

Stonegate Email News of 2009-09-18

NewPath Update. Yesterday, NewPath's plans for the Stonegate transmitters went before the city's Development Review Board and was approved 7 – 0. It will be placed on the City Council's agenda and we will advise you of the date of that meeting. We have asked NewPath to provide us with an updated photo-sim of the Mountain View Estates installation at Mission Lane and San Victor. When we get it, we'll put it up on the website. All other NewPath information posted on our website is correct. Executive Director Larry Paprocki will soon contact NewPath to set up negotiations on the use-license and lease which will then be presented to several committees as well as the Board of Directors. When all that is done, Stonegate has the right of final approval, to accept or deny NewPath's plan. We'll let you know when it comes before Stonegate's board. That will **not** happen at next Tuesday evening's meeting.

Ugly grass season starts Monday! Stonegate has already lowered the mower blades to 2" and turned off the water to discourage growth. On Monday, crews will begin scalping. This will take 3 to 4 days. When night-time temperatures drop into the sixties, we will overseed and set the sprinklers for four cycles a day. Typically, that's about October 4.

What does that mean for you?

- Stonegate won't be booking landscape SOS calls for a few weeks.
- You probably don't want to party at the pool. For the next couple of weeks, the area won't look good and the pool could get dirty if there's a wind. Once the seed goes down, it's *Keep Off the Grass* time.
- Stonegate requires winter turf conversion for all front yard turf areas. We issue hefty \$450 fines for non-compliance, so it really is cheaper to comply. Talk to your gardener or, if you do it yourself, try this link:
<http://phoenix.about.com/od/desertplantsandflowers/a/wintergrass.htm>.

Last call for artists! An Affair of the Art is closing its exhibitor list soon. Ann Fitzpatrick reports that 30 artists have signed up to show their work on Saturday, November 7. They include painters, sculptors, photographers, fabric artists, jewelry makers and some whose work is not easy to categorize. If you're a snowbird, a newbie or just a procrastinator, and want to show, please pick up your application from the Carousel on the Stonegate website, or at the Community Center. If you have questions, call Ann at (480)946-2255 or email her: ann@garciarealty.com .

A Dive-In fireworks show! About 150 attended last Friday evening's event. They came to see *Hotel for Dogs*, but about halfway through, nature staged a bigger show on the eastern horizon. We pulled everyone out of the pool, hoping that the clouds would stay over Fountain Hills. But no, first came the wind, then the rain. Families ran for their cars shortly after the second load of pizza arrived, with the movie not yet finished. By the time we had put the equipment away, the rain was subsiding and did not return. Weather is always a risk with an outdoor event. We'll hope for better luck next year. Meanwhile, thanks to our sponsor James Bland of Kaleidoscope Painting (480-570-5622). It was fun while it lasted.

The Stonegate Movie Discussion Group will meet at 4PM next Monday to discuss *La Silence de Lorna*, playing this weekend at the Camelview.

The Stonegate Book Club begins its regular season with a discussion of *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs on Thursday, October 8th at 10:00 AM in the Community Center. They hope some members will bring along their knitting projects to the discussion meeting. If you can't make that one, perhaps you can calendar November 12th, when they discuss *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout, a Pulitzer Prize winner. New members are welcome, especially at the start of the new season. The book list is available from the Carousel on our website.