

### Updates and Posts

Have you noticed and liked the improvements at the Windsor entrance to Stone Creek? If so, you might want to take a trip to [Country Arbors Nursery \(link\)](#) and say "Thank you" to Shane Cultra. Shane (a resident homeowner of Stone Creek) designed the planting for the entrance, and donated and delivered the massive granite rock (shown in the picture to the right). Shane, we appreciate and thank you for all you do for Stone Creek Subdivision!

### Arbor Day

A word of thanks goes out to a dedicated group of volunteers who, to this point, have been unheralded. Members of this group spent many hours last year and again already this year, tending to the garden areas on the medians. They have been busy pulling weeds, turning the soil and planting bushes and annuals to bring a sense of beauty, color and caring to the community.

The group includes **Tina Answorth, Ann Blackman, Paulette Cantrell, Cindy Capek, Isabel Cole, Theresa Johnson, Julie Palermo, Carolyn Wanagat, Jane Wakeland and Jackie Watson** and has been organized and directed by **Jessica LaRosa and Diane Durbin**. Perhaps some of their husbands have played a role as well. I apologize if I left anyone out. None of the individuals is doing this for any form of recognition, but I wanted to express my sincere thank you as the areas look loved and welcoming. I believe they affectionately call themselves the "Weeders", but I would like to designate them (in honor of my late mother on this Mothers' Day weekend) as the official "Stone Creek Subdivision Garden Club"

In observation of Arbor Day, which was April 24 (officially the last Friday of the month of April), **Jessica LaRosa** has purchased and donated a **Ivory Silk** tree which was recently planted near the Windsor Road entrance. The picture above, is of that tree. Thank you Jessica!

**Diane Durbin** and **Dave Tjaden** transplanted and donated a **Korean Lilac** bush which was installed near the High Cross Road entrance. Thanks Diane and Dave!

Thank you to all for your hard work and for your contributions which are greatly appreciated.

Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers in Stone Creek and all mothers everywhere!

### Steering Committee

Many of you first encountered the Steering Committee on the night of March 10. That is the evening at which Spencer Atkins announced the plan to turn over the golf course to the U of I. The original purpose of that meeting was to have a Q and A regarding proposed revisions to the Covenants and Bylaws.

However, much happened before that evening. A group of dedicated and hard working volunteers spent countless hours behind the scenes to set the way for a transition to an owner managed HOA.

Now that the first election and vote to approve those revised Covenants and Bylaws is completed, it is time

to thank the Steering Committee for all the work that was done that lead us to this point.

But for the leadership and direction of **Jessica LaRosa** none of this would have happened. Jessica is like that Arbor Day tree that was recently planted. She was the founding member of the Committee. The trunk of the tree. Her persistence kept everything going and growing.

**Diane Durbin, Dave Tjaden, Leslie Mason, Janice Grace** and others soon followed as the branches to the tree started to sprout. They and Jessica were primarily responsible for crafting the new documents.

Soon others joined the "Team". Like leaves bursting from the branches. **Chad Beckett, Tom Roth, Jon Reichard, Chris Billing and Mike Krickl**. These members added their experience and wisdom to fine tune the documents that will form the foundation of our organization for years to come.

This brief article does not nearly detail all that went into the effort.

Thank you to each member of the Committee for your individual contributions! The joint effort utilized the unique talents of each member.

### **Reader Comments:**

"After more than ten years of apathy, Jessica got me interested in my subdivision again, to believe I could help make it better."

"From the day she moved to Stone Creek, Jessica started asking questions and offering suggestions on ways to improve the area."

"Jessica was the one who walked Spencer up and down the boulevard and pointed out to him all the areas that needed upgrades and attention after so many years of neglect."

"Jessica really worked tirelessly on the behalf of bettering and beautifying our subdivision."

"I knew that I was not happy with the way things looked in SC but did not think there was anything we could do about it with TAG in control. Jessica saw past that and forged forward."