

# SCA INSIGHTS

STONEBRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CONNECTING GREAT NEIGHBORS IN A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD

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## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Whether taking time to visit Santa Claus or driving through a sea of festive seasonal lights, the holiday spirit is alive at Phillips Park in Aurora.

Come be entertained by more than a mile of lighted holiday displays with the Festival of Lights.

The lights will shine nightly from 5 to 9pm Sunday through Thursday and from 5 to 10pm Friday and Saturday through December 26th at the park, 1000 Ray Moses Drive. Admission is free for the fourth annual event, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Aurora and the City of Aurora.

Donations will be accepted to raise money for local charities.

Visitors looking for more information on the event should visit [www.aurorafestivaloflights.com](http://www.aurorafestivaloflights.com).

Santa will be at the visitor's center.

## COMMUNICATIONS Report

By Kathleen Hausmann

### Do **YOU** read *SCA Insights*?

You are reading this article either because you enjoy the newsletter or the title caught your eye. Some residents do read this publication cover to cover, others skim it for topics of interest and others probably don't bother to look at it at all. Many times the information provided is repetitive, but this is done on purpose. For example, we include reminders about key dates to take down political signs or decorations, the importance of submitting your modifications and how we need to obey the 25 MPH speed limit. We also repeat information from some of the committees about SCA board meeting highlights.

Repetition of topics is done for two reasons. Many of us tend to forget things and, more importantly, every time an *SCA Insights* issue is sent out, some residents new to Stonebridge are seeing it for the very first time. However, in every single issue there is always NEW information.

Every SCA board member contributes to each of the publications each quarter...this takes time and effort, but it is done in the spirit of keeping you better informed and keeping us all better connected. As a result of their efforts, our community newsletter, undoubtedly, has more information in it than any other community newsletter in the area.

We hope you will take the time to read *SCA Insights*. If you have any suggestions for topics or information you would like to see included, please do not hesitate to email me at [blingkat828@yahoo.com](mailto:blingkat828@yahoo.com).

Wishing you the happiest of holidays, and may the new year bring you much joy and good health!

DECEMBER 2014

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 31** - Deadline to submit changes to 2015 SCA Directory
- Feb 11** - Board Workshop 6pm - Neighborhood Rep Meeting - 7:30pm
- Feb 15** - Deadline for Homeowners Classified Ads for March Issue of *Insights*



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## The Safest Neighborhood in the City

A community-wide security meeting was held on November 4th at the Stonebridge Country Club with approximately 35 people in attendance. The primary speakers were Lieutenant Inda and Officer Boyer from the Aurora Police Department. Lieutenant Inda is in charge of all patrol activities for our area of town, and Officer Boyer is the Community Oriented Policing (COP) officer assigned to our district. He personally handles specific issues for the Stonebridge community that are separate from routine calls for police service.

*There was less reported crime in Stonebridge this year than last year - Both officers commented that Stonebridge is, by far, the safest neighborhood in the city!*

Lieutenant Inda reported that in 2013 there were **82 total police reports** for the community. The most reports were taken for:

- Criminal Damage to Property (6 reports)
- Possession of Cannabis (6 reports)
- Theft (5 reports)
- Identity Theft (5 reports)

For the equivalent time period in 2014 there were **68 total police reports**. Again the highest number of reports were for:

- Domestic Battery (6 reports)
- Possession of Cannabis (5 reports)
- Disorderly Conduct (5 reports)
- Identity Theft (5 reports)

Stonebridge being the safest neighborhood in the city, they offered some suggestions to lessen the chance of becoming the victim of a burglary:

- Don't keep spare keys under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.
- Set timers on lights around your home to come on every day whether you're home or not.
- Illuminate or eliminate places an intruder might hide; the spaces between trees or shrubs, stairwells, and entry ways.
- Don't let mail or newspapers accumulate.
- Motion sensor lights are good!
- Alarm systems and cameras are great deterrents, too.

Another good deterrent to crime is to be aware, be engaged, trust your gut and call police if you suspect something is wrong.

Lieutenant Inda also commented on an app for your phone that can help you communicate with the police department. Here is the press release announcing the app. I suggest you give it a try!

### AURORA POLICE INTRODUCE "MY PD" APP

Citizens will find communication with the Aurora Police much more convenient with the introduction of the "My PD" app that was recently introduced by the department. The free app is available for both iPhone and Android devices.

The app allows users to communicate with APD administrators, ask general questions, commend employees, obtain sex offender information, and more. It also features links to both the Aurora Police Facebook page and the City of Aurora Website.

According to Intelligence Division Lt. Rick Robertson who oversaw its implementation, one of the biggest advantages to the app is the ability for citizens to text crime-related tips to the APD. "It's obvious we live in a mobile society and it seems that everyone is texting and taking pictures," said Robertson. "With the app, the citizens we serve have the ability to give us information they know about criminal activity and they can choose to either do so anonymously or submit their contact information in the event they want to talk to us in person."

