

May 26, 2021

To: All Stony Creek Association members

From: Dan Bullard, President of Stony Creek Association

This will be my last “presidents’ letter”, as a new president will be elected to carry on our tradition of supporting the community. As I write this, the SCA charter revision committee is rewriting our charter and bi-laws reaffirming our commitment to the community.

During my tenure, the largest involvement has been the legacy theatre. Ironically, the theater has finally opened in the last few months. Our twin goals for legacy were to address the concerns of the neighbors, and yet not cause an untenable position for the theatre. Much compromising was required. I hope as the theatre goes forward; it is a positive for our community.

Our normal activities include checking the local construction, coordinating with Branford police department on parking (always an issue), speeding, and crime. Thankfully, we have very little crime although recently there have been numerous car break ins.

For maintenance, we try to keep the parks tidy and up to date. For a good example, there was a special committee that improved Bayview with new equipment. The maintenance committee also provides flowers around the triangle, coordinates the beach cleanup, and the swimming buoys.

One big ticket item is the snow plowing. There is always contention as to which sidewalks are to be cleared. Also, we have had an issue for some time over the equipment used for the sidewalks. A smaller snowblower causes little damage but can take a long time with a serious storm. This winter, for example, I made the decision to use bigger equipment for a quicker clean up after a major snow fall. While I knew the larger equipment would cause damage, I authorized its use to be expedient. I made the decision, as we are a walking community, and I believed improving the walking conditions was more important than the problem of the torn-up grass.

Over the past year, we introduced a community cleanup on Earth day. Many showed up to help and I hope this tradition continues.

Due to COVID, there was some thought that the full Memorial Day parade would not happen. I am glad to report that the full event is taking place. It starts at 8 a.m. at the triangle.

We have been informed that the pipeline construction will be completed by mid-June, with paving to follow.

In closing I would like to thank numerous people who have made this a truly enjoyable experience. I am hesitant to attempt to list them, as I am sure to miss several.

And to all, thank you, thank you, thank you, for the privilege and honor bestowed you upon me.

Sincerely,

Dan Bullard