook Village require prior formal approval by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Please submit ARC Change Request Form for exterior modifications to your home. Exterior modifications include, but are not limited to, retaining walls, drainage changes, lighting, pergolas, awnings, fences, hedges, screens, trellises, skylights, trash and yard debris enclosures, ramps, painting, antennas and TV dishes, tree or significant landscape removal and/or replacement in front and side yards, raised garden beds, railings and hand holds. ARC guidelines are available at: http://www.svoa-corvallis.org. Thank you very much, Architectural Review Committee.

Blondie Bars

Johanna van Belle was asked about her Blondie Almond bars at last week Friday's Village Time (Happy Hour). She graciously shared the following recipe (2018.12.21)

<u>Ingredients:</u> <u>Process</u>

Set 1 Melt bars of margarine

2 bars of margarine Mix all items of **Set 1** in a bowl 1 ½ cups brown sugar Beat with eggbeater for 2-3 minutes

½ cup white sugar

2 eggs Mix all of **Set 2** in separate bowl

1 teaspoon vanilla Add mixed sets together

Set 2

2 cups flour Pour into 8x12-or-so Pyrex bowl 1 teaspoon baking soda Bake at 350° F for 22-26 minutes

1 teaspoon salt (Depends on oven and how chewy you want the bars)

Handful of chocolate chips Let cool

Handful of walnut chips Cut into 1" squares 1 teaspoon almond extract Bring to Happy Hour