The President’s Street

By Paul Asheim

As I said in the President’s Corner in December, 2020 has been a year all of us would like to forget as soon as possible due to COVID 19. Hopefully the number of new cases and more importantly the number of new deaths will continue to decline as the number of vaccinations will continue to increase. The vaccine can’t come soon enough for all of us as we look forward to the day that everyone has access to one of them.

On a much lighter note, congratulations to all of the survivors of the snow/below zero temperatures of February 2021! Since January was not extreme, I was hoping that we could skate (get that) to the finish line in April without using my snowblower or large down coat on a daily/weekly basis. Obviously, this was not the case.

Every three years the SCA asks all Stonebridge residents (one survey per residence) to complete a survey via online. The SCA would like to solicit your feedback via a 2021 survey to help guide future decisions by the Board that will benefit the entire Stonebridge Community, provide an enhanced experience in our community and best support our housing values.

Some background information for you — This survey should take about 15 minutes to complete, has been performed every three years since 2003 and is focused on six areas listed below.

- Section 1: Information About You
- Section 2: Capital Improvements
- Section 3: Stonebridge Community Services
- Section 4: Rules & Covenants
- Section 5: Communications
- Section 6: General Community

Besides completing the survey, what else can every resident do to help maintain our community as a premier neighborhood in the southwestern suburbs of the Chicago area?

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First, the most obvious one is to maintain your property according to the SCA rules and regulations including basic home/landscaping maintenance.

Second, are you doing everything you can be by helping out with various SCA committees, being a neighborhood representative, or yes, even being a member of the board of directors? Do you have other talents that you could share with others? Are you willing to volunteer some of your valuable free time to help Stonebridge continue to foster the connections most of us feel as part of this great community?

Enough for the sermon - now for the short 2020 review. Last year was another good year for SCA – both the operating and reserve were in the black when compared to the 2020 budgeted amounts and once again it was done for the 12th straight year without increasing assessments. While the pre-audit balance sheet as of December 31, 2020 shows the capital reserve balance to be over $730,000 excluding the operating fund surplus that will be transferred to the reserve as soon as the audit is completed) even though a major capital improvement project of $250,000 was completed in 2020 by replacing the irrigation system in a large portion of the Stonebridge area. Once again, thanks to the SCA landscaping chair Jim Meyer’s oversight, the landscaping will look brighter later this spring.

At our February 3 neighborhood representatives meeting, three City of Aurora police officers were present to brief the homeowners concerning the January shooting incident in Stonebridge. In their opinion, this was a random incident between three individuals who had no connection to Stonebridge in any way. In fact, they view the Stonebridge community as the safest community in all of the Aurora area and were quick to state that the last violent crime in Stonebridge was in 2003 when there was a domestic dispute between a Stonebridge husband and wife. See the separate article in Insights for more information.

The actual SCA January numbers were in line with the respective budget areas (I am sure February snow removal will be above budget). Hopefully, 2021 will be a good year for the Association and we will be able to continue to increase the reserve balance while still maintaining the high-quality Stonebridge residents have come to expect.

As always, please email me at cpamd.pwa@gmail.com or contact any of the other members of the board of directors if you have any comments or suggestions.
**Calling All Graduates**

**Parents** — If you have a student graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this spring, or if your student graduated this winter, we want to acknowledge their success in our June issue of *Insights*. Please email jeanette.catellier@associa.us your listing with the following information:

1. Student’s first and last name
2. Name of parents, along with their neighborhood
3. Graduating school and/or degree
4. Future field of pursuit if known

**This Information is Needed by May 15th.**

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**Stonebridge Spring Garage Sale!**

**Saturday, May 1st**

8 am to 2 pm

Neighbors ONLY Unadvertised Sale the Friday before the official sale!

6:30 to 8 pm

Rain date Sunday, May 2nd

**There will still be an unpublished neighborhood only preview sale from 6 - 8 pm on the Friday evening before the official sale!**

The Stonebridge Community Association covers the advertising expenses for the garage sale.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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**For Sale, Lost, Found, Free and Wanted Ads**

Classified ads are to be emailed to jeanette.catellier@associa.us by the 15th of February, May, August and November to be published in the following month’s newsletter.
By the time this article is printed and distributed, we will have made it through the six week continuation of winter the groundhog predicted. Now is the time to prepare for spring! We should all start scheduling any maintenance needed so our yards and homes will be well maintained throughout spring and summer.

