

Stony Creek Homeowners Newsletter

June 2026



Welcome New Neighbors!

Please warmly welcome:

Karl and Ana Ringel who have completed the build of their new home and moved in at 2470 Stony Lane.

Marnie and Lou Esposito who recently purchased and moved into 2491 Stony Lane with their dog Bentley.

Congratulations to **John and Debbie Smith** who recently purchased Lot 32 on Retreat Court.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

May was a busy month. Along with the work beginning around the pond, I wanted to share a few updates with everyone.

Early in the month, our pond fountain became detached from one of the support cables that keeps it in place. During the inspection, it was discovered that the fountain float had also been damaged. As a precaution, the fountain was removed so repairs could be made and replacement options evaluated if necessary.

The good news is that the fountain was returned this week and is once again operating normally. Our pond technician discovered a large hole in the float that might have been caused by an animal but fortunately was repairable.

As the weather has warmed up, we've seen more activity around the pond. What initially appeared to be a few young people harmlessly fishing eventually led to more concerning behavior. Over several days, some individuals who are not residents began entering both the pond and the creek, and one individual even entered the pond wearing a wetsuit.

Several neighbors kindly asked them to leave, but those requests were unfortunately ignored. After repeated attempts, the South Elgin Police were contacted, and we have not seen those individuals return since.

We have continued to notice occasional fishing activity by non-residents. For example, a fishing lure and hook were recently found and removed from a tree near the pond. On another occasion, two teenagers were observed trespassing in the yard of a homeowner whose property borders the pond. Board members and concerned neighbors have continued to keep an eye on the situation, and the police have been contacted when necessary.

The Board takes these matters seriously and will continue to monitor activity around the pond and surrounding areas. While we understand that many people enjoy spending time outdoors, recent incidents, combined with ongoing pond maintenance, shoreline restoration efforts, and the repair costs associated with the damaged fountain, have raised concerns about both safety and the protection of our community's shared resources.

We appreciate the many neighbors who have helped look out for the neighborhood. If you notice individuals around the pond or common areas whom you do not recognize as residents or guests of residents, please feel free to contact a Board member. Working together helps us keep our community safe and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Finally, as you know, Doug and Renee Zahery have graciously agreed to host “Drinks on the Drive” on their property for June 26th. We hope to see all of you there!

POND PHASE 1 UPDATE

As you may have noticed, Phase 1 of the Pond Rejuvenation Project was started in May and Seasonal Concepts, our landscape vendor, has been hard at work completing a significant amount of work:



- Addition of soil and grass seed to the Northeast corner
- Grass leveled with additional soil along the Stony Lane curb
- Trees were edged and mulched around the pond
- Removal of brush from the sidewalk to the creek
- Addition of soil to stabilize shoreline areas
- Herbicide applied to shoreline to kill off invasive plants

Over the next 10 days, the shoreline will be prepared and the selected native plant and flower seed mixture will be distributed along the shoreline. From there, we will let nature take its course to germinate, grow and beautify the area. It will be wonderful to watch this unfold over the next several months.

Mike Noonan is overseeing this work and can be reached at mnoonan101@gmail.com or 630-639-0932 for any questions.

LANDSCAPING OF COMMON AREAS

Every Monday, Maji Landscape Services, our lawn maintenance vendor, will cut our common area grass along Stony Lane, around the pond and south of the sidewalk. This is a quick service typically completed early in the morning. Their trucks will be parked on Stony Lane and close to the entrance of our community.

STONY CREEK DOCUMENT REPOSITORY - LAUNCHED!

As announced on Monday, our Stony Creek community has a new document repository. It is a self-serve website built for use by Stony Creek homeowners.

Access is outlined in the email, and once registered, each user can read, download and print a multitude of documents: newsletters, budgets, financial reports, governing documents and so much more. As a reminder, this website will also house Board documents and other sensitive information which will remain secure and protected, so while you may see a link, you may not be able to click on it.



We're excited to bring this access to you! For any questions, Ken Johnson and Liz Lekan are your points of contact. Email RetreatOnStonyCreek@gmail.com should you need help.

JOIN THE HOA BOARD!

Two Board positions will become available as part of the election later this year. Consider joining and making a difference in your community. More information about the election will be shared over the coming months. For questions, please send an email to RetreatOnStonyCreek@gmail.com.

REMINDER: COMPLETED MEMBER FORM

A gentle reminder that our Bylaws require the Association to create and maintain a Roster of Members, also referred to as Record Titleholder(s), for the Stony Creek Association.

This request allows you to identify the Member(s) of your property or lot and how they receive information and is an opportunity to confirm the designation or make a change. If your form hasn't been submitted yet, a form has been included in this email and once completed, it can be returned by:

- Emailing your form to: RetreatOnStonyCreek@gmail.com, or
- Mailing or placing your form in the mailbox at: 27 Retreat Court, South Elgin, Illinois, 60124.

One response per property or lot is required. For questions, please email RetreatOnStonyCreek@gmail.com.

ISSUE REPORTING

If you see something, please say something. Please report issues to a Board member by emailing your concern to one of the addresses listed below. For concerns with a "vendor" (a third-party service provider), please raise your request directly with Ed Malek at roscpres@gmail.com.

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