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Congrats Class of 2020
We love a parade!
Swimming at a distance



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Editor's Note

In this special summer *Seniors* issue, we thank our Stoneleighite photographer, John Waire, for a special gift he provided to our senior graduates—porch portraits. You will see his work featured throughout the senior announcements section. We also thank Carol Newill and Brough Schamp's son, Paul Newill-Schamp, for his special drone pictures of the pool.

Stay safe, stay healthy.



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President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

2020 is already more than halfway over and I am wondering where all the time has gone. Now, more than ever, I am continually wondering what new challenges will pop up between one week and the next, while trying to find gratitude in the small wins each week.

As we've shifted so much of our lives to more digital interactions, our habits and expectations have also changed. Even though I personally work in a very digital space, I had no idea how much of my life would move online. Had you told me that it would be more normal to



have a digital happy hour than to go out to dinner, I also would have thought that was crazy. Rather than the new normal, I'm trying to get comfortable with the new now...knowing that every day brings something new.

And yet, Stoneleigh continues to thrive. And we are thankful for everyone who puts time and energy into keeping our neighborhood strong. Whether it be the trash and recycling team who make sure our neighborhood stays looking clean, or the first responders that keep our community safe, we are seeing a tremendous groundswell of support for the entire tapestry of humans that make living this life possible. This outpouring of support has been extremely uplifting and amazing to be a part of. I will be eternally grateful for the opportunity to have a front-row seat to this.

We are also making sure to celebrate all our successes in different ways with outdoor car parades and visits from the Kona ice truck. Did you know that we had 21 high school and college seniors in our neighborhood? Quite honestly, I had no idea. It is tremendously exciting to think about how these new adults will be able to experience the world and give back to the greater good. Their stories are told in this issue as a way to give them the credit that they so deserve.

We are also socializing differently. The unique, but incredibly effective pool cohort system has provided an entirely unexpected way to enjoy our greatest neighborhood asset. What started out as a real concern about if we could even open at all, has turned into an amazing opportunity to do a relatively normal activity in a very "new now", but maybe better, way. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and to know that in some small way, we can contribute to something that lets us all feel a little better, has been a tremendous privilege and joy to be a part of.

To the countless volunteers who have helped make this year what it is, I tip my hat and say a profound thank you for keeping this train rolling. None of us could have done what we have been able to do without that tremendous support structure of everyone involved. It is a true testament of the spirit of our neighborhood. As we continue down this path, it is my sincere hope that we can keep this trend moving forward in the same positive way we have managed to do so far. I hope to see all of you walking around the neighborhood, sometimes three or four times a day! Thank you all for the opportunity to participate in this unique point in history and to help shape the new now.

Stay safe. Stay Stoneleigh. All the best,

Matt Hampton, SCA President

Class of 2020: Celebrating Our Seniors

“Even though there may not be pomp because of our circumstances, never has a graduating class been called to step into the future with more purpose, vision, passion, energy and hope.” -Oprah Winfrey



Thank you to the parents, families, and friends for bringing on the **POMP** for our Stoneleigh graduates!

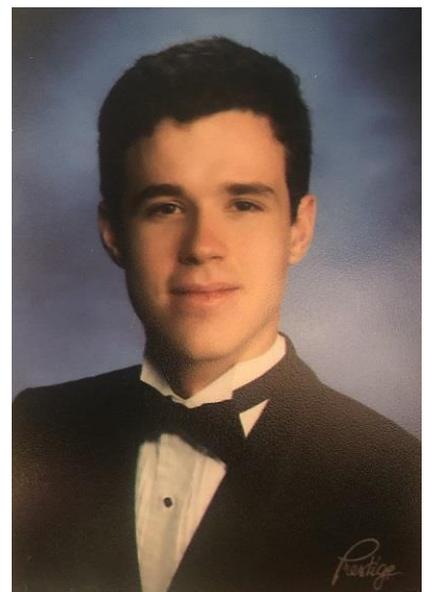
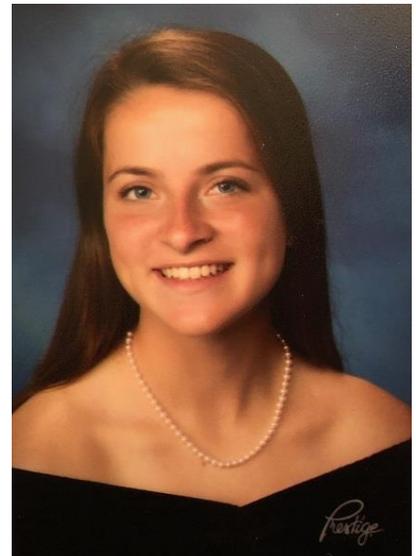


Senior Announcements

Twin Graduates

Julia Buttarazzi, daughter of Sheri and Joe Buttarazzi of Copeleigh Road, just graduated from Towson High School, where she played four years on the varsity soccer team. Julia also played lacrosse for her high school and served as co-president of the One Love Club. This year, the national One Love Club recognized Towson High School as a "champion certified school" for its efforts to promote relationship health education and to create a safer school community. In the fall, Julia will begin her studies as a freshman at the University of South Carolina. Go Cocks!

