

Stonegate E-Mail News of Friday, March 31, 2006

New Board Members

Last night's Stonegate Annual Meeting seated one re-elected board member and three new ones, each for a two year term:

- * Mike Flamer, Windcrest
- * Tom Schafer, Retreat
- * Bill Topf, Windcrest
- * H. David Wood, Retreat

They join continuing board members Chuck Murphy, Suzanne McCann and Lori Condon. Congratulations!

Honors went to Volunteers of the Year Karen Turek and Bill Linz. President Chuck Murphy also honored the departing board members, Bob Kennedy, Jim Murphy and Bill Thompson. The community thanks them all for their service.

Subdivision Signs Vandalized!

Subdivision signs in Tradewinds, Saddleback, Tamarack, Windcrest, Windemere and Mountain View Estates have been vandalized by someone who dislodged and carried off some of the letters. Our signage is expensive and we need those letters back. If one is tossed into your back yard, or you spot it along the trails, please bring it back!

The Honey-Do List

Are you looking for something to do outdoors in this wonderful weather? Please take a good look at the front of the house and see if you need to add one of these projects to the honey-do list:

- * Repair and paint the side gate.
- * Replace the torn net on the kids' basketball hoop.
- * Find a better place to store both the trash container and the recycling container, so they will not be visible except on pick-up days.

Spring Fling

Stonegate's biggest event of the year is set for Sunday, April 23, 2 – 6PM. And it'll be bigger and better than ever.

We've added more rides! Trampolinething has morphed into a pair of harness-trampolines and a four-sided climbing wall, each side with a different level of difficulty. The ride can accommodate adventurous adults as well as kids. We still have Airborne Adventure, the doubleslide, puffyglove boxing, the bunjee run, and the little tykes bouncer. We've also added 50% more tables and doubled the bottled water supply. Joseph Odhiambo will be there, juggling basketballs and leading the children in games. Armand the DJ will play favorites. And then there's the food. More about that later.

We're still looking for Spring Fling sponsors. Stonegate realtors Pat Tom and Karen Weston have already signed up for their special venues. Realtor Peggy Murphy says that the Stonegate Business Networking Group will also sponsor. We want this to be the best yet. So if you're interested in sponsoring, please call Nora at (480) 391-9760.

The No-Barking Season

A barking dog is a problem in any month. But in April, it's much worse. Please remember that your neighbor may have open windows.

Swim Sign-Ups

Lori's Swim School will be on hand for Spring Fling, signing up the kids. Lesson prices are the same as last year:

\$92 for 8 lessons, usually in a group of 4 children.

\$150 for 8 semi-private lessons.

Lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We hope to have a Stonegate swim team again this year. Team sign ups are on a month-to-month basis. We need to sign up 30 swimmers for June to have a team. Swim team is a big part of the Lori's Swim School program. Once children have the basics, they move on to swim team, where they get the coaching and motivation to become strong swimmers. Even small children can understand that with more practice they will swim better and earn more ribbons at the meets.

But why wait for Spring Fling? You can sign up now by calling (602) 787-5977. And we hope you will. In a community with as many pools as Stonegate, learning to swim is essential.

It's Gotta be Green!

If you've converted turf to desert, you still need to maintain 25% continuous green ground cover in front. And this is the season to remedy any problems which may have developed. The weather is perfect right now for replacing dead or marginal plants to make your ground cover look great.

What a Website!

Click on in to www.stonegate-scottsdale.com. It just keeps getting better! Take a look at the new, improved Stonegate Homes pages, especially the Homes for Sale section. Big, colorful pictures of beautiful Stonegate homes offer a chance for all to see how great this place looks. We hope you'll agree it's something to be proud of.