the STONEBRIDGE SLATE

President's Message

Good day, neighbours!

We've had an unseasonably warm fall, but we are still looking forward to getting our skating rink up and running again! Our rink coordinator, Mike, has been working in the off season to refurbish the hockey nets, repair the chain link fence, and make repairs around the entrance gate. We are looking for volunteers to help with snow clearing and ice maintenance, as well as supervisors who will open and close the amenity building's warm up room, and supervise the family skating sessions on evenings and weekends! This is a great way to get out and meet your neighbours and make connections in the community! Email ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com if you are able to assist!

I also want to acknowledge and thank all the volunteer coaches and parents who are helping with the Stonebridge soccer and basketball teams this year, in addition to our basketball coordinator Vivian, and our soccer coordinator, Amanda, who put so much work into making sure that the youth programs are successful. We see so much progress in the athletes' confidence and abilities from the start of the season in October to the end of the season in February or March, and the coaches who volunteer their time and talent are such a big part of that development. Thank you for showing your children what it means to contribute to a community and be a dependable role model!

Thank you to Pamela, who has been leading the playground fundraising for our upgrade project in Howard Harding park! We are so excited to see the first phase take shape, and are looking forward to the future enhancements that will contribute to making the playground a vibrant community hub for Stonebridge kids and their caregivers!

Thank you to Jessica, our special events coordinator, for organizing community events like the Summer Kick-off and the Movie in the Park, that strengthen the social connections in our neighbourhood!

Thank you to Kaila, or membership coordinator, who keeps track of the annual membership lists and tracks the sign-ups and renewals!

And thank you to Sisi, our newsletter coordinator, for putting together the newsletter each quarter!

I invite you to consider how you might contribute to our community association's ongoing success. Whether you're interested in joining the executive, helping at our next community event, or assisting with neighborhood projects, your involvement is always appreciated.

Alena Sherwood
Stonebridge Community Association

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Howard Harding Playground Update

New Swings Construction | Stonebridge Community Association

Dear Residents,

Exciting things are happening at Howard Harding Park! The installer is constructing new swings at the playground, and they are anticipating completion in the middle of this month.

What to Expect During Construction

A temporary construction fence will be installed around the work area to keep everyone safe while the new equipment is being installed. During this time, access to a portion of the playground will be restricted.

For everyone's safety, please respect the construction fencing, follow all posted signage, and keep children away from the construction area. We appreciate your patience and cooperation while these improvements are underway.

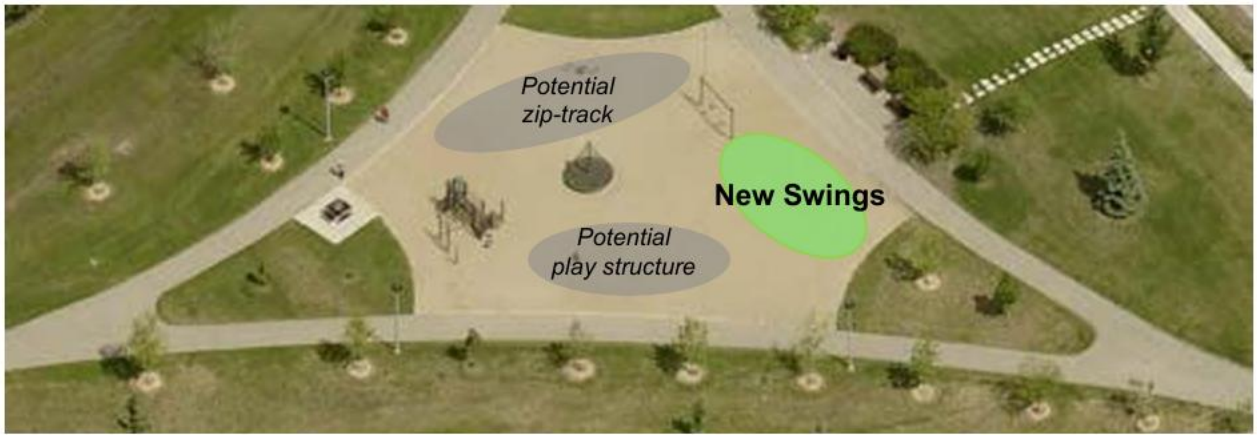
What's Being Installed?

The first phase of the playground improvements will include four new swings:

- One disc swing
- One infant-style swing
- Two regular belt swings

We are excited to bring these new play opportunities to families in Stonebridge!

Playground Upgrade Map: Current Improvements and Future Plans!



What's Next for Howard Harding Playground?

The Stonebridge Community Association has set a fundraising goal of **$200,000** to enhance the playground and create an even more exciting place for children and families to play.

Rather than waiting until the full fundraising goal is reached, we have decided to complete the project in phases so the community can begin enjoying new equipment sooner.