Joseph Buttarazzi is a proud graduate of Towson High School. In the fall, he will be heading to Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania to study accounting. Joseph was awarded the four-year Dean's Scholarship, based on his academic success at Towson High. We are proud of his accomplishments and can't wait for the big send off. Go Warriors!



Senior Announcements

Michael Dorsey, son of David and Kimberly Dorsey of York Road, graduated with honors from Loyola Blakefield. He will be attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee where he will be majoring in economics. Congratulations Michael!



Maria Dildine of Old Oak Road, will be attending Ohio State University in the fall. She will major in health sciences in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. While at Towson High School, Maria received the President's Education Award for outstanding academic excellence and the Baltimore County All-Academic Team Award. She was a varsity athlete in Volleyball and Tennis.



Luke Garvey, son of Scott and Becky Garvey, graduated from Calvert Hall College High School. He will be attending the University of Maryland in the fall. He plans to study physics.



College Graduation Announcements

Celebrating Twin Graduates

Michael Ryan Flickinger, son of Mark and Rosa Flickinger of Wellington Road, graduated from the University of Maryland. She graduated virtually on May 22, 2020, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Material Science and Engineering. He will be working with Army Research Lab in Adelphi, MD. His senior capstone team won first place on Metal Organic Frameworks for Photocatalytic Reduction of CO₂. Michael also received the Iran Berlin Writing Award from the College Park Scholars Program in Justice and Legal Thought. Michael also led bible studies for CRU, a Christian organization on campus, and participated in intramural club soccer.

Evan Thomas Flickinger, graduated from the University of Maryland, virtually on May 22, 2020, with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and a minor in secondary education. Evan is currently pursuing his Masters of Education this year, and plans to teach mathematics in high school. Evan participated in intramural club soccer and track while at college and led bible studies for CRU, a Christian organization on campus.



Senior Announcements

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Audrey Justine Bowman, daughter of Laure and Alan Bowman of Regester Avenue, graduated from Towson High School. Audrey enjoyed all four years in the THS Marching Band - starting with Color Guard her freshman year, then drum line, and finally as drum line section leader. Audrey works as a server at Blakehurst Senior Living Community. Audrey will be attending Colorado State University in the fall studying biology/pre-vet. While attending college has a lot of unknowns, Audrey is so looking forward to attending CSU and living in Colorado!



Anastasia Godat, daughter of Gordon and Amy Godat of Wardman Road, graduated from Concordia Preparatory School in Towson with a ceremony planned for mid-July. She graduated with honors and in the top five in her class. She was a part of National Honor Society, a twelve-season varsity athlete, which included soccer, basketball, cheerleading and lacrosse, as well as earning IAAM All-Conference in lacrosse. She was involved in four theater productions and for two of these productions, she was the head stage manager. Outside of school, Ana played goalie for Hymax Field Hockey Club and volunteered regularly at Paul's Place, Art with a Heart, and Habitat for Humanity. In the fall, she will be attending Washington & Jefferson College on a Thrive Scholarship,

where she will be studying business administration and forensics. Ana will also be playing field hockey for the Presidents.



Senior Announcements

Class of 2020



Eli “Bella” Broussard, daughter of Steve and Pamela Broussard of Wellington Road, graduated from Towson High School with honors and a President’s Education Awards Program for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Bella will be attending Arcadia University in Glenside Pennsylvania in the fall majoring in art and art therapy. Bella loves D&D, teaching children, creative writing, playing many different instruments and any form of art and music. It has been an honor to witness your journey and look forward to what is next!



Graduating in a Pandemic

by Eli “Bella” Broussard

Growing up, we were surrounded by the ideas that prom and graduation would be some of the most fun, and most meaningful nights of our lives. We felt entitled to have our dances and ceremonies like all the classes before us, a night to celebrate us, surrounded by some of the people we’ve known since kindergarten. That wasn’t the reality we got. In what felt like an instant, we went from joking about something that felt so far away, to locking ourselves inside, in fear of what waited beyond the threshold.

Our last day wasn’t what we expected. None of us thought that it was the end. We didn’t get to say goodbye to the teachers and friends we’d made over the past four years. We didn’t have any of the milestones that made the end of high school feel like the end. We didn’t get a pause, to let it soak in.

I felt betrayed and abandoned, like the world had tilted on its axis and forgotten to let me know. I think we all felt a little lost and alone in those first few weeks of quarantine. Things shift and change without warning sometimes, and we don’t always know how things will end. All we do know is that we have to keep moving forward, however scary, and be the kind of change the world needs. We have the chance to do good in the world, and make it a better place for everyone. We maybe didn’t have a traditional end to our senior year, but it was still meaningful and unforgettable.



