

# The Stoneleighite

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Stoneleigh's own J. Brough Schamp honored

An Update from the Stoneleigh Pool Renovation Committee

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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Dear Stoneleigh Neighbors,

Like most of you, I moved here for the charm, the pool, the trees and the school. I stay for the people. Within weeks of moving here, Hurricane Isabelle hit and that's when I saw what it means to be a neighbor in Stoneleigh. The Wiglesworths barely knew us and yet, their extension cord ran through my window. As for my other reasons for moving here, I had no idea how many neighbors I could thank for that too.



The pool wouldn't even exist without the stewardship of generations of pool committee members. And summer wouldn't be summer in Stoneleigh without the cheers of our Sharks, their coaches and the many volunteers that support them. I certainly didn't realize the Huether mother daughter team were responsible season after season for Synchronized Swimmers. And most recently, a Pool Renovation Committee took their ideas and turned our old pool house into something beautiful; something that is now accessible to all.

We have social events that have become tradition since at least the 1940s such as the Labor Day Fair and Adult Night at the pool. The Labor Day Fair alone needs about 75 volunteers. When just one person like Phoebe Evans Letocha says, "hmm, I'd like a community yard sale." A few years later, we've still got an annual Community Yard Sale. The same goes for Dumpster Day, Winter Caroling, Halloween Parades and more.

There are big, beautiful trees, a canopy given to us by Brough Schamp and the tireless efforts of the Greening and Recycling Committee members over the last 12 years. The Garden Club's efforts to beautify our neighborhood are obvious.

Thanks to our neighbor advocates, our Stoneleigh Elementary School is being updated and expanded to accommodate our growing community. If you didn't think your voice could make a difference, you should have sat in on one of the hearings!

I am proud to serve a community that decides to host events like the Stoneleigh Stampede and Try-Athalon. These events are not only fun and model a healthy lifestyle but also benefit local charities. The word, "Hons," has taken on new meaning with a core group of women, reminding us each month that there are those with greater needs than our own. As for charm, well, it took a neighbor, Carol Allen, to apply for Historic District status on our behalf. Subsequently, Kathleen Williams has shared information with many of us on how to access related tax credits. We can all take credit for the TLC these old homes require!

There is a cabinet full of Stoneleighites dating back to the 1940s thanks to all of the editors and contributors, such as Lee Starkey and now Cara Walen. Block captains will travel our streets just as those before them to deliver this very issue. We can thank our Citizens on Patrol for watching over the safety of these streets.

A few neighbors from a youth group shared a YouTube video, "A Pep Talk from Kid President to You," by Soulpancake. At one point, Kid President says, "A poem: Two roads diverged in the woods and I took the road less travelled...and, it hurt man...really bad...rocks, thorns, glass...not cool Robert Frost! But what if there *are* two paths...I want to be on the one that leads to awesome."

The acts of kindness between neighbors is something to behold: a meal for a family facing cancer; a new baby held; a once vibrant man unable to walk lifted by his neighbor. The level of organized volunteerism is astounding. Additionally, there are volunteer families such as the Merlos, Johnsons, Schwankes and Cirellis who are all past presidents. Since I have begun my term, they have given hundreds of volunteer hours between them alone. They have done the leg work and taken your calls and emails regarding Wild Apricot or the Pool Renovation, morning, noon and night, in this state, out of state and out of the country.

Finally, I'll leave you with this final inspiration. We expect many runners for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Stoneleigh Stampede. This time runners will be honoring Louis Lowenthal, whose memory inspires us to find our own gifts and talents and then share them. In my new position as president of the Stoneleigh Community Association, I hope to do right by each of you as I have the honor and privilege to witness your paths to awesome.

Karen Fireman  
President, Stoneleigh Community Association  
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# Stoneleigh Community Announcements

## Welcome to Stoneleigh, New Neighbors!



**David and Megan Cohen – 7111 Bristol Road** -- moved to Stoneleigh from Rogers Forge. David is an Orthopedic Surgeon at Franklin Square Hospital and is originally from Springfield, Virginia. He enjoys running, biking and family activities. Megan is originally from Richmond Virginia and was a High School English teacher before she became a stay at home Mother. She also enjoys running, reading and family activities. Lizzie, age 5 is in Kindergarten at Roland Park Country School and Ruby, age nine months loves staying at home with Mom.