Aurora becomes the third Illinois police department to use the "My PD" app. It is available free of charge at iPhone and Android App stores. Users should download the app and choose Aurora, IL as their jurisdiction.

If you attended the meeting, thank you for coming. If you didn't, we'll look to doing another one next year and I hope you'll join us then!



# THE MOD SQUAD REPORT

By Robert Gonzales



Well, I think that we can all agree that winter is most definitely upon us as 2014 is coming to a close. Along with winter, comes an end to the modification season. This year, we had 130 modifications processed. It has been a very busy year, but it has been great to see many homeowners inquiring about the modification process and submitting the correct paperwork. Also, I am happy to report that modification requests were responded to in less than a week in most cases. The process seemed to go very smoothly even with all of the damage that the May hail storm caused the neighborhood.

On behalf of the entire committee, I want to thank all for their participation in the modification process. It is your cooperation that helps keep Stonebridge looking great! For those residents who have had modifications requests filed with the association, please remember to contact your committee member

when your work is complete. This is so that a final review can be made and your file closed out.

I also want to thank the other members of the committee, Larry Laska, Kevin Bickner, Nick Kelne, Bruno Tabis, and Dennis George, for generously giving their time and their dedication to working with the association and our residents. They have all volunteered dozens of hours of their free time to help keep Stonebridge the great place it is to live. Please take a moment, if you see them to thank them for their efforts.

Some of you may be thinking of projects you want to begin planning for next Spring, if so, please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have questions about community standards or requirements for submittal. Also, as a reminder, please remember there is a process and guidelines to abide by so please take the time to look up the information needed for your specific project.

Planning and submitting early can get your project approved and

ready to go quickly once the weather allows. Information on the modification process, along with all the needed forms, can be found at: <http://stonebridge-sca.com/WebPage.asp?PN=Modification&cid=145>.

Other information can be found by reviewing the Stonebridge Community Association Rules. This document can be found on the SCA Web site at: <http://stonebridge-sca.com/WebPage.asp?PN=CCRs&cid=146>

Thank you for your participation in these procedures. We appreciate your cooperation in working with the community association to keep Stonebridge a great place to live.

From all of us on the SCA Modification Committee, we wish you the best for your coming holidays and hope that 2014 will bring you much happiness and a great time.



Please submit all classified ads by the 15th of February, May, August and November to be published in the following month's newsletter. Stonebridge homeowners can use this column free of charge to list your classified ads.

FOR SALE, LOST, FOUND, FREE AND WANTED ADS

Classified ads are to be emailed to Kathleen Hausmann at [blingkat828@yahoo.com](mailto:blingkat828@yahoo.com).

To place a paid commercial display ad, contact our publisher found in this newsletter.

## Semi-Annual Stonebridge Garage Sale

With the beginnings of winter upon us, thinking about Spring seems unreasonable! However, please mark your calendars for our semi-annual Stonebridge Garage Sale which will take place this coming year on

Saturday, May 16th, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Once again, there will be a neighbors-only, unadvertised sale on the preceding Friday from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, May 17th (8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.).

Identify a space in your home and start filling it with unused items -- take this time to rid your basements, closets, attics and garages of things that you don't use or need... remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure.

Future reminders will be shared as we grow closer to the spring!

**GET READY NOW!**

# The President's Street

By Michael Schroeck

As I write this article, we are approaching Thanksgiving - - my favorite holiday. Our family will be spending the holiday in Cincinnati again this year. So for me, the day will start with the Cincinnati Thanksgiving Day 10K Run. This is the largest Thanksgiving Day race in the US with over 14,000 runners and is always a great way to start the day. After that, it's the "4 Fs"....Family, Friends, Food and Football (and in honor of "turkey day" we will even get a chance to watch the Bears on Thanksgiving this year...hopefully they will have improved upon their current 3-6 record by then). But the thing that I like most about Thanksgiving is that, while not really a religious holiday, it is a day dedicated to "giving thanks". And certainly those of us fortunate to live in a wonderful community like Stonebridge have much for which to be thankful.

This is also an important time of year for the Board, as we approach closing the books for 2014 and finalizing our plans and budget for 2015. Each homeowner should have received a copy of the proposed 2015 budget in the mail and the final version will be reviewed and approved by the Neighborhood Reps at our December 3rd Board Meeting.

It was also nice to see a good turnout for our Security Forum held on November 4.

Paul Shenefelt did a great job in planning and facilitating this meeting which was led by the Aurora Police Department. It was especially encouraging to hear that there has been very little serious crime in Stonebridge over the past two years. In fact, the Aurora Police representatives reported that Stonebridge has the lowest crime rate of any Aurora neighborhood. There were also lots of good questions from our residents and I expect that we will make this Forum an annual event.

