

Stoneleigh News

December 2005

2005 Annual Meeting 4 Board Members Elected

The 2005 Annual meeting of Stoneleigh community association took place November 29th, 2005 at Longfellow Intermediate School. Homeowners elected 4 board members Mitch Sacks, Lori Murphy, Marshall Hyman, Brenda Gordon.

Jim Ballard, Rosewood developer made a presentation on the status of the construction site. To date not all approvals have been obtained. They are waiting on a land disturbance permit. When the permit is acquired, site demolition will be completed and a fence will be put up to surround the project site. Homes on the site will be between 2,900 and 3,400 square feet per unit with a total of 26 town homes. The units will be all brick and be priced but somewhere between \$900,000 and \$1.1 million. Total construction time is estimated at about 2 years.

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Snow & Ice

We Are All Responsible for Snow and Ice removal



Stoneleigh has a problem with ice and snow. Our beautiful town house community doesn't get lots of sun and our community has problems with water drainage. This frequently means we get slow snow melts and lots of ice. **If you see snow or ice on common walkways near your home, help the community to keep the walks safe by clearing snow and especially ice.** We are going to try something new this year, by keeping containers of salt and sand readily available near walkways that are particularly vulnerable to ice. The salt and sand would be available for all residents to use to sand or salt areas of particular concern. If we all pitch in, we can have safer walkways for all.

Our current contract for snow removal is with Shenandoah Landscaping. Guidelines for removal are when 2 to 3 inches of snow accumulate or ice is expected to produce hazardous conditions. Either Jonathan Sucher of Cardinal Management or Mitch Sacks our association President coordinates with Shenandoah. In addition to plowing the lots, Shenandoah will use sand and salt. Salt will primarily be used as most of our lots get little or no sunshine and ice is a problem – salt is used to prevent ice from accumulating. Sidewalks are plowed after the roads are cleared because the work is being performed by different crews. Parking spaces will be cleared if there is sufficient space and when it is safe for the plows to maneuver around cars. Again, owners are responsible for their stoops and lead walks.

Christmas Caroling & Home Decorating Competition



'Tis The Season

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all Stoneleigh residents! 'Tis the Season... again this year Stoneleigh will celebrate the Holiday Season with community Christmas Caroling and a home decorating competition. Christmas caroling will occur on December 18th at 5:00 pm. Please contact Marlene Banks (703) 821-1725, Finnsearch2@aol.com, if you would like to participate in caroling or just join the carolers at 5 pm on December 17th at the Candlewick Christmas tree.

Stoneleigh Directory



After much effort, the Stoneleigh Directory has been updated and converted to an excel spread sheet format which should make future updates easier. Copies will be mailed to all residents and an electronic version will be on our website www.stoneleigh.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - DECEMBER 18TH

PLACE MEET AT CANDLEWICK CHRISTMAS TREE

TIME 5:00 PM

Come join your neighbors for holiday cheer and Christmas caroling. Warm cider and cookies provided after we finish.

HOME DECORATING COMPETITION

PLACE YOUR HOUSE

TIME MONTH OF DECEMBER

Brighten up Stoneleigh with Holiday cheer by decking your home for the holidays. Recognition for the best decorated

homes.

Lighting Up Stoneleigh



Stoneleigh is blessed with beautiful landscaping, and lovely town homes, unfortunately we are not blessed with great lighting. To enhance the lighting in our community, and improve safety, we are encouraging all home owners to use light sensor adapters in their front porch lights. These light sensors screw into any incandescent light socket and automatically turns lights on at dusk and off at dawn. Multiple brands and versions are available at local hardware stores.

RECIPE CORNER



Pecan Spread

8 ounces cream cheese

2 Tbs. skim milk

2 ½ oz. dried beef, finely chopped

¼ cup green pepper, finely chopped

2 Tbs. finely chopped onion

¼ tsp. garlic powder

½ cup chopped pecans, divided

½ cup sour cream

2 Tbs. margarine or butter

Cooking spray

2 tbs. skim milk

Let cream cheese soften and mix with milk. Add dried beef, green pepper, onion, and seasonings. Add ¼ cup of the pecans. Mix thoroughly. Fold in sour cream. Put in an 8" X 8" square baking pan coated with cooking spray. Mix the remaining pecans and margarine (or butter) and sprinkle on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Serve warm with crackers.

It's Christmas!

Christmas Card Boxes: These make cute miniature boxes for tiny presents or gift certificates. Parental supervision is recommended.

