



Neighborhood Newsletter

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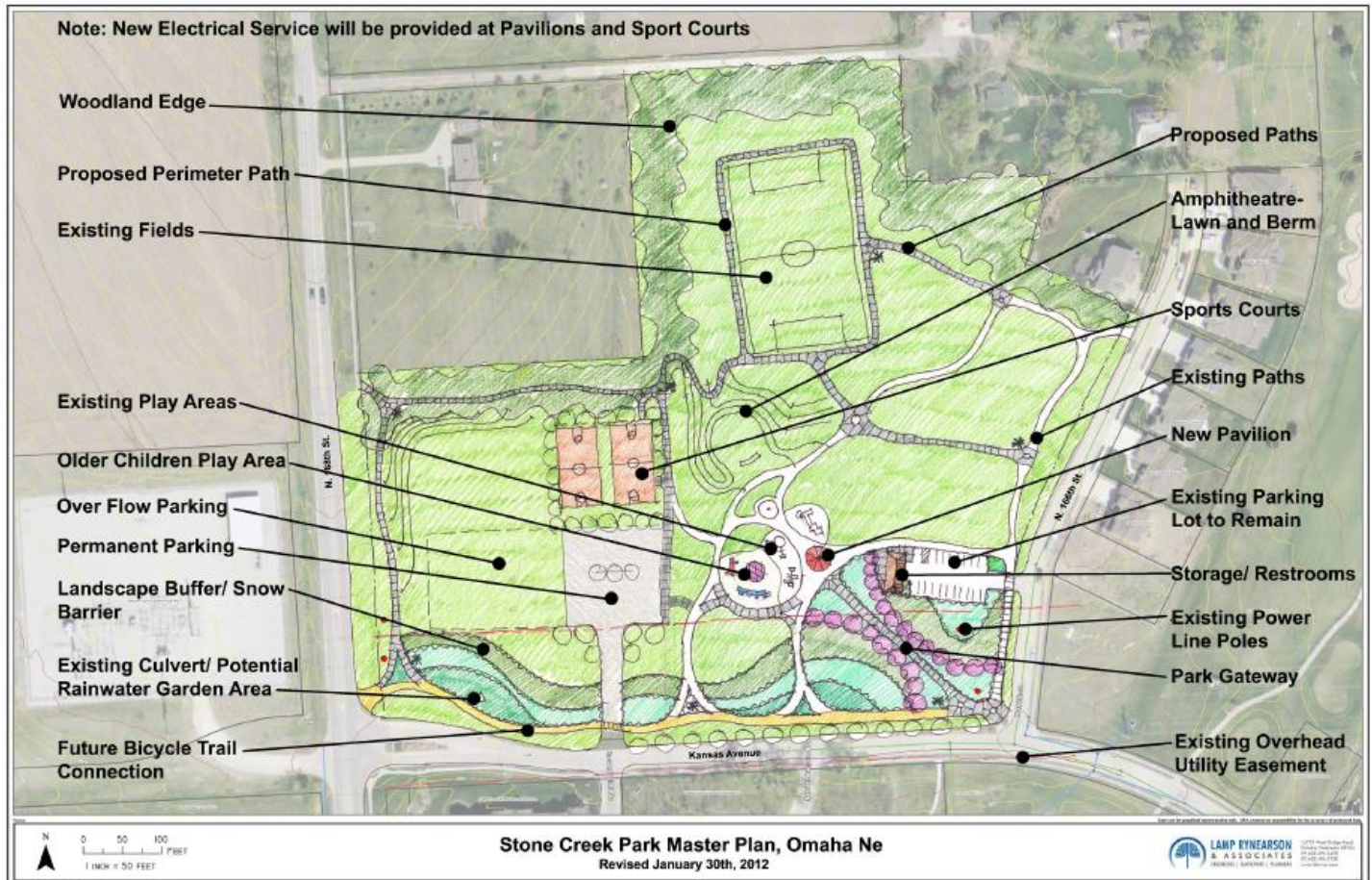
Upcoming Events - Stone Creek

