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Dear Stoneleigh Neighbors,

Glorious blue skies overhead, splashing, happy children, the Veterans Memorial beside me and the flag barely flapping in the end of summer heat surrounded me as I sat by the pool, soaking in the last bit of summer. Looking around, I found George Kennedy standing at his usual post. I watched in awe for a moment as he managed to oversee two of his children jumping in and out of the pool, a baby on his chest and a toddler in tow. Meanwhile, my phone buzzed. Up popped a photo of a shopping cart overflowing with Gatorade, chips, Skittles, and candy galore! The sender? Why Audrey Kennedy, of course! She spent her precious time alone stocking up on Labor Day Fair supplies on our behalf. On 'game day', the Kennedy's would be met by an entourage of volunteers ready to unload their overflowing van and turn our pool grounds into a Fair to remember! As Helen Keller once said, "alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!"



And there are others who manage to make Labor Day weekend in Stoneleigh feel like an enchanted summer finale. Margaret and Simeon Schlossberg have resisted the call to the shore for 4 years and committed instead to the Kids' Try-Athlon. Nonetheless, the Friday night registration fuels the beginning stirrings of anticipation. Joe's Bike Shop is on site checking bike safety while volunteers, armed with Margaret's spreadsheets, check kids in and hand out organized race packets seamlessly. Weeks of planning and hard work cumulate in a fun and truly extraordinary event in which every participant feels successful. To be there is to feel the collective pride! Our community is indebted to the Schlossbergs for their steadfast service. Margaret received the torch from the Reulands after their 6 years of service and is passing the torch to Steve Birdsall for the 10th annual Try-Athlon. Thank you Birdsall family!

Sharks' Swim Team families could be heard that same evening cheering for their team as they celebrated another successful season. An army of volunteers under the leadership of Joe Pettit, Michele Rowland, and Rachel Bowers are key to the success. Year after year, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude to Coach Kennedy and Coach Brian (Loeffler) who insists on honoring leadership, sportsmanship, effort and progress first, winning second.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the Pool Committee working tirelessly behind the scenes to oversee and manage the buildings and grounds and liaison with the pool management company. Speaking of which, a heartfelt thank you goes to our longtime pool manager, Gregory Rowland, as he retires from this position. Dave Frisch and his team deserve our thanks and recognition for an amazing pool season. Nicole Johnson and Christian Merlo are also deservedly ready to pass their torch. For years, they have conscientiously and consistently managed all of the pool registrations, applications, wait lists, and all the related challenges. Bringing us into the 21st century with our new online registration system is just part of their legacy. The time and effort they have selflessly given is commendable. They will pass this torch to Katie Flynn. Thank you Flynn family!

Fortunately, the "summertime blues," are quickly replaced with sounds of fall. Children returned to the newly renovated Stoneleigh Elementary School and fall events got underway. Oktoberfest was a huge success thanks to the leadership of Social Committee Chairs, Mari Kate Connolly and Meghan Virro along with the event Chairs, Michelle Gutberlet and Cory Birdsall. I loved looking across our pool grounds, now dotted with fall leaves, and seeing neighbors from all corners smiling and enjoying the night together.

What I find most amazing is the way our neighbors come together to make these events happen. Even more amazing is the fact that Stoneleightites have been doing this since the SCA's inception. I, myself, find I am happiest in service and I like to think this is contagious.

"The world is so empty if one thinks only of mountains, rivers & cities; but to know someone who thinks & feels with us, & who, though distant, is close to us in spirit, this makes the earth for us an inhabited garden." — *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

Indeed I feel fortunate to live with each of you in the "inhabited garden" we call Stoneleigh. We are so blessed.

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Stoneleigh Community Announcements

Welcome to Stoneleigh, New Neighbors!

Matthew and Liana Sullivan - 7002 Copeleigh Road - moved to Stoneleigh from Middle River. Matthew is originally from Towson and is employed by Baltimore County Public Schools his hobbies include Irish sports and enjoying time with his family. Liana is originally from Northeast Maryland and is employed by Under Armour. She also enjoys Irish Sports and family time. They have a three year old son, Liam.



Stoneleigh Birth Announcements

Meghan and Eric Virro of Wardman Road welcomed daughter Vivienne Elisabeth on August 12, 2013. Vivienne was welcomed home with great joy on October 10th after an extended stay in the St. Joseph Medical



Vivienne Virro

Center NICU where she received extraordinary care and made tremendous progress. Congratulations to the Virro family!

