

Stonegate Email News of 11/17/06

Food Drive.

This year we are working with students from Desert Mountain High School to collect food for Vista del Camino, Scottsdale's social service center for needy families. We are collecting non-perishable foods and, for the first time, turkeys. Desert Mountain has a freezer for them, and will send someone running over to pick up any turkeys you might donate. We have already received generous food donations from a few Stonegate families. But this is a great time to clean out the pantry before going out to shop for Thanksgiving. We hope you will consider bringing your donation to the Community Center, Monday during office hours, or Saturday between 10AM and 2PM. Favorites include canned foods, kids' favorites such as canned spaghetti and ravioli, ramen soup, boxed mac and cheese, cereals, and bagged rice, pasta and beans.

Board Application Deadline.

To run or not to run for Stonegate's Board of Directors. We sent you an application on November 2. We need your decision (and completed application) by 5PM Thursday, November 30.

Holiday Parties.

Stonegate's annual Holiday Party for Adults will be Thursday, December 7, 5:30 – 8:30PM. It's a great chance to meet, greet and, of course, eat.

Peggy Murphy will sponsor this year's Children's Holiday Party. It will be Saturday, December 9. Story Time with Stonegate's own story lady, Esther Gomez, will start at 10:15AM. Santa arrives at 11:00AM, and we send him back to the North Pole at 1:00 PM. Peggy, who is an active mom herself, has some changes in mind to make it even more fun for the kids. One thing remains the same, however: If you want the kids to meet other Stonegate kids, this is where it happens.

Lights!

The Community Association will put up lights next week. So if you're eagerly awaiting the earliest possible moment when you can deck your walls, this is it.

Water

The bad news: water rates are going up this month. The good news: only 5.5% overall increase. The best news: you can probably decrease watering time during the winter months, not just to your turf, but on cactus and other plants. This also promotes winter dormancy. To find out more, try <http://www.wateruseitwisely.com>.