- March 9, 4:30 p.m. - Silver Stones go to Fish Fry at St. John's in Valley
- MARCH 10, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - STONE CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**
- March 15 - Deadline for signing up for the Stone Creek Women's Golf League
- March 23, 9:30 a.m. - Silver Stones Ladies Stuff Easter Eggs
- MARCH 31, 11:00 A.M. (RAIN DATE APRIL 1, 11:00 A.M.) - STONE CREEK EASTER EGG HUNT AT THE STONE CREEK PARK**
- April 11, 11:30 a.m. - Silver Stones go to Valentino's for Lunch
- MAY 4 & 5 - STONE CREEK GARAGE SALE WEEK-END (MAY 1 DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION)**
- May 9, 11:30 a.m. - Silver Stones (Ladies Only) Lunch at Olive Garden
- May 9, 11:30 a.m. - Silver Stones (Men Only) Lunch at Tanner's
- MAY 12 & 13 - STONE CREEK DUMPSTER WEEK-END**
- June 13, at 6:00 p.m. - Silver Stones Dinner at El Bee's
- SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 - DEADLINE TO RETURN INFORMATION FORM FOR THE NEW STONE CREEK DIRECTORY**

For Up-To-Date Information, Go to the Stone Creek Website: www.stonecreekomaha.com
Stone Creek is now on Facebook Set Up for us by Becky Normand Sandiland

PRELIMINARY DRAWING OF PARK PLAN by HOA & SID Board

The following picture is a drawing of the preliminary plans for The Stone Creek Park improvement. Funding for this project will be through the SID. The park improvements will be presented and discussed at the Annual Stone Creek HOA Meeting.



STONE CREEK ANNUAL HOA MEETING by Mark Williams

The Annual Stone Creek Homeowners' Association Meeting will be held on March 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Saddle Brook Elementary School Cafeteria. All homeowners will be receiving a letter giving details. The Stone Creek Park Plan will be discussed at the meeting.

EASTER EGG HUNT by Kristi Jacobs

The Stone Creek Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 a.m. Again this year, the Easter Bunny is expected to make an appearance. If you want to help the day of the event or have any questions, please contact Kristi Jacobs at: kristi.jacobs@stonecreekomaha.com.

If you want to help stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 23, please contact Helen Heller at 402-571-5059/e-mail hcheller@cox.net. In case of bad weather, the rain date for this event will be Sunday, April 1.

WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE STARTING AT STONE CREEK by Beth Doeden VonSeggern

The first Stone Creek Women's Golf League is now forming. It will be on Tuesdays starting at 4:22 p.m. in May. Please contact Beth at 402-498-2887 by March 15th if you are interested. There will be a brief meeting sometime in March to discuss our options regarding having permanent tee times vs. a league format.

STONE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE WEEKEND by Leslie Murray

The Annual Stone Creek Neighborhood Garage Sale Weekend will be held on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5. Leslie Murray will be coordinating this year's sale. Each year, the Stone Creek Homeowners Association pays for the costs to promote our neighborhood garage sale. An ad will be placed in the Omaha World Herald and signs and flyers will be put at some of the entrances. Please plan to take advantage of the increased traffic to the neighborhood during that weekend – it's a great time to sell the clothes, furniture, household items, toys, trinkets or any other unused items. This is also an opportunity for kids to set up Kool-Aid or lemonade stands! If you plan to participate in the Stone Creek Garage Sale Weekend, please complete the STONE CREEK GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION FORM and send by no later than May 1 to Leslie Murray, (5530 N 160 Ave.) or email information to lessue20@aol.com. If you have any questions, please call Leslie Murray 402-502-6651.

STONE CREEK GARAGE SALE (MAY 4 & 5) -- REGISTRATION

(Send completed form to Leslie Murray by no later than May 1, 2012)

Contact Information (Please note that the contact information will not be published on the flyer):

Name:		Phone:	
Address:		E-Mail:	

Information Below for Garage Sale Flyer

Address of Sale	Type of Items For Sale	Days of Sale
Example: 6503 N 159 St	Furniture, tools, baby items, women's clothes, miscellaneous household items	Friday & Saturday

I would be willing to help coordinate this event next year.

SPRING DUMPSTER WEEK-END by Lynn Heller

The HOA will provide dumpsters for the weekend of May 12 & 13 (the weekend following our Garage Sale weekend). A few important rules apply: **Do not leave disposed items on the ground** if the dumpster is full. If the dumpster is full go to another location to find a dumpster with additional room. **Please do not put paints, chemicals, concrete, yard waste, and/or appliances in the dumpsters.** If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Heller at lynn.heller@stonecreekomaha.com or 402-571-5059. Dumpsters will be at the following locations:

160th Avenue Cir. & Jaynes Street

164th & Hartman

159th & Mary

163rd Street & Curtis Cir.

