

## Stonegate Email News of 1-28-09

**Election update.** The Nomination and Election Committee updated the count yesterday afternoon. Heritage Court again wins the *Highly Unofficial Community Spirit Kudos*, showing the highest voter participation for the second week in a row, with Timarron running a very respectable second.

	total number of houses	Raw total: Count #2	percent voting
Heritage Court	41	19	46.34%
Timarron	53	23	43.40%
Windemere	76	30	39.47%
Tamarack	91	32	35.16%
Vintage	66	22	33.33%
Tradewinds	67	22	32.84%
Saddleback	86	28	32.56%
Belcourt	78	25	32.05%
Windcrest	60	18	30.00%
Regal	28	8	28.57%
Regent	58	16	27.59%
Retreat	145	37	25.52%
Stonecreek	13	3	23.08%
Reserve	37	8	21.62%
Mountain View	17	2	11.76%
<b>Total of homes</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>31.99%</b>

Unofficial vote count:

Yes 288

No 5

614 yes votes are required for passage.

The Board encourages a *yes* vote.

**Volunteers from the Special Election Ad Hoc Committee** will soon start contacting their neighbors to remind them that **it is very important to vote**. Not voting is worse than a no vote because it represents apathy, not a definitive decision. If you misplaced your ballot, stop by the Community Center (open 8:30AM to 5PM weekdays, 10AM to 2PM Saturdays) and get a replacement. You can mark your ballot on the spot and deposit it before you leave.

**Play poker?** Seats are still available for Thursday night's game. If you're interested, call Jerry Levine at (480) 614-9903. Or email him at [levipod@cox.net](mailto:levipod@cox.net).

**Coachlight reminder.** When Stonegate was built, the developers created a street lighting system which made lights on poles unnecessary. So each Stonegate home has two lights controlled by sensors, which illuminate the neighborhood.

You are responsible for maintaining your lights. That's a two step process:

- Observe your house after dark from time to time to make sure the lights are working.
- Replace the bulbs when they burn out.

You may choose to install low-power CFL bulbs, provided they give off as much light as the old incandescent bulbs you were using. The packaging will provide the information you need. The CFLs are a good choice because they last much longer and use less juice.

### **The Stonegate swim program.**

At last night's meeting, the Board approved the 2009 Stonegate swim program. Starting in May and running through the summer, it offers lessons and swim team practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same price as last year. Sarah Allen will be our instructor for the third year in a row. **Sign-up forms are attached.**

### **Stonegate Book Club dates and selections:**

The group meets at 10AM on the second Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

February 12. *Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo.

March 12. *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks.

April 9. *Snowflower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See.

May 14. *Run* by Ann Patchett.

### **The Contemporary Cinema Group**

They meet again at 4PM on Monday, February 2 to talk about *Defiance*, currently showing at Sonoran Village, Shea 14 and Desert Ridge.

**Turf tips.** If your lawn looks blotchy, try adding iron. Plan on doing this two or three times before the summer lawn takes over. And don't forget that regular fertilization is essential.