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THE PRESIDENT’S STREET

By James Meyers | SCA President

The summer went by too fast, but I hope that all of you are thankful as I am for the fabulous weather, great times with family and friends, thrilling and inspiring Olympic games and the beauty and privilege of living in a community like Stonebridge! As we head into fall, I’d like to call your attention to some of the activities, accomplishments and reminders that are on the minds of the SCA board.

First, I’d like to thank and congratulate the four board members who were re-elected to the board last month. Their re-election points out two things. The first is that the re-elected members have personally enjoyed their board service and believe that their choice to volunteer has helped Stonebridge remain a premier and highly desired community. The second is that no other Stonebridge resident submitted a nomination to join the board. My hope is that for the next year’s election, we have others step forward to bring new ideas and energy to the board.

With that said, we’ll be releasing the full results from the recent SCA survey in a couple of weeks on Town Square. It was so satisfying to see the positive results and comments from our fellow residents about the beauty and security of our community. And it was insightful to hear about areas and concerns that need further attention in the months ahead.

Also, a reminder that the Fall Community Garage Sale will be Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th. Please be advised that SCA covenants prohibit any resident from placing a garage sale sign on any SCA property before or during the garage sale. Residents may place a sign on their property only. Signs, other than official SCA community garage sale signs, placed at the main entrances, neighborhood entrances or anywhere along Stonebridge streets will be removed.

A couple of concerns that were discussed at our recent community board meeting centered around safety and homeowner responsibilities. From a safety standpoint, two concerns stood out. The first is the increased use of both combustion and electric scooters and bikes on Stonebridge streets and sidewalks. In checking with the City of Aurora, they confirmed that “the use of unlicensed power modes of transportation on public roads is prohibited, regardless of the operator’s age, and if caught could face fines and having the vehicles impounded.”

Additional concerns included tree limbs on resident’s parkways that are hanging over sidewalks causing residents who are walking to have duck-down in order to pass. Not only is this annoying but potentially dangerous, particularly at night. According to SCA covenants, it is the responsibility of residents to properly maintain their parkways including mowing and care of any trees on their parkway and if neglected, are subject to fines. Also discussed was the need to enforce the long-standing ban for safety reasons on fishing or swimming for all Stonebridge ponds. The only exception to this ban is the pond in Birmingham Park, for fishing, that is owned by the City of Aurora.

Finally, I’d like to invite all Stonebridge residents to consider volunteering to serve on the various SCA committees or as a neighborhood rep. We currently have several neighborhood representative positions open that we’d love to see filled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 5 - Fall SCA Garage Sale - 8 am to 2 pm - Rain date on 10/6 & PRE-SALE FRIDAY 10/4

OCTOBER 9 - Board Workshop 6:30 pm - Stonebridge Country Club

DECEMBER 4 - Board Workshop and Open Meeting 6 pm and 7:30 pm Budget Approval

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COVENANTS CORNER

By Paul Asheim | Covenants Chair



It is hard to believe but the summer of 2024 is drawing to a close. We need to look around the Stonebridge community and think about the SCA rules and regulations and why we have them in place. Stonebridge is a beautiful premier residential community in the southwest suburbs because we do have rules and regulations that the majority of homeowners are not only aware of but also are willing to follow. The SCA board along with the covenants committee spent a considerable amount of time communicating with the Stonebridge residents via the SCA quarterly newsletter, the Town Square website, and email blasts the SCA rules regarding the modification requests, landscaping maintenance, landscaping berm and tree responsibility, parkway tree replacement, play equipment and play area, fences, and mailboxes.

2024 SCA SURVEY RESULTS *(performed every 3 years)*

The SCA board performed a full neighborhood survey via their Town Square website in July. There were 221 respondents and the full results will be posted online via Town Square later in September. Overall, the majority of homeowners that did participate are satisfied with the overall value they receive from SCA assessments as well the enforcement of the various covenants and rules and regulations of the SCA. Over 71% of the respondents answered yes to the question of whether or not the SCA rules as written protect and preserve our homes values. As for enforcing the respective governing documents, over 40% feel that the present SCA Board and management company do a good job of enforcing the respective governing documents while 21% do not (almost 40% did not have an opinion). While there were still many violations cited in 2024, I do believe that there is a better awareness by the SCA homeowners of their individual responsibility to maintain their property and landscaping according to the community rules and regulations.

AND PRESENT ISSUES

We have been receiving more complaints from fellow residents concerning these areas: chicken wire around flower beds (not allowed), overgrown weeds, some 6 feet tall, refuse collecting in side or back yards, overgrown bushes and landscaping, many weeds and/or crabgrass in yards, and solar lighting fixtures or basketball stands that are uneven or falling over, some with weeds growing around them. These issues are not only eyesores, but also lowers the degree of excellence and attractiveness of our neighborhood.

