

## Stonegate Email News of 9-18-08

### First, the schedule for the remainder of this week:

**Thursday (tonight), 9-18. 7PM. Community meeting** to review the proposed Amended and Restated CC&Rs. At the Community Center. First you'll see a brief presentation. Then you can ask questions of the people who know this document best: members of the committee which has spent three years creating it. And if you have ideas to share, they'd really like to hear from you. Refreshments will be served.

### **Friday, 9-19. 6:45PM. Dive-In Movie at Stonegate Pool: *Over the Hedge*.**

This is the final movie of the year, and the last Stonegate family-networking opportunity until the Children's Holiday Party in December. Come at 6PM to meet and eat with other Stonegate families. As before, admission is \$1 per person -- and yes, your kids can bring along their best friend(s). Our sponsor, Wells Fargo home mortgage consultant Renee Sacco, is providing the snacking pizza and beverages. She's a Stonegate resident and will be on hand to meet you. (Her phone: 480-767-5000 or email: [renee.sacco@wellsfargo.com](mailto:renee.sacco@wellsfargo.com) )

Two items to consider if you're interested in attending:

- Please sign up and pay in advance. It helps us avoid long lines at the in-gate. You can come to the community center or leave an envelope in the drop-off box attached to the main gate in the outbound lane. The form is attached.
- *We could really use some volunteers to help with the event – at the greeters/sign in table, the pizza & soft drinks area, and to help me move the equipment into the Community Center at the end of the show. Call Nora at (480) 391-9760 or click email reply.*

**Saturday, 9-20. 8:30AM. Community breakfast meeting.** Enjoy a cup of coffee and a bagel or a muffin with your Stonegate neighbors. The meeting (see Thursday for details) will start at about 9AM.

### **It's ugly grass season again!**

You may have noticed that some of the nicest lawns in Stonegate are looking more than just slightly rough right now. Work has already begun to produce similarly ugly grass in the common areas. If you recently arrived in the valley, you may be surprised to know *that's intentional*.

Stonegate requires winter over-seeding if you have turf. That begins with a couple of weeks of progressively shorter cuts. Then water is withheld for a period of time sufficient to drive the

Bermuda grass into dormancy. The grand finale occurs at the end of September or early October: overseeding with winter rye. With the water back on, the lawns quickly grow up greener than they've been all year, and stay that way through next April, or even later.

If you haven't yet talked to your gardener about winter grass conversion, now's the time. Overseeding is required by our Architectural Guidelines. Failure to overseed will put you in violation of the documents which the Community Association is required to administer. In a year of falling property values, the lush, green look that Stonegate is known for is especially important to the prestige of the community and the value of your property here.

If you have questions about overseeding, ask your gardener or try this link:

<http://phoenix.about.com/od/desertplantsandflowers/a/wintergrass.htm>