

ASSOCIATION NEWS

February 2019

January Board Meeting Highlights (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.

1. Architectural Review Committee (**Clark Williams** and **David Stewart**, co-chairs).
 - a. The Committee approved three new home owner projects.
 - b. Eleven projects are still in progress.
 - c. Electronic copies of documents have been forwarded to the manager (**Kurt Powell**)
2. Clubhouse Activities Committee (**Kathleen Petrucela**, Chair)
 - a. Soup supper scheduled for January 26, 2019.
 - b. A St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held on March 16, 2019. This event will be hosted by the Lodge.
 - c. The interior of the Clubhouse is scheduled to be painted.
 - d. New members to the committee are **Dale Ward, Kate Mathews, and Rebecca Bond** representing the Assisted Living Facility).
3. Pond Committee (**Sheila Coxon**, chair)
 - a. The water in the pond in December was unusually murky due to massive water run off.
 - b. Gaia (the Landscape contractor for the pond) is investigating a new chemical to remove weed—an organic spray composed of clove oil and other ingredients.
4. Tree Committee (**Logan Norris**, chair)
 - a. Major work involves the removal of ten flowering pear trees near the clubhouse. These trees create a potential hazard due to branches breaking off (a weakness of these trees)
 - b. A survey determined that six of the trees are on property owned by the Lodge. The owners are responsible (and liable) for issues relating to the trees.
 - c. The remaining four trees will be removed and replaced with more suitable trees selected from red maples, magnolias, and ginkgo biloba.
5. Preparedness Committee (**Steve Napack**, chair)
 - a. The board approved installation of a lock box at the exterior back door of the SVOA office for emergency access.
 - b. A snow removal agreement will be sent from NLS to owners.
6. Benton County Health inspected the pool and gave the association a good result. New pool equipment has been installed.
7. Barkdust will be applied in early February.
8. The proposed AudioVisual System generated discussion. The board decided to ask **Kurt Powell** to get additional bids. In addition, legal advice will be sought regarding ways of paying for such a system should the board decide (which it has not) to acquire such a system.
9. Last year a class from Oregon State University examined the turf, writing an extensive report. The board approved using Stoneybrook Village as a test area again. The board asked Oscar Gutbrod to be the liaison to the board.

Board Minutes (From the Secretary)

One of the members of the Association complained about the terseness of the minutes of the Board. The minutes follow the guideline of *Robert's Rules of Order*, which state that, "the minutes should contain mainly a record of what was *done* at the meeting, not what was *said*..."

Some boards only publish motions that were adopted during the meeting. The secretaries of the SVOA board have located themselves somewhere in between the extremes of motions only, and a full summary of committee reports. As noted above, committee reports are available on the SVOA website. I will provide a more extensive summary of board reports in the Association News—as in the above.)

EMERGENCY TIP OF THE MONTH February 2019

Did you feel cold at any time during this last week? Imagine what it might be like without electricity, meaning no heat or hot water? And what if the power is out for several days? Here are a few starts to being prepared:

- Register with Linn-Benton Alert (www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/page/emergency-alert)
- Store extra supplies, including flashlights, batteries, ready-to-eat foods, battery powered radio and bottled water. Read up on preparing emergency kits.
- Keep cash on hand and gas tank at least half full.
- Learn how to turn off gas and valve to your hot water heater.
- Locate electrical supply panels and learn how to turn off power.
- Check to see that lights are out at your neighbors before checking for breakers or blown fuse.
- Learn how to override electric garage door opener.

Below are some recommended resources:

- Power-Fail lights: American Red Cross Blackout Buddy - Available from RedCross.org, Home Depot, Amazon.com
- Solar/Crank-Radio/Flashlight: Eton FR160 or FR1 - Available from RedCross.org, Home Depot, Amazon.com
- Emergency Gas Shut-Off Wrench: Available at Robnetts or Home Depot

Next Board Meetings

The Board will meet in the Clubhouse every second Wednesday of the month at 2pm. The next meeting is February 15, 2019.

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.