AND WARNING LETTERS

It is imperative that the SCA covenants and rules and regulations are enforced by the SCA board in conjunction with Associa, our management company in order for Stonebridge to remain a premier residential community. If a potential violation is noted, either by another homeowner, SCA board member, a member of the covenants committee, or an employee of Associa, a violation "warning" letter is mailed to the resident. Please note that the first letter sent to a resident is just warning and not a fine. It is our way to let you know of our concern while at the same time giving you the opportunity to let us know your version of the potential violation before any fines are levied – we only know what we presently know. Please keep in mind we may not have all of the facts and, therefore, would appreciate it if you refrain from making a public complaint before you bring your concerns to either Debra or myself (see next paragraph for contact information) as well as Lynn Schubbe of Associa if you want to discuss it further.

Please email Debra Asheim at dcreadmore@gmail.com (a covenants committee member) or contact any of the members of the board of directors if you have any other comments or suggestions.

LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS REPORT

By Ellen Schmitz | Chairperson Grounds Committee

I hope you all enjoyed our great summer! The annuals at our main and neighborhood entrances continued their colorful show through August. As these flowers fade, usually in late September, they will be removed. We will continue with a fall mum planting at the Indian Trail and Eola Road main entrances to provide color until they succumb to frost.

This summer we took on several key projects. The first is a three year project involving the pruning of all the Linden trees that line Stonebridge Boulevard. These trees were put in by the original developer and over time have become part of the signature look of Stonebridge. The pruning and thinning of the Linden trees maintains their health and provides a clear path for walkers and bikers along Stonebridge Boulevard. A note on maintaining walker-friendly sidewalks. If you have parkway trees, please see if you have any low hanging branches and trim them back as a courtesy to your neighbors and those that enjoy walking through our beautiful development.

We also cleaned up and refurbished the emergency access point at the end of Greenlake Drive. This area had a very old, rusted gate that was broken and cement that was crumbling. With the approval of the City of Aurora, we removed the gate and poured a new concrete pad. This will be a better and safer surface for those who walk to Metea High School as this provides direct access to the sidewalk along Eola Road.

You may have noticed on the July 4th weekend American flags were placed at each of the main entrances. This came about from the suggestion of a Stonebridge resident and those flags will be proudly displayed for key holidays.

The aerators and fountain in the pond along Stonebridge Boulevard and Greenlake Drive was in its first full summer of operation. It certainly helped with the algae build-up and the fountain serves as an attractive landscape element. You may have noticed that it was off or very low at times. We had to do some repair work (under warranty so no cost incurred) and additional cleaning to keep it in service. The fountain will be turned off and removed for storage in the winter in order to lengthen its lifespan.

This fall we will be repairing broken tiles in the neighborhood entrance signs.

The mild winter of 2023/2024 resulted in higher than

average survival rates for rabbits. I'm sure you noticed an abundance of bunnies all spring and summer that happily fed on your perennials and annuals. While we can't control the winter weather you can help. Rabbits love to nest where there is lots of vegetation for cover so cutting back on tall grasses and clearing out dead plants and leaves this fall can help. If you have woodpiles or window wells that are not covered be sure to clear out those areas too.

Also, here are a few tips for fall maintenance for squirrel damage control. Remove food sources like tree nuts or fruit from your lawn. If you maintain a bird feeder throughout the winter, get a squirrel resistant cover. To reduce the chance of squirrels taking up residence in your warm attic, trim tree limbs at least several feet from your home's roof.

Every fall our arborist and I do a thorough walk and drive through of Stonebridge common areas to pinpoint trees that are diseased and/or dying for removal in the spring. If you see a tree that looks like it should be removed, please place a note on TownSquare along with the address of the home closest to the tree. A picture is a tremendous help also.

As a reminder the SCA is responsible for landscaping and maintenance of the main and neighborhood entrances and trees and bushes along both sides of Stonebridge Boulevard from the street to the top of the berm. Responsibility for landscape maintenance and/or removal on the homeowner side of the berm is the responsibility of the respective homeowner.



MODIFICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Greg Smith | Modifications Chair

So far in 2024, the Modifications Committee has reviewed nearly 75 requests. The vast majority of these requests are very basic requests such as painting your house or renovating a deck/patio or updating a garden. As a fellow homeowner, I love to see residents in Stonebridge taking pride in their home and updating and beautifying the community. With summer winding down, it's a good time to walk your property and create a property wish-list. Improving your home and property increases the value of your home.

