

## **Stonegate Email News of 3-23-07**

### **Open house.**

Realtor Pat Tom invites everyone to a special open house this Sunday, 1 – 5 PM in Windemere at 9191 N. 117<sup>th</sup> Way. What's special about it? Pat has done a very substantial remodeling job, inside and out, and several of the contractors and vendors involved will be on hand to tell you what they did and what it cost. If you're interested in home improvement ideas or solutions, give it a look. (Refreshments, too.)

### **No trash can shortcuts!**

Trash and recycling cans should be left out the minimum amount of time possible. They should be stored out of sight, not parked off beside the driveway. Your neighbors will be much happier that way.

### **Anonymous letters**

If you can't sign it, don't send it. We routinely keep names confidential. When you tell us about a problem, we go out and make our own observations. This allows us to take up the matter without using your name. But if our observations don't square up with yours, we need to talk with you. So if you want us to act upon your letter, you must identify yourself.

### **Volunteers wanted**

This is the time of year when we ask you to consider joining a committee. There are vacancies on several committees. If you're interested, we'd like to hear from you in writing (email will do), so we can forward it to the appropriate committee chair. With Spring Fling just around the corner (Sunday, April 22), this is also the time to ask you if you can spare an hour to help out. Our greeters are essential and there isn't a better way to meet your Stonegate neighbors. Call Nora at the Community Center – (480) 391-9760 (ext.14).

### **Old plants**

A member of the Architecture Committee writes:

If your plantings are 12+ years old, it may be time to take a hard look at them. Do you want to continue attempting to contain them or is it time to replace.

As we age, so do our plantings.

Can you still see over your oleander or sage without a ladder? Does your 12-year-old overgrown planting encroach so far over your entry walk that your guests must approach your door single file or sideways? Is your dead pampas grass (with a smidgen of green in the center) now the size of a Mini-Cooper and a haven for rodents or nasty insects? Has your pyracantha or bougainvillea eaten the wall?

If you say yes to any of the above, perhaps it is time to replace them.