

Stonegate Email News of 3-18-08

Stonegate Events Calendar:

Thursday, March 20, 7PM	Nutritional/Health Seminar (see below)
Saturday, March 22, 8:30AM.	Hike (see below)
Monday, March 24, 4PM	Stonegate Cinema Discussion Group (See below.)
Thursday, March 27, 7PM	Annual Homeowners' Meeting and announcement of election results. (See below.)
Friday, March 28, 7:30PM	Latin Dance Night at Fred Astaire Studios. (No charge) & possible conga line to The Office for margaritas. (See below.)
Sunday, March 30, 11AM- 3PM	Spring Fling. Stonegate's biggest event of the season. A community picnic for the whole family. (See below.) Swim lesson/swim team sign-ups. (See Stonegate Email News of 3-06-08.)
Monday, March 31.	Pool area closed for renovation. (See Stonegate Email News of 3-06-08.)
Wednesday, April 9, 4PM	Current Events Discussion Group (See below.)
Wednesday, April 23, 6:30PM	Stonegate Texas Hold-Em Tournament (See below.)
Thursday, May 1.	Scheduled reopening of pool area.
Saturday, May 3, 12:45PM.	Diamondbacks vs. NY Mets at Chase Field. (See below.)
Tuesday, May 6.	Start of swim instruction and team practice in Stonegate Pool.

Nutritional/Health Seminar. Pat Tom, Denise Zuzak and their group invite you to join them for another seminar **this Thursday**, March 20, at 7PM. Bob Schulhof will speak on "How good oral health can lower your risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, lung disease, cancer and even pregnancy complications." This is an educational group, not a sales meeting.

A Hike to Remember. The Stonegate Stepping Out wildflower hike **this Saturday**, March 22, will gather at 8:15 at the Alma School trailhead. A McDowell Sonoran Conservancy guide will show you a carefully chosen section of this spectacular preserve. This has been a great year for rain so it should be a spectacular wildflower season. Wear sturdy shoes and please remember to bring a contribution for the Conservancy. Directions: from Stonegate take the 101 north to the Pima/Princess exit. Continue north on Pima Road to Dynamite and turn right (east). Turn left (north) at the light at Alma

School Road, continue to the end of the paved road. There are no bathrooms at this location.

For more information, call Ann Fitzpatrick at (480) 946-2255. And to visit the Conservancy website: <http://www.mcdowellsonoran.org>

Movie lovers' alert. The Contemporary Cinema class has finished its term. But hey, they're still making movies. So some of your movie-loving neighbors formed a new movie discussion group. You're invited to join them, Mondays at 4PM. Admission is free – though you'll undoubtedly have to pay to see the movie. **Next Monday** they will discuss *The Bank Job*, currently playing at UA Sonoran Village and Harkins Shea 14.

Stonegate's Annual Homeowners' Meeting. Thursday, March 27, 7PM (following a Board Meeting at 6PM). The Nomination and Election Committee will announce the election results. It's important that you vote. With four excellent candidates for four Board seats, it's not exactly a nail biter. But ***your vote counts toward quorum, which is essential. So please vote.*** If you've lost your ballot package, just contact the Community Association, (480) 391-9760.

Spring Fling. On March 30, 11AM to 3PM, hundreds of Stonegate residents will converge on the recreational area for rides, food, music, entertainment and, of course, to meet neighbors old and new. This year we have your favorite rides again – the climbing wall, airborne adventure, bungee run, puffyglove boxing and the baby bouncer. Remember last year's double slide? This year we have the double slide's big brother. And former Suns player Joseph Odhiambo is back to entertain, lead games and spin basketballs atop your child's tiny fingers – while daddy makes it a Kodak moment. So don't forget the camera!

It's not easy being Green. Stonegate will soon add a Conservation Committee. Its members will study available Green technology and consider how the Community Association can best operate in an environmentally friendly manner. To volunteer, hit email reply and give us your name, subdivision, phone, etc. Or call (480) 391-9760.

The current events discussion group will meet again on **Wednesday, April 9** at 4PM. Their topic: The decline of the dollar and other economic issues. Bring your own hankies.

Latin Dance Night at Fred Astaire Studios. Friday, March 28, 7:30PM (No charge) . . . and possible conga line to The Office for margaritas. No partner needed. A fun group event and a chance to learn a few dance steps. Call Ann Fitzpatrick, (480) 946-2255.

More poker. Join us for another Stonegate-only Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament on **Wednesday, April 23**. The rules, buy-in and schedule will be the same as our last very successful tournament. In addition to the professional dealers we will have a Director to keep track of time (blinds) and to settle any disputes that may arise.

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Time: Arrive at 6:30 pm for seat assignment

Rules briefing at 6:45 pm

Play starts promptly at 7:00 pm and ends at 10:00 pm
To reserve your seat make out a \$50.00 check to "**Stonegate Community Association**" marked "**Poker**" and deliver to either the Community Center or the drop-off box at the gate. **Your check will not be cashed prior to April 17.** But by dropping it off now, you let our organizer know that the event can go forward, and he can let the dealers know how many tables we need. For more information, just hit Reply and we will forward your email to tournament organizer Jerry Levine.

Diamondbacks vs. New York Mets. Stonegate Stepping Out has reserved 50 excellent Baseline Box seats for the game on Saturday, May 3, 12:45PM. Come early for a tour of Chase Field. These seats are available for \$32 each, well below face value. Call Ann Fitzpatrick, (480) 946-2255. She'll help put together car pool groups, too.