Please keep in mind that when the committee is reviewing a request, our primary concern is maintaining a consistent look/quality within Stonebridge. One homeowner's great idea might be a neighbor's nightmare. We also have to see how home additions or garden expansions impact a neighbor's enjoyment of their property. Thankfully, we feel that most homeowners understand this and are willing to complete their projects with their neighbors in mind.

The committee aims to respond to all requests in a timely and speedy manner. The bulk of the delay is the collection of materials that complete the request. These might include colors, plat of surveys, sub-association approvals, renderings, etc. Once Associa gets all required material, they turn it over to the committee for review. Once in the committee's hands, nearly all requests are approved or denied within 24 hours. Denials are very rare so don't fear the process.

Feel free to contact Greg at gregsmithbbc@msn.com or any other Board member if you have questions or suggestions.



Naperville Woman's Club Fundraiser

GLAM Witches Night Out



October 17, 2024 5:00-10:30
The Matrix Club 808 S. Rt. 59
Naperville, IL 60540



witchesnighoutnaperville.org

Benefiting
And other worthy organizations

It's not just pointed hats and capes anymore. Women 21 and older can go glam with flowing gowns, crowns, pearls and heels, vying for the most glamorous witch award, or put their creativity to the max with unique costumes and themes. Of course, the traditional variety is also welcome to join the night of fun, dancing, fantastic food, adult drinks, and great photo ops, all while benefiting Naperville Woman's Club scholarships and local charities like Almost Home Kids. Glam Witches Night Out is expected to attract over 500 women to the Naperville Matrix Club, 808 S. Rt. 59, a beautiful indoor event space with plenty of convenient free parking.

Tickets starting at \$85 are now available while supplies last. Attendees can also purchase raffle tickets for exciting gift baskets, get deals on mystery boxes and a wine pull, shop from a variety of interesting vendors, and get a glimpse into their future from tarot card readers. A dance instructor will teach the nationwide popular Witches Dance.

The Glam Witches Night Out fundraiser supports the NWC's work in the areas of art, education and community service. NWC has hosted the Fine Art & Artisan Fair held at the Naper Settlement for 64 years and supports art at the high school level through their Young Adult Art Contest. Members also volunteer and make donations to local service organizations. Founded in 1897, NWC is a nonprofit, philanthropic organization.

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For more information, to purchase tickets, or learn about sponsorship opportunities go to: witchesnighoutnaperville.org. Tickets may also be purchased online directly through Eventbrite.

For info about joining go to: NapervilleWomansClub.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available.



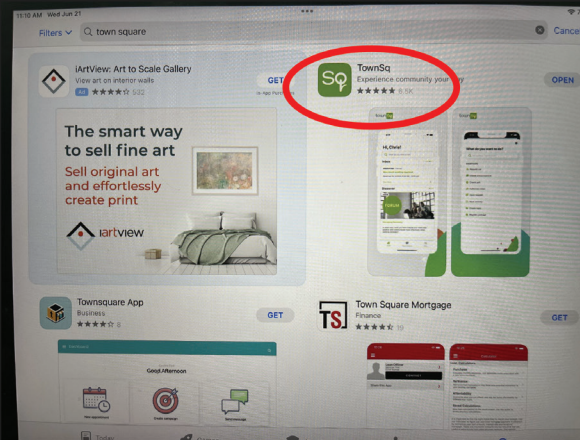
The SCA recommends all residents stay informed by registering on TownSquare!

Stonebridge Community Association How and Why to Use Town Square

What is Town Square (TownSq) and Why Should I Use It?

- Town Square (TownSq) is a 3rd party application used by many communities across the US to manage homeowner needs in a consistent and documented manner. The Stonebridge Community Association uses TownSq and it is free to residents.
- TownSq is available to you 24/7 and can manage your questions and requests.
- TownSq is updated regularly to include new announcements and documents.
- You should get a response to questions you post on TownSq within 48 hours, Monday-Friday

