

Stonegate Email News of April 14, 2009

(This is a very big newsletter. Please don't skip the later items.)

Here's our new Board of Directors, with officers elected last week at a special session called for that purpose:

Mike Flamer	President
Chuck Murphy	Vice-President
Tom Schaefer	Treasurer
Suzanne McCann	Secretary
Ron Leeds	Director
Dr. Don Levitt	Director
Lee Secrest	Director

Board meetings are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 6PM.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 28.

This year's Spring Fling is going to be great! Weather looks good, and thanks to our sponsors, we haven't cut back anything at our grand annual community picnic. Enjoy rides, entertainment, and most important, a chance to catch up with neighbors you may not have seen for a while. Plenty of delicious picnic food, too. We hope you'll bring the whole family to the recreational area this Sunday, April 19, 11AM to 3PM. (If you play tennis, please see the attachment for information about tennis activities just added.)

Stonegate's Little Fins swim programs start in May. Little Fins will be at Spring Fling to sign children up for lessons and swim team. The forms are posted on the Stonegate website: <http://stonegate-scottsdale.com/SG/Carousel/Archives/> or call Little Fins at (480) 585-7684.

Stonegate has a new tennis pro. Quita Remick is a coach with terrific credentials, experience organizing tennis in large HOAs, and an infectious sense of fun. She's happy to teach adults or juniors, private and group lessons, stroke development through tournament play. Call her at (480) 363-0894.

Quita will run a tennis event at Spring Fling – pretty much all day. There will be activities for adults, and children in each age group, including kids who have never played and don't have a racquet. Please look at the attachment for times. (**Big hint for parents:** Bring the kids to the age group activities. It's a good way for your child to meet new Stonegate friends.)

Quita will join Jeremy Feldman of Tradewinds in reviving Stonegate's day camp. Children will learn tennis and other sports in three two-week sessions, the first starting June 1. The flyer is available in the Community Center or the website (Carousel of Forms). Or call (480) 688-2181.

The spa was closed yesterday – because of a broken bottle. Glass bottles are not permitted in the pool area -- and that's why. But the story gets worse: After the spa was drained, we found that the spa light casing had been vandalized. We hope to have it filled and working again some time Friday.

Is your child starting kindergarten next year? Please read the attachment regarding tomorrow morning's Kindergarten Roundup at Laguna Elementary.

The Current Events Discussion Group will meet tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 4PM in the Community Center. Stonegate's Myron Picoult, an impressively credentialed expert on Wall Street, Insurance, AIG, etc. will talk to the group about Wall Street's role in the current economic mess. It's an opportunity to get a unique and authoritative view on something we all care about. Everyone is welcome.

The Movie Discussion Group will meet again next Monday at 4PM to discuss *Jolene*, opening Friday at the Camelview.

Attention Fashionistas! Mark your calendar for a CAbi fashion show – a real show, with modeling, not a trunk show – at the Community Center, Saturday, May 2, at 3PM. CAbi consultant Darla Cooke wants to include a few amateur models from Stonegate for this show. She'll present all sizes, including larger sizes. So if you're not a size 2, that's okay. To volunteer for modeling, or to RSVP, call her at (480) 363-7737. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so early reservations might be a good idea. There will be no selling during the show. But if you want the clothes, Darla will happily talk with you about that afterwards.

Artist Nora Perry of Tradewinds will show her bright, sensuous floral paintings in a two-woman show, "Flora and Fauna: A Fresh Look at Nature in Living Color," at BRIO Fine Arts Center on Raintree. The artists' reception is on Saturday, May 2, 6 – 8PM. She invites all her Stonegate neighbors to drop by. The circular is attached.

The "Paws in Need" donation drive for the County Animal Shelter was a resounding success. Belcourt residents Stace and Lisa Kautz delivered over 750 pounds of dog food, 170 pounds of cat food, 2 moving boxes of treats, toys and 15 dog beds to the shelter. They also took two SUV loads of towels, blankets and sheets, and many leashes, collars, shampoo and brushes and other items. Impressive!

Seconds 2 Go is a thrift store in Phoenix supporting Chrysalis Shelters, which serve abused women and children. They need good, usable furniture and clothing, and would much appreciate your donation. Preferred Realtor Karen Weston has long been active in supporting Chrysalis. To donate, call Jodie Weisenberg, Special Projects Manager at Chrysalis, (602) 955-9059. Cell: (602) 663-8085, www.noabuse.org or call Karen Weston if you need help getting your donation to them: (602) 980-3115.