Now, in the spirit of Thanksgiving and the Holiday, I would like to use the remainder of this article to thank a few of the people and businesses that help make Stonebridge such a special place. Let's start with the Stonebridge Community Association (SCA) Board of Directors. Stonebridge is very fortunate to have this group of volunteers who dedicate their time to ensuring the quality, safety, and financial strength of our community. As the SCA President, I am especially thankful for the time and effort that each of these individuals devote to the SCA. It has been a pleasure getting a chance to know and work with each of the Board Members over the past several years. The list of Board Members is included in this newsletter and I would request that, if you see these individuals, you thank them for their service.

Next, I would like to

acknowledge and thank Jeanette and the property management team from Vanguard. This team continues to do an excellent job in the day-to-day management of Stonebridge and being responsive to the needs of our residents and the Board.

I would also like to thank our partners/vendors/suppliers, such as Clarence David, Universal, Cantey, Keay & Costello, etc. who provide outstanding landscaping, security, auditing, legal, and other services. Each of the companies that we work with is committed to Stonebridge and the quality of their work speaks for itself. Along these lines, I would also like to thank the companies that advertise in this newsletter. Please patronize these firms, as their financial support allows us to produce these newsletters at no cost to the SCA.

Most importantly, I am appreciative and thankful for you, our residents. The primary reason that Stonebridge is such a great place is due to the many wonderful families that live here. Your support and commitment to our Community is what motivates me and the other members of the Board and truly makes a difference.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for your continued support and wish each of you and your families very happy, healthy, and blessed Holidays.

**Happy Holidays**

# 2015 Board & Neighborhood Rep MEETINGS

## February 11

6:00 p.m. Board Workshop  
7:30 p.m. Neighborhood Rep Meeting

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## April 15

6:30 p.m. Board Workshop

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## May 20

6:00 p.m. Board Workshop  
7:30 p.m. Neighborhood Rep Meeting

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## July 15

6:30 p.m. Board Workshop

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## August 19

6:00 p.m. Board Workshop  
7:30 p.m. Neighborhood Rep Meeting

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## October 14

6:30 p.m. Board Workshop

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## December 2

6:00 p.m. Board Workshop  
7:30 p.m. Neighborhood Rep Meeting

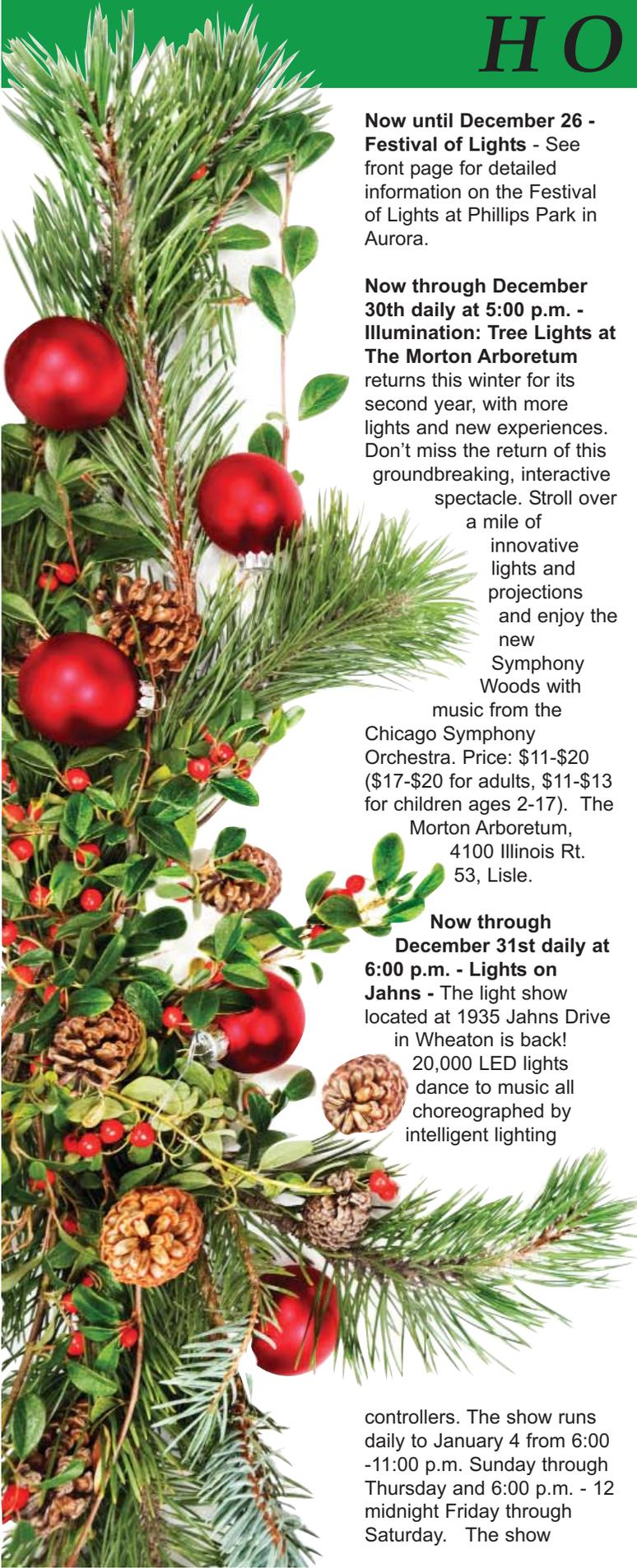
## DIRECTORY AND OPT-OUT FORM

The SCA Homeowner's Directory is published yearly in January of each year. If you would like to be listed or you would like to change any contact information or want to be deleted from the directory, **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE DIRECTORY FORM WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 12 IN THIS ISSUE OF INSIGHTS!**