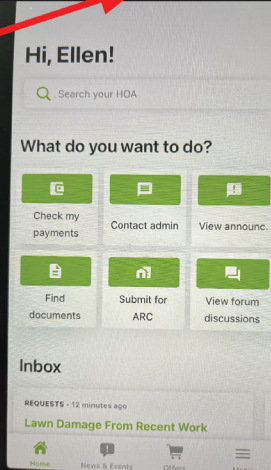
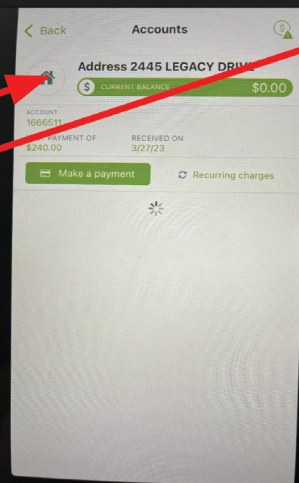
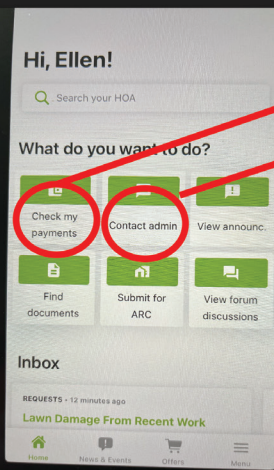
Go to your app store and search for TownSq. The green icon is the one to download



Set Up an Account and See What You Can Do!

Check and Make Payments

Contact Admin to:



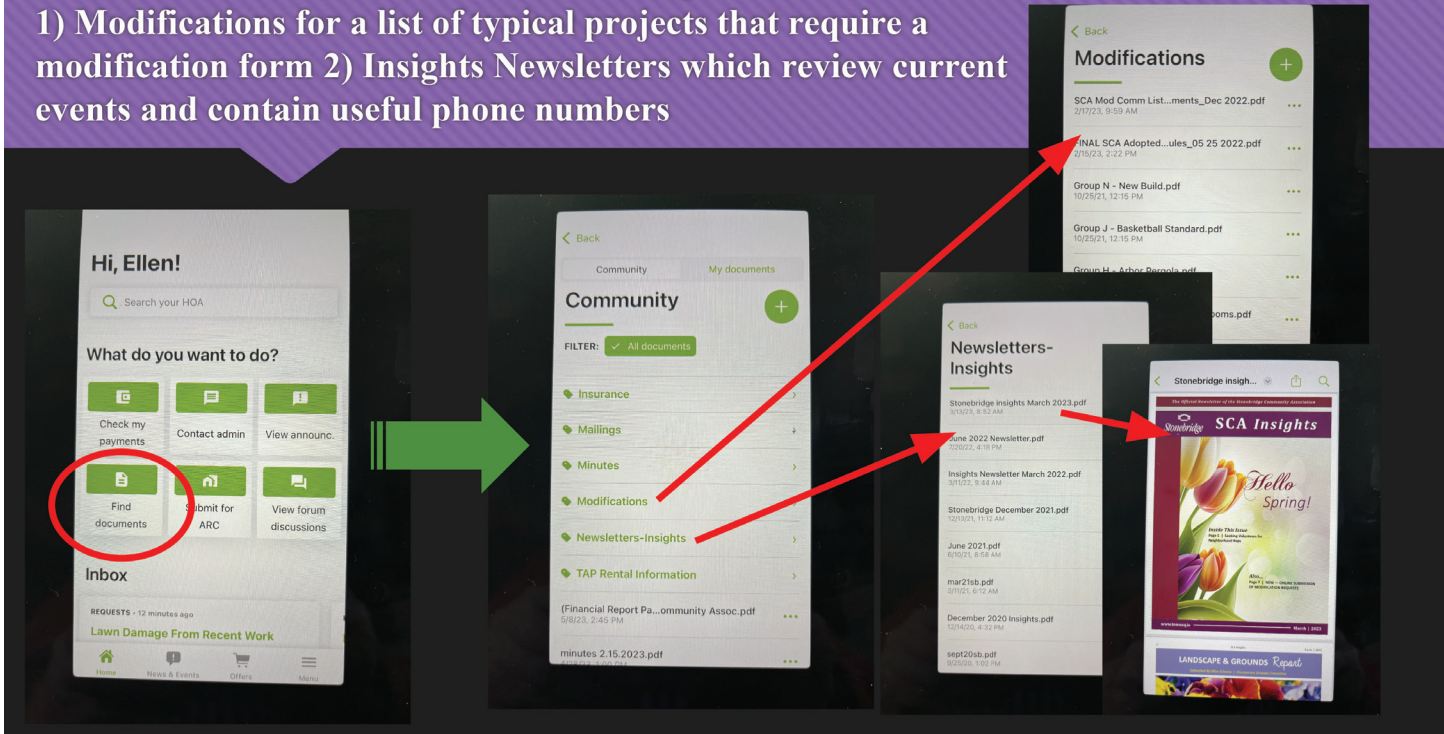
- Ask a question such as, “Do I need to complete a modification request to paint my house the same color?”
- Enter a work order request, such as “repair a water leak in irrigation system”
- Lodge a complaint such as “home at 1234 Main Street has not cut their grass in several weeks”