**John Reilly and Morgan Somerville – 7002 Stoneleigh Court** -- Morgan and John are moving to Stoneleigh from the Loch Hill Neighborhood. Morgan, of course, is no stranger to Stoneleigh having grown up here as a third generation of Somervilles. Her parents and Aunt and Uncle also live in Stoneleigh. Many of you may remember Morgan from years working at the Stoneleigh pool and with the Synchronized Swim Team. She now is the Student Employment Manager at Stevenson University. She enjoys volunteering, running and helping her Mother, Pam, at the With Gratitude Shop. John is originally from Anne Arundel County. He is Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore County and lucky for him and Morgan, he enjoys home improvement. They have a six year old German Shepherd named Kulani.

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## Birth Announcements

**Audrey and George Kennedy** of York Road welcomed **Scarlett Jane** into their family on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:40 am. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20 ¼ inches long. Scarlett was welcomed with love and enthusiasm by Hadley (3), Piper (4) and Grayson (6). Congratulations, Kennedy family!

**Nicole and Shawn Halsey** of Ridgeleigh Road are excited to announce the birth of **Zachary Matthew** on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. Zachary joins big brother Gavin (5) and big sister Tessa (2 ½). Congratulations, Halsey family!



*Scarlett Jane Kennedy*

## 2013 Board of Governors - Stoneleigh Community Association

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## Greening and Recycling Report

by Carol Newill

**Welcome, Nate Collamer, new committee chair!** Kingston Road's Nate Collamer, has joined the Board of Directors as Chair of Greening and Recycling. Brough Schamp has stepped down after 12 years, and he and Carol look forward to continuing to help especially in the Tree Program and our annual fundraiser, Dumpster Day. Nate has a terrific background in economic aspects of natural resources, and has lots of energy for recruiting sites for new trees and preserving the big older trees. Here are a few words from him:

**As the new chair of the Greening and Recycling committee** I would like to introduce myself and share my perspective on Stoneleigh's natural resources.

I want to thank Brough Schamp and Carol Newill for their tireless efforts over the years planting trees and developing Stoneleigh's greening programs. Take a walk down any Stoneleigh street and you can see the results of their efforts in every direction. I am glad that they will continue playing an important role in Stoneleigh's greening and recycling efforts.

The benefits of large shade trees in our neighborhood are difficult to overstate. I studied resource economics at Penn State and have some perspective on the economic benefits trees provide to neighborhoods like ours. Large shade trees reduce energy consumption, are associated with higher property values, and beautify the neighborhood. Lining a street with trees has actually been proven to slow down traffic. On the naturalist side, these trees provide habitat for countless creatures. Late at night you can listen to hoot owls perched in our older canopy trees and if you are lucky you may catch a glimpse of one swooping by at dusk.

While the benefits of these trees are shared by all of us (and with future residents), the costs of planting and maintaining these trees are borne by each homeowner. In economic parlance this is known as a market failure. Trees will be systematically under invested in because the individual investing in the trees doesn't accrue the full benefit. An entire field of economic research exists around the sole purpose of correcting such failures and aligning the individual's interests with those of society. By subsidizing tree plantings and dealing with manual labor and logistics, we are helping align the interests of the homeowner with the neighbors who share in the benefits.

I look forward to working with all of the neighbors in Stoneleigh on greening and recycling efforts. Last autumn's tree planting was a big success. We planted over two dozen canopy tree saplings of multiple varieties. Please keep an eye out for information on this autumn's planting and other greening and recycling initiatives.

*-Nate*

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### Tree Pruning Crews, THANK YOU!

Those shade trees we have been planting for the past 15 years are GROWING, and need to be pruned up so branches do not get run into by walkers on our sidewalks or trucks on our streets. We thank the many neighbors who joined our volunteer Pruning Crews this winter: Warren Anderson, Brenda Bodian, Nate Collamer, Laura Dulany, Chris Merritt, Carol Newill, Rob Reilly, Brian Schaffer, Chuck Starkey, Tim Weihs, and of course Brough Schamp.