**ALL OWNER INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO SECURITY IN ORDER TO CONTACT RESIDENTS. OWNERS MUST OPT-OUT ON THE FORM TO BE REMOVED FROM THIS PROCESS.**

**Deadline for any changes or additions is December 31, 2014.**

# HOLIDAY



**Now until December 26 - Festival of Lights** - See front page for detailed information on the Festival of Lights at Phillips Park in Aurora.

**Now through December 30th daily at 5:00 p.m. - Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum** returns this winter for its second year, with more lights and new experiences. Don't miss the return of this groundbreaking, interactive spectacle. Stroll over a mile of innovative lights and projections and enjoy the new Symphony Woods with music from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Price: \$11-\$20 (\$17-\$20 for adults, \$11-\$13 for children ages 2-17). The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Rt. 53, Lisle.

**Now through December 31st daily at 6:00 p.m. - Lights on Jahns** - The light show located at 1935 Jahns Drive in Wheaton is back! 20,000 LED lights dance to music all choreographed by intelligent lighting

controllers. The show runs daily to January 4 from 6:00 -11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6:00 p.m. - 12 midnight Friday through Saturday. The show

benefits the Make-A-Wish Chapter of Illinois and attracts thousands of visitors each year.

**The Paramount Theatre, Aurora** - Holiday month of Excitement! From our critically acclaimed Broadway Series shows, to talented music and comedy acts, to classic movies on Mondays... something exciting is happening at The Paramount every week! Check out the calendar of events on their Website to see why they were recently named one of the Top Ten Theatres in Chicago by the League of Chicago Theatres. <http://www.paramountaurora.com/calendar/>.

**Now until December 22nd - Santa House** in Naperville from noon to 6:00 p.m. on weekends and during the week beginning on December 13th through the 22nd 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Now in its 13th year, Santa House is a favorite tradition in downtown Naperville where the pavilion at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Webster Street is magically transformed into Santa's Naperville headquarters, hosting visiting hours with Santa for children and families. Admission to Santa House is free, with the option of purchasing photos with Santa for \$8 each.

**December 7 - Municipal Band Christmas Concert** - The Naperville Municipal Band will perform a Christmas Concert at 3:00 p.m. at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Avenue. Admission is free. For more information, call 630-778-9994 or visit [www.napervilleband.org](http://www.napervilleband.org).

**December 7 - Make a Gingerbread House** - Join us for a fun, family event where we provide a pre-made structure and the candies to make a gingerbread house. We also provide hot cocoa, light snacks and music. You just need to bring your creativity! One gingerbread house per family. Designed for ages 6-11. Visit [napervilleparks.org](http://napervilleparks.org) or call 630-848-5000 to register. Located at 95th Street Center, Culinary Arts Room 303, 2244 West 95th St. 3rd Floor from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**December 12 - Candy Cane Lane** - Have lots of family holiday fun at this most wonderful time of the year! The Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center will be filled with holiday activities and entertainment from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for little ones including crafts, games, storytelling, face painting and more. Designed for children 2-8. Register children only; siblings under two are welcome free of charge; children ages two and over must register. Please register by December 8. Visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) or call 630-848-5000 to register.

**December 12 - 2nd Annual Jazz Faculty Christmas Concert** - Members of the North Central College Jazz Faculty will perform jazz renditions of the holiday repertoire at 8:00 p.m. in the College's Madden Theatre at the Fine Arts Center, 171 E. Chicago Avenue. Tickets are \$25/adults and \$20/students and seniors. Call 630-637-SHOW (7469) or visit [northcentralcollege.edu/showtix](http://northcentralcollege.edu/showtix)

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# HAPPENINGS...

**December 12 & 14 - BrightSide Theatre presents "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play"** - Naperville's only professional theatre presents the holiday classic "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play". Performances are Friday, Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. with a 3:00 p.m. matinee on 12/13 and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at the Theatre at Meiley-Swallow Hall at 31 S. Ellsworth, Naperville. Call Box office at 630-637-7469 or [www.brightsidetheatre.com](http://www.brightsidetheatre.com). Price: \$18 - \$25 Theatre at Meiley- Swallow Hall, 31 S. Ellsworth, Naperville, IL 60540.