2012 STONE CREEK DIRECTORY (All who wish to be in Directory Must Complete Form) by Jan Sobetski

If you want to be listed in the 2012 Stone Creek Directory, please complete the "2012 Directory Form" that is printed at the end of this newsletter and send the form to: Jan Sobetski, 6705 N 162nd Street, Omaha, NE 68116. Previous information submitted for other directories will not be used; only people that complete the "2012 Directory Form" will appear in the directory.

STONE CREEK CITIZEN'S PATROL STATS FOR 2011 *by Helen Heller*

The Stone Creek Citizen Patrol has turned in the data for 2011 for the patrols and it was very impressive. The 15 members of the Stone Creek Citizen Patrol patrolled a total of 118.25 hours and a total of 921 miles. Thank you, for your dedication and hard work. Members of the Stone Creek Citizen Patrol are as follows:

Chuck Carlson
Nic Chesnut
Brent & Lisa Brinegar

Lynn & Helen Heller
Katherine Johnson
David & Jan Richardson

Pete & Jan Sobetski
Larry & Rexanne Legler
John & Diane Templeton

Want to be a member of the Stone Creek Citizen Patrol? Patrol members set your own schedule, and there are no minimum required hours. The only requirement is one evening of training (2-3 hours) with the Omaha Police Department at their Northwest Precinct. If you are interested in being part of either the walking patrol and/or vehicle patrol or want more information about this, please contact John Templeton at 402-884-0488 or email him at jstdebt@cox.net.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK CAPTAIN CHANGES *by Helen Heller*

Richard & Sue Bogatz are the new Neighborhood Watch Block Captains for 158th Street. Anthony & Penny Smith were the former Neighborhood Watch Block Captains for 158th Street. We want to thank both couples for volunteering and taking an active interest in the 158th Street Stone Creek Neighborhood.

Two Neighborhood Watch Groups in the villas have combined - the Ann Borchers Group and the Harold & Barb Zabel Group. Harold and Barb Zabel will now be the Block Captains for both groups. Thank you, Ann, for being a block captain in the past; and thank you, Harold and Barb, for taking on a few more households and adding them to your Neighborhood Watch Group.

GARBAGE CANS IN FRONT OF HOUSE *by HOA Board*

A reminder to all residents: please put your garbage cans away after trash pick-up. It is against the Stone Creek Covenants to leave your garbage cans in front of your home.

MOTORIZED DIRT BIKES OPERATING ILLEGALLY *by HOA Board*

We have received complaints from residents regarding motorized dirt bikes driving on vacant lots, sidewalks, and/or the Stone Creek Golf Course. These activities are prohibited in our neighborhood. We encourage residents to call 911 if they witness anyone breaking the law.

SANTA VISITS STONE CREEK WITH CHILDREN *by Helen Heller*



From left: Beth Doeden VonSeggern, Barb Martin, Pete Sobetski "Santa", and Gene Martin.



Molly VonSeggern talks with Santa



Santa visits with Sawyer & Hudson McCollister.

Santa made a special visit to the Stone Creek Area in December. Gene & Barbara Martin opened the doors of their business, Geno's, for Stone Creek for this event. The Martins were such gracious hosts who not only opened their establishment but also provided appetizers for the event.

Beth Doeden VonSeggern coordinated this fun event. Pete Sobetski was the "man in red" who took time from his busy schedule to talk with the Stone Creek children and find out what they wanted for Christmas. Other volunteers who helped that day were: Tara Webster, Jan Sobetski, Kathy Bunz, Lynn & Helen Heller. The most heard comment at the event was, "This was nice and sure beats standing in line at the Mall!"

DID YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE? *By Helen Heller*

If you had an e-mail address change recently, please give that change to Helen Heller so that you receive all future Stone Creek Neighborhood Watch updates and e-mails.

REPORT STREET LIGHT OUTAGES *by Darrel Lahmann*

Have you noticed a street light out on your block or elsewhere in Stone Creek? It is important for the safety of our neighborhood that we take time to report any street light outages immediately. Call OPPD at 800-554-6773 and give them the location of the light (example: street light out in front of home at 6503 N. 159th) or you can report the outage online at: www.oppd.com.

UNPAID STONE CREEK HOA DUES *by Jeff Cremers*

Below is a complete listing of "Outstanding Homeowners' Dues". If dues are not paid, a lien will be put on the homeowner's property.

