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## Enjoying Life in Stoneridge Woods Subdivision

# Stoneridge Woods



## current topics >>>

### My Experience as an HOA Board Member

*Serving as an HOA board member is easy and rewarding. Here are a few thoughts from someone who recently volunteered to help our community.*

“I wasn’t sure what to expect, but it’s been a lot of fun to serve. It’s great to watch the Troy Athens Band march through the neighborhood, trailed by hundreds of kids in Halloween costumes, and think ‘I helped make that happen.’ The Easter Egg Hunt: total joyful chaos! Not many other Troy subs hold events anymore. So it’s nice to be a part of it. The Board met maybe 4 hours all year, plus the annual public meeting. It runs like clockwork but they’re open to new ideas, which I liked. Overall, time well spent.” – RW



## Join the Homeowners Board!

### Warning: Without You, we may lose our parks...

*Did You Know: If the Homeowners Association (HOA) is disbanded due to lack of volunteers, control of the subdivision’s parks and other common areas devolves to the City of Troy – with maintenance, grass cutting and other fees added to each homeowner’s annual tax bill at more expensive rates. The sale and residential development of our parks is also a possibility!*

**The Stoneridge Woods (Stoneridge II) Homeowners Association Board is in need of three new board members.** The positions of Treasurer, Secretary and Director-at-Large are now open and must be filled in order for the Board to continue operating in accordance with the Subdivision’s bylaws.

The HOA Board is made up of volunteers who reside in the subdivision. Any resident is eligible to serve on the board, as long as they are at least 18 years of age and have resided in the subdivision for more than ½-year. A volunteer to fill the Treasurer role is immediately needed, as our current Treasurer has moved to another city. Familiarity with Excel spreadsheets is the only requirement.

The HOA Board meets two or three times per year for one hour each to plan and discuss subdivision events, maintenance needs and other items. Meetings may be held in person or electronically.

If the HOA Board is forced to disband due to lack of participation, the City of Troy will be forced to bill homeowners individually for grass cutting and maintenance services. While our current HOA dues are just \$25 per year, there’s no telling what the city would charge for the same services.

Additionally, with non-residents operating as the Board, the fate of our 10-acre woods and other open land would no longer be in our homeowners’ hands. The likelihood of someone selling the land should not be discounted.

Joining the Board is very easy. Simply volunteer during the **Stoneridge Woods Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 7 PM at Wass Elementary in the LGI Room.**

Stoneridge Woods HOA sponsors many events during the year and keeps the neighborhood well-kept and welcoming. We hope you’ll join us!

# Help Protect Our Natural Treasure

*Stoneridge Woods Subdivision (SR2) is very fortunate to have the wooded Highbury Park as part of our subdivision. Cliffsides Dr., Bingham Dr. and Rosebrook Dr. create the borders for this park. We have this beautiful, natural woods through what is known as the Open Space Agreement or Green Space Agreement.*



When the subdivision was platted, the lot sizes were made a little smaller than the norm in order to provide a shared Green Space. The agreement between the City of Troy and the builder requires that this space remain natural land. Trees cannot be damaged or cut by homeowners. Only trees that pose a hazard can be cut by the Homeowners Association. These remain in the woods for decomposition.

By allowing organisms to break down the wood on the forest floor, nutrients are deposited, adding to the health of the woods. Trees and limbs that fall to the ground remain there. Dead trees that are not a hazard remain standing to serve as habitat trees.

Homeowners may only trim a branch of a Green Space tree that is hanging over their property, as long as the integrity of the tree is not compromised. Some years ago, a naturalist visited Highbury Woods and said we have a “healthy” woods. It is important that we continue our good practices to keep it this way. Because Highbury Park has been left in its natural state over the years, we enjoy a wide variety of trees, wildflowers, birds and animals.

The next time you’re out and about, be sure to take a walk down one of the paths and enjoy the relaxation nature provides. Few Troy subdivisions can boast of such a beautiful and accessible park. We invited you to visit in every season to witness how the view changes.