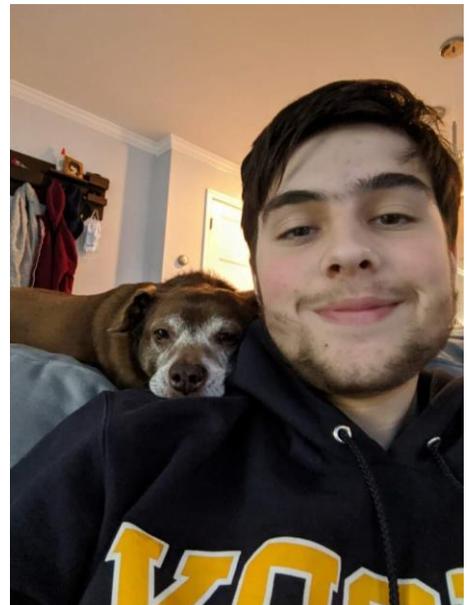
Senior Announcements

Park School Graduates

Michael B. Foster, son of Paul and Lew Foster of Petworth Road, graduated from Park School. His high school accomplishments included Robotics Team Lead Engineer, Sound Engineer & Music Tech Crew Leader, and Park Jazz Collective guitarist, playing locally and in New Orleans. He also sang for four years in the HaZamir Choir, locally and in NYC. For his Park senior project during COVID, he created virtual ensembles and concerts for locked-down students. Michael will attend the University of Rochester and study audio, electrical and computer engineering.



Calvin Brauer, son of Jeff Brauer and Colleen Christmas of Stoneleigh Court, graduated from Park School. He will be headed to Emory University this fall. We're so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Oli and Bubba.



Senior Announcements

Graduates' Impact on the Community

Trinity Anne Eimer, daughter of Kelli and Joseph Eimer of Kingston Road, graduated cum laude from Bryn Mawr High School. She was president of Eco club, participated in Mock Trial and was a student activist; organizing a walk out for climate change and school Earth Day celebrations. Her parents, brother Branton and dog Buddy are so proud and will miss her as she heads to Rice University. She plans to study biochemistry with an ultimate goal of a law degree.



Abby Letocha, daughter of Richard and Phoebe Evans Letocha of Stoneleigh Road, graduated from Towson High School in the top 5% of her class and as part of the Law and Public Policy Magnet Program. She was a member of the National Honor Society as well as the French, Science, and Social Studies honor societies. She also played on the Allied soccer, bowling, and softball teams throughout school. She participated as a dancer in Towson Rec Council & #39s Stoneleigh Dance program from kindergarten through senior year, and as a junior dance instructor for the past six years. She was supposed to dance one of the leads as the Genie in the TRC dance production of Aladdin. However, the May recital was cancelled, and she missed her final curtain call. Abby has

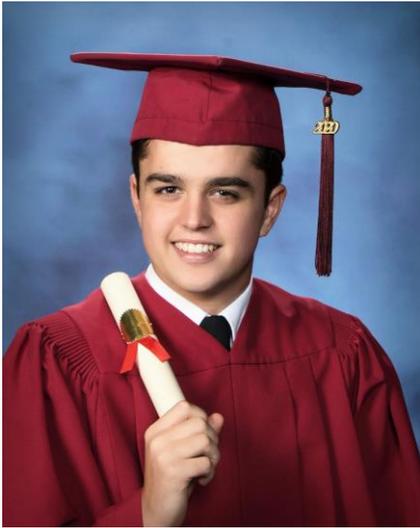


been a member of Girl Scout Troop 15 since entering kindergarten at Stoneleigh Elementary. She attended Girl Scouts Camp Conowingo as a camper and went through CIT I and II leadership training programs. In 2019, she was selected as one of six Girls Scouts of Central Maryland Distinguished Women of the Year Shadow Girls. She earned her Bronze and Silver awards with her troop and is currently completing her Girl Scout Gold Award project. The project addresses period poverty, by raising awareness about the lack of access to menstrual products among those who struggle to afford them. Abby will be attending the University of Richmond, where she was awarded a Presidential Scholarship. She is interested in majoring in Business or Accounting.

Senior Announcements

THS Graduates

Congratulations **Oliver Hogg** of Kingston Road! I arrived in the USA from England as a freshman, and four years later I'm now a graduating senior from Towson High School. My high school experience has been fantastic and helped in my decision to remain in the United States to continue my higher education. In the fall, I will be attending The University of Maryland, College Park to pursue a degree in engineering. I'm feeling very optimistic about my future at College Park and can't wait to see what the next four years have in store for me.



Sean Mathias, son of Lisa and Bill Mathias of Chumleigh Road, graduated from Towson High School where he was in the Law and Public Policy Program. Sean was a member of the National Honor Society, as well as a member of the Science, Math, Social Studies and Spanish honor societies. He was a three-year varsity soccer player and was selected by his teammates as a captain during his senior year. In addition to soccer, Sean enjoyed participating in the Princeton and Penn Model Congress programs throughout high school. He will be attending Bates College in Maine in the fall.



Senior Announcements

Calvert Hall College High School Graduates

Patrick Reif, son of Chris and Kelly Reif of Bristol Road, graduated from Calvert Hall College High School, receiving the Dean's Scholarship for outstanding academics. Patrick will be attending Loyola College of Maryland Sellinger School of Business and Management in the fall:

The class of 2020 made history. I feel lucky and grateful to have participated in the 175th commencement ceremony held by my school in the middle of a pandemic. It is a memory I will never forget. Missing the last few months of my senior year was unfortunate, but I appreciate all of the special acknowledgments from neighbors, friends, and family. Congrats and best wishes to all of the 2020 graduates.



