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GSV News

Message from Harvey Flatt, GSV President

I would like to start by thanking all the Directors for their confidence in electing me to the position of President of your Village. I promise I will work very hard to make sure the Village continues to deliver value and the services you want and need. This will be harder to do during the pandemic, but we are addressing that issue and coming up with ways to adapt. We are a part of a larger village organization called WAVE – Washington Area Village Exchange. Just this past Monday, several other Directors and I attended a virtual conference during which the villages learned and shared ideas on how we can best operate during the pandemic.

I want to remind all of our members that your Board of Directors has always had an "open door" policy, and any Village member is welcome to attend any Board meeting, to see what goes on or to share your ideas with us. In our first year, we did have members attend Board meetings from time to time, but that has not happened more recently. It will be even easier to do so now that our meetings are virtual on Zoom. We will be publishing the dates of future meetings in our Newsletter. Of course, you do not need to attend a meeting to give us your input. You will find the email addresses for myself and all the other Directors at www.greaterstonegatevillage.org. The website is also a great place to go for news about what is happening in the Village.

I plan to be a very "proactive" president and want to hear directly from all of you any ideas you have on how we can improve what we do. I also plan to "reach out" and, from time to time, contact you by email or phone. This will not happen in the next couple of weeks, I already have Village work waiting for me to tackle, but after that, you can expect that randomly I will be sending an email or making a phone call directly to members.

Finally, to remain a strong and viable organization, we want to continue to grow and to do so, we need two things, more volunteers and new members, and you can help us with both. There are a variety of jobs for additional volunteers. If you are interested in offering a little of your time to help the Village, please contact Frances Brock, our new Volunteer Coordinator, at franal.aka@verizon.net. As far as new members, the best recruitment tool is personal contact. We have prepared an email to send to new prospective members, and you can help us identify those prospects. If you have personal friends you think would benefit from joining our Village we would like your permission to send them an email on your behalf. Please send the name

and email address to Wendy at wendy@greaterstonegatevillage.org. Those names can include those living in the local Greater Stonegate area and nearby neighborhoods. With Zoom, it will be very easy for them to join in on our social and educational activities.

Our next educational event is on Fraud and Identity Theft, a very important and timely topic. I hope to "see" everyone there on July 15.

Regards,
Harvey

Executive Committee Elected

We are delighted to announce that joining Harvey on the Executive Committee are Vice President - Jane Wilbur, Secretary - Linda Smith, and Treasurer - Richard Cooperman.

Fourth of July Parade

The Stonegate Citizens Association will not be holding a 4th of July parade this year. Our Village is considering holding a parade if there is sufficient interest. It will not in any way replicate what the SCA did in past years. Our parade will be with cars only and no personal contact (not even at 6 feet apart) and no follow up activities at the pool or anywhere else after the parade.

We would plan to assemble at Stonegate Elementary School parking lot at noon on the 4th in our cars, and everyone would stay in their vehicles. Village volunteers already have car magnet signs identifying them as volunteers of the Village. These should, of course, be put on the cars for the parade. Board members and some Village members also have yard signs with the name of the Village, which can be displayed from the car. We may have additional signs for those who want them. Or you can make your own signs, or have your grandchildren make a sign for you. When everyone is in place, we will drive a predetermined route through the community, and when we reach the endpoint, everyone will drive home.

If we get enough people to sign up to do this and we go ahead with plans for the parade, we will put out the word on the Stonegate Listserv and publicize it as much as possible, so hopefully, there will be a large community turn out to see us drive by.

If you are not only interested but are sure you will show up on the 4th, please let us know by sending an email to wendy@greaterstonegatevillage.org.

Act Now! Don't Miss Out on the Free Cloth Face Masks!

GSV has a supply of cloth masks to distribute to members and volunteers. If you would like some, please contact Sue at winakurs@gmail.com and note your name, the quantity requested, and if you will need the masks delivered to your front doorstep, or if you can pick the masks up at 14605 Stonewall Drive. Any masks that are not picked up by Tuesday, July 30, will be made available to the broader Stonegate Community.

Upcoming GSV Events

Monthly Cocktail Hour – ZOOM INFO BELOW

Bring your drink of choice and join your neighbors to enjoy one another's company.

Moderator: The moderator for this session will be Geri Cooperman, Village Program Chairperson and past Vice President.

When: Thursday, June 25, 5 pm – 6 pm

Where: On Zoom

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8396768530>

On Mobile: One tap mobile: +13017158592,,8396768530#

On Phone: 1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 839 676 8530

Movie Discussion Group: *Knives Out*

The group will gather to discuss *Knives Out*, a 2019 mystery film. A modern whodunit, the film follows a family gathering gone awry, after the patriarch's death leads a master detective to investigate. The film received critical acclaim, particularly for its screenplay, direction, and acting.

Participants are asked to watch the movie before the group meeting. The film is available at no cost to Amazon Prime members and for rent for just \$4.49.

RSVP: Please respond to Bob at robertramseymd@gmail.com

When: Wednesday, July 1, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Where: On Zoom. Login information to be provided as the event approaches.

Fraud and Identity Theft

Thieves use fraud and identity theft to steal billions of dollars from millions of people every year. Seniors are particularly vulnerable. Learn what fraud and identity theft are, how to protect yourself, and what to do if you are a victim.

Speaker: Ted Meyerson is a speaker for AARP Maryland on several topics as well as a representative for AARP on various organizations. He is a member of the AARP Fraud Watch Network Volunteers and an AARP Volunteer Engagement Trainer. He formerly chaired the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life and has served on various State and County task forces and commissions. Additionally, he was president of a non-profit that brought information to seniors, is past president of United Seniors of Maryland, and is a former Vice-Chair of the Howard County Commission on Aging.

RSVP: Please let Geri know you will be joining us. You can reach her at gcooperman@aol.com.

When: Wednesday, July 15, 1 – 2:30 pm

Where: On Zoom. Login information to be provided as the event approaches.

Monthly Cocktail Hour - NEW

Bring your drink of choice and join your neighbors to enjoy one another's company.

Moderator: The moderator for this session will be Harvey Flatt, Village President.

When: Thursday, July 30, 5 pm – 6 pm

Where: On Zoom. Login information to be provided as the event approaches.

Board Meeting - NEW

The GSV board invites village members and volunteers to attend the monthly board meeting.

RSVP: Please let Wendy know you will be joining us. You can reach her at wendy@greaterstonegatevillage.org.

When: Tuesday, August 25, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Where: On Zoom. Login information to be provided as the event approaches.