The following recommendations will help everyone prepare for the coming season. It is my experience that it is well worth it to hire a lawn maintenance company. We have seen increasing problems with yard issues such as weeds, crabgrass and fungus:

Unfortunately, weeds are not a one-time fix and forget it problem. It takes continual pulling and killing of the root system to conquer these pesky lawn and flower bed invaders. It’s a simple task to take a weekly walk around the perimeter of your house to pull weeds from the beds. The same can be said for lawn weeds. Spraying and pulling individual weeds, on a weekly basis, will make a huge difference.

Crabgrass and fungus are pervasive monsters. Your lawn must be treated early in order to prevent the rapid spread of both theses conditions. Heat makes crabgrass and fungus spread — Sometimes, literally overnight. Once the heat hits, in most cases, is it too late. It is much less expensive to hire a lawn maintenance company than to replace your sod. There have been instances wherein the problem is so far gone that the entire yard needs to be replaced with fresh sod.

While the SCA Board does not endorse any particular company, I personally have had tremendous luck with American Tree and Turf 630-466-9003.

The following are also tasks that need to be addressed once or multiple times throughout the growing season.

- **Tree trimming, removal of dead trees and bushes** usually only require maintenance once a season. We have had many complaints of parkway trees with low-hanging limbs over the sidewalk making it difficult to walk. As a homeowner it is your responsibility to maintain these trees. Now is the best time to prune and trim dormant trees before they start to bud.

- We have seen an increase in beds that are not mulched. In other words, they are just dirt. **Mulching is required only once a season.** Please have mulch or ground-cover placed to cover those areas. Mulch is less expensive, but is an annual cost. Ground cover is more costly, but will last for many years.

On another note, please check out the condition of the following:

- **Cedar siding** usually needs to be painted once every five years or so.
- **Stone edging** around flower beds etc. ages and sometimes it starts to fall apart and topple.

If you have any questions or need any help, please feel free to reach out!
At the Stonebridge Community board meeting on February 3, 2021, three City of Aurora police officers were present to brief those in attendance on the recent shooting incident on Sutton Lane.

Lieutenant Dan Woods reported that while the matter is still under investigation, he can report this was a random incident between three individuals who had no connection to Stonebridge or its residents.

Their investigation so far concludes that two men set up a meeting with a third man that they knew in order to shoot him. They do not believe that drugs were the motive. Officer Woods also stated they speculate the meeting was set up in Stonebridge because it is a quiet and peaceful neighborhood. He called Stonebridge the safest community in all of the Aurora area where there hasn’t been a violent crime of this type since 2003 when there was a domestic violence crime between a Stonebridge husband and wife.

When the officers were asked how Stonebridge could be even more safe in the future, they were emphatic in their response. They stated that gating the community is not possible given the city owns all of the roads entering and within Stonebridge and that even if it was possible to close those roads off from the public, it would then mean that they could no longer enter the community for patrols or traffic arrests.

Lt. Woods recommended the strongest deterrent is for residents to actively report any concerns or suspicious activity immediately to the Aurora police department via their non-emergency number and they will immediately investigate the concern. If it is an emergency situation, then call 911. The officers repeatedly stated that they actively patrol Stonebridge on a daily basis, but that community eyes and ears are their best weapon against deterring crime.

Officer Tracey Archer, who is the community police officer assigned to Stonebridge, commented that he patrols the community daily and that residents can call him directly at any time to report suspicious or concerning activity.

Their second recommendation is that residents concerned about their safety should also install doorbell cameras which help to protect the homeowner. The added benefit is doorbell cameras can supply valuable information about any crime that happens around or near the home.

Lt. Woods, in a lighter moment near the end of the meeting, commented that Stonebridge is such a safe community that when he’s on patrol and is on a lunch or dinner break that he often drives to and parks in Stonebridge to eat because it’s the safest place in Aurora!
After a mild start to winter in December, Mother Nature has come out with a vengeance in January and February with seemingly never-ending snow and extremely cold temperatures. At this point, it appears that the record-setting cold will stay with us throughout February and well into March.

Snow removal of the main sidewalks on Stonebridge Blvd. and Indian Trail has been difficult and costly to keep up with due to the cold temperatures and constant snowfalls. While our normal policy is to only remove snowfalls of two inches or more, we’ve approved more frequent snow removals despite the fact that each full sidewalk plowing costs over $2,000. Salting has also been done several times which is not only expensive but can kill the grass and vegetation as well.

The heavy cumulative snowfalls and the bitter cold will also likely negatively affect trees and bushes throughout the Stonebridge community. Once spring arrives, we’ll have the landscaping crews out to assess, remove and replace damaged landscaping.