Molly and Kevin Sullivan of Tred Avon Road welcomed daughter Beatrice Elizabeth (Betty) Sullivan on September 18, 2013. She is welcomed with love by big sister Lucy (2). Congratulations to the Sullivan family!



Betty Sullivan

Beverly and Jim Wallace of Kingston Road are thrilled to announce their first grandson. Tristan Wallace was born on October 4th, 2013 to son Matthew and his wife Audrey. Matthew and Audrey reside in Houston, TX.

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Stoneleigh Elementary School Reopens for the 2013-2014 School Year by Colleen Mahoney

After a year and a half of construction, the newly renovated Stoneleigh Elementary School opened its doors to the community on September 24 with a ribbon cutting for dignitaries in the morning and an Open House for the community in the evening. Yellow mums and ribbons decked the new portico covering the main entrance as the school's principal greeted visitors and handed out maps of the renovated building.

“Wow” was the most common response as people entered the new open and bright lobby with a large flat screen TV mounted to the wall and a view straight down the main hallway to a newly expanded library in the back of the building. Adjoining the library is a brand new student TV studio. The bottom level of the school holds the “Specials” rooms – art, music, technology and a brand new science room with lab tables and sinks. The former main office was partially removed and reconfigured to afford more hallway space. The formally cramped nurse's office is gone and a brand new health suite is located just off the main lobby and described by one former Stoneleigh student as “like its own hospital room.”

School principal, Christine Warner, likes to challenge visitors to identify the new part of the building vs. the old and unless you know the building well it is a nearly impossible task. The entire school was taken down to the studs. Gone are the old wooden floors, black boards, and coat closets of old, replaced instead with brand new flooring, interactive smart boards and lockers for every student. The wall to the old second floor book room (which was previously part of a prior multi-purpose room) has been removed and is now a locker commons for 4th and 5th graders. The ceiling has been opened to expose the roof beams above the commons and skylights make the area an inviting space.

The new wing houses 14 additional classrooms and room for the school store. The cafeteria was expanded slightly by moving the entrance further out into the gym lobby and the gym was gained a few more feet by taking part of the stage. The gym received all new flooring and the stage got an updated look as well. The building is beautiful and a true testament to its place as a facility geared toward 21st century learning, but is not without its issues. When construction moves so quickly, operational issues are bound to come up and a few have challenged the school staff as they acclimate to their new building. Although the building was able to open in time for the first day of school, the “Punch List” of items still needing final completion remains and building use has been limited to mostly only to the school day. Activities like the Towson Recreation Council programs and Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have been unable to access the building. Hopefully the Punch List items will be finished by early November.

The outside of the building received a facelift as well with three new rain gardens constructed to collect rainwater, a new back playground for students and revised visitor and staff parking areas. The building facade of the new wing has been married seamlessly to the old building and the overall building effect is an elegant new building that reflects its traditional and longstanding neighborhood roots. Our students and our neighborhood benefit from the informed and active citizens who live here. Thanks go to many people for their part in the transformation of the old Stoneleigh into this new schoolhouse ready for 21st century learning. The next time you see any of the following please say thank you - our Stoneleigh neighbors who endured extra vehicles, workers and the noise associated with a construction site, members of the Stoneleigh United Board, Delegate Steve Lafferty, Councilman Marks, County Executive Kamenetz or any member of the Baltimore County Public Schools team who worked diligently to make this renovation and addition possible. We can all be proud of our new school.

Dumpster Day Wrap Up

As recently as the 1990's, when Brough Schamp of Stoneleigh's Greening and Recycling started organizing Dumpster Day as a fundraiser for planting community shade trees, we filled 6 dumpsters at each annual clean-up event. The number dropped to 5, and in 2012 we filled 4 dumpsters.

This year we only used 3 dumpsters, of which only 2 had large bulky trash items for the landfill (the third was filled with metal for recycling). Over the years, the amount of material delivered by Stoneleighites has not decreased. How can this be?

The main reason for the smaller number of dumpsters taking bulky trash to the landfill is that we now divert tons of material for RE-USE, or for appropriate handling and RECYCLING. This effort has been spearheaded by Greening & Recycling member, Carol Newill, with support from many Stoneleighites.