Alick Douglas Dalrymple, son of Doug and Kathy Dalrymple of Bristol Road, graduated from Calvert Hall College High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society and a Brother Tom Miller Scholar. Alick played Calvert Hall soccer, football and varsity golf. Alick received the President Scholarship to Loyola University. Alick will be attending the University of South Carolina where he was awarded an academic scholarship. He plans to study sports management and entertainment.



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Sam Schuleman, son of Andrew and Jodi Schuleman of Wardman Road, graduated from Towson High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, and language club. He was the co-founder of American Sign and served as an intern for the County Executive Johnny Olszewski campaign. Sam was a STHM Scholarship recipient and will be attending Temple University in the fall.

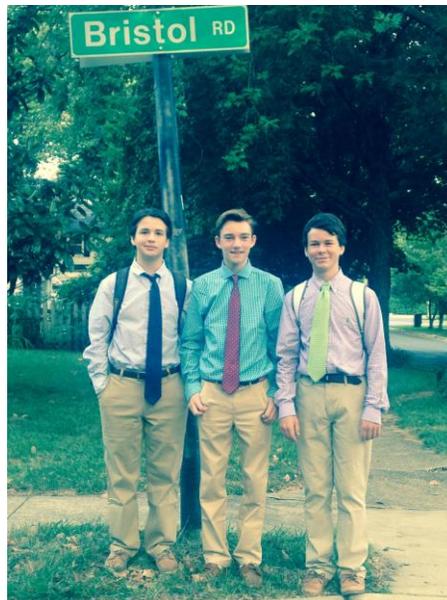


The Bristol Boys

Bristol Road is where they would meet, and they would continue together at three schools. Patrick Reif, Alick Dalrymple, and Luke Garvey have lived on Bristol Road and have also attended Stoneleigh Elementary, Dumbarton Middle, and Calvert Hall College High School together. As a tradition, their photo was taken each school year in front of the Bristol Road sign, including their final senior year in cap and gowns.



Dumbarton middle school



First day of Freshman Year



Senior year graduation

College Graduate Announcements

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Gabrielle Riley Woolley, daughter of Jeff and Mary Louise Woolley of Wardman Road, graduated from the University of Virginia with a B.A. in English and Sociology. Gabrielle is now working for Bantam Social Media in Charlottesville, Virginia. With joy, love and gratitude, Gabrielle's parents Jeff and Mary Louise, her sister Bracken, and her brother Mac.

Congratulations Gabrielle!



Eleanor Hudson, daughter of Dave and Jennifer Hudson of Kingston Road, graduated cum laude from Plymouth State University in New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Science in athletic training. Eleanor was a four-year member of the Plymouth State women's NCAA ice hockey team. She will be attending Merrimack College in North Andover, MA as a Provost Fellowship student to pursue a Master of Science in exercise and sport science in fall 2020.

Congratulations, Eleanor!



Parade with Class

by Amy Godat

Spring 2020...proms cancelled, graduation in front of all of the family and friends cancelled, along with many other fantastic events. How can we celebrate this momentous occasion eighteen years in the making, that still maintains social distancing? Well, let's have a parade! On May 29th, the last day of school for Baltimore County Seniors, the Stoneleigh Community did just that. Sixteen high school seniors decorated their cars and paraded through the streets, accompanied by Baltimore County's finest police to celebrate their accomplishments. They were cheered by neighbors and friends. Many of the students began their school career together and stayed together, but some separated as time passed. It was nice to see them unite again to celebrate, and at the place where many of them began their school journey. A parent commented it was nice to see their faces as friends, whether it be recent or from the past, joined in the parade. There was genuine happiness to see them all back together.



Congratulations to all Stoneleigh Community Seniors Class of 2020!



