

ASSOCIATION NEWS

May 2018

April Board Meeting Highlights

1. The association attorney advised the board that current SVOA regulations allow home owners to maintain all or part of their yards. **Gerald van Belle** will examine the implications and possible implementation.
2. The Board allowed a turf management class at OSU to access SVOA lawns and to present a report to the association. **Gary Barnard** will coordinate with the supervising professor.
3. The Board approved members of the Preparedness Committee Response Team as members of the Preparedness Committee.
4. The Board dissolved the Landscape Committee. The primary reason was persistent conflicting opinions about the responsibility of the committee. See special board meeting below.
5. **Richard Miller** retired as chair of the Pool Committee. He will stay on as member. **Barbara Rossbacher** will take over as chair.
6. The Architectural Review Committee detailed restrictions by the City of Corvallis on park strips within the Stoneybrook development. See note below.
7. The Board thanked **David Stewart** for his comments at the previous meeting and expressed appreciation for his dedication to Stoneybrook Village.

Next Board Meeting

The Board meets every second Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Clubhouse. The next meeting is May 9, 2018 at 2pm in the Clubhouse.

Special Board Meeting

The Board will hold a working meeting on May 7 at 10am in the Clubhouse. The purpose of that meeting is to discuss landscape contracts and means of monitoring and enforcement.

Sidewalks and Park Strips Within the Stoneybrook Development (Sheila Coxon)

The Architectural Review Committee had extensive discussion and correspondence with the City of Corvallis regarding sidewalks and park strips. Several points arose.

1. The City has jurisdiction over the sidewalks and park strips which currently require trees and turf,
2. The Association is responsible for routine maintenance of the park strips, but not the sidewalks,
3. Permission for changes is unlikely to be approved.

Since the Association is responsible for maintenance of these strips, the ARC will revise procedures and incorporate the following process:

1. SVOA contractor performs routine park strip maintenance.
2. ARC periodically reviews the conditions of sidewalks and park strips and reports findings to the City,

3. Requests for removal or replacement of trees and/or turf in the park strips will need to be submitted on an ARC Request for Change form. The ARC will contact the city,
4. The City will pay for sidewalk grinding or replacement, tree removal and replacement, root cutting.

Community Garden Committee

The chair, **RobinJean Parks**, announced that 11 of the 17 plots have been reserved. She also noted with great appreciation the work of the **Oscar and Carole Gutbrod** for cleaning up all the plots and the areas in front of the plots.

Pond Committee.

Sheila Coxon reported that clean-up of the south Pond has been completed. The city of Corvallis has approved the proposed mixed growth for the pond area. The north pond will be cleared next year.



Preparedness Committee (Linda Chisolm)

Imagine there is a huge fire and blowing winds in our neighborhood and the county is insisting we are to be evacuated to a safe building. Or imagine that there has been a serious earthquake and our residents have consumed their food supplies and clean water and that we are being transported to where we can obtain these essential items. We all have approximately 15 minutes to be ready to go.

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE WITH YOU?

Each person has different requirements but almost all need

- a copy of important documents, such as Medicare, insurance cards, driver’s license, social security number, name of doctor and dentist, etc.
- cash
- medications and hygiene items, such as toothbrush, soap
- change of clothing, extra eyewear
- flashlight and cell phone charger
- drinking water

You may also want some snacks, water, a wind-up radio (also can be used to charge your cell phone). And depending on the weather, you may need blankets, warm socks, extra layers. Sit for a while and think of what you use every day and are dependent upon. Make a list.

WHERE IS IT?

Where are all of these items you will need? Are these things located all over your house? If so, it is time to make a Go-Kit to keep in your car or under your bed, or both. Then when you get the evacuation notice, you can calmly get ready to leave, knowing your essential belongs are all assembled and ready to go.

Behind the Scenes: Village Time

Every Friday at 5pm is Village Time at the Club House. Members bring snacks and refreshments and socialize for an hour or so. There is usually enough food so that supper is not needed. While there may not be such a thing as a free lunch, there is a free supper. As usual,



there is a core of people that meet every week. It would be a good idea to invite your neighbors to join you. There is plenty of room and with the acoustical tile in place you will be able to hear the conversation.

The Tree Committee: 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. The tree is an Oregon Ask: think State and Fireplace.

Thank you **Logan Norris** for supplying the picture.



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