Owner's Name	ADDRESS	Year(s) Outstanding	Annual Amount Outstanding	Total Amount Outstanding
JOSEPHINE ONYEUKU	6543 N 160 AVE	Prior to 2010	90.00	
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MICHELLE FAULKNER	6511 N 160 AVE	2010	55.00	
MICHELLE FAULKNER	6511 N 160 AVE	2011	60.00	115.00
PAUL & LYNETTE BARNES	6723 N 159 ST	2010	55.00	
PAUL & LYNETTE BARNES	6723 N 159 ST	2011	60.00	115.00
MATTHEW & STEFANIE GREWE	6717 N 159 ST	2011	60.00	60.00
JEFFREY DURICK	5716 N 167 AVE CIR	2011	60.00	60.00
JEFF HOGGAN	6315 N 157 ST	2011	60.00	60.00
CLARENCE L. NICHOLS	6502 N 157 ST	2011	15.00	15.00
MICHAEL & TIFFANY HETTINGER	6223 N 157 AVE CIR	2011	10.00	10.00
AARON & JIL FISHER	6214 N 159 CIR	2011	60.00	60.00
AMBER JURGENSMEIER	16009 CURTIS AVE	2010	55.00	
AMBER JURGENSMEIER	16009 CURTIS AVE	2011	60.00	115.00
LONNIE & AVA SIMMONS	5821 N 160 AVE	2011	60.00	60.00
MIKE BUSENBARK	5415 N 160 AVENUE CIR	2011	60.00	60.00
JAY & APRIL SCHMOLKE	5522 N 163 ST	2010	55.00	
JAY & APRIL SCHMOLKE	5522 N 163 ST	2011	60.00	115.00
MANDY MILLER & KRIS KILLAM	5743 N 167 AVE CIR	2011	60.00	60.00

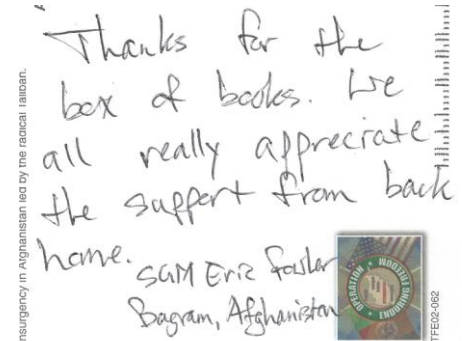
BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS - "OPERATION PAPERBACK" A SUCCESS *by Helen Heller*



Helping sort books - from left: Diane Templeton, Gladys Ahlers, Natha Tabor & Deb Kubik (not pictured: Kathy Bunz & Helen Heller)



WE ARE PROUD OF OUR SOLDIERS!



A thank you note from one of the recipients of our books.

The Stone Creek neighborhood came through again! 225 books were collected for "Operation Paperback" for our men and women in the armed forces. In addition to the donations of books from Stone Creek residents, multiply copies of new autographed books were received from two local Nebraska authors, Brian Bogdanoff who wrote the book THREE BODIES BURNING, and Christopher Raabe who wrote the book THE NEW PHENOMENON. Both wrote personal notes in

the books to the servicemen/women. Money was donated by the Stone Creek Silver Stones and other Stone Creek residents to help with the expense of shipping the books.

Natha Tabor coordinated this effort; helping with the task of gathering, sorting, and sending the books collected were Diane Templeton, Deb Kubik, Gladys Ahlers and Helen Heller.

Thank you, Natha, for coordinating this worthwhile cause for our military men and women. A "thank you" also to the ladies who helped sort, package, and send out the books and to the Stone Creek residents who donated books and money for postage to send out the books.

STONE CREEK SILVER STONES *by Helen Heller*



At the Annual Stone Creek Silver Stones Christmas Party at Farmer Brown's Restaurant in Waterloo around 40 of our senior residents attended. Kathy Bunz's creative spirit again this year provided a variety of wonderful Christmas door prizes. Handmade items were donated by Kathy, Lee Bunz, and Diane Templeton. Natha Tabor donated the handmade centerpieces that made the party room look beautiful and festive. "It takes a village" to put on a Christmas party that was absolutely fabulous!

