

Stonegate Email News of 3-31-09

New Board of Directors: At last Thursday's Annual Meeting, Stonegate seated a new Board of Directors. Newly elected or re-elected are (in alphabetical order):

- o Mike Flamer
- o Dr. Don Levitt
- o Chuck Murphy
- o Lee Secrest

They join the three continuing Directors (alphabetically):

- o Ron Leeds
- o Suzanne McCann
- o Tom Schaefer

The Amended and Restated CC&Rs were approved at the Annual Meeting with 70% of the community voting in favor. They now go to the County Recorder and will then be installed on the CC&Rs link on our website, www.stonegate-scottsdale.com.

Special recognition went to two women whose energy and talents made a positive and enduring mark on this community during the year past: Departing Vice-President Lori Condon, who has finished her limit of two successive terms on the Board, and Volunteer of the Year Ann Fitzpatrick. Please take the time to read about their accomplishments in the 2009 Annual Report, which is on the website at: <http://www.stonegate-scottsdale.com/SG/AnnualReport/Archives/2009%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

If you haven't seen the Annual Report yet, we hope you'll check it out soon using the link above. It has a lot of information about Stonegate's finances (which are excellent) and the year's activities (also excellent), as well as more pictures on more pages than ever before. The down side? The 5MB file takes 12 seconds to load on my machine. Please be patient.

This year's Spring Fling is set for Sunday, April 19, 11AM to 3PM. Thanks to our sponsors, there will be no downsizing of our grand family picnic. The children will climb, slide, jump, tumble and pummel each other in a variety of bouncy rides. Joe Odhiambo will lead the children in "hoop" games and spin basketballs atop tiny fingers. Larry and the staff will cook up those delicious dogs and burgers. And it should be plenty warm enough to swim. Our sponsors are:

- Preferred Realtor Karen Weston, sponsoring the ice cream cart again.
- Dennis Solin, CPA, PFS, tax guy and popcorn popper extraordinaire.
- Jacquie Richardson, Legacy Remodelers. Full service design and construction.
- Carrie Renli, Renli Interiors. Big changes and small.
- Elements Therapeutic Massage (Located in the new shops on Shea)
- AHR Mechanical. Heating and Air Conditioning.
- Matt Colo, Membership Director at Gainey Ranch Golf Club.

AdMail will be out later this week with more information about our sponsors.

Love that weather! Now's the time to do all those essential maintenance things that won't be fun in the triple-digit season. We'd like to suggest a few:

- **Turf transition.** Cut it a bit lower than usual. After a few days, up the water to help the Bermuda come through. Watering can start earlier now. But please be water-wise. Time your sprinkler and see how long it takes for the water to run to the pavement. That's the maximum time your sprinkler should run. To give the lawn even more water, increase the number of start times on your timer. When all that is done, feed the turf to help start its growing season.
- **Gate maintenance.** Replace those broken slats and re-stain it.
- **Check the walls** for peeling paint. And if you own both sides of the wall, be sure to check them both.
- **Look for tree encroachments.** Stonegate requires that trees which overhang the sidewalk be trimmed to allow an absolute minimum of eight feet of headroom for passers by. If the tree overhangs the street, you must provide even more clearance – enough for a large SUV or delivery truck to pass unobstructed.