Although spring is still a number of weeks away, the three main Stonebridge entrances have all been planted with a robust quantity of colorful tulips. All neighborhood entrances will receive colorful plantings of spring annual flowers as soon as the weather permits. The flowers for the neighborhood entrances were chosen to provide beauty and color over a much longer period than tulips and for their animal resistance characteristics.

Other landscape activities that will begin when weather permits include renovation and repair of main entrance and neighborhood lighting where needed, early turf repairs and seeding along Stonebridge Blvd, continuation of renovations to some neighborhood entrances, tree treatments and as stated earlier, removal of winter storm damaged landscaping.

Here’s to hoping for a quick end to winter and the start of a beautiful spring and summer!

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Goodbye winter! I finally found something positive about the cold and snow — All of the modifications that came in during our 2020 stay-at-home season have slowed. But since warm weather is hopefully inevitable, we expect a big increase soon and have added a new member to our modifications team.

Suelynn Hanegraaf will join our team alongside Bruno Tabis, Lawrence Laska, and Maggie Urban. Please submit those modification request forms when you plan to repaint or stain your home’s exterior with a new shade or color, change landscaping, or add new lighting, pools, fencing or home additions.

Let’s keep Stonebridge the most beautiful neighborhood in the southwestern suburbs!

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ALWAYS SEEK MODIFICATION COMMITTEE APPROVAL FOR ANY CHANGES TO YOUR LANDSCAPING OR THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOME. ALL FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON WWW.TOWNSQ.IO
I hate rules! Does anybody really love to be told what to do? Do you like it when others say you need to consider this and that before you can do what you want? Why do we need to have rules in Stonebridge? You may have asked these questions and perhaps gotten a little upset about the answer you don’t want to hear.

We all have our own reasons for moving to Stonebridge and I’d bet we all share a common list. When my wife and I first looked at Stonebridge it was in April. The trees alongside Stonebridge Boulevard entering from Eola Road were in full bloom with the white flowers lighting up a gorgeous spring day. It was a grand welcome to a young couple looking to escape the city and start a family in a more quiet and remote community. What we found in Stonebridge satisfied our need for a stronger community, a sense of security, activities like tennis, golf, a pool, running and riding bikes on the Prairie Path.

Downtown Aurora and Naperville also offered wonderful shops and restaurants where we could spend time with family and friends. And, of course, the wonderful District 204 schools, that was first on the list. There were still a few corn fields close by when we moved to Stonebridge and no matter when you moved here, there were certain things that pulled on you that said this is home.

When you settle in for a while you start to get a feel for the community and understand this community is so beautiful and well-maintained because of a set of rules put in place to uphold the premium nature of Stonebridge. The Stonebridge rules and covenants are not unique. There are many communities in this country that have a similar structure. It’s not part of every community and you can see a difference between Stonebridge and other neighborhoods. It was each of our decisions to choose Stonebridge. Collectively, we chose Stonebridge for some or all of the reasons I’ve written. It is a beautiful community that has a baseline standard that needs to be met by all of us.

We’ve done our fair share of work on our home and needed to get approval each time. I didn’t always like having to do that but understood that it was our responsibility as a member of this community to adhere to the rules we agreed to when we bought our house, one of the many documents we signed when we purchased our home.

In the long run, the rules we all need to adhere to help keep things in order, keep the community in good shape and uphold our property values. It’s important for us all to do our part and keep up the appearance of our property and landscaping. I’d say we do this for ourselves and to be a good neighbor.

If you want to learn more about the Stonebridge Community’s Covenants, Conditions and Rules (CC&R’s) you can visit the Town Square website.

From where I stand in this currently frozen tundra, the CC&R’s only help all of us help each other in maintaining the standards of the community we all call home. The pleasing nature of this community, really in every season, calms us all and makes us grateful to be able to enjoy it all. And for me, especially in the warmer months when a more active lifestyle comes into full bloom like those trees along Stonebridge Boulevard, it warms the heart and brightens the soul.
SNOW REMOVAL

The SCA is not responsible for the snow removal on any of the streets within Stonebridge. Any issues should be reported to the City of Aurora. If you reside in a sub association that provides snow removal services, please contact your specific management company for issues.