Thank you, Kathy, for your hard work and for coordinating this event; and thank you, Lee, Natha and Diane for your contributions.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS *by the Stone Creek Welcome Committee*

- Daniel & Kathy Vogt moved on December 11 from Deer Ridge to their house at 5523 N. 167th Street. Daniel works for DMSI and Kathy is a teacher for Omaha Public Schools.
- Alec & Talia Hogan moved in on December 30 from Hillsborough to their home at 6528 N 159 Avenue Circle. Alec is a Sales Executive for the Info Group and Talia works for UNMC. They have two children, Jude, who is 19 months and Jonah who was born in January; they are expecting another child soon.
- Craig & Melissa Stricherz moved from Pepperwood to their home at 6211 N. 157th Avenue Circle. Craig works for First Data and Melissa works for the Boys Scouts. They have two children: Sydney, who is 16, and Brenda who is 13.
- Bill & Sharon Swartzenduber moved from Elkhorn to their home at 6229 N. 157th Avenue Circle. Bill is Operations Manager of Option III and Sharon is a teacher at Life Gate School. Kellie, their daughter and Amiah, their grandchild also live with them.
- Varian and Andrea Cole moved from Northwest Omaha to their house at 6314 N. 158th Street. Andrea works for Century Link and Varian is Sales Manager for AAA Life Insurance. They have two children, Mikyla who is 7 and Miles who is 2.
- Josh Zimmering moved from Rhode Island to his home at 5419 N. 166th Street. He is district manager for a pharmaceutical company, Daiichi Sankyo.

THANK YOU - WELCOME COMMITTEE SPONSORS!

Advanced Family Eye Care - Dr. Mark Toelle 402-884-0776
Abe's Trash Service, Inc - 402-571-4926
Allstate-Bob Meyer Insurance Agency, 1819 N 169th Plaza - 402-965-4206
Banfield Pet Hospital - Dr. Jennifer Sokol 402-289-0724
Bank of Bennington, 156th & Maple - 402-238-2245
Bowler's Choice - Rich Abboud 402-573-0020
Children's Dental Specialists, 5118 N 156th St. 402-932-9263
Concordia Schools Jr/ Sr. High 156th & Fort Streets 402-592-8005/402-445-4000

Fort Street Veterinarian, 144th & Fort - Jerry Busselman - 402-884-3383
Furnishing Touches by Christine - Christine Hames 402-896-2583
Frank's Pizzeria 711 N. 132nd - 402-493-0404 Joseph & Bernadette D'elia
First Nat'l Bank, 133rd & Maple - Becky Sandiland 402-997-1528
King's Bookstore/King of Kings Church, 116th & I St 402-333-6464
Korte Lawn Care - Matt Korte 402-960-1055
Michel's Masonry -- Mark Michel 402-679-8377
Whispering Ridge Family Dentistry 159th & Maple 402-991-6965

Want to donate an item for the welcome baskets? Please contact the Welcome Committee:
Kathy Bunz 402-431-0620, Jan Richardson 402-496-3656, Deb Kubik 402-333-0481, or Helen Heller 402-571-5059.

UPCOMING STONE CREEK SILVER STONES EVENTS by Helen Heller

- **March 9, 4:30 p.m.** - St. John's Fish Fry at 307 E. Meigs Street, Valley, NE. Please contact Kathy Bunz at 402-431-0620 or e-mail her at lkbunz5@gmail.com if you plan to attend.
- **March 23, 9:30 a.m.** - The Silver Stones ladies will be stuffing Easter Eggs for the Stone Creek Easter Egg Hunt at Helen Heller's home, 6503 N. 159th Street. If you would like to help with this task and get caught up on neighborhood news and great conversation, please contact Helen Heller at 402-571-5059 or e-mail Helen at hcheller@cox.net.
- **April 11, 11:30 a.m.** - Lunch at Valentino's, 10190 Maple Street. Please RSVP to Helen Heller at hcheller@cox.net or phone 402-571-5059.
- (Ladies Only) Lunch on May 9, 11:30 a.m. at the Olive Garden (168th & Center). If you plan to attend, please contact Kathy Bunz at 402-431-0620/e-mail lkbunz5@gmail.com,
- **(Men Only) Lunch on May 9, 11:30 a.m. at Tanner's (155th & Ruggles)**. If you plan to attend, please contact Lynn Heller at 402-571-5059/e-mail lynn.heller@stonecreekomaha.com.
- **June 13, at 6:00 p.m.** - Dinner at El Bee's (3200 N 240th Street - Waterloo). If you plan to attend, please contact Kathy Bunz at 402-431-0620/e-mail lkbunz5@gmail.com,

The Stone Creek Silver Stones is a group of residents 55 years and older who do a variety of activities as a group each month. If you would like to be on the e-mail list for this group, please contact Helen Heller at hcheller@cox.net

STONE CREEK WINTER FUN! by Helen Heller



From left: Jackson Mues, Collin Nichols, Justin Rohrig & Josh Rohrig.