**December 13 - Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Christmas Show** - One of the most popular swing bands on the road today, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy returns to North Central College with its high energy and spirit this time with a Christmas twist. Join us at Pfeiffer Hall, East Benton Avenue at 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. For info call 630-637-SHOW(7469) or [northcentralcollege.edu/show](http://northcentralcollege.edu/show)

**December 13 - Winter Wonderland Cupcake Decorating Contest** - Bring your children or grandkids, age 2-12 and spend a fun-filled afternoon decorating cupcakes at 3:00 p.m. (Provided by SmallCakes). Price: \$5, Old Stone Church, 14 S. Washington Street.

**December 14 - Theatreworks USA "A Christmas Carol"** - Meet miserly Ebenezer Scrooge, the man who believes the Christmas holiday is merely "humbug." "A Christmas Carol" captures both the humorous and touching moments of the classic story. Price is \$6 - \$12 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Pfeiffer Hall, 310 E. Benton Avenue.

**December 16 - Dance West Ballet, The Nutcracker** - Presenting its 21st annual production of The Nutcracker, Dance West Ballet continues to stay true to the original ballet while adding its own flare to the show. Special guest dancers will be featured in these performances, directed by Regina and Ricardo Moyano. For tickets call 630-637-SHOW or visit [northcentralcollege.edu/showtix](http://northcentralcollege.edu/showtix)

**December 18 - 20 - "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol"** - "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol" is a funny and moving work that brings the ghost of Jacob Marley out of the shadows and into the spotlight and tells his version of the Dickens classic. Join us at Meiley-Swallow Hall, 31 S. Ellsworth Street. December 18 and 19 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. and December 20, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

**December 19 - A Christmas Story Reunion:** "You'll shoot your eye out!" all day. Come meet "Flick" Scott Schwartz (will not be sticking his tongue to a frozen pole), "Scut Farkus" Zack Ward and everyone's favorite little piggy "Randy" Ian Petrella. Watch "A Christmas Story" on the big screen and hear stories of a Holiday family classic. Autographs and pictures with the stars available! Price is \$8 at Hollywood Palms Theatre, 352 S. Route 59, Naperville.

**December 29 - Grandparent/Grandchild Bingo & Pizza** - Calling all grandparents . . . round up your grandchildren and head to an afternoon of Bingo fun! This event includes 12 games of Bingo, a snack provided at the start, pizza and a drink at the halfway point, prizes for both adults and children. No walk-in registrations for this event. This is a per person event. Each grandparent and grandchild must register. Aurelio's Pizza is the proud sponsor of Grandparent/ Grandchild Bingo & Pizza. Visit [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org) or call 630-848-5000 to register. Event will be held at the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center Community Hall, 305 West Jackson Ave at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**December 31 - Ringin' In The New Year - Downtown Naperville** - Enjoy the last day of 2014 with sales and celebrations in Downtown Naperville leading up to a family New Year's Eve countdown at the Carillon at 5:30 p.m. and a traditional New Year's Eve countdown at 11:15 p.m. Festivities start at noon.

**December 31 - New Year's Eve Bubble Bash** - Ring in 2015 with your family as the fun bubbles over at this energized celebration bursting with fun! DuPage Children's Museum, 630-637-8000 [DupageChildrensMuseum.org](http://DupageChildrensMuseum.org).



# TREASURER'S & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT



“Growing generosity – realizing we are blessed” was a theme for my church’s pledge campaign a few years ago but this theme again is certainly germane for our community and the call to help others today in 2014.

I realize that while I am writing this before Thanksgiving, you won’t be reading it until after you have celebrated the holiday since *Insights* is published quarterly, (the last edition is mailed in December). However, after all of us have gathered with friends and family at Thanksgiving reflecting how truly lucky we are, there will still be time to make a commitment to give money and/or time, to those who have not shared our good fortune this past year.

I know that many of us in the Stonebridge community are actively involved in Naperville/ Aurora area organizations that aid people “in economic stress” whether through financial assistance, food, or bedding -- but each year the number of people qualifying for assistance seems to multiply. Many of these organizations are seeking donations of either time, money, food or all three. If we keep that spirit alive, if we support each other, and look out for each other, and remember that we’re all in this together, then I know we too, will overcome the challenges of our time.” Remember the theme – “growing generosity – realizing we are blessed” applies to all of us.

The projected 2015 budget was mailed early in November to each homeowner for your review and comments which does not include any increase in your quarterly assessments. In summary, your board of directors has accomplished a lot during this

past year so I will not recap it again except to restate that the board has strived to maintain the quality of the area while operating under fiscal constraints that have kept us below budget. In planning for 2015, the Board is proposing that we maintain our capital expenditures at approximately \$150,000. This is because we have been able to increase the projected Capital Reserve Fund to over \$800,000 at the end of 2014 even though we spent approximately the same amount - \$150,000 - in capital projected during the year without any undue effect on the maintenance of the community. We are projecting a surplus in the operating fund which will be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund if available.

