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A Message From Our President

Dear Neighbors,

I am Arland Preston, and I am delighted, honored and ready to serve as your President for the 2006 – 2007 term. I have lived in Stoneybrook for the past 8 years. I am a graduate of the University of Baltimore with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Master of Science degree in Negotiation & Conflict Management. Presently I contract my services through Long & Foster brokerage as a professional Real Estate Agent and Counselor. I believe that my educational training and love for the Stoneybrook Community places me in a position to do a very good job as your President. Still, I will need your prayers, support and participation to make the Stoneybrook Community Association a success.

Stoneybrook is a vibrant, beautiful and progressive community, and the role of the Stoneybrook Community Association (SCA) is to enhance that status.

We are composing an aggressive agenda for enhancing the health and general well being of the community. This includes manning and executing our Crime Watch Patrol, which will be comprised of Block Captains and Patrol Drivers. The Woodlawn Police Department has agreed to come out and train our volunteers to maintain a safe and crime free community. Block Captains and Patrol Drivers will be taught what to do and what not to do, while on patrol.

Further, our Beautification, Mediation, Home Ownership, Event Planning, Storm Emergency and Helping Hand Committees will all be playing an active role in meeting our objectives.

I am reaching out to you asking you to please join us! Come out and meet your neighbors. Come out and give us a few hours of your time, talent and support. Let us, together, make the Stoneybrook Community the best it can be.

“Have a Safe and Happy Holiday”

Arland Preston, President

SCA: What it is—What it is NOT!

Stoneybrook Community Association is a non-profit neighborhood organization comprised of volunteers who want to affect positive change that benefits the entire neighborhood. We are *NOT* a Home Owners Association (HOA). HOA's have the authority, through homeowner covenants, to regulate such things as the color you can paint your house and where you can put your trees. Community Associations are generally used as a tool to communicate issues that affect our neighborhood. This allows us to respond to and become involved with issues such as crime, zoning variances, transportation studies

and other community issues. The primary purpose of the SCA is to promote, preserve and respect the health, safety and welfare of our residents. SCA's mission is to represent the interests of the residents through community involvement and commitment. One of SCA's goals is to obtain federal, non-profit tax status, which would enable select contributions and donations made to the association to be eligible for “charitable deduction” status. The future of our community depends on neighbors working together and developing a strong organization that is committed to maintaining our community and our homes.

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Do your part to help make Stoneybrook the Best it Can Be!

- Get involved
- Support Your Community
- Be committed
- Stay Connected
- Catch the Vision


What is Community Policing?

Partnership—Effective community policing has a positive impact on reducing neighborhood crime, helping to reduce fear of crime and enhancing these things by combining the efforts and resources of the police, local government and community members.

An Idea for the Times—Community policing is a collaborative effort between the police and the community that identifies problems of crime and disorder and involves all elements of the community in the search for solutions to these problems. It is founded on close, mutually beneficial ties between police and community members.

Community policing offers a way for law enforcement to help re-energize our communities. Developing strong, self-sufficient communities is an essential step in creating an atmosphere in which serious crime will not flourish.

Renewed Emphasis on Crime Prevention—Law enforcement is looking to enhance its tough stance on crime with renewed focus on strategies that help prevent crime, reduce fear of crime and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods. This requires an intimate knowledge of the community. Policing concepts currently in vogue have tended to isolate officers from the communities they serve which can hamper crime-control efforts. Community policing allows law enforcement to get back to the principles upon which it was founded, to integrate itself once again into the fabric of the community so that the people come to the police for counsel and help *before* a serious problem arises, not after the fact. For more information about COPS programs, call (800) 421-6770 or visit www.communitypolicing.org/about2.html.


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 intimate knowledge of
 the community."*

Who Do You Call?

(Important Telephone Numbers—Baltimore County)

Don't know who to call for special services? Here is a list of the various public service agencies for Baltimore County. Please note that the Board of Public Works no longer has scheduled street cleaning; residents must call to request this service. Residents will be notified prior to cleaning date and given instructions on how to proceed.