Volunteers included Brenda Bodian, Nate and Wren Collamer, Bernie Donnenberg, Laurie Dulaney, Chris Merritt, Carol Newill, Paul Newill-Schamp, Rob Reilly, Nancy Reiss, Brough Schamp, Charlie Skinner, Michael Stockard, Kathleen Williams.

The Loading Dock took a large truckload of building materials and furniture for re-use. Buy materials for your own home renovation projects at the non-profit center on Kresson St.

National Reclamation, Inc, took many pallets loaded with electronics and items "with a cord or battery." They either restore or repair the items for re-use, or dismantle and recycle the materials.

Velocipede Bike Project took bicycles to their shop on W. Lanvale St, where they help Baltimoreans learn how to ride and repair bikes. Before he left, their volunteer adjusted a donated bike for a happy young Stoneleighite to ride home!

The Franciscan Center received a two van loads of winter clothes, toys, baby supplies, dishes and other kitchen items in good condition. Bernie Donnenberg transported these items for re-use by clients of the center on W. 23rd St.

Goodwill received two truckloads of furniture, Weber grills, boogie boards, and large playsets, transported by Charlie Skinner and Rob Reilly.

CFL and fluorescent light bulbs, and old CRT TV's were taken to the Baltimore County Resource Recovery facility in Cockeysville by Rob Reilly.

Finally, many treasures were found among the items set aside for our neighbors, including yard furniture and Halloween props. It is true, one person's trash CAN be another person's treasure!



Having to say good-bye forever to a good friend is never an easy thing to do, especially when it is so sudden. The Stoneleigh Bowling League is saying good-bye to a very vibrant, competitive, funny, caring individual – Joan Spurrier, who died Sunday, Oct. 27th at the tender age of 80. Joan started bowling with the league in 2004 and loved every minute of it. She was the type of person who was always on the go. Joan was following her own rule to her five sons of “Do Something” when she decided she needed to do something in her spare time on Thursday evenings. She was an enthusiastic bowler who cheered her competitors on but I think secretly wished they would miss their strike or spare! She always did a little “Irish” jig when she made a strike. This year she has set the bar high for the lady bowlers of the league with a 385 set. Way to go Joan. She thoroughly enjoyed every team she was on, but was especially happy when we had a group of younger set- recent college grads- with us several years ago. She said they kept her young. She always had a story to tell and an avid audience to hear her stories. We will miss Joan terribly. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Are you looking for something to do on a slow Thursday night? The Stoneleigh Mixed League would love to have you come join us. It's a great way to meet new folks and get some aerobic exercise. The League is starting its 41st season. We are in the fifth week of the first half. We have seven new people joining us this year, and we are always looking for more. Right now we have 9 teams of four and 2 teams of three. You can come give it a try as a substitute and see what you think. We start bowling at 6:45 and generally finish around 9, 9:15. We bowl for 33 weeks total with a banquet in May topping off the year!



Some notable stats so far are:

High Team Set	#6 – The Manhattans	1314
High Team Game	#6 – The Manhattans	471
High Men's Set	Chris DesMarais & Ray Steinberg	393
High Women's Set	Joan Spurrier	385
High Men's Game	Steve Baloga	170
High Women's Game	Nancy Talbott	150

Any questions, please call Nancy Talbott, secretary, 410-377-0542 or Steve Kimball, president, 410-377-7079

Another Fun Year for the Annual Stoneleigh Tween Night!

by Lisa Twiss

What do you get when you mix a DJ, pizza, prizes, dancing, soda, games, and a summer night? The answer is Tween Night. This year's Second Annual Tween Night, held on Saturday, August 24th from 6:00-9:30 p.m. was a wonderful success (no one got hurt or lost). The music-themed evening started with kids working as teams to complete a neighborhood scavenger hunt. Upon their return to the pool, they enjoyed food, drinks, Rita's, music and of course, hoola hooping. Many thanks go out to all those brave moms and dads who chaperoned; this event could not happen without you.

2013 Stoneleigh Kids TryAthlon honors Louis Lowenthal

by Steve Birdsall

On Saturday, August 31 over 120 kids participated in the 9th annual Stoneleigh Kids TryAthlon. This untimed swim – bike & run around the Stoneleigh pool - is an end of summer tradition for kids age 4-12. The race day weather was outstanding and was only topped by the great effort and attitude of all of the participants. A hearty “THANK YOU” goes out to our race sponsors and volunteers with special recognition to race directors Margaret Schlossberg and Antonio Wolff who worked tirelessly planning the event to ensure a safe and fun morning for participants and parents.