We also thank two Honor Society members from Towson High School who volunteered community service hours to help: Brian Pflaum and Andrew Stringfellow.



## Brough Schamp is Given the 2012 Maryland Community PLANT Award by Carol Newill

Stoneleigh Community Association is the proud recipient of the Maryland Community PLANT Award for 2012. PLANT stands for People Loving and Nurturing Trees.

In the letter accompanying a lovely plaque, the Maryland PLANT Coordinator, Lindsay Major, said: “Your enthusiasm and hard work in creating a smarter, greener, more sustainable future is duly noted, and we commend your continuing environmental stewardship in the community.”

The plaque is engraved with PLANT, and the T is shown as a ..., you guessed it, a tree! With a leaf canopy AND roots!

The award is at the Green level, which is the highest level and recognizes our Tree Program as a sustained program which is organized and has been functioning since 1999, with ongoing planning and support through the Stoneleigh Community Association and individual donors. Our Committee on Greening & Recycling not only plants a diverse range of canopy shade trees throughout our neighborhood but also works to maintain the health of the community’s trees. We have planted and helped to nurture over 400 canopy shade trees in our neighborhood. The award is from the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee of the Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service.



Thank you to everyone for your support!



# Stoneleigh Cheers the Baltimore Ravens Onto Super Bowl Victory

by Wendy Marcello

The Baltimore Ravens were getting ready to head to the Super Bowl in New Orleans, and what is Stoneleigh to do? Have a Pep Rally of course! On Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 the day before the Super Bowl, the Social Committee organized the rally with neighbors uniting in the pool parking lot for fun, food and a spirit parade with the kids! It was a cold day, but the warmth of the portable heater took the edge off, and the snow flurries made the rally all that more festive. Our rally clearly led the Baltimore Ravens to become the Super Bowl Champions!



## Happy Spring from the Pool Committee!



As I'm sure everyone has seen with the recent renovation activities, there is a great deal of activity going on down at the pool. The Committee is as excited as the rest of our neighbors for the new pool house and I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to Joe Cirelli, Karen Fireman and the rest of the Renovation Committee for the tremendous amount of time and effort they have put into providing the community with an upgraded facility.

Beyond the pool house, the Pool Committee has been hard at work to prepare for what we are sure will be another fun summer season.

The implementation of our new registration system has been extremely successful and I want to recognize the tireless efforts that membership chairs Christian Merlo, Nicole Johnson and Treasurer Greg Dildine have put into getting the new system up and running. We sincerely hope that you have all found the new process a smooth one. Most importantly, it will greatly streamline the pool membership tracking process – as well as administrative processes for the entire Stoneleigh Community Association. This system not only increases our capabilities but also finally puts to rest a cumbersome and untenable manual binder system.

**If you have registered and paid but have not yet fully completed your profile please be sure to do so as soon as possible to avoid confusion and delays on your first visit to the pool.** Each member of your family needs to be entered, along with a photograph. We will also be sending periodic updates to the email address listed in your profile so please be sure you have entered your preferred address.

The Sharks swim meet schedule is set and we are happy to welcome a new competitor to the free-state league - our neighbors in Wiltondale! I'm also pleased to announce that the record board previously donated by the Kimball and Mulderrig families will find a new home in a trophy case donated by the Lowenthal Family in honor of Louis.

The lap swim program will also be back this summer. Details are still being finalized - along with other events and activities that we are sure will make the summer a memorable one.

Opening day is Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please check the Pool section of [www.stoneleigh21212.org](http://www.stoneleigh21212.org) for the latest policies and information and check us out on Facebook

Feel free to contact me at [Stoneleighpoolchair@gmail.com](mailto:Stoneleighpoolchair@gmail.com) with comments or questions. See you at the pool!

Dave Frisch  
Pool Committee Chairman



## Stoneleigh Pool House Renovation Update

by Joe Cirelli

I am pleased to be writing what will be my fourth and final “update” on the Pool House renovation. We are on schedule with an expected completion date right around May 1<sup>st</sup>. So by the time you are reading this, construction should be complete!