Once additional funding becomes available, our future plans include:

- Installing a zip-track where the current teeter-totter is located.
- Adding another larger play structure to provide more opportunities for active play.

These future improvements will depend on fundraising progress and the availability of funding.

How You Can Help

We still have a ways to go to reach our $200,000 fundraising goal, and every contribution brings us one step closer to making these plans a reality!

If you would like to support the Howard Harding Playground project, donations are welcome.

How to Donate:

1. **Visit www.ourstonebridge.ca**
2. **Click "Donate to Our Playground" in the top-right corner of the website.**
3. **Follow the instructions to make your donation.**

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed their time, ideas, and financial support to this project. Thank you for helping us create a fun, welcoming, and engaging space for Stonebridge families to enjoy for years to come.

Sincerely,

Stonebridge Community Association

2027 WINTER PROGRAMMING

Register Online Starting December 7, 2026.

Here's a listing of what the Stonebridge Community Association will be offering in the winter of 2027 (January to March). Registration period for 2026 winter programming will run from Monday, December 7, 2026 to Friday, January 1, 2027.

LATE REGISTRATION: Any requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, and there are no guarantees on securing a spot in a program. A fee of $15 will apply to registrations after the period listed above. Please email the SCA Program Coordinator with any inquiries.

REFUND POLICY: A $15.00 administration fee will be assessed for all refund requests. Refunds cannot be issued after the first session of the program you registered for has begun.

RED CROSS PROGRAMS

!! Registration for all Red Cross programs will close 15 days prior to the start date to allow enough time for course handbooks to be ordered. As a result, NO late registrations will be accepted !!

STAY SAFE!

Real-world scenarios often call on children to respond to challenges. The Stay Safe! program teaches applicable and age-appropriate skills, while increasing and reinforcing a youth's capacity to improve their own safety. Whether in their community or on their own, this group will be given better tools to Stay Safe! in a variety of different situations. Aimed at children 9 – 13 years old who are preparing to be able to stay safe at home on their own.
***Please note this course consists of 2 x 2.5 hour sessions to obtain the required certification.*
****Supplies needed: Students are to bring a pen or pencil to each class.*

Mondays 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Dates: January 4 & 11, 2027
Location: Community Resource Room, Chief Whitecap School
Cost: $50

BABYSITTING COURSE

The babysitting course, refreshed and revised, now has a greater emphasis on First Aid skills. The Canadian Red Cross Babysitting course covers everything from managing difficult behaviours to essential content on leadership and professional conduct as a babysitter. Babysitting promises to deepen and enhance the responsibility that older youth feel when caring for younger children. This updated curriculum, complete with new science, also provides improved learning when it comes to giving the appropriate care in the event of an emergency. Aimed at children 11 – 16 years old and interested in taking responsibility for younger children.*
***Please note this course consists of 3 x 2.5 hour sessions to obtain the required certification.*
****Supplies needed: Students are to bring a pen or pencil to each class.*

Mondays 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Dates: February 22 – March 15, 2027
Location: Community Resource Room, Chief Whitecap School
Cost: $70

KIDS FITNESS PROGRAMS

DANCE (PRE-SCHOOL & DANCE FUNDAMENTALS)

These classes are designed to give young dancers a solid foundation as they explore their passion for dance. During each session, we'll introduce them to the basics of pre-ballet, hip-hop, and jazz. This diverse approach helps improve their balance, coordination, rhythm, and muscle memory.

Tuesdays 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm *(Ages 3-5)*; 6:40 pm – 7:10 pm *(Ages 5-7)*; 7:20 pm – 7:50 pm *(Ages 7+)*
Dates: January 12 – March 9, 2027 *(no class February 16)*
Location: Community Resource Room, Chief Whitecap School
Cost: $55

KIDS ART PROGRAMS

ABSTRACT ART (WITH FAT INK)

This program is designed keeping in mind that there is no right way to create – just endless ways to explore. Children are encouraged to express themselves freely through painting, drawing and crafts, in a relaxed and encouraging environment. Whether your child loves to doodle, paint with abandon, or just wants to try something new, this is a safe, supportive space to let their creativity shine.
***Feel free to check out FAT Ink's website at https://fatink.co/ to learn more about the instructor and what they offer.*

Thursdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm *(Ages 6-12)*
Dates: January 28 – March 4, 2027 *(no class February 18)*
Location: Community Resource Room, Chief Whitecap School
Cost: $100

ADULTS FITNESS PROGRAMS

MONDAY NIGHT STRETCH FUSION

Start your week relaxed, calm and centered.

Relax and unwind your body and nervous system, increase your flexibility, balance and strength in this lovely one-hour stretch class led by experienced instructor and fellow Stonebridge community member, Angela Achtemichuk. We will begin the class with a gentle blend of qigong and balance exercises to warm up and prepare the body to relax into longer held stretches on the mat.