Based on the few number of phone calls to Vanguard, our management company and individual members of the board of directors, I still believe most homeowners are generally satisfied with the direction SCA board has taken these past few years. We will be undertaking a new survey in 2015. Please let us know of your concerns in advance so they can be addressed and included, if appropriate, in this survey.

It is the time of year the board wishes to restate our commitment to every homeowner to continue to maintain the safety, beauty, and overall quality that helps to make Stonebridge a very special community. Happy Holidays to everyone, and of course, let’s all hope 2015 is a great year for all of us.

As always, please email me at [cpamd.pwa@gmail.com](mailto:cpamd.pwa@gmail.com) if you have any comments or suggestions

Bottom Line, continued...

**STONEBRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**BALANCE SHEET REPORT • OCTOBER 31, 2014**

	<u>Balance Oct 31, 2014</u>	<u>Balance Sep 30, 2014</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Operating Funds</b>			
1006 - Pacific Premier Bank #2767	148,258.38	76,666.71	71,591.67
1650 - Due (To)/from Reserve	67,958.89	80,792.23	(12,833.34)
<b>Total Operating Funds</b>	<b>216,217.27</b>	<b>157,458.94</b>	<b>58,758.33</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			
1500 - Residential Assessments Receivable	37,048.92	18,226.80	18,822.12
1510 - A/R Repairs & Maint	331.52	331.52	0.00
1530 - Allowance for Doubtful accounts	(24,133.39)	(24,697.16)	563.77
1652 - A/R Late Fees	9,876.00	7,594.00	2,282.00
1653 - A/R Legal Fees	9,459.41	9,369.93	89.48
1654 - A/R Violation Fees	800.00	400.00	400.00
1655 - A/R Collection Fees	1,485.83	1,540.83	(55.00)
1657 - A/R Late & Fine Difference	(10,624.00)	(7,994.00)	(2,630.00)
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>24,244.29</b>	<b>4,771.92</b>	<b>19,472.37</b>
<b>Prepaid Expenses</b>			
1600 - Prepaid Insurance	1,278.71	1,992.04	(713.33)
<b>Total Prepaid Expenses</b>	<b>1,278.71</b>	<b>1,992.04</b>	<b>(713.33)</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
1799 - Clearing Account	(215.00)	0.00	(215.00)
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>(215.00)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(215.00)</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>241,525.27</b>	<b>164,222.90</b>	<b>77,302.37</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
2000 - Accounts Payable	14,925.65	47,896.55	(32,970.90)
2550 - Prepaid Assessments	13,501.96	38,750.02	(25,248.06)
2595 - Deferred Revenue	133,518.34	0.00	133,518.34
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>161,945.95</b>	<b>86,646.57</b>	<b>75,299.38</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>161,945.95</b>	<b>86,646.57</b>	<b>75,299.38</b>
<b>Operating Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>79,579.32</b>	<b>77,576.33</b>	<b>2,002.99</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Owner Equity</b>	<b>241,525.27</b>	<b>164,222.90</b>	<b>77,302.37</b>

**CLOSINGS IN STONEBRIDGE**  
*Stop by and welcome your new neighbor!*

SELLER	BUYER	ADDRESS	NEIGHBORHOOD	CLOSING
Springman	VanAlstin	2206 Brookside Lane	Lakeside	9/8/2014
Panovich	Bautch/Butler	1199 Arborside Drive	The Arbors	9/10/2014
Fischer	Mohns	2937 Reserve Court	The Reserve	10/3/2014
Hlavacek	Noce	1375 Cranbrook Circle	The Fairways	10/15/2014
Panovich	Zoerner	2341 Kenyon Lane	The Meadows	10/24/2014
ValAlstin	Bannack	2365 Chandler Court	The Highlands	11/12/2014
DeKing	Charagondla/Theraturpalli	1429 Ashford Lane	The Greens	11/13/2014
Nichols	Ho	2420 Waterside Drive	The Glen	11/14/2014
Rodriguez/Dickerson	Kumar	1153 Flanders Court	The Meadows	11/25/2014
Arnold	Sathyanarayana	1430 Graystone Drive	The Highlands	11/14/2014
Anderson	McInerney	2593 Chasewood Court	Fieldstone	11/21/2014
Kruk	Psaros	2480 Waterside Drive	The Glen	11/24/2014

# STONEBRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## Winter Restrictions

**A**s a reminder to our homeowners, please review the following winter restrictions related to play equipment and holiday decorations. Failure to comply with these standards and time-lines will result in violation letters and fines. The reason these standards were adopted and put in place is to preserve the value of our homes and our community. Lets all do our part to keep our community looking great!

### Basketball Equipment

All portable basketball standards, poles and backboards must be stored and totally concealed from view of neighboring units, street, golf course view and common property located adjacent to the unit from November 16 to March 14.

Sleeve and semi-installed basketball types must have the sleeve capped from November 16 to March 14. Ground mount basketball types must have the mount capped from November 16 to March 14. For

complete information regarding basketball equipment rules and regulations see <http://www.stonebridge-sca.com>. Rules and Regulations dated 9/12/2013.

