



Stonebridge POA

Martinsburg, West Virginia

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NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE STONEBRIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION SUMMER 2023



The Sycamore Restaurant 1959 Golf Course Road, Martinsburg WV 25405

Reviews from (Facebook) Stonebridge Residents:

Lauren Ruth

If you haven't been to Sycamore (newly opened golf course restaurant), you have to! Delicious appetizer, a huge smoker plate w/unique barbecue sauces served on the side to try. Tried the chocolate peanut butter cake for dessert and had to take it home it was so rich! The wine list is as large as you'd find at a winery and international. The service was exceptional and the view from our outdoor table was lovely. I highly recommend Sycamore!"

Kate Goodin Slayden

Agree. We were there last Friday. Definitely will go back. Service and food and view were great!

Michele Terwilliger

Love it!!! We took 16 people with us for Father's Day. The service was fabulous and the food was incredible.

Melissa Donham

Our family of four had dinner here Saturday evening and we had a fabulous experience. Excellent food and service. We will definitely be going back.

Apollo Civic Theatre
128 E Martin St,
Martinsburg, WV 25401

The Apollo Theatre in Martinsburg, West Virginia was designed by architect Reginald Geare with local architect Chapman E. Kent, and built in 1913 by theater owner H. P. Thorn. As constructed it had a seating capacity of

1000, and was used for movies, vaudeville and concerts. Upper floors provided meeting spaces for large groups. The Apollo Theatre is operated as a community-supported facility. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.[1] It is included in the [Downtown Martinsburg Historic District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Downtown_Martinsburg_Historic_District).[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apollo_Theatre_\(Martinsburg,_West_Virginia\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apollo_Theatre_(Martinsburg,_West_Virginia))

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Matilda the Musical, July 27th-July 30th
Sweeney Todd, September 21st-October 1st
90's Rock Fest-September 23rd



HOW TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL BACKYARD ROCK GARDEN DESIGN

Creating a rock garden in your backyard can be a great way to add beauty and interest to your outdoor space. Rock gardens are low-maintenance, easy to design, and can be customized to fit any size or style of yard. With the right planning and materials, you can create a stunning rock garden that will be the envy of your neighbors.

CHOOSE YOUR ROCKS

The first step in creating a beautiful rock garden is choosing the right rocks for your design. Rocks come in all shapes, sizes, and colors, so you'll want to select rocks that will complement the overall look of your backyard. Consider using larger rocks as focal points, and smaller rocks for texture and contrast. You can also use different colors of rocks to create visual interest. Once you've chosen the right rocks for your design, it's time to start laying them out in your backyard.

PLAN YOUR LAYOUT

When it comes to designing a rock garden, planning is key. Take some time to sketch out a rough plan of how you want your garden to look before you start placing the rocks.

Consider where you want the focal points of the design to be located and how you want the various elements of the garden to flow together. You may also want to consider adding other elements such as plants or water features into your design for added interest.

INSTALL YOUR ROCKS

Once you have a plan in place, it's time to start installing the rocks in your backyard. Start by laying out the larger rocks first and then fill in with smaller ones around them. Make sure that each rock is firmly placed in the ground so that it won't shift or move over time. You may also want to consider adding some soil or mulch around each rock for added stability and visual appeal. Once all of your rocks are installed, you can add any additional elements such as plants or water features that you may have planned for your design. Creating a beautiful rock garden in your backyard doesn't have to be difficult or time-consuming. With some careful planning and creative thinking, you can create an eye-catching design that will bring beauty and interest into your outdoor space for years to come.

POOL UPDATE

We are currently self-managing the pool, this allows us to control every aspect of it. We have had two very successful events that the activity committee has put on. The first was on Memorial Day weekend and the second was on July 4th. Each of these events had upwards of 90-100 people come through the gate. Private party pool rentals are a hit, especially with the reduced rate of \$20 per hour. The rental form can be found on the community website under the documents tab.





THE CHILLING CHRONICLES OF ICE CREAM TRUCKS:

A Melting Pot of Sweet Serendipity

Contributed by: Alexander White

Oh, the beloved ice cream truck! That melodic jingle that sends children into a frenzy and summons adults with a nostalgic yearning for frozen delights. Behind the sugary façade of these mobile dessert havens lies a rich and hilarious history that spans the globe. So, grab a spoon, put on your elastic pants, and join in on a whimsical journey through the frosty annals of ice cream truck history.

Our story begins centuries ago when our ancestors discovered the sheer bliss of frozen treats. From China's tangy sherbets to Persia's icy sorbets, ancient civilizations found ingenious ways to beat the heat. Rumor has it that Cleopatra herself had a personal "Gelato Galley" to satisfy her cravings during hot Egyptian summers. Clearly, ice cream has always held a powerful allure, even for the most regal of figures!