***Class of 2020 Parade
Congrats!***

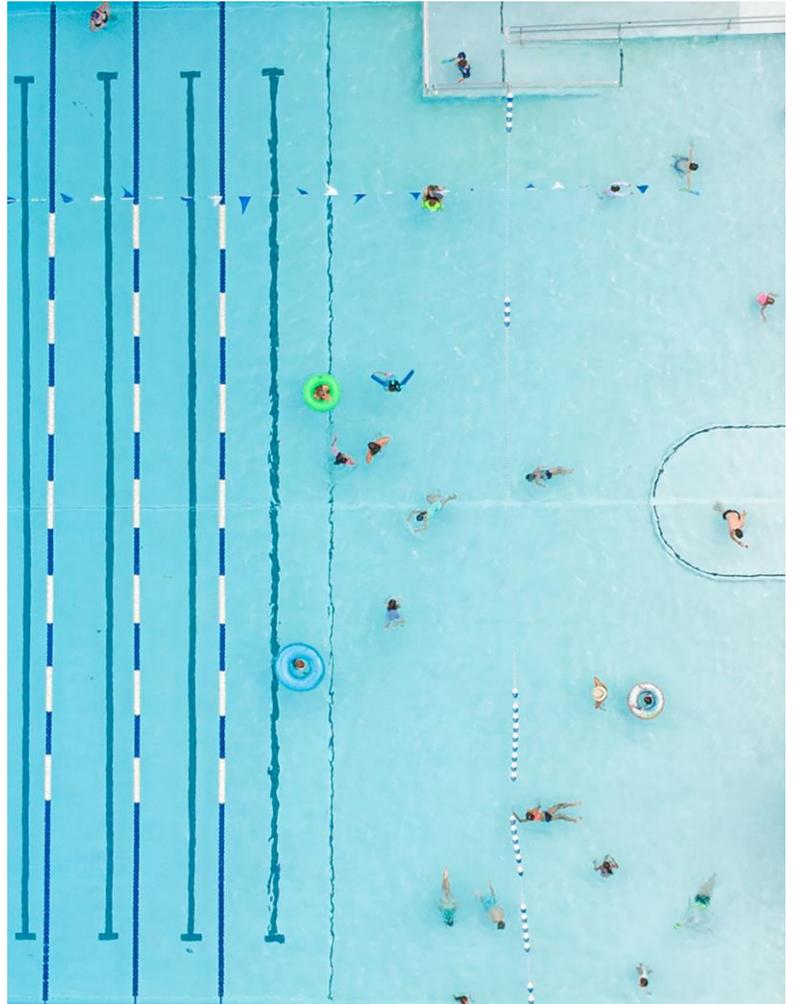
News from the Pool Chair

Swimming...at a Distance

I'm writing this Sunday July 5th, one-third of the way through this extraordinary 95th season. We've had over 13,500 check-ins so far, an average daily attendance of 435, not including our early morning lap-swimming and clinic attendance. For the last 31 days, we've operated fifteen hours a day during the week and twelve on weekends. We hit our peak attendance of 643 members on July 3rd. Even during the traditionally busiest weekend with 90-degree weather, there was capacity available most of the time.

The Pool Committee's paramount goal every year is a safe environment. Every year, we strive to mitigate the risks of operating a pool while never entirely eliminating them. Coronavirus presented an entirely new set of challenges. I'm proud of how everyone has risen to the occasion so far. In December, we selected Merritt to manage the daily operations of the pool, informed by the feedback we received in our community survey to prioritize the quality of members' experience. In February, we undertook several long-term capital projects, completing them on-time and under-budget. Facing some deep uncertainty in April, we cut expenses while continuing opening preparations. We led an ad-hoc regional consortium of pools to develop risk-mitigation strategies and proactively engage the State Department of Health, Governor and County Executive. We were the first community pool to open in Baltimore County this year and we did it in an orderly manner. A WBFF cameraman who covered our opening commented, "I wish we had someplace like this where we live."

The Cohort system has effectively balanced attendance without wasting hundreds of hours of members' time navigating a reservation system each week. The balance of feedback has been highly favorable, with the most frequent comment being something along the lines, "I really like when they blow the whistle and I don't have to wrangle my kids out of the pool." We've progressively introduced more flexibility, while striving to prevent dangerously over-crowded situations. Since Cohorts 2.0, every member has three hours of pool time every weekday. Approximately 80% of all timeslots have been below capacity; when that happens, the pool is opened to all members. Going forward, Cohorts will primarily serve as priority seating, a pre-arranged lottery on crowded timeslots, and (hopefully soon) a dedicated time for



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members to invite guests. The hour of Adult Swim between 4:30 and 5:30 has become increasingly popular. We're offering the 10% of the pool community who deferred membership this year a safer opportunity to visit between 8AM and 10AM when there are few other people on the grounds and only lap lanes are used.

As idyllic as the pool may seem, all of us need to continue exercising caution and not be lulled into a false sense of confidence. The virus is still with us. At least one other pool in our consortium has had members test positive, though none have yet reported any spread within the pool community. If you are sick, or have been around anyone who is sick, you have a duty to your neighbors to stay away. We need members to continue complying with mask requirements and distancing, and encourage their kids to avoid risky behavior.

This season would not have happened without the overwhelming support of the community-at-large, the SCA board, and the tireless efforts of the Pool Committee's ten volunteers: Greg Dildine, Brian Loeffler, Katie Flynn, Todd Moran, Meghan Virro, Chad Tipton, Marty McFadden, Ellen Roberts and SCA President Matt Hampton. When I took the Pool Chair job in January, I didn't foresee getting the Coronavirus season. But I did know that these outstanding neighbors would rise to meet any challenge, as they have. Thank you also to the many community members who have reached out with constructive criticism, helpful feedback, gratitude, and offers of assistance. It's been an honor to serve you during this extraordinary time and gratifying to help make Stoneleigh's 95th year of this incredible summer respite possible.

Be safe and enjoy the pool!

Steve McIntire, Stoneleigh Pool Chair

**THANK YOU POOL
COMMITTEE**

*GREG DILDINE
BRIAN LOEFFLER
KATIE FLYNN
TODD MORAN
MEGHAN VIRRO
CHAD TIPTON
MARTY MCFADDEN
ELLEN ROBERTS
MATT HAMPTON*



*Instead of the traditional busy pool crowds, it was a peaceful and solemn kind of Memorial Day weekend. A small group of Boy Scouts and neighbors paid tribute to fallen Stoneleighites, as **Claire Chason** played beautiful tunes on the trumpet. A special ceremony in a special kind of neighborhood...*

It's a 5th Grade Graduation Parade!

by Gretchen Maneval

On Thursday, June 18th, our Stoneleigh fifth graders also got their day in the sun to celebrate their last year at elementary school before they proceed onto Dumbarton Middle and other area private schools. Colleen and Paul Mercier handed out Koi Fish flags to the fifth grade families in honor of their son Andrew who passed away in

December 2019. He would have graduated from fifth grade this year with the rest of his classmates and he is deeply missed by all #TeamAndrew. We had over 66 families participate, and Captain Kratz (the SES officer), Captain Denning, and a crew from Providence Volunteer Fire Company led the parade in their police car and fire engine respectively. Lots of neighbors came out to cheer us on. The parade was sponsored by a group of fifth grade parent volunteers. It was heartwarming to see the elated and proud look on each child's face as they rode under the gold and blue balloon arch at the "finish line" of elementary school!