**Last year a group was formed to examine the current rules regarding basketball equipment storage in the winter. The findings of the group were presented to the board and it was decided to include this subject in our annual survey due out next year. At the current time there is no change in the rules, therefore, we ask for your compliance with the rules as they currently stand.**

### Play Equipment

Any play equipment such as soccer/hockey goals, bike and skate ramps, exercise equipment, etc. cannot be used on public sidewalks or streets. Soccer/hockey goals, bike and skate ramps, exercise equipment, etc. must be stored and totally concealed from view of neighboring units, street, golf course view and common property located adjacent to the unit from November 16 to March 14.

### Holiday Decorations

The SCA can erect exterior winter holiday decorations and lighting at the discretion of the Board.

Homeowners may erect exterior winter holiday decorations (including balloons, inflatables) and lighting (for Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanzaa) on homeowner property beginning November 10, but may not illuminate decorations until the day after Thanksgiving. Exterior decorations and lighting must be removed by January 10 unless extended at the discretion of the Board. Process for reporting violations:

- Send email to [jcatellier@vanguardcommunity.com](mailto:jcatellier@vanguardcommunity.com), include type of violation and address where violation occurred. Pictures are helpful.
- Upon receipt of email, violation will be investigated and the appropriate violation letter sent to homeowner.
- Violation letters include compliance deadlines and associated fines for non-compliance.

### CINNAMON-GINGER COOKIES

1 1/2 cups flour	dash salt
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon	6 Tbsp. butter, softened
3/4 tsp. baking soda	3/4 cups sugar, divided
1/4 tsp. powdered ginger	3 Tbsp. milk
1/8 tsp. ground cloves	3 Tbsp. molasses
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg	1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

In a large bowl, sift together the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, ginger, cloves, nutmeg and salt. Set aside. In a second large bowl, cream together the butter and 1/4 cup of the sugar until fluffy. Add the milk, molasses, remaining 1/2 cup sugar and vanilla and mix well. Gradually add the dry ingredients and beat until well blended. Shape the dough into a 6-inch disk, wrap in plastic wrap and chill for at least 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°. Shape the dough into little balls (about 2 tsp. each). Lightly coat hands with cooking spray. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets and bake for 12-15 minutes until golden and a bit crinkly. The colder the dough is the more crinkles will form. Let cool on the baking sheets for a few minutes and then remove to wire racks to cool completely. They will stick if allowed to cool completely on the pan!

### ALMOND BUTTER COOKIES

2 sticks butter, softened  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tsp. almond extract  
1/2-1 tsp. pure vanilla extract  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 cup vanilla sugar for rolling  
1/2-1 tsp. salt for rolling



Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add the almond extract, vanilla and salt and mix well. Add the flour and mix just until blended; do not over beat. Roll the dough into 1-inch balls.

In a small bowl, combine sugar or vanilla sugar and salt to taste. Roll the balls in the sugar/salt mix and place on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Press lightly with a glass to flatten slightly. Bake at 350° until just golden about 12-15 minutes.



# STONEBRIDGE 2015 DIRECTORY AND SECURITY OPT-OUT FORM



*Please complete this form if you are a new resident or your current listing needs revision.  
Mail or fax to: Stonebridge Community Association, 24012 Renwick Road, Suite 220,  
Plainfield, IL 60544 or fax 815-886-2660. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 12/31/14.*

## Check One Option and Sign

- ADD.** Please include me and my family in the directory. I have completed my name, address and the optional information below that I approve for release in the new directory.
- CHANGE.** I am already listed in the SCA directory. Please change information already on file to that which is listed below.
- I do not wish to be listed in the Stonebridge Community Directory.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Complete This Section - Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If married or more than one owner, please list both names.)*

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Example: The Highlands, etc.)*

## Complete This Optional Information - Please Print

Home Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Children's First Names</u>	<u>Birthdates (M/D/Y)</u>	<u>Children's First Names</u>	<u>Birthdates (M/D/Y)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## Complete This Security Opt-Out Form - Please Initial

*I do not want security to knock on my door after 9:00 p.m. ....* \_\_\_\_\_

*I do not want my SCA Directory information to be shared with security personnel.....* \_\_\_\_\_

My business or someone I know would like to advertise in the directory.

Please call \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_.

# the happy gardener

make a difference with a garden

Article Source: Becca Massat  
The Growing Place

## It's Time to Perk Up Your Porch With Some Color!



**W**ith the onset of plummeting temperatures, all of our pretty summer annuals have withered away, leaving our homes' curb appeal sadly lacking. Between the cloudy gray days and the old brown leaves, it's time to perk up our porches with some sparkle, fragrant greens and holiday color.