This project has not been without challenges, however. As anyone who has undertaken a major renovation to their Stoneleigh home can attest, you never know what you will encounter in these old structures once demolition begins! After pulling out 75% of the old slab to make way for the new plumbing, the contractor discovered some very poor soil conditions that caused major challenges for the new slab. In the end our architects and various engineers came up with a new solution which set back our construction schedule by about 1 week, and raised our final cost approximately \$25,000 over the \$180,000 that we were expecting.

Though this setback is unfortunate and disappointing, we are confident that when you see the finished product you will be pleased with this investment, and proud of the “new and improved” Stoneleigh Pool House. The interior of the building will feature 100% brand new floors, walls, ceilings and plumbing. The bathrooms will



be twice the size of the previous ones. The finishes are fine, without being extravagant: nice tile floors and walls, solid surface countertops, stainless steel toilet partitions, etc. We attained all of these improvements while achieving our goal of bringing the Pool House into ADA compliance.

The renovation also includes other infrastructure improvements, in addition to the slab, that are not noticeable to the naked eye. We have dramatically improved the water service to the building with a new 2” water line. We also repaired a badly damaged drain pipe which may have contributed to the poor conditions down there in



recent years. Finally, the front walkway is new, having been raised 6" with requisite ramps to comply with ADA.

We are excited to deliver this valuable new asset to the Stoneleigh Community on Memorial Day weekend. See you at the pool!

*Pool Renovation photos  
courtesy of Joe Cirelli*



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## Stoneleigh Mixed Bowling League – Spring 2013

by Nancy Talbott



The Stoneleigh Mixed Bowling League is in its last three games for the season. We will finish the year up early- May 2<sup>nd</sup>. That's what a snow-less winter will do! The league celebrated St. Patty's Day with the usual festivities of corned beef sandwiches, lots of yummy snacks and, of course, ice cold beer. For Easter, there was the ham roll-off with the man and woman with the highest sets winning a ham. Those winners are: Justin Tsucalas and Anne DesMarais. There was a drawing for the third ham winner: Bernard Besset was the lucky winner! The man and woman with the lowest set for the evening each won a chocolate bunny. And those winners were: Chris DesMarais and Nan Supsic.

The last night of the season will be Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The second half of the season has a pretty close race going on. The first place team so far is Team #4- The Fasntastic 4. Team members are: Rick Reid, Lois Wolford, Sharon Manson and Chris DesMarais. Their win/loss record is 34/22. There are three teams in hot pursuit with win/loss records of 31/25. So it's anyone's guess who will finish off the second half of the season as a winner. The final night will be a roll-off between the winners of the second half and the winners of the first half. Team #12- Cheaper by the Dozen were the first half winners. Team members are: Diana Rush, Meg Elseroad, Conny Stehl and Jeff Yost. Good luck and good bowling to all teams in contention!

A quadruple header congrats go to Jeff Yost with a 169 game. First quadruple header for this year! The League always welcomes anyone who would like to come out and join us for an evening of fun, just a bit of exercise and a willingness to make new friends. Please contact Debbi at the Stoneleigh Lanes, 410-377-8115 or Nancy Talbott 410-377-0542.

## Second Annual Shamrock 'N Bowl held at Stoneleigh Lanes

by Jen Broome

Stoneleigh's social committee hosted the second annual Shamrock N Bowl on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Stoneleigh Lanes. The committee for the event, co-chaired by Emily Davis and Jen Broome, also included Katie Burgess, Ryan Kokemor, Wendy Marcello, Ann Marie Swett, and Leigh Weihs. Unlimited bowling, shoe rental, food and dessert were included in the ticket price. The event was BYOB. The pool raffle was won by Meghan and Eric Virro and the winners of the inaugural bowling tournament and proud owners of the champions cup are Lisa and Bill Mathias. It was a great night of bowling and socializing with neighbors and friends. If you missed this event, we hope to see you at the next one.