Fast forward to the 20th century, when ice cream trucks as we know them first rumbled onto the scene. These humble mobile freezers began as simple wagons equipped with hand-cranked churns, driven by ice cream enthusiasts with a penchant for adventure (and a high tolerance for brain freeze). These pioneers, known as "frozen confectionary pioneers," would traverse towns, spreading frozen joy while battling ice cream headaches.

Ah, the sweet symphony of jingles that herald the arrival of an ice cream truck! But did you know that these merry melodies weren't always so merry? Originally, ice cream trucks used traditional jingles, like "Greensleeves," to signal their presence. However, this had an unintended consequence: parents began associating the tune with a strange compulsion to buy ice cream. Soon, the haunting melody struck fear into the hearts of moms and dads, who would feverishly dig for loose change to appease their ice cream-obsessed children. Eventually, new jingles were composed to restore parental sanity and avoid grocery store riots.

Like all great inventions, the ice cream truck industry had its fair share of rivalries. In the '70s, the infamous Ice Cream Cartel wars erupted, pitting soft-serve vendors against the traditional scoop-and-cone purveyors. The conflict was heated, with frozen treats flying left and right, leaving streets slippery and dessert spoons bent out of shape. Eventually, a truce was reached, and a hybrid soft-serve/scoop alliance was formed. The Great Ice Cream Truck Wars remind us that even the sweetest of industries can have a rocky road.

Throughout history, inventive minds have sought to push the boundaries of ice cream truck offerings. One notable rebel was Sir Reginald Fluffington, a renegade ice cream truck owner who introduced flavors so eccentric that even Willy Wonka raised an eyebrow. From pickle-infused popsicles to garlic gelato, Sir Fluffington's audacious creations shocked taste buds and became the stuff of ice cream legend. Though not all of his experiments were successful (looking at you, anchovy sherbet), his brave pursuit of frozen frontier flavors has forever changed the ice cream landscape.

From Cleopatra's Gelato Galley to the Great Ice Cream Truck Wars, the history of ice cream trucks is a hilarious tale of frozen delights, audacious entrepreneurs, and flavors that dared to defy convention.

Today, children of Stonebridge can still be seen up and down Hogan Hill, around the Caledonia loop, and braving the giant La-Costa slope as they chase after the elusive jingle and race barefoot to catch the last Chocolate Drumstick!

STONEBRIDGE WEBSITE:

www.spoawv.com

What will you find on our website: Bio's on our Board Members, pictures of our Amenities including the 2023 pool staff, newsletters both current and past, community updates, events both current and past, documents for pool registration and reservations, architectural changes, PMP login and contact the Board.

TRIVIA : What book holds the record for the fastest selling book in history?



Lemonade Stand Pie

Prep Time: 15 min

Total Time: 4 hr. 15 min.

Makes: 8 servings

1/3 cup Country Time Lemonade Flavor Drink Mix

1/2 cup cold water

2 cups vanilla ice cream, softened

1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip Whipped Topping, thawed

1 Honey Maid Graham Pie Crust (6 oz.)

PLACE drink mix in large bowl. Add water; stir until mix is dissolved. Add ice cream. Beat with electric mixer on low speed until well blended. Gently stir in whipped topping. Freeze, if necessary, until mixture is thick enough to mound.

SPOON into crust.

FREEZE at least 4 hours or overnight until firm. Remove from freezer 15 min. before serving. Let stand at room temperature until pie can easily be cut. Store leftover pie in freezer.

Submitted by: Alex White

SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE TO:
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NOTICE: Do you have an article, idea or information you would like to share in the Stonebridge Newsletter? Contact Becky McCarthy at: beckymc2@hotmail.com

JUST A THOUGHT

"People say money is not the key to happiness, but I have always figured if you have enough money, you can have a key made."

—Joan Rivers



PLAYGROUND AT BROSMER / COOK PARK

The Playground is securely in place and fully functional. It is really great to see families and kids playing on the equipment. The swings, both baby and standard appear to be the biggest attraction with the slides coming in a close second. We may need to consider a second set of swings next year.



Along with reopening the park with the new playground we have rededicated the park and renamed the park to honor two of our residents who worked countless hours to help make Stonebridge a great place to live.

The new name is,
BROSMER / COOK PARK

PAINTING IDEAS

Submitted by Becky McCarthy (paint dept. Lowes)
Considering Painting your cabinets?
Here is the process.

Step 1: Clean with TSP
Step 2: Liquid Sandpaper(read directions on how to use)
Step 3: Bonding Primer (1 or 2 coats)
Step 4: Valspar Cabinet & Furniture Paint (semi-gloss).
Note: prime the front of door first which is set on little tripods, then the back. Paint the back of the door first so you can get the flow of the paint.

PET CORNER



A dog has retrieved 155 discs from woods in West Virginia.

(Excerpts from Washington Post internet news article featured on ABC News.)