Sign-up for TownSq TODAY!

www.townsq.io

Find Documents (examples)

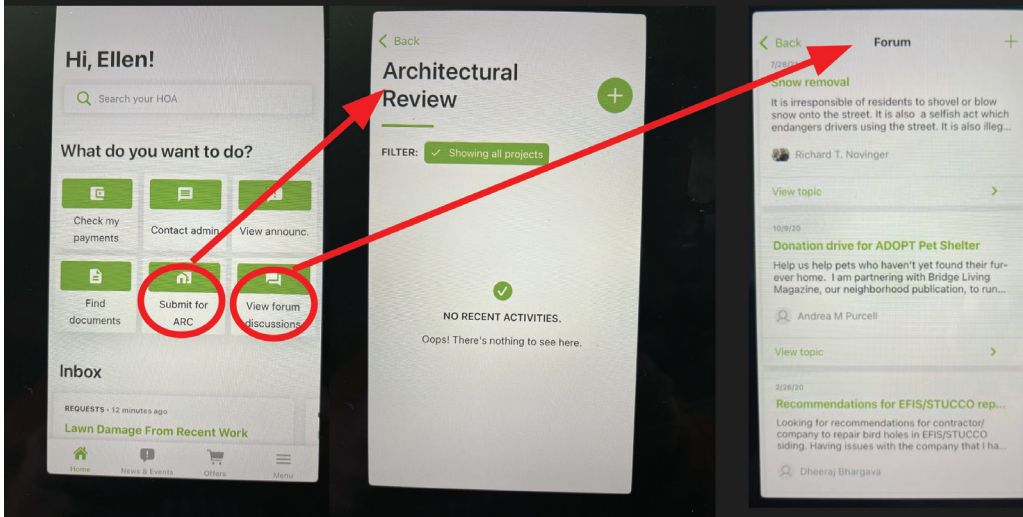
1) Modifications for a list of typical projects that require a modification form 2) Insights Newsletters which review current events and contain useful phone numbers



Submit Forms and Communicate

Submit Forms for Architectural Review

View and Make Comments



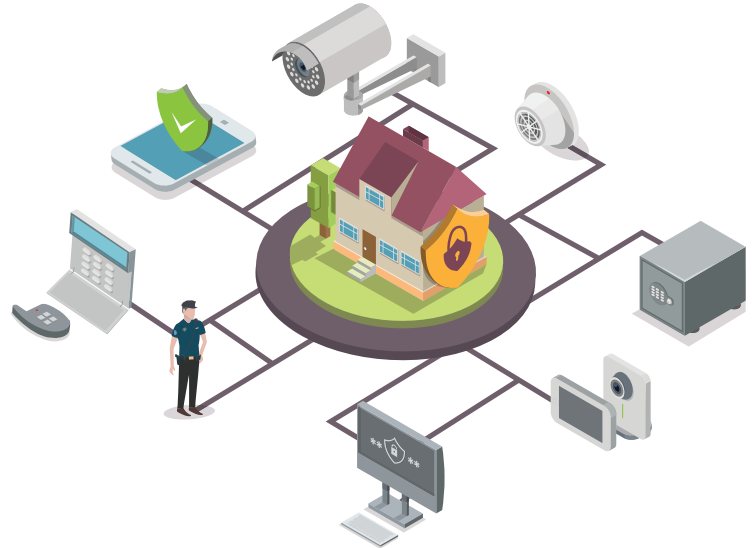
This is a place where you can communicate with other Stonebridge homeowners for referrals like:

- Contractors
- Dog walkers
- Babysitters

SECURITY REPORT

END OF SUMMER SECURITY TIPS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

As summer winds down and we transition into the fall season, it's important to remain vigilant about our community's security. Here are some key tips to help keep our neighborhood safe:



1. SECURE YOUR HOME

- **Lock Doors and Windows:** Ensure all doors and windows are locked, especially when you're not home. Consider installing deadbolts and security bars for added protection. Approximately 34% of burglars enter through the front door, and 23% use a first-floor window.
- **Use Timers for Lights:** Set timers for indoor and outdoor lights to give the appearance that someone is home, even when you're away.
- **Install Security Systems:** If you haven't already, consider installing a home security system. Many modern systems offer remote monitoring via smartphone apps. Homes without security systems are 300% more likely to be broken into.

2. BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

- **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you notice any unusual behavior or unfamiliar vehicles, report it to the local authorities and our HOA security team. Prompt reporting of suspicious activity can reduce the likelihood of crime by 50%.
- **Get to Know Your Neighbors:** Building relationships with your neighbors can help create a sense of community and mutual watchfulness.
- **Attend HOA Meetings:** Stay updated on community security measures and voice any concerns at our regular HOA meetings.