*The 2013 Shamrock 'N Bowl Committee: (L-R) Katie Burgess, Emily Davis, Ann Marie Swett, Jen Broome, Leigh Weihs, Ryan Kokemor*



*Mary Alice & Scott Thomas, Chris Wu, Joe Sanchez, Allison Erdman, Angela Wu*

## Friendly Reminder for our Canine Owners...Please Leash and Pick Up after your Pet!



In a bit of unpleasant business, we must remind our canine owners about the need to leash and pick up after your pets. We have received numerous complaints from folks near and far about dog feces. Not only is it a nuisance to step in dog poop but it is then tracked everywhere. One neighbor watched the construction workers step in it as they crossed the middle of Pemberton to our school building! Another neighbor steps in it in his driveway at least once a week. Children playing in the lower field get it on their sneakers and soccer balls. Cars, bikes, scooters and skateboards carry it all over our neighborhood.

While I do not doubt that anyone intends to be feeding our neighborhood rodents...we are doing just that. And, in some parts of our neighborhood, rats are becoming increasingly problematic. Please get your dog's leash and tie plastic bags on it right now. Please tell your kids, dog walkers and joggers to **please stop to pick up the poop** and deposit it in your *own* trashcan.

To help manage the rodent situation, we **MUST** manage our trash. Keep trash bags in secured garbage cans with properly fitting lids. Check your cans for holes which have been either chewed out or simply worn out. Do not place garbage in cans without properly fitting lids. Simple, effective ways to keep our neighborhood clean and help battle the rodent situation. **Do your part!**

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# Stoneleigh Golf Tournament

Friday, June 21st



Our annual Stoneleigh Golf Tournament will be held, Friday, June 21st at Mount Pleasant Golf Club. This year's tournament will be a captains's choice SCRAMBLE. If you are interested in playing and want to secure your spot, please email Gene Flynn at [EugenePatrickFlynn@gmail.com](mailto:EugenePatrickFlynn@gmail.com) or call 410-375-3027 (C). The cost this year is \$80 per person which covers: golf, cart fees, food, refreshments, and prizes. Share this day with your neighbors and friends. Bring a foursome or come by yourself and join your Stoneleigh Community.

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What: 2013 Stoneleigh Golf Tournament  
When: Friday, June 21st  
Where: Mount Pleasant Golf Club  
Where: To reserve your spot, send your check for \$80 per person on or before June 7<sup>th</sup>. Make your check out to me and drop it in the mail or by the house.

Gene Flynn  
700 Hatherleigh Road  
Baltimore, MD 21212  
410-375-3027 (C)  
[EugenePatrickFlynn@gmail.com](mailto:EugenePatrickFlynn@gmail.com)

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Highlights from 2012 include:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Patrick Denney, Scott Vogel, Andy Whitman & Marty McFadden (-7)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Tom Ellis, Robert Imhoff, David Greenberg & Sheldon Stein (-6)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mark Erdman, Cory Farugia, Kevin Klinedinst & Gene Flynn (-5)

Winner Longest Drive #9 Tom McNamara

Winner Longest Drive #14 Caroline Moore

Winner Closest to the Pin #6 Robert Imhoff

Winner Closest to the Pin #17 Jeff Walen

**Let's continue the tradition and hit'em straight! See you there!**



## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Stoneleigh Stampede to honor Louis Lowenthal

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Stoneleigh Stampede 5k will be held Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Last year we had almost 350 runners and we hope to top that this year! The application is on the neighborhood web site; early registrants receive a discount, so get yours in soon.

**This year's run will not only benefit the neighborhood, but half the proceeds will be donated in honor of Louis Lowenthal to the Towson Boosters.** Runners wishing to further honor Louis may also



Louis Lowenthal

raise money for his favorite charity, Action For Healthy Kids. Information on how to do so is on the application.



Louis Lowenthal

Please join us for a little bit of exercise to get your Memorial weekend started off right!

**Not a runner? Be a volunteer! Sanjay is still in need of volunteers so email him at [jstrivedi@verizon.net](mailto:jstrivedi@verizon.net) to see how you can be part of this day even if you aren't running!**

*Specific volunteers needed for: Cone pick-up, cone setup and cone return; race day volunteers to direct runners; water table helpers; race rabbit to lead runners along race route on bike; race photographer; fruit, water, bagels and ice pick-ups; Friday night packet pick-up; Saturday morning packet pick-up; general pre-race help on race day; and race emcee*



Photo Courtesy of theWAIREhouse

It's hard to believe that this is the last article I will write about the Garden Club's programs for the year. After an interesting and informative trip to the Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park last month, we have just two meetings remaining. The May meeting, which is our Annual Covered Dish Luncheon and Plant Exchange, will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. This is always a fun day and a chance to learn about which plants grow for our members and how to take care of them, where I always get to bring home a new plant to try. Our June meeting is always a wonderful excursion related to flowers and gardening. On June 13<sup>th</sup> we will be traveling to the Joy Garden Tea House in Shrewsbury, PA, where we will tour their beautiful gardens as well as enjoy a wonderful "high tea" style luncheon in the garden gazebo.

