

ASSOCIATION NEWS

April 2018

March Board Meeting Highlights

1. The Community Garden Committee (**Robinjean Parks**) invites additional homeowners to sign up. See below.
2. Conversation with Will Ward, Manager Northwest Landscape Services. Mr. **Will Ward** summarized the mowing requirements for Stoneybrook Village. Members of the audience commented.
3. The Pond Committee is working with GAIA Landscaping to complete the North Pond improvement project including removal of dying yews. See below.
4. Landscape maintenance continues to be a topic for discussion at board meetings. The Board requested legal advice whether Association Bylaws preclude owners from performing additional landscaping on that part of the property maintained by the Association.
5. The Board approved budgets for the following committees: Activities/Clubhouse, \$2000; Welcome, \$200; Preparedness, \$500; ARC, \$400.
6. The Board adopted a motion that ordinarily all committee meetings are open to members of Stoneybrook Village.
7. David Stewart urged the Board to be diligent in following and maintaining the covenants of the Association.

Next Board Meeting

The Board meets every second Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Clubhouse. The next meeting is April 11, 2018 at 2pm in the Clubhouse.

Pond Committee (Sheila Coxon).

GAIA Landscapes has scheduled American Rooter to dredge the south pond on April 3 and 4 and, if needed, April 5. The schedule is tentative based on weather. Draining the South Pond will include removing hydrilla and overgrown lilies, excavating and removing sludge, and planting dwarf lilies to replace the overgrown lilies. Pond residents will be notified separately (not including bull frogs).

Putting on the Dog

Last month's picture of the dog was that of ZuZu belonging to Marcia Solomon. The picture was taken in the Portland airport on Marcia's return with her belongings from West Virginia. This reminded me of an old saying on the collar of a dog:

"I am his Highness' dog at Kew;
Pray tell me, sir, who dog are you?"

The dog in question was that of Frederick, Prince of Wales. The lines are by Alexander Pope (1688-1744)



Community Garden Committee.

At the Board meeting the chair, **RobinJean Parks** announced that 8 people have signed up for the 17 spaces (beds) available. She will contact previous gardeners to let them know about the availability of plots. It is possible to combine two beds to make a larger area if you are interested. Contact RobinJean (541-753-4897) for more details.



Go to bed early

Preparedness Committee (Linda Chisolm)

On Saturday, March 10th, around 1:15, many residents of Stoneybrook, of the City of Corvallis, and Benton County received a phone call on their cell or landline, a TV message, an email, a text message or all of the above! It was an official message from the Linn-Benton Sheriff's Office to let people know that the Alert System is working for them. These alerts will happen when your safety is in jeopardy, such as in the event of floods, fires, earthquakes, snow storms, hazardous spills, or dangerous persons in the vicinity.

IF YOU DID NOT receive this message, it means you have not signed up for this Emergency Notification System. You still can do so. In-fact, instructions for applying for this service will be delivered to your door in the afternoon of **April 22nd** sometime after **2 PM** by the Stoneybrook Emergency Preparedness Committee members, some wearing official red hardhats and vests. You can also sign up NOW by contacting:

[www.http://co.benton.or.us/sheriff](http://co.benton.or.us/sheriff)<<http://www.http/co.benton.or.us/sheriff>.

Behind the Scenes:The Tree Committee

Our Village is blessed with many trees, including evergreens such as conifers, and deciduous trees such as oaks, chestnuts and other species. In aggregate, the trees planted in the Village are estimated to be worth more than \$ 250,000. But perhaps more importantly they shade us, break up the wind, provide habitat for birds and other animals and provide a sound and visual buffer. We love them (most of them, most of the time).

Your Tree Committee (**Logan Norris** - Chair, **Bill Dannenbring** and **Bob Laport**) is charged with the care of this valuable resource. Our goal is to have the trees in the village be healthy, attractive, and safe (not cause damage or injury to people or property). Our charter states that the Tree Committee shall develop a plan for the management of trees in all common areas, front yards, side yards adjacent to streets, and park strips of single-family residences. When trees are changed in these areas it is done with the approval of The Village Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

To date the major actions of the committee have included

- Implementation of the recommendations of the Buena Vista Arborists report of 10/22/2015 on the condition of Village trees,
- A major pruning project in the common area parallel to 45th Street and 49th Street

- A project to remove limbs of common area trees that are growing into private yards and diminishing the usefulness and attractiveness of private property. This project was done along SW 49th Street and SW 45th Street and had the approval of homeowners and ARC.
- The removal of approximately 20 dead or dying birch trees in several locations in the village



In 2018-9 the committee will evaluate the condition of Village trees in the common areas and make recommendations to

the Board and ARC for any work that is needed.

Do you recognize this tree?

Hint: it is a deciduous tree that loses its leaves in the fall. It is common in wetlands and in wet areas near streams. You can find it the wet areas near Dunawai Creek and the boardwalk a short walk from the Village.

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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-covallis.org> Thank you very much, Architectural Review Committee