This year’s TryAthlon supported Action for Healthy Kids in memory of Louis Lowenthal. Action for Healthy kids is a public-private partnership of more than 50 organizations dedicated to promoting school health and wellness. Looking forward to the 10th year of the Kids TryAthlon in 2014!



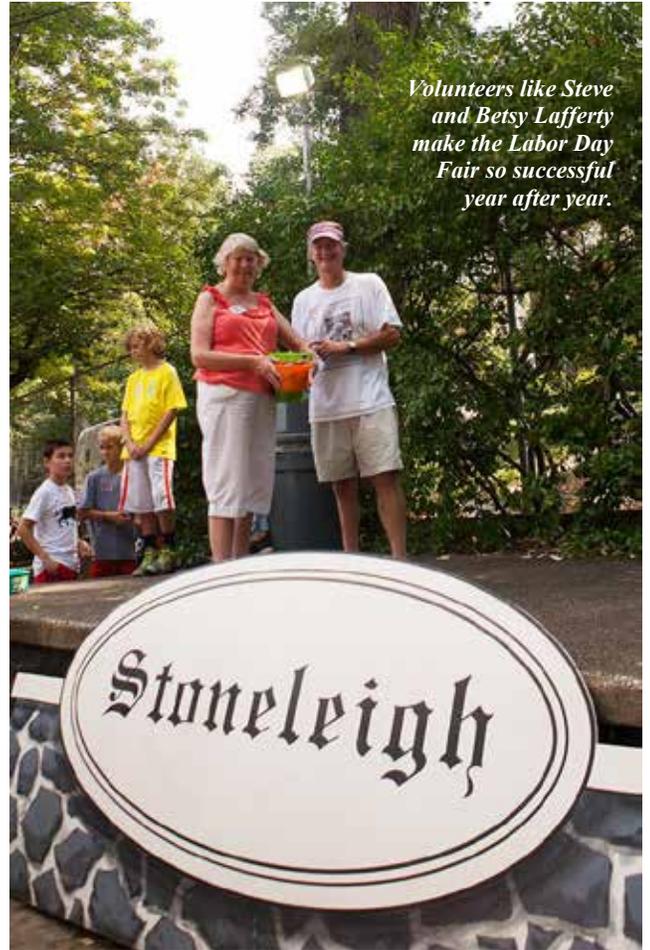
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Farewell, Summer • 2013 Stoneleigh Labor Day Fair

by Audrey Kennedy

On Monday, September 2nd, hundreds of Stoneleigh residents and friends congregated at the Stoneleigh Pool to celebrate Labor Day. The usual carnival games were enjoyed by many of our children, while others bounced in the Moon Bounce and participated in some way with the Dunk Tank. Faces were transformed by the talented artists of Funny Faces Face Painting, LLC and glitter tattoos sparkled on many of our fair-goers. Cotton Candy, Popcorn and snow cones were plentiful. The Garden Club had a wonderful Book Sale this year, thanks to all of those who donated their old literary treasures.

In the Parking Lot, DJ Dan kept the party going, along with folks from Kanjizai Martial Arts. Many enjoyed food from our vendor, Crab Addict, who offered delicious hot pit beef and pit turkey sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad, and lemons with peppermint sticks. The leftover candy and juice boxes were donated to A Birthday Anywhere, a local charity group who organizes and hosts birthday parties at various shelters for homeless children in Baltimore. And the leftover UTZ Snack Packs were donated to Beans & Bread, a resource center for people who are homeless located in the Fells Point area of Baltimore, Maryland, providing meals, day respite, intensive case management, and housing placement. The Labor Day Fair Committee would like to thank Mother Nature for a picture perfect day, despite a rather unpleasant forecast; Gregory and the Pool staff; all of our wonderful volunteers and patrons alike; and the sponsors, without which none of this would be possible.



Volunteers like Steve and Betsy Lafferty make the Labor Day Fair so successful year after year.