FIRE HYDRANT CARE

Residents are reminded to keep fire hydrants clear of snow and ice. It takes a small amount of time to shovel out a fire hydrant and that amount of time could turn out to be lifesaving if a fire breaks out in your home or a neighbor’s home. Critical time is wasted when firefighters arrive on the scene of a fire and must dig out a hydrant covered in snow. Here are some notes about keeping fire hydrants clear during the winter months.

• Clear a path from the hydrant into the street so firefighters can access it.
• Remove snow and ice three feet all around the hydrant, so firefighters have enough room to work.
• Try to remove any ice that might have formed on the hydrant itself.

Does your child need community service hours? If so, this is a great way to help your community. Contact Jeanette at Jeanette.catellier@associa.us if service hours are needed as the association is a not for profit organization and can verify service hours.

POTHOLES

With the enormous amount of snow and cold weather that occurred in January and February we are bound to have a significant pothole issue. The city is set up to make sure that once they know where a pothole is, it is filled as quickly as possible. If you experience a pothole on our city street please report it in one of the following: Aurora Customer service at 630-256-INFO (4636) M-F 8am to 5pm, use your InfoAurora app. or www.aurora-il.org.

SNOW PLOW DAMAGE

If this winter has brought you damage to the grass on your parkway or mailbox due to snow plow activity you will need to report it to the city Customer service at 630-256-4636 M-F 8am to 5pm. The city will investigate each incident, allow for standard reimbursement for the mailbox, and if needed, set you up with a temporary box.

FREE SPRING CLEAN-UP BEGINS APRIL 5TH

Each year the City of Aurora offers residents opportunities for FREE Spring Clean-Up through our Yard Waste and Bundled Brush Collections. This will occur on your regular trash pickup day. Placed at your curb as follows:

Yard Waste Collection for Two Weeks
Free Yard Waste Collection begins April 5th and runs through April 16th. Pick up is on your regular trash day. During these two weeks, residents do not have to use waste stickers to dispose of yard waste. Yard waste must be placed in a 30-gallon recyclable paper bag and not exceed 60 pounds.

Yard waste mixed with garbage or yard waste in a garbage can or plastic bag will not be collected. Reminder, following the end of this two-week period all yard waste bags must have a waste sticker attached.

BUNDLED BRUSH COLLECTION THROUGH EARLY NOVEMBER

No waste stickers are required for this collection and will occur on your regular trash pickup day beginning April 5th and running into November.

Branches and limbs that are ¼ inch to 4 inches in diameter and 2 to 4 feet in length must be bundled and tied. The bundled brush should be placed at the curb in neat, manageable piles with the cut side of the limbs facing the street. Branches and limbs that are less than ¼ inch in diameter are considered yard waste.

Brush that is not bundled and tied will not be collected. In addition, brush resulting from commercial tree trimming, which should be removed by the contractor, will also not be collected.

Welcome NEW Neighbors!
Make sure to wave hello to your new neighbor and welcome them to the Stonebridge community!

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I’m back! My December report fell victim to the cancel culture. I think I am back in everyone’s good graces and happy to report on the 2020 financials.

The preliminary pre-audit financials for 2020 have been approved and released to the auditors. It was a solid year for the SCA. Operating income was $48,194 while the Reserve showed a net loss of $198,425. Other income, primarily late fees and violations exceeded budget by $22,000. Contracted services, with snow removal being the largest item, were under budget by $27,000. (We will not be so lucky this year with snow.)

On the Reserve side, capital improvements were $355,000, as budgeted, with the irrigation repair work being the largest item as well as several of the neighborhood entrances. The Reserve cash balance at December 31, 2020 was $785,000.

Just a reminder for those of you that study the financials, the real property and improvements are not recorded on the Association’s financial statements because they are owned by the individual unit owners in common.

The Association is responsible for their maintenance and replacement. Examples of this property are the entrance monuments and lighting, fencing, and the irrigation system. Periodically, we have an outside consultant conduct a reserve study to help us determine if our current Reserve account is adequate and help us prioritize future repairs and improvements. The last reserve study was completed in June 2019 as the consultants concluded the Reserve amount was adequate.

As always, feel free to contact me at bdieter@comcast.net or any other Board member if you have questions or suggestions.
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Hi Stonebridge Residents!

This is the spring edition of the Metea Update and Metea Valley High School is much different than it has been in previous years.

After the first semester of being completely online, school has reopened for a hybrid learning program. Students have the choice to remain completely online the way they did during the first semester or choose the hybrid learning program for second semester. What this means is that Monday is completely online for all students, Tuesday and Wednesday all students with last names A through L choosing the hybrid program go to school, and then Thursday and Friday all other students (last names M through Z) choosing the hybrid program go to school.

