



# STONEHEDGE

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March 2021 Newsletter

**For this newsletter we wanted to bring you stories and pictures of seasonal life at Stonehedge. Following are articles and pictures of people and places from Stonehedge and surrounding areas. Spring is just around the corner and soon the trees will blossom, and we will be underway to another great summer season.**

**A special THANKS goes out to all who contributed to this special edition Newsletter.**

## Quarantine in Stonehedge: Jane Swanson

Although the lockdown was the worst part of last year, Stonehedge was the best place to do it. In March of 2020, my family of five practically moved up to our house on Clubhouse Dr. in Harbor Springs. Our primary residence is in Rochester Hills, making the trip about a four hour drive. Me and my two sisters, along with our parents, our dog, and our guinea pig, spent March through June in isolation in Stonehedge. During that time, we really got to explore Harbor and understand the area better. We took long walks around the neighborhood, fed fish at the Oden Fish Hatchery, went stargazing at the Dark Sky Viewing Park, and of course went downtown to view the amazing Harbor Springs and Petoskey waterfronts. In May, Chestnut Valley opened for golf. My family and I play, so this was a great quarantine activity. The course is amazing, and we really enjoyed playing up until the season was over in October. Now, my family continues to make weekend trips up to our home, skiing at Nubs Nob every time we come. Our location is so convenient for all of the sites in the town, making almost every drive within 15 minutes of our house. I really enjoy Stonehedge and the community inside, and I am so excited to spend more time in Harbor in the coming months.

Jane Swanson, age 15.



Me in Harbor Springs, posing next to the pretty landscaping during the spring.



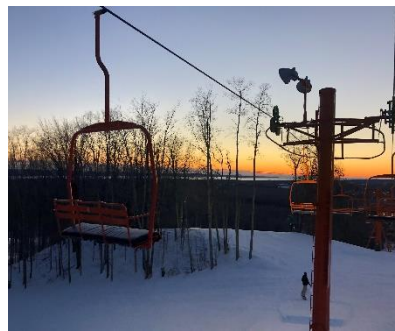
Me on the Pier in downtown Petoskey, watching the sunset during May.



Chestnut Valley Golf Course over the summer, during our family round of golf.

## **Quarantine in Stonehedge: Kate Swanson**

One of the best things about living in Stonehedge is the proximity to Nub's Nob ski hill. Nub's Nob originated in the 1950's when the Sarns family wanted to make a small ski hill for friends and family. Today, the hill has 53 runs and 7 lifts, with visitors from all over the state of Michigan and midwest. Guests can alpine ski, snowboard, and cross-country ski. In fact, the cross-country trails connect to the end of Valley road! All equipment is available for rental, and guests can take lessons. Pintail Peak, another part of the hill, has a beautiful view overlooking Little Traverse Bay. Despite the complications of Covid-19, the ski hill is open, and busy as ever! Of course, everyone wears masks, and cannot eat inside, but there is a beautiful patio to sit on and enjoy food and drinks. I have been skiing for almost fifteen years, and am currently an instructor at the hill. It is so much fun to watch people who have never skied before, end up gracefully gliding down the bunny hill. If this interests you, and you would like a lesson, ask for me, Kate Swanson!



## **Snowmobiling:**

Granted this hasn't been the best season for snowmobiling but people still enjoyed getting out. Here Dee Ziegler is giving the "thumbs up" for another fun adventure.



## Neighborhood Fox



Terry Ledwidge and Leslie Ortlieb took these beautiful pictures of our local fox as he's made his way through the neighborhood. Many of us have seen this fox around and we have special thanks

to Leslie Ortlieb for this. Leslie, a veterinarian, noticed this fox was in poor health so she started to treat it.