Our other spring activities are our fund raising Plant Sale on April 25<sup>th</sup> where we will have preordered geraniums, wave petunias, interesting trailing plants, and herbs. I hope you have already ordered your plants, but if not we will have a table at the District III of the Federated Garden Clubs of MD fair at Kenilworth Mall where we will have some of the same plants from our sale as well as a variety of perennials which have been grown by our members.

For further information about our activities call Barbara Leo at 410-377-6316 or me at 410-377-2748. And now, enjoy the spring, perhaps the most beautiful season in Stoneleigh!



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## Stoneleigh Historic Tax Credits



This is just a reminder that because Stoneleigh was added to The National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District in November 2003, residents of homes built before 1954 are eligible for tax incentives against their state income tax for approved work done to their homes. Baltimore County enacted legislation making additional credits available. State credits of 20% of the cost of approved work are applied to State income tax. County credits of an additional 20% are applied to property taxes. **Applications must be submitted to the State and County and approved by them before work begins or the credits will not be given.** I have compiled information intended to assist homeowners in determining if their planned work qualifies for the tax incentives and to provide a guide to the necessary forms and data. If you would like a copy of that booklet, please either call me at 410-299-7011, or email me at [Kathleen.Williams@longandfoster.com](mailto:Kathleen.Williams@longandfoster.com). I can email it in PDF form or drop a printed copy off at your home – just let me know!

## Hons on a Mission Update

by Donna Rae Smith

There are many, many individuals – women, men, kids, old and young and in between who benefit from the food, clothing, shoes, towels, etc. that we provide. Just like us, these folks are seeking happiness, trying to avoid suffering and sadness, trying to get their needs met and trying to learn about life. Thanks Stoneleigh Neighbors for helping them get their needs met.

### Annual Meeting

May 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm -9 pm is our annual organizational meeting. The agenda includes: Wine and cheese gathering/Discussion projects last year/Brainstorm projects coming year/Food drive/New business. We normally plan four projects a year, one per season. One really exciting project has already been proposed. We will be collecting men's clothing. There is a huge need for men's clothing. Details about this project will be discussed.

Projects are most successful when they meet a specific need of a group of people or an organization. There might be something specific that you are passionate about and would like to propose as a HOAM project. All we need is an idea and someone to head up the project.

If you are new to the community, this meeting is a great way to meet neighbors.

➔ **Mark your Calendars:** the next HOAM meeting is Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at 815 Stoneleigh Road.

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### Prom Attire Drive was another BIG Success!

The kids at Sheppard Pratt are going to look really great this year at their prom. I cannot even begin to tell you how appreciate our contact is with this donation. Dresses of all sizes, colors and styles, beautiful suites, ties, shirts, tuxedos, jewels, hand bags, shawls, hair pieces and all kinds of shoes!

Along with the help of McCormick we donated 135 dresses, 12 suites, and 12 shirts. A good friend of Hons On A Mission (who doesn't live in Stoneleigh) found out about this project and along with a compassionate McCormick co-worker, decided to invite fellow employees to participate. They contributed many beautiful dresses and stylish shoes, men's suites, shirts and ties and jewelry, shawls and purses.

Andrew Stringfellow and Brian Pflaum, both juniors at Towson High School, helped me load and unload all the clothing. Thank you to these great young Hons On A Mission! Many thanks to everyone who participated in this event.