The school environment is very different than usual. Since many students either feel that they can learn better from home, or don’t feel safe in an environment with other kids, the number of students who would attend school is already cut into less than half. On top of that, the students who are going to school are split up between two days. Due to both of these reasons, class sizes are usually around only four to six people, whereas they used to be generally between 25-30.

In addition, the school has done a good job maintaining social distancing protocols (and it’s generally pretty easy to do so with such small class sizes) by requiring masks at all times, not having students eat lunch during school hours, and cleaning all equipment that students may use. Despite these social distancing protocols, many of these students who come in person feel as if they can benefit from being in person and having more attention from the teacher and that going in person will help them learn the curriculum better in order to prepare for AP tests or future classes, or just prefer collaborating with other students and friends in the area.

With the reopening of the hybrid learning program, there has also been a number of clubs and sports opening up for students to join. All sports have been classified as low/moderate/high risk, and depending on the sport, have been given a start date.

Low risk fall and winter sports that have been delayed have been cleared to start as soon as possible (swim and dive, cheerleading, dance), and moderate/high risk fall/winter sports will start at some point throughout March (soccer, football, volleyball) with the exception of basketball which is cleared to start as soon as possible. All spring sports will start in April (baseball, wrestling, tennis, lacrosse, track and field). For a full list of IHSA cleared sports search “IHSA sports 2021” or visit the URL at the bottom of the page.

A few clubs that have been thriving are the Speech Team, Science Olympiad Team, BPA, and DECA. The Speech Team has managed to have their whole season online and are coming upon their sectional meet this week and won multiple tournaments throughout their season.

Science Olympiad also competed among a wide range of schools throughout the nation, and will have their regional on March 6. Finally, DECA and BPA (both business clubs) recently had their state (DECA) and regional competition (BPA). BPA performed well at regionals with many teams moving on to state, and DECA has not yet received state results.

Thank you for reading this edition of the Metea Update, and I hope you found this information useful! For any comments, questions, or concerns, email me at: aman04shah@gmail.com.

Regardless of the time of year, it is never safe to go out on the ponds – even when it appears to be frozen. Ice thickness and strength are difficult to determine and can be affected by factors including pond depth, varying temperatures and aerators designed to keep water moving. Fluctuating temperatures during the freezing process can create thin spots that are unsafe for people, yet invisible to the untrained eye.

To avoid injury from falling through thin ice, please stay off the ice on all retention ponds. PARENTS SHOULD TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF PONDS IN WINTER AND THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING AWAY FROM ICE.

wikihow.com/Know-When-Ice-is-Safe

https://www.ihsa.org/News-Media/Announcements/ihsa-board-announces-sports-schedule-for-remainder-of-2020-21
Bella | Female | 1 Year Old

I have what some might call “off the chart” energy. Are you an active person? Would you like to play games with me? How about helping me learn by taking me to some fun training classes? I’m really smart, and I don’t know yet how to work with all my energy, so I’ll need a family who truly is dedicated to helping me succeed. I’m friendly and fun, and I like other dogs if they can handle my play style. Kids in my new home should be at least 16 years old, and no cats, please.

Binky | Male | 1 Year Old

I’m super sweet and I welcome a good back scratch or belly rub - just on my terms. Those of you that have owned cats already “get” me. I can have what some might call a “cattitude” problem, but it’s usually short lived. My innocent eyes alone are enough to soften that blow. Don’t confuse my name with me being a “young lad”. I’m just figuring out what kinda guy I really am beyond handsome (as you can tell). Life has already re-started for me once and I’d like to think my next stop is fur-ever. On a positive note, I think I’m lookin’ good and feline even better!

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**Puzzler Page**

**AKA Sparrow Grass**

**Across**
1. Order between "ready" and "fire"
2. Milky gems
3. Can. neighbor
4. 1990 Madonna hit
5. Tide type
6. Wear away
7. Technically
8. Alternately
9. Spooky
10. Exists
11. Spheres
12. TV, radio, etc.
13. ____ few rounds
14. Used a crowbar
15. Calendar abbr.
16. Flippant
17. Publica

**Down**
1. Surrounding glow
2. Wife of Osiris
3. Syrup flavor
4. Prepared food designation
5. "Merchant of Venice" heroine
6. In the past
7. Form of pachisi
8. Soothsayer
9. "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
10. "Little devils"
11. Antitoxins
12. "Pain" expression
13. "Droops"
14. Insult, in slang

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