Here is Leslie's story:

So what do you do when a fox has no fur on his tail? For starters it always helps when you've seen a couple of foxes with the same issue. This summer I noticed a small fox on the deck eating birdseed. He looked pretty rough with large patches of fur missing around his back, tail, and face. The fox population in most of the country is susceptible to a very pesky mite called the Sarcoptic mange mite. It's a very voracious mite that burrows into the skin and lays its eggs which causes a severe skin reaction and often a secondary bacterial infection. The mites can eventually cause death as they stress the fox's immune system and can cause swelling and scarring around the eyelids, ears, legs,

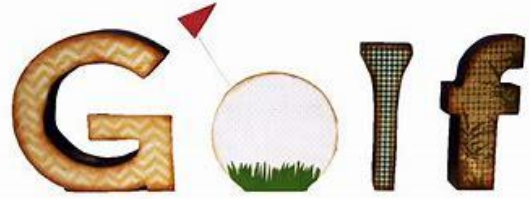
and just about anywhere there is skin. Most fox infected with mange slowly starve as they can't hunt and they can't rest due to the intense itching. Luckily there are options to treat which are fairly easy to administer, liquid ivermectin injected into a chicken meatball or a newer drug called Bravecto which is a chewable tablet. All medications should be used with the direction of a veterinarian to ensure proper dosing and administration. When medicating our local fox who I nicknamed Gary, I would always bait him directly outside the window so I could monitor when he ingested the medication. If he didn't show, I would take the meds inside and try again later. I did also provide Gary with occasional meals to help him gain weight back before it got too cold. Gary enjoys the occasional Turkey sandwich, baked chicken breast with just a hint of cat food, and the occasional sweet treat like pineapple bread. He has also been seen carrying the remnants of a purple stuffed dog toy that he apparently lifted from someone's yard. I just happened to be here at the right time to help Gary so he can carry on the fox legacy at Chestnut Valley. So if you see a random fox burying a sandwich in your yard, you may have been lucky enough to see Gary.

## Boyne Highlands Enchanted Trail

Dee Ziegler and Lynn Ledwidge enjoyed a beautiful evening hiking the new Enchanted Trail at Boyne Highlands



Stonehedge Club Owners Association Board of Directors: Terry Ledwidge, Paul Tetreault, Bob Zakar, Cathy Perry, Gary Rigby



## 2021 Golf Season: Note from the Clubhouse

**REMINDER**, when you are booking a tee time that has ANY PUBLIC play (friends, relatives etc.) that ARE NOT MEMBERS please use the PUBLIC 9 or PUBLIC 18 rounds to book. When you check in, just be sure to let our Pro Shop staff know if other member(s) are golfing with you. This will allow us to correctly track member rounds and will also make sure that your paying guests receive the discount allowed by your membership. As always, you will receive an email confirming your request.

**SPECIAL ATTENTION!** On Saturday mornings from June 1 thru September 18, 2021 we will be using a modified DOUBLE TEE SYSTEM. This means you and your group will be ASSIGNED to start on either hole #1 or hole #10. The system automatically assigns this during the tee time booking. If you have a need to start on a specific hole (#1 or #10) YOU MUST BOOK YOUR TEE TIME with the Pro Shop!

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## From the Board

### Newsletter Input

We are constantly looking for new ideas to make this newsletter fun and informative for all our Stonehedge residents. If you have any ideas for improvements, new topics, or topics of interest, please send those by email to: [stonehedgeboard@yahoo.com](mailto:stonehedgeboard@yahoo.com)

### Contact Us

Please feel free to advise any board member of any issue that you think needs attention by e-mailing: [stonehedgeboard@yahoo.com](mailto:stonehedgeboard@yahoo.com)

### Annual Meeting Reminder

**Save the date for the 2021 Stonehedge Club HOA Meeting 9:00 AM Saturday July, 10th** Please plan on attending this year's Stonehedge Club Annual Meeting. Agenda items that will be covered include the introduction of new members and an update on the water system management. An important election for the Stonehedge Club Board of Directors will take place at this year's meeting and we need your participation for this important task. **Meeting Location: Trout Creek Conference Center 4749 S. Pleasantview Rd. Harbor Springs, MI 49740**