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### Stoneleigh Stampede Shoe Drive

In conjunction with the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Stoneleigh Stampede on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Hons will be collecting men's, women's and children's athletic, casual and work shoes that are in good shape. New flip flops will also be accepted for use in the showers at homeless shelters. So take a peek at your closets and donate those gently worn shoes to those who really need it. The shoes will be taken to the Department of Social Services Baltimore County for distribution. If you are unable to drop them off at the Stoneleigh Stampede on May 26<sup>th</sup>, you can drop them by Donna Rae's home at 815 Stoneleigh Road and leave them on the front porch if no one is home. Please leave the shoes on the porch in a plastic bag.

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### Monthly Food Drive

Monthly collections occur the first weekend of every month at:

- 715 Stoneleigh Road (Mary Eisenberg)
- 705 Stoneleigh Road (Annie Biser)
- 821 Wellington Rd (Maria Wetherington)
- 805 Kingston Road (Kate Bagli)
- 7009 Kenleigh Road (Janice Arcieri)
- 815 Kingston Road (Marcie Hipple)
- 7104 Copeleigh Road (Katie Ball)
- 606 Hatherleigh Road (Bissett Schwanke)



# Annual Stoneleigh Easter Egg Hunt

by Wendy Marcello

Two days before the big spring snow the kids of Stoneleigh gathered together for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! It was a great turnout of families enjoying the music and entertainment of Tracey Eldrige, food and drinks from Wegmans and Dunkin Donuts, and cute Easter crafts. Of course the highlights were when the Easter Bunny did the chicken dance and then led the kids on the egg hunt! Our many thanks to the Social Committee team who organized this great event.



## ***Stoneleigh Spotlight: 600 Chumleigh Road***

Printed with permission from Antonio and Jennifer Wolff of 600 Chumleigh Road

*September 12, 2011*

*Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wolff,*

*In 1933, my mom and dad purchased the double lot on the corner at Chumleigh and Sheffield Roads and had their home built for \$9,000. My dad moved his refrigerator unit from Cross Street Market and installed it in the basement 'pit' with drainage to Sheffield Road when he defrosted it. I was 2 years old when we moved in and lived at the home until 1955 when I met my wife and I married. My parents stayed until 1958 when they sold the property for \$28,000. Subsequent owners built the addition on the rear.*

*As far as I know, my parents never owned a camera, but I had a primitive one and took the enclosed photo around 1940. I can recall helping my father hanging the canvas awnings every spring – a real pain.*

*Best regards,*

*Dr. Bill Hicken*



***600 Chumleigh Road, circa 1940. Photo courtesy of Dr. Bill Hicken***



### Sarah's Wreaths



Most of you may recognize Sarah as our special friend who walks the York Road corridor. Since January, Courtney and Pam at **With Gratitude** have been trying to help her and her situation. While she does not want hand-outs and refuses help from shelters, she is open to "working" for donations. Thus, the idea of Sarah's wreaths began. We introduced Sarah to Pinterest and showed her some tied ribbon wreaths. She loved the idea. Courtney and Pam supply her with the ribbon and wreath forms. So you may see Sarah sitting outside the shop and creating wreaths. She takes special orders and loves to talk to people. She makes the wreaths and earns money to support herself. We realize it is not a long term solution but it is a start. The wreath cost is \$35. With Gratitude takes a small portion of the proceeds to cover supplies and Sarah receives the rest. We hope

you will take time to say hello to Sarah and check out her wreaths.

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### The COOP Group Wraps Up a Busy Year!

The Stoneleigh COOP is rounding off yet another fun year of activities for families with young kids in Stoneleigh! To ensure the moms get out for some fun without kids in tow, we've instituted a monthly happy hour at various locations around Baltimore. So far, we've tested out Grand Cru, Towson Tavern and in May will be at Woodberry Kitchen. Over the holidays we adopted a needy family through Baltimore County Social Services. The gifts for the young family were very much appreciated. We held a potluck dinner for new COOP members and provided meals for several families of new babies. In February, we had a well-attended progressive dinner which was a great way to chase away the winter blues! For the spring, we'll have a family picnic at Sherwood Gardens, and a babysitter meet-n-greet as a way for moms to meet potential babysitters in the neighborhood. We look forward to having our annual summer social which is still in the planning stages, potentially at the Stoneleigh pool.

