



Note from the new Chair...

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Our last newsletter landed in your mailboxes three months ago and since then it has been a hectic few months for the Stonefields Residents Association (SRA). The SRA committee has been working hard to get firmly established, organise events, communicate effectively with you and to address relevant issues with the appropriate entities (e.g. Auckland Council, Police, developers, Orakei Local Board etc.). We ran two community events, planned a third event, raised some funds, built a website, lost a couple of committee members and learned a lot more about what's going on in Stonefields. For the detail on these items and more, please browse through the rest of the newsletter.

We've got a lot to do and your committee of volunteers are committed to doing the right thing on behalf of the community. With this in mind I should point out that we're mindful of ensuring that our Association's alignment is both non-commercial and non-political in order to maintain our impartiality.

As mentioned previously the committee's structure has changed due to the unfortunate departure of two of our founding members, Dave and Deb Adams, who

resigned from the committee in October prior to moving out of Stonefields. I (**Brian Lomas**) was elected **Chairman** as Dave's replacement and we are still searching for someone to fill the gap left by Deb (Communications sub-committee team leader). If you've got a bit of communications experience and think you might be able to fill this role then we'd like to hear from you!

In fact, ***we would be keen to hear from anyone who would like to help us build an amazing place to live.*** The more volunteers we have the more we will be able to do. By adding your name to our volunteers list you'll simply be saying that you **might** be able to help if we ask. So, if this description fits you then go to our brand new website, www.stonefields.org.nz, and join us. While you're there you can also join our mailing list, if you haven't already, and use the "Contact" page to send us any messages or feedback.

And speaking of our brand new website, yes we now have one! At this stage we've kept it nice and simple so that we can easily publish information about events, activities and other news that may be of interest to the

residents of Stonefields. For the tech savvy amongst you there is an RSS feed that you can subscribe to and we will also be adding some of the common social networking buttons when we figure out how to do it! In the meantime, please forward this email on to other residents who might not have received it or point them in the direction of the website so they too can get involved.

On a final personal note, I am looking forward to my role as Chair of the SRA. The team of volunteers on our committee are a great bunch and their hearts are in the right place so please give them your support. If you happen to see me wandering around don't hesitate to say hello – I'd like to meet you.



Brian Lomas – Chairman



SRA Council Liaison Sub-Committee

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Our SRA Council Liaison Sub-committee has been working with the Auckland Council on a number of areas of concern to us here in the Stonefields community:

Lake Algae – Council staff have indicated that the cause of the algae growth is the addition of extra nutrient flowing in to the lakes either through ground water or storm water run-off. Council are currently planning to carry out the removal of the algae shortly and are investigating natural methods of control such as the planting of nutrient absorbing plants along the lake edge. The Residents Association has offered to help the council in such planting improvements by requesting the assistance of residents in a public planting day activity.

Also as residents we can all help the situation by being careful and prudent with the application of fertilizer to our lawns and gardens and by trying to lessen any possible run-off in to the storm water system and ponds.

Council is well aware of the issue and we are monitoring the situation and keeping in touch with the relevant

council staff.

The Future Planning of Auckland

The combined Auckland Council has been working through a number of town planning and regulatory issues to try and create a unified city. As a part of that process they have produced a vision for our city. This plan, known as **The Auckland Plan**, can be found on the Auckland Council's main website.

The Auckland Plan states “For the first time in our history, we have a widely-shared vision – to be the world's most liveable city – and a single plan to deliver this vision for all of Auckland and its people. This is a strategy to guide Auckland's future over the next 30 years and will address the multitude of challenges facing Auckland – like transport and housing shortages, giving children and young people a better start, creating jobs in a growing economy, protecting the land and marine environment, and improving the quality of our urban surroundings.”

In order to ensure these goals can be achieved and changes implemented council is

required to develop a set of planning rules, guidelines on all matters affecting **The Auckland Plan**.





SRA Developer Liaison Sub-Committee

The Developer Liaison Committee have been concentrating on the Todd Property Group Ltd Stage 6 work on the north side of Barbarich Drive. The works will occur on the area of land between Barbarich Drive and Magma Crescent and are necessary to create a subdivision for 54 two and three storey terrace houses and six vacant sites.

The main contractor appointed to carry out the subdivision works is Dempsey Wood Civil Limited and their site representative is Paul McKnight.

The civil work is expected to take the entire summer construction season with completion expected in late June 2013.

To coordinate heavy vehicle traffic movements and minimise disruption to residents a heavy vehicle

traffic route has been agreed with Council.

Trucks associated with the Stage 6 development works will not be permitted on the heavy vehicle route on school days from 8.15am to 9.00am and again from 3.00pm to 3.30pm. Truck speed is also restricted to 30km/h. Hours of work will be between 7.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday. The contractor will do their best to minimise the noise and vibration this may cause.

The footpath along the cliff side has been closed on Barbarich Drive to allow for construction workers to do their job.

The SRA is working to represent your concerns and issues regarding the development activities within our community. Council and Developers are listening and working towards minimising

the construction impact on us residents.