The first snow fall this winter was on December 8; and the wet snow served as a perfect canvas for neighborhood children to design a neighborhood snow fort. Their creativity added a bit of a "Husker Touch" to their snow fortress design - only in Nebraska! One might say that Nebraska winters, to say the least, can be unpredictable and can even be a bit surprising at times. In January when Stone Creek residents usually experience cold wind chills, heavy snow falls, sleet & even sometime ice storms, Mother Nature provided residents with some surprising, unusually warm days. Some residents hustled to quickly take down their outdoor Christmas lights and decorations. Others saw the weather as an opportunity to let children burn off some of that energy built up from being indoors during the cold weather.

At the Stone Creek Park mothers, dads and grandparents gathered on those warm days to chat with neighbors, while neighborhood kids played with each other. The smiles and laughter were part of the beautiful January weather and served as a perfect and refreshing break during what is usually a cold and very long winter season. The dress code didn't always look like the normal dress code for a Nebraska January day. Light jackets or long sleeved shirts replaced winter coats; and bare feet and sandals replaced mittens and boots on the unseasonable days when temperatures reached the 50's, 60's and even 70's - only in Nebraska! Then came snow in February; reality hit that, yes, we still live in Nebraska where winter weather can sometimes come with a vengeance.

CURRENT STONE CREEK LEADERSHIP

Stone Creek Homeowners Association Board

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office Held</i>	<i>Home Address</i>	<i>Phone Nos.</i>	<i>E-Mail Address</i>
Mark A. Williams	Director & President	5618 N. 164th St.	(h) 402-573-5924/(o) 402-504-1300	mark.williams@stonecreekomaha.com
Kristi Jacobs	Director & Vice Pres.	6218 N. 166th St.	(h) 402-934-7971	kristi.jacobs@stonecreekomaha.com
Jeff Cremers	Director & Treasurer	6531 N. 160th Ave.	(h) 402-431-9298/(o) 402-672-5620	jeff.cremers@stonecreekomaha.com
Kirk Swartzbaugh	Director	6205 N 160th Ave	(h) 402-493-7556/(o) 402-392-8455	kirk.swartzbaugh@stonecreekomaha.com
Darrel Lahmann	Director	6013 N. 160th Ave.	(h) 402-333-8341/(o) 402-614-7401	darrel.lahmann@stonecreekomaha.com
Becky Sandiland	Director	5701 N. 160th Ave.	(h) 402-445-4205	becky.sandiland@stonecreekomaha.com
Lynn Heller	Director	6503 N. 159th St.	(h) 402-571-5059	lynn.heller@stonecreekomaha.com
Jan Sobetski	Director	6705 N. 162nd St.	(h) 402-493-7915	jan.sobetski@stonecreekomaha.com
Beth Doeden VonSeggern	Secretary & Director	6222 N 157 Ave Cir	(h) 402-498-2887	beth.doeden@stonecreekomaha.com

SID Board

Darrel Lahmann 402-333-8341	David L. Richardson 402-496-3656	Donald Steele 402-333-2060	Mark Williams 402-573-5924	Troy Nissen 402-496-2535
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Leadership – Town Homes and Villas

Stone Creek Townhomes Two (Villas on Ogden & Jaynes Circles only)	Wes & Melissa Kosch	402-871-5742	
Stone Creek Villas Association (Lots 578-595 and Lots 556-600)	Steve Lee, President		villasatstonecreek@gmail.com
Stone Creek Town Home Association (Townhomes on 167th Cir. & 167th Ave. Cr. North of Hartman & 7 Villas on Hartman)	Bob Stock	402-884-7933	omahaplumbob@cox.net

NEW 2012 STONE CREEK DIRECTORY FORM by Jan Sobetski

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2012 Directory Form

(Only people who complete form below will be in directory)

Return Completed Form by No Later Than 9/1/2012

(For more information or if you have questions, contact Jan Sobetski at jan.sobetski@stonecreekomaha.com 402-493-7915)

Last Name of Home Owner	_____	Home /Main Phone	_____
Address	_____	E-mail	_____
	First name		Last name
Adult #1			
Adult #2			
Adult #3			
First Name(s) of Children at Home			

Attention Advertisers: In order to defray costs, we will offer some advertising space (at this time - available to residents only). If you have a business and would like to advertise in our directory, the cost of business card size is \$25. Make check payable to Stone Creek Homeowners' Association and mail it to P.O. Box 540365, Omaha, Nebraska 68154. If you know a non-resident who would like to advertise in the directory, please have them contact Jan Sobetski, so that they may have that opportunity in the event that the advertising space is opened up to non-residents.