Mondays 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Dates: January 11 – March 8, 2027 *(no class February 15)*
Location: Multi-Purpose Room, Chief Whitecap School
Cost: $80

ZUMBA

Join the party, join the fun!

Feel the freedom that comes from movement and experience the joy that comes from dancing and expressing yourself all while getting an incredible workout! Join Angela, with over 14 years of Zumba-fitness instruction experience for an incredible, dance-fitness, "party-style" class! Zumba is a "workout in disguise" incorporating Latin as well as various styles of music from all decades & genres.

Classes also incorporate a variety of genres such as Salsa, Cumbia, Reggaeton as well as Jazz and Hip Hop! Classes are designed for all levels of experience. Choreography is also repeated and slowly changed giving participants the chance to feel confident in the moves with practice. One of the things Angela loves most about teaching group fitness levels is the element of community and getting to know participants. She has lived in Stonebridge with her husband and son for almost 14 years and is grateful for the opportunity to teach in this wonderful community. She would love to see you in class!

Tuesdays 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Dates: January 12 – March 9, 2027 *(no class February 16)*
Location: Multi-Purpose Room, Chief Whitecap School
Cost: $80

WALK & SCULPT

Stay active, keep moving, and get your steps in throughout the winter months with our Walk & Sculpt class! This energizing workout combines a brisk walking session with a muscular endurance routine designed to build strength, improve fitness, and keep you moving all season long.

Equipment needed: Yoga mat and athletic shoes.
Optional: Resistance loops and weights, if preferred

Thursdays 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Dates: January 14 – March 11, 2027 *(no class February 18)*
Location: Multi-Purpose Room, Chief Whitecap School
Cost: $80

DROP-IN PROGRAMMING

BADMINTON
Courts and birdies provided — no scheduled games — just come along, singly or in pairs/groups and arrange a game with other participants. Must be 18+ to register.
***Only registered participants are allowed to play due to insurance/liability purposes.*

Mondays 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Dates: January 4 – March 15, 2027 *(no session February 15)*
Location: Multi-Purpose Room, Chief Whitecap School
Cost: $25 per participant

Program Suggestions

In an effort to continue offering relevant programs and activities to you and your family, we would love your feedback.

Give us your programming suggestions Here! Please feel free to contact the community and tell us what programs you would like to see offered in Stonebridge.

SPONSORSHIP

Stonebridge Community Association is offering a sponsorship for school-aged residents of Stonebridge, to assist minor residents in the Stonebridge community to fulfill their goals to excel in an extra-curricular activity of their choosing, that will contribute to providing team spirit, skill development, self-esteem, and impart knowledge to others and/or create a platform for youth to exhibit their talent.

The Stonebridge Community Association will offer a maximum of three (3) scholarships per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30), with the total amount of each not to exceed $500.00.

Criteria:

Must be a resident in Stonebridge for (at minimum) the preceding 12 months.

Must be an individual between the ages of 5 and 17 (inclusive)

Must present to the board in person (under age 12 may do so with parental assistance)

Must be able to offer achievements received in the particular field (individually or as a team)

Must show evidence of a financial* need for assistance

Should be able to offer examples of work and/or community involvement

*Financial need does not refer to family income; it refers to a need for financial assistance for an event (travel expenses, equipment, admission fees, etc.)

In addition to the above criteria, only those eligible will be contacted for further information.

To apply, contact ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com

Hello, my name is Mesochi Anyanwu. I am a 13-year-old soccer player who has lived in the Stonebridge Community for the past nine years. This past season, I played for the Eastside Under 13 Premier Team as well as Under 13 Alliance Academy. Recently, I made it to the Eastside Under 15 Premier Team. Throughout the year, I was fortunate to achieve several milestones, including reaching the Prairie Soccer League Quarter Finals, earning the Prairie Soccer Legue Golden Boot with 29 goals in 14 matches, and being selected as an affiliate player for both the U15 Premier Team and Eastside U15 Division 1 Team. These experiences have motivated me to continue pushing towards higher levels of competition.

As I advance in my development, the financial demands of competitive soccer continue to grow. Sponsorship from the Stonebridge Community Association would help cover essential expenses such as travel costs for out-of-town matches, tournaments, kit fees, club registration, and team-specific fees. This sponsorship would make a massive difference as I work to pursue my goals. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support of youth athletics within our community.





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6 Things to do at Round Prairie Library in Stonebridge

1 Go to a program

Bring your little one to a storytime, activity, or dance party



2 Study/Work

We have desks, power outlets, loanable laptops, and a printer

3 Get creative

Use our LEGO, button maker, or Cricut machine to make whatever you imagine



4 Play Video Games

Book the video game room to play PS5, XBOX, or Nintendo Switch 2 using your library card

5 Have a birthday party

You can book our meeting room (this costs money) to have a birthday party, meeting, or get together



6 Read!

Get a book, magazine, graphic novel and read it in the library or borrow it and bring it home