

ASSOCIATION NEWS

June 2018

April Board Meeting Highlights

1. The Architectural Review Committee (Sheila Coxon) reported on the need for removal of four birch trees in front of the Stoneybrook Lodge. (See pictures and action below).
2. The pond dredging has been completed. Signs will be added to keep off the island.
3. The Activities Committee reported that the next event will be July 7, 2018.
4. Kurt Powell: all backflow devices have been tested and repairs have been completed.
5. A Liability Waiver specific for the Preparedness Committee was approved subject to review and approval by the SVOA attorney.
6. Tony Olson summarized the discussion of the working board meeting of May 7, 2018.

Next Board Meeting

The Board meets every second Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Clubhouse. The next meeting is June 13, 2018 at 2pm in the Clubhouse.

European Pine Sawfly Caterpillars (Sheila Coxon, via Willamette Landing resident)

Some of the Mugo Pine bushes within Willamette Landing have been infested with a caterpillar called the European Pine Sawfly. Our landscape contractor, Northwest Landscape Services reviewed ALL Mugo Pine bushes in WLOA yesterday and will treat each plant with Onyx Pro -- the same chemical we use to eradicate crane fly. (Again, NLS is license and certified to mix and apply this chemical according to industry standards and specifications.) Many of the caterpillars are now dead and on the ground; NLS will begin cleaning these up shortly. These caterpillars eat the "old growth" of the Mugo Pine bush, leaving the new growth alone. Some bushes have been severely damaged, others not so badly. We will wait a month or so to see if the bushes show signs of recovery. Those that have been severely damaged and are unsightly will be removed at some time in the near future, but after an evaluation period has passed. Oregon Department of Agriculture has been notified just to keep everyone in the loop. We see just a few blocks of WLOA involved right now, but ALL Mugo Pine bushes are being treated. If in the next week or so you see these caterpillars within your Mugo Pine PLEASE let us know immediately so NLS can re-treat your bushes. Thanks to the neighbors who posted the "ugly" problem and allowed us the time to quickly understand the scope of the issue and seek the correct solution.

[Sheila Coxon reported that Tony Livermore, Supervisor GAIA, checked the pines at the SVOA pond and saw no caterpillars.]

Preparedness Committee (Steve Napack)

Peggy Peirson, former Benton County Emergency Manager and current disaster responder, has agreed to come tell us about her real-life disaster experiences and observations about how to plan for and cope with disasters. This presentation will be held **May 27, 3-5 pm**. An announcement will be put in the Association News and a flyer will be delivered door-to-door.

Irrigation Clocks at SVOA

Will Ward, the Northwest Landscaping Service manager informed Kurt Powell about current run times for irrigation clocks:

Turf: Start time 10:00pm. Station Run Time, 10 minutes. Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday.

Beds: Start time 10pm. Station Run Time, 7 minutes. Sunday.

Preparedness Committee Tip of the Month (Linda Chisolm)

Better weather and longer car trips go hand in hand. Consider starting a car/travel kit. You could use a backpack, duffle bag, or even a plastic bag. You might include the following: food (protein bars, health bars), bottled water, pet food if needed, jumper cables, blankets or a sleeping bag, tooth brushes, LED flashlights and lithium batteries, candles and matches, toilet paper, paper towels/ towels, first aid kit, hand sanitizer, extra eyewear, a deck of cards, warm socks or slippers/extra shoes. Think about what you need most when away from home. Don't forget to consider essential medications and contact information, such as relatives and doctors.

Before and After

There is nothing like a Before and After picture. The Architectural Review Committee identified



four trees that were in imminent danger of self-destruction with the risk of falling on passersbys. The trees were removed and stumps ground down. New trees will be planted in their place.

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 availableat: <http://www.svoa-covallis.org> Thank you very much, Architectural Review Committee