Let's begin the transformation. First, make sure your pots are winter-worthy. Then, there are a few ways to set the scene. For symmetry, set up matching pots either side of the front door. For an asymmetrical look, set a larger pot on one side with two smaller on the other side—this creates a balanced whole. Add in a door embellishment such as a wreath or swag, and possibly small porch-light arrangements or bows. This now creates a picture-perfect entry to welcome your holiday guests.

Color is what draws your eye! Pick your theme. Trends this year highlight mixed combinations of gold and platinum. Even on their own, these reflective metals are classic. Copper or bronze easily span the Thanksgiving into New Year's range of themes. Traditional red and green is always in style. For fun, swap out that traditional pine green for lime accents. Even plum mixed with lime can add a modern pop of color.

The basic ingredients for a typical 10" pot consists of a taller center item that might be about 2-3' in height (or more if a larger pot); at least 3 varieties of greens, about a half to full bundle of each, and your theme items. If your pot needs to be visible from the street, then add items such as sparkling twigs, twinkling lights, glittering bows and bright accents. If you prefer a woodland or natural theme, choose cones, white birch branches, winterberries and other natural offerings. If your pot is viewed from a closer perspective, then consider more detailed embellishments such as outdoor safe ornaments.

Greens are the starting material for your pots and should be a mix of tones and textures. You need at least one draping green, several filler greens and an item to add height. There are shades of green, too. Variegated Cedar adds bright lime and golden colors and is a nice, soft draping green. You may also consider Incense Cedar in a medium green with tiny gold tips, while Coned Cedar has bluer foliage and little brown cones. White Pine tips and Port Orford are perfect filler greens. The taller center could be birch logs, a cut spruce top or Redtwig Dogwood branches. Curly willow branches also add wonderful height, texture and color.

After choosing your greens, bring out your personality with embellishments. Branches dipped in glitter come in a variety of colors with glittered Pinecones to match. Natural Birch branches, Sugar Cones and Lemon Leaves add simplicity and texture. The ribbon wall spills sparkle, plaids and cheery prints—choose an accent that speaks to you! Branched light sticks (lit with tiny LED lights) add twinkle.

If you need help in designing your container, or choosing your ingredients, we'll be happy to help you! There are basic pots already filled with greens that allow you to just add your personal touch. We can also do it all for you and create custom pots based on your theme and color preferences.

Expert Tip: You can keep your greens fresh longer by spraying them with WiltPruf®. This waxy spray coats the needles and slows down the evaporation of moisture and drying. If possible, keep your greens out of direct sunlight. Water your pots thoroughly and allow them to freeze to hold in the greens and moisture.

# Your Health and... *You*

## The *Twelve* Tips of Christmas

**T**hanksgiving has passed and Christmas will be here before we know it. Parties and gatherings are filling our calendar and that means many opportunities for eating and drinking. Some of our favorite foods and recipes are only prepared during the holiday season and we should certainly enjoy these foods without guilt. Here is a fun way to remember some healthy tips for the holiday season:

*On the first day of Christmas, my dietitian said to me...*

Bring **One** dish to share (a low-calorie nutritious choice for the meal)

**Two** alcoholic beverages (sticking to two limits our liquid calories)

**Three** yummy cookies (have a few cookies but keep track and don't overdo it)

**Four** fruits for snacking (when hungry, choose a serving of fruit instead of sweets)

**Five** veggies each day (get all those phytonutrients by meeting this daily minimum)

**Six** feet from the buffet (prevent mindless eating by moving away to converse)

**Seven** days of exercise (don't forget to exercise regularly during the holidays)

**Eight** glasses of water (daily, and especially before and during parties and gatherings)

**Nine** ounces of protein (three 3-ounce portions of lean, natural protein each day)

**Ten** pounds we won't gain (by sticking to a healthy eating routine through the season)

**Eleven** new choices (if we tried 1 new healthy food/month, we now eat more variety)

**Twelve** counted blessings (count our blessings each and every day and all year long)

Following these simple steps helps us remain healthy during the holidays, and every day. Try adjusting recipes a bit, too, by reducing the sugar or fat with other alternatives like agave nectar for sugar and applesauce for oil in baked goods, we can still enjoy many of the foods of the season with less "empty calories".

### Countdown to Christmas Dinner

- **Five days before:** Plan the menu and the place settings, table decorations and center pieces. Plan the system and decide whether guests will fill their dishes before going to the tables or whether you will have serving bowls on the tables.
- **Three days before:** Check your ingredients against the menu to make sure you have everything. Go to the grocery store now.
- **One day before:** Make some foods in advance so you can just heat them. Peel potatoes and put them in cold water in the fridge. They will stay fresh if you want to make mashed potatoes. Make your pies and desserts. If you don't have a portable oven, borrow one for the day so you can bake or heat different foods at the same time.
- **The night before:** Set the table. Have salt and pepper shakers in place and fill the butter dishes. Get someone to help with setting up another table if you need one, and bringing in the chairs.
- **Christmas day:** When someone asks how they can help, have them cut cakes and pies into servings. People won't cut an uncut pie to serve themselves. Enjoy!