What You Need

- Old Christmas cards
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Double stick tape
- White paper or cardstock
- Tissue paper



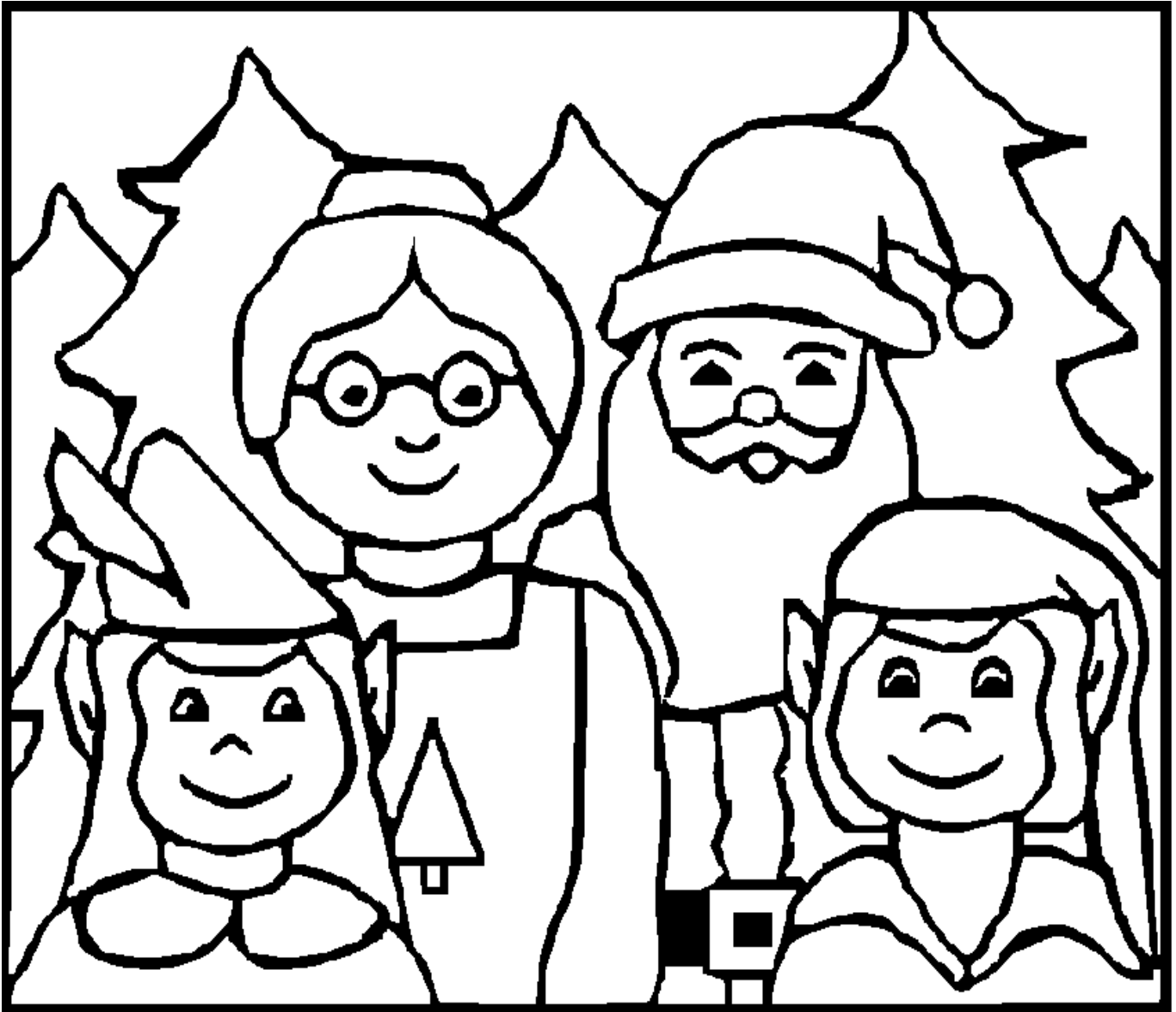
How to Make It

1. Cut your Christmas card in half along the fold line.
2. On the inside of the card, measure in an equal amount on all sides. Mark the measurement on all sides and draw the lines from side to side.
3. For example, for a gift certificate box, measure in 1/2" on all sides for a thin box.
4. On the short end, cut a slit from the end to where the 2 lines intersect (see red lines on drawing). There will be 2 cuts on each end.
5. Repeat on opposite end.
6. Use the ruler by placing it on the inside of one line. Hold the ruler and bend the card towards the inside and crease.
7. Repeat each line, creasing.
8. Fold the short end (wall) up. Fold one long end up. There will be a "tab" that has been creased that sticks out past the short end.
9. Fold the tab to the inside (they are creased). Place a piece of tape on the tab and stick it to the inside "wall" (short end) of the box.
10. Repeat for opposite long end.
11. Repeat the 3 steps above for the opposite short end.
12. Repeat the above steps for the back of the card. This will be the bottom of the box.
13. Cut a piece of paper or cardstock to fit inside the box to cover up the greeting and signature from the card. Tape in place.
14. Try assembling the box. If the fit is tight, pull the tabs apart on the bottom of the box and adjust them to fit closer to the inside of the box. Next pull the tabs apart on the top of the box and loosen the tabs so they don't fit as tight. Try assembling the box again.
15. Place a small piece of tissue paper inside the box and put your gift certificate or tiny gift inside.



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KIDS CHRISTMAS COLORING CORNER



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