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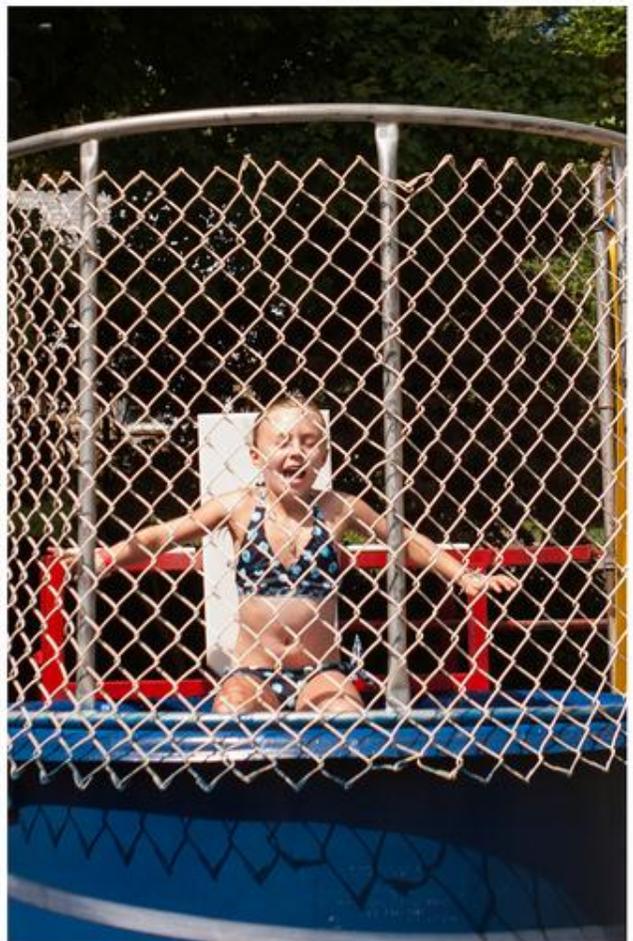
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October means that fall is really upon us, although the weather today seems more like summer. However, we are beginning to see pumpkins and the fall plants like chrysanthemums blooming.

Now is the time to be planting bulbs if you want to have daffodils and tulips blooming in the spring gardens. To spur us into planting these bulbs, the Garden Club's October meeting will be held in Watson's Greenhouse. Eric Rutledge, supervisor of the greenhouse, will give us advice on which bulbs to plant and the best techniques for planting in gardens, as well as in pots for our patios, decks and balconies. Of course, he will tempt us to buy some of Watson's many bulbs.



In November we will have a workshop where we will make holiday arrangements to use for either Thanksgiving or Christmas. Even though it seems early to do things for Christmas, many decorations made mainly of greens will last for a long time and you need only to add fresh flowers to make them look fresh for the holidays.



In December we make two boxwood wreaths to add to the decorations for Hampton Mansions and also make arrangements for the judging of the Christmas decorations in the community. Then we have our Christmas Luncheon at Christopher Daniels restaurant and bring toys to donate to the Toys for Tots Campaign.

So ends our 2013 year, but we can look forward to January where we will enjoy meeting Rhonda McAvoy, a retired NPS Horseback Ranger, who will speak to us on Life Along the NCR Trail. We look forward to meeting this fascinating person.

The Annual Holiday Door and Overall Home Decoration will be conducted on **December 27th**. Two members of another garden club drive through Stoneleigh with two members of the Stoneleigh Garden Club to judge door and overall decorations. So get on Pinterest;

channel your inner Martha Stewart. Criteria for the awards are based on:

1. Use of fresh greens and plant materials
2. Originality of design/theme
3. Effort of participant
4. Use of artificial fruits and accessories are permitted

Remember to keep storm doors open so door decorations are easily seen from the street.

NOTE: First, second and third place winners from the previous three years are not eligible to win again in their category. But they are eligible for 4th place in their respective category or first, second or third in the other category.

I'm sure each one of us "gives back" in our own special way. Many people in our community are involved in all kinds of charitable efforts. It's also a really good feeling to collectively, as a caring community, contribute to folks in need. Thanks Stoneleigh Neighbors for everything you do.

FALL MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE

The fall men's clothing drive was very successful thanks to all the kind and giving folks of Stoneleigh and all the fellas that cleaned out their closets! Over 50 bags were taken to Paul's Place including shoes, suits, sweaters, coats and hats. The volunteers and people that work at Paul's Place were incredibly grateful and appreciative. The men that go there for meals, a safe place to gather or job placement opportunities were all very friendly and excited about all the new clothing that was placed in their store. If anyone is looking for community service hours for their children they do gladly take volunteers and I saw several children from different areas schools working in the kitchen and the clothing store. St. Paul's Place is a great opportunity to get involved with an outreach program if you have time to volunteer your skills or your time to the center. This was a very rewarding experience and we thank all of you. It is true -- doing good really does feel good:))



Sarah Rhea makes a drop off at St. Paul's Place

We would also like to thank Donna for putting together such a wonderful organization that helps so many different people! She has made it so easy to become involved with the many projects. HOAM is something we can all support and feel good about.