Gretchen Maneval celebrates with her graduate, Sebastian, and his brother Spencer.



Stoneleigh student graduates paraded through Stoneleigh and other area neighborhoods.



Graduate, James Swett and his family celebrate with spirit

A Senior's Impact on the Community

by Phoebe Evans Letocha

When the coronavirus pandemic shut down her senior year, recent Towson High graduate, Abby Letocha found a way to help. Abby is currently completing her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts. Abby's project to address period poverty was originally going to involve in person period potluck meetings to teach younger Girl Scouts about the issue. They were to assemble toiletry bags of menstrual products to donate to the Comfort Closet at Dumbarton Middle School, part of the Student Support Network (SSN), a local non-profit dedicated to helping Baltimore County students facing homelessness and poverty with basic needs.

A member of Girl Scout Troop 15, led by her mother Phoebe Evans Letocha, Abby learned about period poverty when researching issues in her junior year English class. Abby got approval for her Gold Award project in December 2019 and was scheduled to start holding meetings with several troops in March and April. When the coronavirus pandemic forced her to cancel all in person meetings, she adapted her educational workshops into a power point presentation delivered via Zoom meetings with several local Girl Scout troops in 5th to 8th grades, as well as a middle school troop in North Carolina. Her presentation includes information about the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students' access to period products. With schools closed and toilet paper in short supply, the need for period product distributions from SSN is even greater, as students facing period poverty could no longer go to the school nurse or Comfort Closet to ask for pads or tampons and instead have to use newspapers, bags, or socks.

With help from social media posts, a front porch bin, and her project's Amazon Wish List, Abby has collected over 75,000 tampons, pads, and liners from more than 200 individual donors to assemble over 3000 packs. She distributes these packs through the SSSN. Abby has volunteered to hand out her period packs at Parkville High and Loch Raven Technical Academy. They have also been distributed at Owings Mills High and Dumbarton Middle schools. Abby has recruited other Stoneleigh neighbors to help make the period packs, including Lisa Mathias and her sons, Keri Frisch and her daughters, and Michelle Gutberlet and her daughters. Sara Waire serves as an additional collection point for SSN in the neighborhood. Abby's project has been publicized via the Towson Flyer, Councilman David Marks, Delegate Cathi Forbes, and Girl Scouts of Central Maryland.

As part of her project's sustainability plan, Abby hopes to expand the network of volunteers to collect and make period packs for SSN after she leaves for college at the University of Richmond. She has connected SSN with the Alliance for Period Supplies, a national organization that partners with local non-profits to secure corporate donations of menstrual products that can be distributed to the 1 in 4 who menstruate and struggle to afford these products. Abby is grateful for the wonderful support she has received from her project advisor, Student Support Network founder, Laurie Taylor Mitchell, and from all the Towson community members who have donated menstrual products.



Abby delivering her first batch of period packs to SSN founder, Laurie Taylor Mitchell in April 2020



Abby assembling period packs from donated items

Stoneleigh Heroes Parade

by Colleen & Brian Marden, Margaret & Jim Clemmons

After two months of faithfully showing thanks and appreciation for our health care workers and first responders at 8:00 pm every evening by banging pots and pans, ringing bells, and clapping our hands on the 800 block of Wellington Road, the Mardens and the Clemmons wanted to do something more -- so the four of us decided to organize our very own neighborhood 'Heroes Parade'. Thanks to our good friends at the Providence Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD), we were able to turn our idea into reality.



Emilia Matoso shows appreciation with her physician parents

On Saturday, May 23 at 11:00 am, the Stoneleigh Community kicked off the Memorial Day weekend in magnificent style. The parade consisted of eighteen vehicles including our very own nurses, doctors and a physical therapist. The Captain of PVFD, Dean Denning, graciously reached out to his fellow fire county department colleagues and asked them to participate. We were fortunate to have twelve emergency vehicles from PVFD, The Baltimore County Fire Department Station 1- Towson, Station 11- Hillendale, Emergency Medical Services Shift Commander, and Division Chief, K. Hughes, from Baltimore County Police Department-Towson Precinct. Our parade even included a 1949 antique fire engine, which was proudly displayed by the kind folks from The Fire Museum of Maryland.