## ***To keep the woods healthy and beautiful, please follow a few simple guidelines:***

- Do not extend your lawn/yard beyond your lot line. The woods should be treated as you do your adjoining neighbor’s yard
- There should be no clearing, cutting or removal of trees, shrubs or ground cover in the woods behind your property. If you are not sure of your property line, consult the survey taken at the time your home was purchased
- No dumping of any kind. Yard waste and grass clippings should never be dumped in the woods. This can hinder the growth of native plants and introduce non-native species. All yard waste can be placed at the curb for compost or garbage pick-up
- Please do not pick the wildflowers. Some are protected species
- Do not stack or store wood or other personal items in the park
- Leash and clean up after dogs while walking in the woods
- No structures can be built in the woods. Temporary play forts should remain small and be dismantled after use, with the branches scattered randomly
- No motorized vehicles are allowed on the paths or in the woods



# Stoneridge Woods Subdivision Activities

*Few subdivisions, even the new ones, offer community-wide activities to help bring neighbors together. Several events in Stoneridge Woods have been held annually for over 30 years! Make sure to join us for these events in 2023.*



## Easter Egg Hunt

Over 2,000 eggs, each filled with candy. Over one hundred children, each bursting with anticipation. As many parents, each bristling with cameras. A troop of Boy Scouts. Tables of prizes. And sometimes, Mr. Rabbit himself. It's no wonder the annual Easter Egg Hunt is one of the most anticipated events of the year. Bring your children, your grandchildren or even just yourself to help welcome spring to the neighborhood.

## Ice Cream Social

Postponed for two years due to Covid, this summer favorite is expected to return for 2023. Join your friends or meet new neighbors while enjoying a scoop or two of ice cream or sherbet, crowned with oodles and oodles of sprinkles and toppings. Prices are very low, just enough to cover supplies, to allow everyone to join in and savor a cold dessert on a hot summer day.

## Halloween Parade

Did you know that Stoneridge Woods is only one of two neighborhoods to have the award-winning Athens High School Marching Band lead their Halloween Parade? Costumed children, pets and parents are invited to follow the band from Wass Elementary on a half-mile march around the subdivision. The parade ends back at Wass where all are invited to enjoy cider, donuts and a short concert by the best band in Troy. It's never too early to start thinking about costumes!



**You can support our activities with an extra donation on your annual dues.**



***In-Person  
Annual HOA  
Meeting  
November 15,  
7:00 PM,  
Wass Elementary,  
LGI Room***

***Attend and Win  
Free Annual Dues!***

In addition to electing new members to the HOA Board (and you are planning to volunteer, aren't you?), the annual board meeting also reviews the subdivision's finances, confirms the dates for upcoming events, and welcomes new ideas from all members of the community.

We highly encourage you to join us for this meeting. It's your opportunity to share in the care of your neighborhood. You may also win FREE DUES for the coming year, in a drawing among the meeting's attendees.



***In the Know >>>***

***Are You Getting the  
Stoneridge Woods Emails?***

The Stoneridge Woods Homeowner's Association communicates with homeowners primarily by email. Are you getting our emails? To ensure you are on the mailing list, send us an email at:

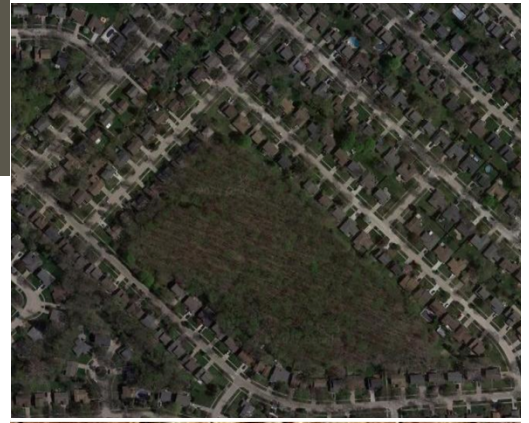
[Stoneridge2HOA@gmail.com](mailto:Stoneridge2HOA@gmail.com)

# Contact Us...

The Stoneridge Woods Homeowners Association is here to serve the members of our community. If you have any concerns, questions or other matters to discuss, please contact us directly:

- By email: [stoneridge2hoa@gmail.com](mailto:stoneridge2hoa@gmail.com)  
(Realtors are highly encouraged to use this email address.)
- By mail: Stoneridge II  
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- Visit the "Homeowners Association" page of our website at [www.stoneridge2.com](http://www.stoneridge2.com) for dues information, payment options, bylaws, deed restrictions and other homeowner information.
- Visit [stoneridge2.com](http://stoneridge2.com) for a wide variety of city, county and parks & recreation links.

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## Dates to Remember >>>

*Nov. 15 – 2022 Annual HOA Meeting*  
*Dec. 2022 – 2023 Dues Notices Mailed*  
*Jan. 1, 2023 – Due date for 2023  
Annual Dues*  
*Apr. 8, 2023 – Easter Egg Hunt*  
*August 2023 – Ice Cream Social*  
*October 2023 – Halloween Parade*  
*November 2023 – Annual HOA Meeting*

## Critical News! Open Immediately!

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