

Stonegate E-Mail News of Monday, 6-15-06

Cell phone antenna update.

The proposed cell phone antenna went before the city's Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, May 3. For those who want details, we have attached the official minutes of that meetings, as posted on the city's website. The gist of it is that they continued the matter by two weeks. They will resume discussion at a meeting this coming Wednesday, at 5PM in the City Hall Kiva. For more information including a list of commission members and an agenda for Wednesday's meeting, check the city's website:

<http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/boards/Parks/documents.asp>

City Election.

The election is tomorrow – Tuesday, 6AM to 7PM. Stonegate Community Center is your polling place. Three City Council seats will be decided, as well as Proposition 402.

Got Toner Cartridges?

While you're here, it's a good chance to get rid of those old toner cartridges from your printer, FAX, copier or whatever, as well as any orphaned cellphones. A donation box has been placed in the hall here at the community center. This is a project for Chrysalis Women's Shelter, which helps victims of domestic violence. Stonegate resident Realtor Karen Weston is a Chrysalis board member and will see that your donations get to the right place.

Swim Team

Lori Lewis reports that lesson sign ups are going well. However, we need 9 more registrations within the coming week in order to have a Stonegate team. (If there is no Stonegate team, children who want to swim competitively can swim with Lori's La Camarilla team.) To sign your child up for lessons or swim team, call Lori's Swim School at 602-787-5977.

Summer Camp

Stonegate tennis coach Michael Grant is also trying to secure commitments for his summer sports camp. He has been enlisting guest sports instructors, as well as teen counselors 16 and over. Michael has committed to a 5:1 supervision ratio, to ensure the children's safety. But these upgrades mean that he pretty much has to have 15 kids to run the camp. The first session begins June 14, and the camp sessions continue through July 21, except fourth of July week. Michael doesn't have an official minimum age, but children must be able to swim the length of the pool. Call Michael at (602) 741-5683 to ask questions or reserve a space in the camp.

The Look

Stonegate requires 25% continuous green turf or groundcover in front. For some, that's lantana or one of the other low-water groundcovers. These plants are hardy, but if you want them to expand to fill up that 25%, they'll do it more quickly with more water. And whether you have turf or groundcover, now is a good time to adjust watering to match the heat. When you do change your irrigation clock, remember that more watering sessions are better than longer watering. And while you're at it, check the mow-height on your mower. An excessively low setting can lead to sunburn – which is ultimately repairable, but could leave you with an ugly spot for several weeks.