A 1949 antique fire engine displayed by The Fire Museum of Maryland

We did our best to visit every street in Stoneleigh and it was crystal clear that our residents were quite appreciative for what our heroes do for each and every one of us. Hundreds of Stoneleigh residents, ranging in age from one to 95, came out of their homes on that sunny morning to show their appreciation. Many of the participants in the parade told us that they were deeply touched by the support and enthusiasm. Some parade participants even stated they were "overwhelmed" by the significant number of people they encountered while driving in the parade. Regardless if you were in the parade or watching the parade, young or young at heart, everyone seemed to be smiling and joyous during this special neighborhood event.



Sincere thanks to our local heroes-- and their families-- for participating in our parade and doing what they do for us all: Sara Fogarty, Courtney Clemmens, Beth White, Helen Kennedy, Amy Godat, and new Stoneleigh residents Valeria Fabre & Andres Matoso. We also want to extend our sincere appreciation to our friends at PVFD. Without their assistance, this parade simply would not have happened. Any resident wishing to provide donations to them can do so by mail at:

Providence Vol Fire Co.
1416 Providence RD
PO Box 9702
Towson MD 21284-9702



If you missed out on this event, Captain Denning sent us this video he took while participating in the parade. Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/ProvidenceVFC29/videos/1099031593788406/>

Thanks to EVERYONE for making our Heroes Parade a huge success. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Feeding the Hungry

by Berni Krol

Do you have any extra veggies from your garden this year? Spending more time at home these past months has given us more time to beautify and expand our gardens. Consider donating fresh vegetables to the GEDCO Cares Food Pantry behind St. Mary's Church at 5502 York Road. Drop off times are M-W-F 9-12 and Sat 10-1.

<https://gedco.org/what-we-do/community-services/cares/>

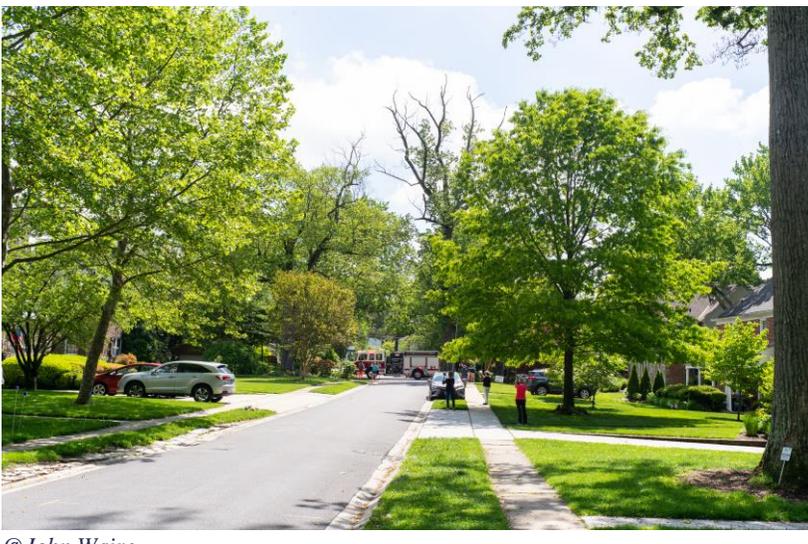
Want to eat fresh fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste? Try Hungry Harvest, which buys produce that would normally be rejected due to cosmetic or logistical reasons. For each custom-ordered box they deliver, they make more fresh food available to a SNAP program or local food bank. hungryharvest.net



@J. Brough Schamp

Want to support Maryland farmers directly? Go to farmers' markets in Towson (Thursdays 11 to 3), at Kenilworth (Tuesdays 3:30-6:30), or Govans (Wednesdays 3-6 pm at 5104 York Rd, which even has a pre-order and contactless pickup option, see <https://govansmarket.weebly.com/>).

Remember to wear your mask and stay at least 6 feet away from others, to **avoid giving them the virus** if you have it, and **avoid catching** if they have it!



@John Waire

Seeking Homes for New Shade Trees!

by Carol Newill

New shade trees need a home in your yard this fall! They start small, but with water and care, they will grow to enrich your property, Stoneleigh as a whole, and more! Despite the pandemic, we will continue our Canopy Shade Tree Program. Contact cnewill@gmail.com with your interest. Thanks!



Live Well and Let Live, Without Poisonous Insect Sprays

by Nancy Colvin

Bugged by mosquitoes? Simple tactics will keep them away from you. While sitting outdoors, turn on a fan and blow them away. Mosquitoes reproduce quickly in **STANDING WATER** so empty flower pot saucers or get rid of them. Change bird bath and dog bowl water every day (birds and dogs need fresh water anyway). Clear soggy leaves out of gutters. Keep tables, chairs and plastic toys free of water. In soggy areas of your garden use Bti (sold as Bactimos Briquettes or Mosquito Dunks in garden shops), a bacterium naturally found in soils that kills larvae of mosquitoes, black flies and fungus gnats:



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<https://www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol/bti-mosquito-control>

Insecticides, including the pyrethroid sprays, are not very useful. They not only kill mosquitoes but also beneficial insects. The poison does not prevent the mosquitoes from reproducing the next lot of baby mosquitos.

Tragically, the pyrethroid insecticide kills other species, too, including bees and important insects like dragonflies and spiders that eat mosquitos and other pests. The insecticide also kills insects that eat our other pests, such as leaf scale (Baltimore Sun 6/14/20 Garden Q&A). Where about our ladybugs, fireflies, moths and butterflies? They are killed by insecticides in mosquito sprays and insecticides that are a part of many mulches and lawn mixes.