Warmly,

The Rheas

WINTER PROJECT WILL BENEFIT VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING – DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JANUARY

With the help of Berni Donnenberg, Janice Arcieri is heading up this project. Most people are not aware of the human trafficking problem that exists in the Greater Baltimore area. The donations we collect for this project will be taken to Towson Turnaround. The mission of this organization is to help build a community free of violence. They help address the needs of human trafficking victims. What is needed? There are a number of ways you can help.

- Donate gifts cards (to purchase new clothing - any amount and for any store).
- Donate tote bags, new jeans, t-shirts and underwear
- Recruit folks from where you work, workout, worship or any other place to contribute to this cause. Employees at Good Samaritan Hospital are collecting toiletries (another much needed item) thanks to one of our neighbors.

Donations can be dropped off during the month of January at Janice and Joe Arcieri's home 7009 Kenleigh Road or you can bring them to a Meet and Greet on Wednesday January 29th at 7:00 p.m. This gathering will be at Berni Donnenberg's home – 814 Chumleigh Road. Amelia Rubenstein, a Turnaround Social Worker, and Victoria Kinnear, a representative of the Free the Girls Campaign, will attend to tell you more about the efforts of their respective organizations.

2013 Marks the Return of Oktoberfest

by Michelle Gutberlet

What a tremendous response to the return of the Stoneleigh Oktoberfest! Brief rain showers couldn't dampen the bright, festive atmosphere and the great crowd of new and old neighbors that gathered to enjoy the evening down at Stoneleigh Pool. About 135 party goers enjoyed delicious German inspired fare, scrumptious raw oysters shucked on the spot by our great caterer Bear Bros. and authentic German beer under the stars. Amazing music by acoustic guitarists Ken Gutberlet and neighbor Kate Fleming provided a great vibe while folks gathered and socialized around cozy fire pits, hall style tables, friendly cornhole matches and tents lit with twinkling lights. It was truly wonderful to have so many in attendance and we are thrilled that Oktoberfest was embraced wholeheartedly once again! Very special thanks to all who contributed before, during and after the event to help make it such a huge success. A special thank you to the Oktoberfest committee – especially event co-Cory Birdsall for planning and executing such a fun evening!



Photos courtesy of Audrey Kennedy

Another Fun Stoneleigh Kids Halloween Parade and Party!

By Emily Parks

All the ghosts and goblins came out to play at the Kids' Halloween Parade and Party! The event kicked off at the Stoneleigh pool parking lot with our traditional costume parade around the pool, followed by snacks, music and games. Our little Stoneleighites enjoyed getting temporary Halloween tattoos, decorating their own mini pumpkin as well as games such as pin-the-tail-on-the cat, ghost bowling and witch hat ring toss. After enjoying a snack of Halloween Oreos, apple cider and pumpkin cake, the Halloween revelers danced to the music and songs of Ellis Woodward.

New this year was a Halloween costume contest, with categories such as Best Homemade Costume, Sweetest and Most Original in both under 6 and 7-11 year old age groups. Winners included a team of Ghostbusters, R2D2 and an infant Hungry Caterpillar. Many thanks to the Social Committee and the wonderful volunteers who helped with the event. Special thanks to Kathleen Williams, who donated the trick-or-treat bags, and Uncle Wiggly's and Five Below, who donated the gift cards which served as prizes for the costume contest. Thanks to everyone for making it such a great afternoon for our kids.



Photos courtesy of Cara Walen

Stoneleigh Citizens on Patrol Report

by Anand Sivaramakrishnan



You are the key factor in making Stoneleigh safer. If you call 911 as soon as you see anything that does not sit well in your mind - odd people, occurrences, noises, circumstances, you will be doing all your neighbors a favor. Recently I heard a slight clunk in the wee hours of the morning. While I sleepily checked out the street through my window I heard a thud. Then a miscreant ran right past my house! Of course I called 911 straight away. This turned out to be a failed 'theft from vehicle', resulting in a scratched window and a broken brick. The lesson to be learned here is to check out small but unusual events, and to call immediately. The police response

may not always be fast enough to catch a wrongdoer, but a police response discourages future attempts and gives the police a better feel for where crimes are being attempted.