Kelly Mason was walking her dog, Daisy, through a park in Moundsville, W.Va. when the yellow Labrador retriever abruptly stopped and sniffed the air and then took off running on her extended leash toward some nearby trees. Mason quickly followed along and said she was surprised when Daisy emerged from the wooded area with a brightly colored disc in her mouth. "She looked so proud of herself — it was a Frisbee golf disc," said Mason, recalling that day in [Grand Vue Park](#) four years ago. The park is large, with four miles of walkways surrounding the [disc golf courses](#). Daisy would run into the trees and come back again and again with golf discs in her mouth.

Then last month, when Daisy's collection reached 143, Mason said a friend gave her an idea: Sell the discs as a fundraiser. "There were so many," she said, noting that Daisy found an additional 12 discs over the next several weeks, boosting the number to 155.

If a disc had the owner's name on it, they'd give the person an opportunity to come and pick it up, with an option of also making a donation to the [Marshall County Animal Rescue League](#). "We'll sell the unclaimed to the public for \$5 or \$10 out of our retail store at the park, noting that the store sells new single discs for \$20. Brand name discs typically sell for about \$15, he said, although some people. Brand name discs typically sell for about \$15, he said, although some people pay much higher prices for [custom designs](#). "Whenever I see that nose get busy, I know that Daisy will be on the move," Mason said.

MAKE YOUR YARD BEAUTIFUL AND HELP OUR POLLINATORS

Pollinators are responsible for 1 out of 3 bites of food we take each day. They are essential for the health of our ecosystems and the health of many of our food crops. However, pollinator populations are declining worldwide largely due to habitat loss and pesticide poisoning. By creating a pollinator-friendly garden full of native plants, you can help pollinators in your area.

HOW DO NATIVE PLANTS HELP POLLINATORS?

Pollinators need native plants and native plants need pollinators. When pollinators feed on the nectar or pollen in flowers, they brush against pollen. This pollen will stick to the pollinator's body, and they will bring it with them to the next flower they visit. This pollinator-plant relationship evolved over time. Flowers evolved to be more enticing to certain pollinators and pollinators evolved to better feed on the flowers they visit. Some of these pollinator-plant relationships are so exclusive that they often need specific species to feed on or to be pollinated by. Non-native plants may be inedible to pollinators or may not meet pollination needs.

BONUS!

Native plants are best adapted to your local area's climate, growing seasons, and soils. That means native plants are almost always less work to keep alive! So, if you struggle with your green thumb, native plants might be your gateway into gardening.

West Virginia has an extensive and diverse forest that is home to a wide array of plants and fungi. Here are some examples of native plants in West Virginia.

- Shale Barren Rockcress
- Black Cherry
- Appalachian Gentian
- Yellow Buckeye
- Mountain Holly
- Lily of the Valley
- Limestone Wild Petunia

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Stonebridge POA Scheduled Meetings

July 17th
September 18th (Annual Meeting)
November 20th

STONEBRIDGE POA COMMITTEES

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MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Please remember to submit any additions or changes to your lot/property or exterior of dwelling **BEFORE** you begin. See Architectural Guidelines revised March 21, 2013. If you need a copy please contact PMP or visit Stonebridge website:

www.spoawv.com

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PMP Office Hours

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FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS



Scheduled by Lisa White
All food trucks are subject to change.

July 28th- Coco's Grill
August 18th- The Pretzel Spot

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Luau-August 6th
Chili Cook-off- September (TBD)
Community Yard Sale-September (TBD)
Fall Fest-October 29th
Football Watch Party (TBD)

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail, we do not have your email address. Please contact PMP at **681-252-0217 ext. 1902**, give Alison Morris your email address alison.morris@pmpbiz.com and she will be happy to send you a color copy. Or fill out the attached Contact Information Sheet.

LANDLORDS, It is your responsibility to share a copy of this newsletter with your Tenant so they can be informed and involved in Stonebridge.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows"

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PMP WEBSITE

PMP (no association with Dan Ryan Builders) maintains a members only website for Stonebridge Homeowners.

By logging into:

www.stonebridgepoa.com/login.asp

using your Acct.# and password given by PMP homeowners can access their individual accounts. The website also contains all the important documents such as **Covenants, Bylaws, Architectural Guidelines, budgets, Board Meetings minutes and Newsletters for full transparency.**

CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET

Please update your contact information so that you can receive important updates and alerts about snow removal, events and unscheduled closing information as well as other important information about your community. Whether you are moving in, moving out and plan to rent your unit, have an alternate mailing address OR just changed a phone number or email address, we need to know. Please complete the following information and fax or email it to PMP today.

We will not share your information with anyone. It will be used by PMP strictly to communicate important information to you about your Association.

Owner's name: _____ Tenants Name: _____

Property Address: _____ Property Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Home Phone #: _____

Work #: _____ Work #: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

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