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Emergency.....	911
County Executive	410-887-2450
Abandoned Vehicles.....	410-887-7361
Animal Control	410-887-5951
Code Enforcement	410-887-8099 or 3352
Fire Department (non-emergency)	410-887-4500
Health Services	410-887-3740
Libraries.....	410-887-6100
Leaf Collection	410-887-2000
Police Department (non-emergency).....	410-887-2222
Recreation and Parks	410-887-3871
Recycling	410-887-4370
Road and Streets	410-887-3560
Senior Information	410-887-2594
Traffic Lights and Signs	410-887-3554
Zoning	410-887-3991
Baltimore Co. Government Website www.co.ba.md.us	



A Recap of SCA's First Meeting

More than 60 residents turned out for SCA's first meeting, held on Tuesday, October 24, 2006. Councilman Kenneth Oliver (4th District) attended this meeting and addressed several issues. Some of the topics discussed included:

- Liberty Road West business and transportation plans—New businesses: Super Wal-Mart and Ruby Tuesday coming soon (projected date of 2007) to the Liberty & Brenbrook Roads corridor. It was also stated that no public transportation routes are being planned for community streets in Randallstown.
- Large number of group homes in Randallstown. Currently, Randallstown houses 64% of the total state-licensed homes.
- Need for better traffic control—i.e., speed bumps, stop or yield signs, traffic lights, islands or middle turn lanes for increased traffic areas
- Community sweep of abandoned and/or undriveable vehicles and commercial trucks or vehicles per county code enforcement.
- Increased "gang" activity as noted in the community

Councilman Oliver stated that areas of concern for residents can be resolved, but only with 90% of the community residents' participation.

Start Spreading the News!

So, do you want to know what's happening in and around your community? Do you want to stay abreast of the latest developments? Would you like to know what you can do to help? Well, here is the perfect vehicle for news – *The Stoneybrook Times*.

A newsletter can be an effective tool to communicate issues that affect you, your neighbors and your community. It can also bridge the gap between police, local government and community members. The *Stoneybrook Times* can be used as a resource for a broad range

of information, including civic issues/actions that support or affect our neighborhood, community calendar of events, neighborhood crime stats, home sales/values, community association meeting dates, treasurer's reports, community advertisements and more. How many times have you needed a carpenter, licensed daycare provider or plumber and had to go searching through the yellow pages or on the internet? Well, our community is filled with talented individuals who can meet those needs. Whether they're self-employed business owners, or individuals with specific trades who put their talents to use as a side

business, this is information that can be beneficial to the Stoneybrook residents. So, spread the word today, about the revitalization efforts of the Stoneybrook Community Association and its new weapon to form a community bond – the *Stoneybrook Times*.

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Let's Do It Again

As part of our commitment to the community and the growth and stability of the Stoneybrook Community Association, we will hold meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month. As SCA strengthens and becomes an effective vehicle in the community, we plan to hold meetings quarterly. Here is a brief schedule for the next six months. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend; we can not do this without the support and commitment of the residents of this community.



November—Tuesday, November 28, 2006

December—Tuesday, December 12, 2006—Stoneybrook Social, Randallstown Library

January—Tuesday, January 23, 2007

February—Tuesday, February 27, 2007

March—Tuesday, March 27, 2007

April—Tuesday, April 24, 2007

All meetings will be held from 6:45 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. at the Winands Synagogue Center, on the corner of Winands & Carthage Roads. Residents will be notified of any changes in this schedule.

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Do Your Part to Make Stoneybrook the *Best it Can Be!*

We'd Like to Hear From You!

Now more than ever, we need to become active in our communities. The Stoneybrook Community Association needs you! The success of the SCA depends solely on your interest and input. As a member of this community, if you have any concerns or suggestions that you would like addressed at our next meeting or if you are interested in volunteering your time as a committee member, complete the form below and bring it to the next meeting, or mail it to A. Preston, SCA President, 4013 Starbrook Rd., Randallstown, MD 21133.

Name *: _____ Email*: _____

Address or Street*: _____ Phone*: _____

I have the following Comment/Concern/Suggestion: _____

I can **VOLUNTEER SOME TIME** to work with these committees:

☐ Board of Directors

☐ Block Captain (_____)

☐ Beautification

☐ Crime Watch committee

☐ Home Ownership Education

☐ Helping Hand

☐ Mediation

☐ Storm & Emergency

☐ Communication

☐ Other _____

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