With the holiday season coming up do let your neighbors know when you're all away for a vacation, and keep wallets, handbags, and beautifully-wrapped presents out of plain view in your vehicle! Additional COP drivers during the festive break are always welcome! As always, call 911 to report a crime in progress.

Stay alert, and stay in touch!

Anand Sivaramakrishnan, Stoneleigh COP Director.

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Ryan Kokemor takes over as COOP President

The COOP, a babysitting co-op and social organization for parents with children in the Stoneleigh Elementary school district, kicked off its new year with a meeting on September 18th. Twenty-five mothers attended the meeting, many of whom are new to the neighborhood. Every COOP meeting starts with some socializing and it was great to catch up with old and new neighbors about their summers. At the meeting we discussed ideas for social events, community service, and childcare. Upcoming activities include monthly happy hours, adopting a family in need over the holidays, regular park play dates, small group potluck dinners, and bringing back our popular adult progressive dinner. We also operate an active listserv where members can ask for home service recommendations (i.e. plumbers, contractors, etc.), buy/sell children's clothing and toys, inform members of local family activities and coordinate COOP sits and play dates. The COOP meets monthly and if you'd like to join or attend one of the meetings, please email Ryan.Kokemor@gmail.com.

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 Stoneleighte, visit 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. This is not a message board or public forum. This service does not have a "Reply to All" function, nor does it publicly display members email addresses. Members simply receive carefully vetted emails alerting them to community news and events. There no fee of course to join; simply email the Stoneleigh President at StoneleighPresident@gmail.com and request to be added to the group.

With Gratitude Gears Up for Festive Holiday Season

Pam Somerville and Courtney Creamer of **With Gratitude** have been very busy planning some festive events to help us all get into the holiday spirit while tackling our shopping lists. From now through the holidays, the store will be open until 7pm on Thursday evenings. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following annual shopping parties:



- **“Wine Women Wishes”** night on Thursday, November 20th – from 5pm – 9pm. Ladies, make your shopping lists while noshing on edibles and sipping wine.
- **Shop in your PJs on Black Friday.** On Friday, November 29th at noon come down to the store in your PJs and enjoy 20% off a single item, excluding consignment.
- **“Chug and Charge Night”** Fellas, stop by the store on Thursday, December 12th from 5pm – 9pm, pick up the ladies wish lists, and charge away while enjoying light fare and beverages.

Looking Ahead: 2014 Stoneleigh Social Committee

As we wrap up a fabulous 2013 full of neighborhood get togethers for children, adults, and families, we are already looking ahead to next year. Whether you are new to the neighborhood or a tenured resident looking to become more active in the community, please consider joining the Stoneleigh Social Committee! The Social Committee is responsible for planning and organizing four events for kids (Kids' Easter Egg Hunt, Tween Night, Kids' Halloween Party & Parade and Breakfast with Santa), 3 adult events (Shamrock N' Bowl, Summer Adult Shindig and Oktoberfest) and the annual Labor Day Fair family neighborhood fundraiser. Our wonderful committee is seeking new enthusiastic members for 2014 to join our already terrific committee. Interested? Please contact Mari Kate Connolly, Social Committee Co-Chair at marikate.connolly@gmail.com. Our 2014 kick off meeting will be in February.

Stoneleigh Community Calendar

Please mark your calendar for these neighborhood events

Breakfast with Santa

Sat Dec 14th

Santa Visits Stoneleigh on the Firetruck

Mon Dec 23rd

Garden Club Holiday Décor Judging

Fri Dec 27th



Please visit www.Stoneleigh21212.org for more event details!

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FIRST CLASS

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The Stoneleigh Community Association invites all Stoneleigh families to.....

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 14, 2013

9:30am until 11:00 am

First and St. Stephen's Church Basement

6915 York Road

RSVP to Katie Flynn by Friday, November 29, 2013

kflynn467@gmail.com or 410-382-0677**

**Please provide the name and correct spelling of each child attending.



Please bring one unwrapped gift suitable for children up to 14 years of age to support the Baltimore County Social Services Toy Drive.