Frighteningly, insecticides not only poison insects, but they poison people. Pyrethroids have been linked to neurodevelopmental disorders such as Autism in our children, and Dementia and Parkinson's in adults, as well as decreased fertility. Increased death rates from cancers and cardiovascular disease among people with documented exposure to pyrethroids were shown in a recent study in the Journal of the American Medical Association (Bao, Wei, "Association between Exposure to Pyrethroid Insecticides and Risk of All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality in the General US Adult Population." JAMA, 180, 2020: 367-374).(ibid.)

Happily, we have options about how to take care of our families. Companies that sell pyrethroid spraying and other insecticide services tell us they are safe, but we know they are NOT safe for our children, ourselves, our pets, nor the network of species that preserve a healthy balance in our environment. We can choose better options.

Would you like a **BEE FRIENDLY** sign for your front yard? Provided by the Sierra Club, the signs show our commitment to avoid chemical pesticides and preserve health.

<https://www.sierraclub.org/maryland/pesticidefreeyards>. Contact me at nancycolvin@gmail.com

Community Announcements

Phil and Kacey Thomas of Kingston Road welcomed a new baby girl, Molly Alice Thomas, born on June 15th weighing 7 lbs 9 oz. Molly joins big sister, Caroline.

Congratulations, Thomas Family!



Space Boys of Stoneleigh!

Sebastian and Spencer Maneval of Bristol Road won Honorable Mention this summer for their zine submissions to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT's) "To the Moon to Stay Challenge!"

<https://www.tothemoon.mit.edu/k12-challenge>.

Their mom, Gretchen Maneval, received an alumni email about the competition at the beginning of the quarantine, and both boys worked hard on their zines. This was an international competition, with entries from five countries (US, Japan, Turkey, UK and Mexico), and nine States within the US.

As Honorable Mention awardees, Sebastian and Spencer's names will be featured on MIT's website, and they will have the opportunity to ask questions of aeronautical engineers at MIT! Rachel Bellisle, Outreach Coordinator for the competition shared, "We loved Spencer and Sebastian's enthusiasm! Both boys included fantastic schematics of their lunar habitats in their zines. We also enjoyed Sebastian's drawing of the NASA meatball and Spencer's creativity in finding sources of fuel and oxygen." The boys are ecstatic as their goal is to be aeronautical engineers for NASA one day. This takes them one small step closer, and one giant step for elementary-kind!

It's in the Books!

The Stoneleigh Board is pleased to inform the neighborhood that we have successfully completed our financial book review ("audit") for 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019 and have been found to be in good standing for all four years. A VERY special THANK YOU to neighbors **Jeremy Chasson, Ed Lehwald and Kelly Peyton** for dedicating many hours to complete this endeavor. Thank you to the SCA Board Finance sub-committee, Mari Kate Connolly (Treasurer), Greg Dildine (Secretary), Rachel Welch (General Board Member) and Steve McIntyre (Pool Chair) for developing guidelines and expectations to make this an easier task to complete in the future.



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The Gifts of Summer

by Marguerite Stucki

The sky is a wonderful, cheerful blue and caressed by warm summer breezes, sun-dappled leaves sway gently. Standing tall and graceful in front of our porch, Queen Anne's lace blooms. Its blossoms are so delicate that they seem to be floating!

And in our backyard huge blossoms, long awaited, appear on our hydrangea bush. I love to see the blue, pink, lavender colors flowing through each cluster, each petal!

Today I was delighted when, just as I stepped off my front porch, a little white butterfly fluttered playfully in a circle around me. How blessed we are to live in our beautiful, welcoming community of Stoneleigh!

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Thank you for your support of the Stoneleigh Community Association (SCA) and of the volunteers who donate their time and effort to keep Stoneleigh a great place to live. Your annual Community Association dues are \$50 annually and fund a wide range of community initiatives and projects that **enhance neighborhood quality and property values such as:**

- Greening and Recycling, tree pruning, plantings and beautification efforts (e.g., York Road strip)
- Citizens on Patrol - activities and equipment
- Neighborhood communications like the association’s website, distribution of flyers
- Community-wide children’s events – Halloween Parade, Breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt and more

Dues are essential to help maintain our community as one of the most desirable in Baltimore County. The strong support and participation of our residents make Stoneleigh a vibrant place to live.

TO PAY YOUR 2020 DUES:

- ✓ **Residents (Pool Members):** If you plan to register for the Stoneleigh Pool for the 2020 season, **please do not use this form.** You will pay your dues when you complete your pool membership registration online. THANKS!

- ✓ **Residents (Non-Pool Members):** Please complete the form below and return it with your check payable to **Stoneleigh Community Association.** If you are hand-delivering your payment, please use the mailbox at 821 Hatherleigh Road, which is the Citizens on Patrol building in the pool parking lot.

Please note your name and street address below to ensure the correct recording of your dues.

Questions? Email stoneleighpresident@gmail.com

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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If you would like to make an additional contribution to Association projects, please indicate at right.
Contributions are not tax-deductible.

2020 DUES \$50.00

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