



## 2021 Spring Newsletter

### Message from the Board

A warm spring welcome to all 465 residents that call Stony Creek Ridge home. As a part of this newsletter, the board has some breaking news, updates and helpful reminders that we would like to share with you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the board at [StonyCreekRidge@gmail.com](mailto:StonyCreekRidge@gmail.com).

### Spring Reminders

With spring in full bloom and as we look forward to enjoying warmer and longer days, we wanted to share a few reminders.

- **Lawn & Landscaping Maintenance:** While maintaining your lawn to look like the 18<sup>th</sup> green at Augusta is not required, we do ask for your help in watering, weeding, cutting the grass regularly and maintaining your trees and shrubbery with seasonal trimming. These added steps benefit us all from both an esthetic and home resale value perspective.
- **Trash Cans:** They are not to be stored on the side of your house. While they are out-of-sight for you, your neighbor sees them multiple times a day. They also attract wildlife that can present a risk to your small pets and children.
- **Major Exterior / Landscaping Improvements projects:** Remember to submit Architecture Improvement request form to Steve Seaton before the work starts. Steve can be contacted at [seatonfamily@comcast.net](mailto:seatonfamily@comcast.net). Submitting these requests are to help provide guidance on how the project should be done in alignment with the by-laws and helps reduce costly rework by your contractor.
- **Standards Enforcement Committee:** As bylaw / standard issues are identified, this group of members will assess the situation and will work with homeowners to address any identified issue. As of this

newsletter, the Board has begun dealing with encroachment on the commons. Notices will be sent to those homeowners to ensure the identified items are addressed.

### Board of Directors Update

- We have welcomed several new board members this year and have a full slate of 15 board members for the first time.
- This group of volunteers is focused on ensuring the amenities and standards we have come to expect, remain available. We would like to direct you to our website for a directory of the board members, their committee assignments and responsibilities.

### Pool Operation Update

- Preparations are underway and we are pleased to announce that the pool is scheduled to open for the season on Friday, May 28th. It is likely that we will need to follow the COVID-19 waiver process that we had in place last summer. Additional details will be communicated once we receive operating guidelines from the Oakland county health department.

### Financial Status Update

- Your SCRHA financial team meets monthly to monitor our operational budget. Financial records are available to homeowners by contacting our Treasurer, Dan Lambert, at [dan@lambertplc.com](mailto:dan@lambertplc.com)
- This team is also charged with monitoring the Infrastructure Project Plan (IPP). These projects are not part of the operational budget and are one time or multi-year projects that require long term planning and funding. More details are provided below on the IPP activities for the 2021 fiscal year.



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### Association Communications Update

The communications committee is focused on improving information sharing by leveraging technology where possible. To establish those plans, we wanted to inform you of the following changes:

#### Website Refresh Plans:

- Over the next month, we will be busy with reshaping / refreshing the content on the website to improve useability.

#### Paper Newsletter will be retired:

- Traditionally, two newsletters (Spring & Fall) were mailed at a program cost that exceeds \$1000 per year.
- Timeliness of the information shared in the newsletter is an area for improvement.
- **How does this impact me?**
  - Printed copies of this newsletter will no longer be available.
  - The newsletter will be published on our website and **emailed** to the homeowners on our contact list.
  - **Note:** This change does not include information that the board is required by our bylaws to send via mail (e.g., annual meeting notice, dues notice, etc.).
- **How do I get added to the email list?**
  - If you are currently receiving emails from the [StonyCreekRidge@gmail.com](mailto:StonyCreekRidge@gmail.com) address, you are on our contact list and no further action is required.
  - If you are not receiving any of our emails, please go to our website ([www.stonycreekridgehomeowners.com](http://www.stonycreekridgehomeowners.com)) and complete the secure contact / request form on the homepage to be added to the contact list.

### Social Committee Update

- As we work to understand Oakland County Health Department guidelines, we will share more details via email as to what other events we can host and when.
- We are working with a few food truck vendors and companies to provide some fun food options at our clubhouse parking lot this summer.
- Our sub-wide Garage Sale is set for Thurs. June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sat. June 5<sup>th</sup>. As in recent past years, other subdivisions in our area will also be having their garage sales the same dates; this will be advertised as a Multi-Subdivision Garage Sale with those subs participating listed, including ours.

### Association Infrastructure Project Plan Update

- IPP projects planned include pool resurfacing, pool deck replacement, street and traffic control sign replacement and major landscape refreshes. These projects are managed by the respective Committee Chairperson after obtaining competitive bids that are reviewed and approved by the Board.
- If you have questions regarding the scope and timing of these projects, email [stonycreekridge@gmail.com](mailto:stonycreekridge@gmail.com) and we will direct you to the right person.

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### Landscape & Infrastructure Update

The Landscape & Infrastructure Committee is seeking three volunteers to support seasonal activities. Each of these positions requires only a few hours a week and helps us maintain our common grounds to the standards we all have come to expect.

- **Ground and Lawn Maintenance:** Provide oversight and management of the vendors that perform the lawn cutting, fertilizing, shrub trimming, bed maintenance and grass repair.
- **Drainage Systems:** Provide oversight of the phragmite removal program and addressing issues with storm sewers and detention ponds in the common areas.
- **Bridge Repairs and Maintenance:** As shared last year, the pedestrian bridge that runs parallel to Parkdale near Roundview is our property. As a result, there are several repairs identified by the city engineer that will need to be completed over the next couple years. This position will focus on contractor analysis, obtaining repair quotes, and providing oversight during the repair process.

If you are interested in one of these positions, serving on a committee or have questions, please send an email indicating which committee you are interested in to [StonyCreekRidge@gmail.com](mailto:StonyCreekRidge@gmail.com).

### Light Pole – Repair Minimization Project Request

We need your help and support. To avoid costly repairs that can be prevented, we **are asking every homeowner with a streetlight located on their property** to create a buffer by removing four to six inches of grass that surrounds the light pole base.



- The creation of this buffer will help prevent direct contact with weed whips and lawnmowers and the street pole base.
- This process will take around 15 minutes to remove the grass.
- Repairing the street pole base costs on average \$300. Replacements cost more than \$1000.

### Closing Remarks

As shared in the 2020 year-end review, the board is undertaking a series of projects this year to address our aging infrastructure, improve our information sharing and maintain the standards we all have come to expect.

Should you have any question or constructive feedback, we welcome the opportunity to discuss those further by emailing us at [StonyCreekRidge@gmail.com](mailto:StonyCreekRidge@gmail.com).

Wishing you all good health and have a fun and safe Spring / Summer season.