If you have concerns or queries please contact the contractors representative Paul McKnight on Paul@dempseywood.co.nz or advise Mike Egan Mike.Egan@xtra.co.nz from the Stonefields Residents Association – Developer Liaison Sub-committee.

The Stonefields Market area is also under construction so there is a lot of heavy traffic coming through the area. We recommend you take extra caution when out and about during working hours.



SRA Council Liaison Sub-committee

Dogs on the Reserve

There have been a few complaints from some residents regarding dogs running around the reserve off a leash. All dogs should be on a leash when walking through the reserve. This is part of Auckland Council by-laws. The Auckland Council has allocated two designated areas close to Stonefields where dogs may be allowed off the leash. For more information search 'exercising your dog' on www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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SRA Community Notice Board

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Community Constable

We recently had the Community Constable Paul Shorter and Sergeant Matt attend one of our SRA meetings. The community constables are no longer located in Glen Innes and all constables have now moved to Newmarket and are able to respond more flexibly to callouts. Constable Paul Shorter is the Glen Innes/Stonefields community constable and he has been working with our Deputy Chair Hari Segar to establish Neighbourhood Support groups. Constable Shorter has advised us that the Police are available to help make the neighbourhood safer but they cannot be here 24/7, therefore they look to the neighbourhood to alert them of problems. However, if you have any concerns please feel free to contact the community constable or alternatively you can dial *555 for any issues that arise. The police are on a preventative drive to stop recurring issues, and a particular drive on property crime. The Eastern Suburbs area is leading the reduction

in property crime. In the early days of Stonefields there were issues with materials disappearing from sites. In the future it will be likely that property crime will be motivated by the desire to take high value goods. The message is to be aware and encourage each other to take precautions – close gates, set alarms, introduce yourself to new neighbours. Stonefields isn't featuring as a problem area, which indicates that the community is working.

Car Parking

We've had several complaints from the residents with regards to parking availability around Stonefields area. We live in a close proximity and need to work this out. The SRA is not an authority and cannot get involved directly. There is a planned ratio of 1 car park to 5 homes. If there is a problem with cars blocking or parking illegally and it cannot be resolved, residents should call the police.

School Reading

Stonefields Primary School is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping the student s read as part of the Reading Rocks programme. The session is run from Monday to

Thursday 9.00am to 10 am. If you are interested in participating then please contact Kirsty for more information on 527 7721 or kirsty@stonefields.school.nz



Disclaimer: We represent the whole community and therefore reserve the right to accept or decline notices or advertising.



SRA Events Sub-Committee

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WOW! We are totally overwhelmed by the fantastic response we have had to our first two events. The Mad Hatters Tea Party was held on August 26th and we had over 160 adults with an uncounted number of children attending. There was a fantastic array of tasty baking brought by attendees and it was great to meet our neighbours and community members. Our most recent event was held on Halloween, 31st October. We gave away treats to over 180 children who were wearing simply amazing Halloween costumes. A big thank you to all those who participated in the Halloween House competition, the judges had a very tough job determining the top 3 winners.

We have already developed an amazing sense of community here at Stonefields. Our intention is to continue to build this community spirit with more fun and festivities. So a very big thank you to you all for joining in all the fun.

A big thank you....

We would like to thank New World and Farro for contributing towards the prizes at the Mad Hatter Tea Party. We would also like to thank New World for their

contribution to the Halloween party. We could not have made the events as much fun without their help.

Mad Hatters Tea Party raffle draw...

First prize was a topsy turvy cake made by one of our committee members. Second prize was a basket of specialty teas which was kindly donated by Farro and third prize was a gift pack containing lots of goodies for children. Thank you to all those who participated in the raffle draw.

Halloween raffle draw...

We had another lovely cake made by one of committee members which was raffled on the night.

Best Halloween House competition...

There were some wonderful decorations around the community however we could only choose 3 winners on the day. Thank you to all those who participated in the house decorations. You all did an amazing job! The winners each received a Halloween Hamper.





Stonefields next event:
"CHRISTMAS PICNIC IN THE PARK"
SUNDAY
DECEMBER 9TH

Stonefields next event...

CHRISTMAS PICNIC IN THE PARK

WHEN: Sunday December 9th 12pm to 3pm

WHERE: Maungarei Springs Wetland (aka Quarry Lake Park)

You are all invited to bring along a picnic lunch and join us for Christmas and Santa fun festivities.



- There will be a sausage sizzle on the BBQs in the park
- Santa will be there to meet and greet everyone
- Lots of family fun, games and races will be organised with lots of prizes available; the races will include an egg and spoon race, a 3 legged race, and a sack race...all mums, dads and grandparents are expected to participate as well – no excuses!
- Lolly scramble
- Christmas Hamper and other raffles

We will also be running a "Best Christmas House Decorations" competition. The top 3 winners get a prize so dust off those Christmas Decorations and get them on your house... " Watch "Out Franklin Road!!"

If you would like to be a volunteer and help on the day with races or the BBQs please call, text or email Alex Joyce – Events Sub-Committee team leader (021 981321 or alexjoyce@xtra.co.nz). We are also looking for any sponsorship for gifts and prizes for the kids, so if you would like to kindly donate towards this then please let me know.