3. OUTDOOR SAFETY

- **Secure Outdoor Items:** Lock up bicycles, grills, and other outdoor equipment to prevent theft.
- **Maintain Landscaping:** Trim bushes and trees around your home to eliminate hiding spots for potential intruders. Homes that appear occupied are less likely to be targeted. Using timers for lights can reduce the risk of burglary by 20%.

4. VACATION PRECAUTIONS

- **Hold Mail and Packages:** If you're going on vacation, have your mail and packages held at the post office or ask a neighbor to collect them. Uncollected mail and packages are a clear sign to burglars that no one is home. The USPS offers a free mail hold service for up to 30 days.

By following these tips, we can work together to ensure our community remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone. Let's make the end of summer a secure and enjoyable time for all! Stay safe and vigilant!

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Bert Dieter | Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET REPORT | SCA | AS OF 7/31/24

Results for the first seven months of 2024 show an Operating loss of \$22,600 and Reserve income of \$41,166.

The largest operating expenses are for landscaping and to date all are within budget. We are experiencing repair and maintenance expenses that are slightly higher than anticipated. These include several entrance lighting repairs as well as the gate removal and concrete replacement at the security entrance on Greenlake.

The Reserve has made capital expenditures of \$60,947, with a budget of \$189,600. Several of the larger projects planned will continue to prune the linden trees along Stonebridge Blvd. and add additional pachysandras to the sidewalk areas.

With Reserve funds available as of July 31 of \$847,000, the Association remains financially sound and projects to have another successful year.

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Feel free to contact me at bd Dieter@comcast.net or any other Board member if you have questions or suggestions.

	July 31, 2024	June 30, 2024	Change
Operating Assets			
Operating Funds			
1006 Pacific Premier Bank	243,367.82	211,526.87	31,840.95
Accounts Receivable			
1500 Residential Assessments Receivable	20,658.34	7,994.34	12,664.00
1530 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(7,000.00)	(7,000.00)	-
1652 A/R Late Fees	8,008.67	5,308.67	2,700.00
1653 A/R Legal Fees	3,916.65	4,174.65	(258.00)
1654 Violation Fees	29,472.00	29,072.00	400.00
1655 A/R Collection Fees	1,210.00	1,260.00	(50.00)
1656 A/R Misc	910.00	835.00	75.00
1657 A/R Late & Fine Difference	(37,480.67)	(34,380.67)	(3,100.00)
Total Accounts Receivable	19,694.99	7,263.99	12,431.00
Prepaid Expenses			
1600 Prepaid Insurance	6,157.16	7,692.40	(1,535.24)
Other Current Assets			
1650 Due (To)/From Reserve	(72,653.45)	(60,810.00)	(11,843.45)
1799 Clearing Account	(240.00)	(960.00)	720.00
Total Other Current Assets	(72,893.45)	(61,770.00)	(11,123.45)
Total Operating Assets	196,326.52	164,713.26	31,613.26
Operating Liabilities			
Liabilities			
2015 Returned Check Fee Payable	100.00	50.00	50.00
2025 Transfer Fee Payable	(100.00)	(100.00)	-
2050 Resident Refunds	(1,315.50)	(25.00)	(1,290.50)
2060 Income Tax Payable	(3,937.00)	(3,937.00)	-
2495 Other Accrued Expenses	29,813.80	73,010.27	(43,196.47)
2550 Prepaid Assessments	45,696.39	75,376.40	(29,680.01)
2595 Deferred Revenue	149,044.00	-	149,044.00
2026 New Account Setup Fee	(375.00)	(150.00)	(225.00)
Total Operating Liabilities	218,926.69	144,224.67	74,702.02
Operating Income/(Loss)	(22,600.17)	20,488.59	(43,088.76)
Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity	196,326.52	164,713.26	31,613.26
Reserve Assets			
Reserve Funds			
1328 Morgan Stanley Rev MM	108,993.00	108,133.63	859.37
Certificates of Deposit at Morgan Stanley	738,000.00	738,000.00	-
1651 Due (To)/From Operating	72,653.45	60,810.00	11,843.45
Total Reserve Funds	919,646.45	906,943.63	12,702.82
Liabilities			
2495 Other Accrued Expenses	33,500.00	2,456.55	31,043.45
Owners' Equity			
3900 Capital Reserves - beginning of year	844,980.92	844,980.92	-
Reserve Income/Loss	41,165.53	59,506.16	(18,340.63)

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(SECURITY DOES NOT OPERATE 24/7)
Non-Emergency Aurora Police Department630-256-5000
EMERGENCY - CALL 9-1-1

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THE HAPPY GARDENER

A HAPPY HOME & GARDEN

Keeping Pets & Plants Safe

Creating a home and garden that is both pet-friendly and filled with beautiful plants can be a rewarding but challenging task. Learn how to balance a love of greenery with a safe environment for your furry friends.

