

Stonegate Email News of 11-03-06

Halloween Postmortem

On balance, it was a good year. Little pirates and princesses took home lots of candy. The teenagers had a good time. And all of our gate staff survived.

513 non-residents' cars came through the gate from late afternoon through 11PM, 19 were turned away. That extraordinary volume is actually less than last year. During peak traffic times, the gate was able to process two visitor vehicles per minute in each of two lanes at main gate. Use of QuickPass for guest lists had a lot to do with that. Meanwhile, Scottsdale Police kept up a visible patrol presence, leaving the community when needed elsewhere, but with as many as three cars here at times.

Halloween always poses a real dilemma. No matter what the level of enforcement, a few people will complain that it's too much, and a few will find it insufficient. Even if gate admissions are going at optimal speed, there can be delays when traffic reaches such extraordinary levels. By using East Gate as the primary residents' gate, we were able to admit visitors in both lanes at main gate, making the best possible use of personnel and equipment. The results were all we could have hoped for, and our gate staff deserves credit for a great performance.

Expo Open House

Peggy Murphy, a Stonegate Preferred Realtor, is selling a Windemere house that has had quite a lot of remodeling done. She noticed that sometimes people come to open houses looking for remodeling ideas. So she has planned a combination remodeling expo and open house, with the remodeling contractors on site to explain what they did and what it cost. Clever idea. The property is 9147 N. 119th St. in Windemere, Saturday, 1 – 4PM.

Help Save Homeless Kitties

Just a reminder that Arizona Maine Coon Cat Rescue (an arm of SAFE – Saving Animals From Euthanasia) will hold a local artisan jewelry show fundraiser at the Stonegate Community Center, 11AM until 3PM, this Saturday, November 4. They hope you'll stop by. For more information about adoptable cats, call (480) 391-2640 or try their website, <http://www.azmccr.org>.

Stonegate Community Center is Your Polling Place

You can vote or drop off your mail ballot, 6AM – 7PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7.

Volunteers Wanted!

Yesterday (Thursday 11/2) we mailed you a solicitation to run for the Stonegate Board of Directors, and an application. We hope you will consider serving your community as a Board member. But if you're not ready for that, committee members are also essential. At the moment, two committees have vacancies to fill. They are:

- The Physical Property Committee.
- The Social/Recreational Committee.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the Community Center at (480) 391-9760, or just reply to this email, giving your name, subdivision and phone number. We will forward it to the committee chair.

Brush Collection Next Week

Our city brush collection is next week. The city would like you to have your trimmings and bulk items curbside by very early Monday morning, but will not tell us on what day of the week they plan to pick them up. Please position them so that they don't block the sidewalk.