

Stonegate Email News of 1-31-08

Verizon correction. The City Council meeting is 5PM Tuesday, February 19, not 6PM. That means the bus will load here at the Community Center at 4PM on that date. We are not on the Consent Agenda, the list of issues predicted to pass with no opposition. This is not a done deal. They expect opposition. So should we. We have endured more than two years of hedging and delays and still have no cell phone service. So if you want to go in the Stonegate bus, call Nora at (480) 391-9760, ext. 14 – or just hit email reply and let us know.

The Spa will be back in service by noon tomorrow. Pool heater installation is now under way. Burl expects that the pool water should be back up to its usual 82 degrees some time Sunday, the exact time being as unpredictable as the weather between now and then.

Poker: Let's do it again. Jerry Levine and his many friends had a great time at the first tournament last November. So they have scheduled another Texas Hold 'em tournament on Wednesday, February 27, here at the Community Center. This is basically the same event as last time -- \$50 buy-in, professional dealers. But if there is demand, they'll expand to five tables (40 players). To sign up, call Nora at (480) 391-9760, ext. 14. Or just reply to this email. The tournament is open to Stonegate residents only. If you are interested in helping to organize the event, just let us know and Jerry will get in touch with you.

Soliciting in Stonegate? You may have found a bag and a note at your doorstep, asking you to participate in the Boy Scouts' food drive. This was the result of a mis-communication. The Association hopes you weren't inconvenienced. Some residents have asked for clarification regarding the rules.

Stonegate is a vehicle access controlled community and as such is generally able to keep outside door-to-door sales organizations at bay. Solicitations by Stonegate kids for their schools, scouts or other worthy activities is quite another thing.

You may be asked by kids on your block to buy Girl Scout cookies and Desert Mountain coupon books. That's a neighborhood-building activity, one of the ways that neighbors can get to know each other. We do ask the parents to monitor their children's solicitations and limit them to people they know and those in the neighborhood (who they should know). But there are a lot of Girl Scouts and Desert Mountain High School students in Stonegate. The neighbors may not be so accommodating if too many ring the doorbell.

For larger efforts, it's important to coordinate the activity through the Community Association. We'll find the best way to get the job done, using good communications to minimize the annoyance factor. In any case, the Scouts' food drive is a good cause and worthy of your support. Stonegate has always been very generous in its many community-wide charitable activities. Most Stonegate residents are justifiably proud of that.

Super Bowl Party Planners' Reminder. Don't forget to give your guest list to the gate, preferably by entering it into QuickPass.