UNDERSTANDING PLANT TOXICITY

Pets are naturally curious and may be tempted to nibble on foliage. Many common household and garden plants can be toxic to pets. Toxicity can range from mild gastrointestinal upset to severe health issues or even death. Knowing which plants can be harmful and which are safe is the first step in creating a pet-friendly environment.

The amount a pet needs to ingest for a toxic plant to cause harm varies significantly depending on the plant, the pet's size and its overall health. Cats have different metabolic pathways and enzyme activities that can make them more susceptible to certain toxins. For example, plants such as Lilies (*Lilium* and *Hemerocallis*) and Autumn Crocus (*Colchicum autumnale*) can cause severe health issues in cats, but are less severe for dogs with only mild gastrointestinal upset if eaten.

If you want to know about the toxicity of plants to your pets, visit the ASPCA website where you can download a printable list of toxic and non-toxic plants. Be sure to talk with your veterinarian for more detailed information regarding your pet and specific plants, if you have questions or concerns.

CREATING A PET-FRIENDLY GARDEN

Below are some tips to ensure your garden is a safe and enjoyable space for your pets:

Choose Non-Toxic Plants:

Opt for plants known to be safe for pets such as roses, magnolias, ferns, and zinnias.

Use Barriers:

Install fencing or garden borders to keep pets away from certain areas, particularly where you have toxic species. Raised beds can also help prevent pets from accessing your plants.

Supervise Outdoor Time:

Keep an eye on your pets when they are outside to ensure they are not chewing on or digging up potentially harmful plants.

Provide Alternatives:

Offer safe plants or grass specifically designed for pets to chew on, such as cat grass or catnip for cats.

Regular Maintenance:

Keep your garden tidy by removing fallen leaves, fruits and flowers that may pose a risk if ingested.

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Keeping plants indoors poses different challenges, but with some strategic planning, you can maintain a lush interior space that is safe for your pets.

Choose Non-Toxic Plants:

Opt for plants known to be safe for pets such as palms, calatheas (*goeppertia*), bromeliads and peperomias.

Use High Shelves and Hanging Baskets:

Place plants on high shelves or use hanging baskets to keep them out of reach of curious pets.

Dedicated Plant Areas:

Designate specific areas for plants that pets cannot access, such as rooms that can be closed off.

Pet-Training:

Train your pets to stay away from plants and provide them with toys and safe chewing alternatives that can distract them from your plants.

Balancing a love for plants with a safe environment for pets requires planning and awareness. By choosing non-toxic plants, creating barriers for more harmful ones, and supervising your pets, you can enjoy a lush home and garden without compromising safety.



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Hi, I'm Daisy! The first thing you probably notice about me is my adorable ears! I'm still growing into them. I'm a fun-loving pup, and I enjoy being around people! I'm quite the social butterfly. Adults, teens, kids—I love everyone! Come meet me and I'll give you all of my puppy love!



CICI Female | Estimated DOB 1/25/23 | Adoption Fee: \$100

If you think my name is cute, you should "See See" my cute cheeks! I have a very distinctive little face and some have said I look a little cranky - but I'm not at all! I'm a happy little tux who is ready to come home with you. I'm super-affectionate and really good with the cat scratching post. I like being picked up and held (usually) and I love good nose bops and kisses. You can brush me very gently (I'm kinda skinny) and I'm a big fan of treats. I will want to be next to you and once you start really petting me, I'll flop and roll so you can get my belly really good. But it tickles a little bit and I'll think we're playing so not too much, please! My favorite toy is string but I will also bat around a stuffed toy - and GUESS WHAT?! My birthday is estimated to be Christmas, so you'll have to double-down on the presents and introduce me to new toys! I'm ready when you are.

AFTER SCHOOL WITH ANIMALS*

Available to children ages 8-11 years old, the After School with Animals Program offers several 5 week long sessions where children will have a hands-on opportunity to work with the shelter animals. Children will learn about animal care and well-being through lessons, activities and interacting with the dogs and cats. Please note: This program is not appropriate for children with fear or anxiety towards animals.

INFORMATION:

Classes meet on Mondays at NAHS for five weeks. Registration fee is \$75 per student except for the short session which is \$50.