The COOP holds six meetings a year. We will have our next meeting in mid-May, and reconvene again after a summer break next September. In addition to all of these activities, the COOP also provides a way for families to swap babysitting with other members, enabling families to get to know each other better and to save on babysitting costs. Next fall, Ryan Kokemor will be taking over as COOP president, while a majority of the other officers will be continuing on in their positions. If you're interested in learning more about the COOP, please contact the membership chair, Beth Morrow at [BethGMorrow@gmail.com](mailto:BethGMorrow@gmail.com).



The COOP Group is a local club, comprised of families who reside in the Stoneleigh School District, which was organized years ago for the purpose of exchanging babysitting hours amongst its members, as well as providing neighborhood children (and their parents) with some fun social outings/activities. In addition, the COOP Group supports local philanthropic groups annually.

# Stoneleigh Citizens on Patrol Report

by Anand Sivaramakrishnan



With the warm weather coming, Stoneleigh could use your help. Crime rises with the temperature. We need more drivers for car patrols in the evenings. To be patrol-ready get a short training session from our Hillendale precinct. After your training session, I can get you started patrolling Stoneleigh. Our patrolling is entirely on a volunteer basis. Anything you can do will help! Contact Officer Kristy Fuka at the Precinct Office, 1055 Taylor Avenue (410-887-5933 or email at [kfuka@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:kfuka@baltimorecountymd.gov)) to arrange your session.

To keep our neighborhood safe, report suspicious activity quickly. Strange people poking into backyards and garages; individuals walking through the neighborhood checking parked car doors late at night; people claiming to be utility company reps but don't arrive in company vehicles – do not hesitate to call 410-887-2222 or 911! The police appreciate quick reporting as it helps them deter crime and apprehend criminals.

In the warmer months thieves will be on the lookout for valuable packages on your porch, open or unlocked garages, bicycles, lawn mowers, anything they can steal and sell – so don't put temptation in their path!

Stay in touch with your neighbors – let them know when you are away. Give them contact information so they may alert you. Have them retrieve deliveries and newspapers, park your car in your driveway, etc. Petty crime is rising all around us, so we should be sensible and do what we can to stay safe and protect our neighbors and neighborhood.

Stay alert, and stay in touch!

Anand, Stoneleigh COP Director ([Anand0xff@gmail.com](mailto:Anand0xff@gmail.com))

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## Stay Connected in Stoneleigh!

Did you know that we offer the **Resource List**, which includes babysitters, house sitters, dog walkers, and other miscellaneous services, on our website? This password-protected file is accessible at any time, so in case you recycle your Stoneleighite, visit [www.Stoneleigh21212.org](http://www.Stoneleigh21212.org) and follow the links for Community Resource List. Follow the instructions to obtain your password if you can't remember yours – it is that simple! Did you know that over 75% of the homes in Stoneleigh are members of the **Stoneleigh Community Association Google Group**? These homes receive emails from time to time updating them on community news and events that are about to take place. We do NOT allow merchants or vendors to advertise through this service, nor do we share your email addresses with any third party organizations. There is no fee of course to join; simply email the Stoneleigh President at [StoneleighPresident@gmail.com](mailto:StoneleighPresident@gmail.com) and request to be added to the group.



## Stoneleigh Community Calendar

Stoneleigh Stampede	Sat May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Adult Social	Sat Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>
Stoneleigh Tween Event	TBD
Kids TryAthlon	Sat Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>
Labor Day Fair	Mon Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kids Halloween Party & Parade	TBD
Fall Adult Social Event	TBD
Breakfast with Santa	Sat Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>



Please visit [www.Stoneleigh21212.org](http://www.Stoneleigh21212.org) for more event details!

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Featuring live music by local rock n roll band, The Luthervillains

Saturday June 8th \* 7-11pm \* Stoneleigh Pool

Andy Nelson BBQ sandwiches \* Cornhole tournament

Wine & Beer \* A blast with your adult neighbors

Back by popular demand, this event is a partial potluck  
A-H last names bring sides, I-O last names bring desserts,  
and P-Z last names bring appetizers

Tickets \$20 per person if purchased by Tues May 28th / \$30 at the door

Checks payable to Stoneleigh Community Association can be dropped off to  
Ryan Kokemor at 800 Ridgeleigh Rd. or Kerri Brennan at 502 Hatherleigh Rd.

