

Stonegate Email News of 6-27-07

Greener grass

The 112° days have arrived. Keeping green grass and healthy plantings in this kind of heat requires a different strategy. First, you'll need to adjust your irrigation to provide more water, more often. If you have turf, a walk down almost any street in the community will demonstrate the importance of mow-height. Look at the really bad lawns. Most of them have been cut too short. The great lawns are all cut just a bit higher.

Tree damage

By now it's obvious which trees survived the January frost, and which didn't. Most of the larger *ficus nitida* trees pulled through. Those that were cut drastically and very early have shown an amazing recovery. By the end of the summer they will have enough greenery to disguise the enormous damage they suffered. If you have damaged trees which still need trimming, a walk around the block will demonstrate that you've done them no favors by putting it off. And if your trees were among the casualties, don't wait for a letter from the Association. Call your landscaper now and have the dead trees removed.

Pool clarity

Next Tuesday, July 3, the sand in all five filters serving the pool and spa will be changed out. That should solve the cloudiness problems we've been experiencing lately. Meanwhile, the water 100% safe. Stonegate Pool is tested thoroughly and often. And it will remain open, even during the fencing renovations.

Swim lessons

It's not too late to sign your children up for Stonegate Swim Team or lessons in Stonegate Pool. The July session doesn't begin until July 9. Go to www.kickskids.com or call Little Fins Swim School at (480) 585-7684.

SOS

With so much work to do in the common areas this summer, we will not write up any outdoor SOS calls in July and August. Indoor SOS calls for smoke detector batteries, high ceiling lights and such are still being scheduled, but not on Mondays or Fridays. Call Dolly at (480) 391-9760 to be added to that list.

Verizon follow-up

Board President Mike Flamer and Executive Director Larry Paprocki met recently with the Mayor and members of the City Council. We believe that the antennas will be approved, but no action is expected before September. Over the summer, Stonegate will continue to actively meet and discuss this issue with interested individuals and groups, including homeowners from Paradise Heights, the community just to the east of here.

Vandalism follow-up

Repairs are almost complete. A report has been filed with the Scottsdale Police Department, which is now investigating. Meanwhile, no one has suggested a possible owner for the dark blue Mongoose Motivator bike (see photo below) which was abandoned a couple of weeks ago after an incident involving firecrackers. We'd really like to ask the owner some questions. The bike will go to a charity unless the owner is found. Contact the Community Association: (480) 391-9760.