DATES FOR 2024-2025:

Session 1: 8/26, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30 | 4-5pm

Session 2: 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4 | 4-5pm

Session 3: 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 | 4-5pm

HOMESCHOOL HEROES*

Available to children ages 8-13 years old, Homeschool Heroes allows home-educated children to, not only learn about and enhance the lives of shelter animals, but have hands-on opportunities working with the shelter animals. Children will learn lessons on animal care and well-being through activities, projects and interacting with the animals. Please note: This program is not appropriate for children with fear or anxiety towards animals.

INFORMATION:

Classes meet on Tuesdays at NAHS for five weeks. Registration fee is \$75 per student.

DATES FOR 2024-2025:

Session 1: 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1 | 1-2pm

Session 2: 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5 | 1-2pm

Session 3: 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 | 1-2pm

* Policies and dates are subject to change. A \$10 fee will apply for any cancellations. Class will be canceled if we do not have at least three kids sign up. For more info, email bcerrillos@naperhumane.org. 2025 Sessions to be announced soon.

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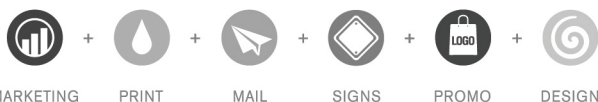
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Stonebridge

Please complete this form if you are a new resident or your current listing needs revision and email to Jan Foster at fosterpbs@outlook.com. Thank you for your participation.

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 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 Directory.

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Contact Phone No: _____

COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Name: _____

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

Street Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____ *(Example: The Highlands, etc.)*

COMPLETE THIS SECURITY OPT-IN OR OPT-OUT SECTION

If necessary, I would like security to call me at this phone number _____

I do not want security to knock on my door after 9 pm

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

COMPLETE THIS OPTIONAL INFORMATION

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THE PUZZLE PAGE

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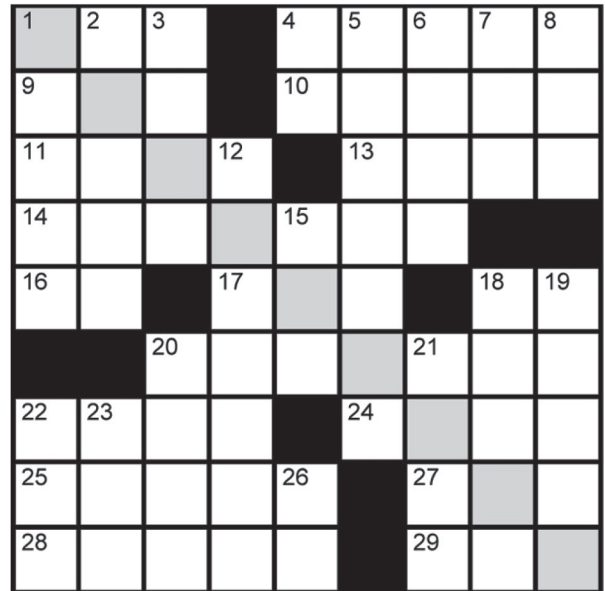
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- Terminate
- "Beats me!"
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- AOL competitor
- The Emerald Isle
- Cellist Yo-Yo --
- Blanket
- It ebbs and flows
- Playground game
- Undivided



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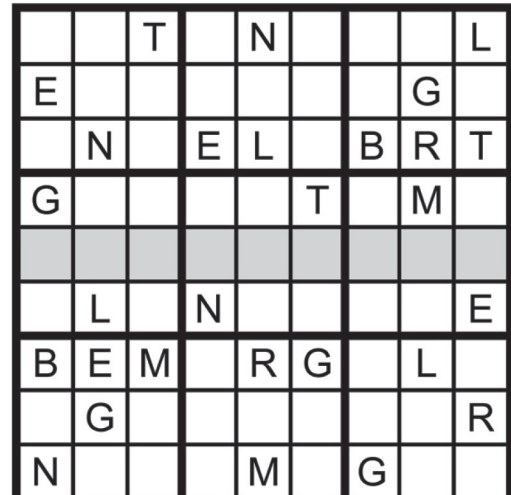


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September Wordoku

How to solve wordoku puzzles

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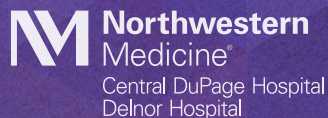


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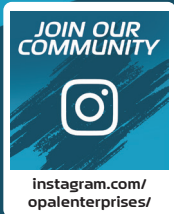
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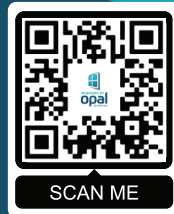


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