

# Stonegate Sentinel

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Our Neighborhood Newsletter

August 2022

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Doug Handlin*

A warm (HOT!!!) summer greetings to all our neighbors and friends at Stonegate Hill!

Staying cool has definitely been a challenge this year as well as keeping the grass green and the trees alive! It has also been a little difficult on the pets! (Those of you walking your dogs around the park have probably noticed the water dish that has been attached to the outside drinking fountain. Thank you, Jim and Patty Meredith.)

My compliments go out to our enduring neighbors along Luckenbach and Kerrville who have survived the construction next door, and then rain and mud runoff during our brief deluge of precipitation last month. You are the gritty survivors! Thank you for your patience.

A big thanks to all our HOA Board members for staying on top of the problems with our infrastructure. A big shout out to Joan Lopez for being on top of gate repairs, plumbing/irrigating challenges and pool issues.

Upcoming things to look forward to:

1. New picnic tables under the awning at the pool!
2. Awning over the baby pool!
3. Movie night in the park (after the weather cools down)!

Thank you everyone for being the wonderful community that we are! There is so very much to be thankful for!

**WE ARE STONEGATE STRONG!**

## WELCOME

Megan and Veronica Babauta  
Samuel Beaudoin & Anne Smart  
Brian and Kayla Grant  
Jason Keady  
Grant and Kayla Ledet  
Kyle and Ashley Loudermilk  
Dominic and Joy Padilla  
Lee and Roger Sexton-Mendoza  
Dennis and Sai-Han Yu

## FAREWELL

Ramses Alcala and Eva Davila  
Mayumi Brown  
Sharon Carr  
Terry and Shonda Patton  
Raul and Catalina Pena  
Andrew and Ashley Stephens

## GOOGLE FIBER

As communicated via email last month, Google Fiber has finished installing fiberoptic cables in the neighborhood. However, they have run into an unexpected snag and will not be able to finish the behind-the-scenes work for another couple of months. The issue has to do with the network that will be servicing our neighborhood. Repairs need to be done and there is a delay in receiving the parts needed to complete the setup. We will share more details as we get them.

On a related note, the flags placed in yards can now be removed. If you should come across any work that is unfinished, please let us know the address and we will have Google Fiber come back out to finish the work. Blue paint found on curbs and sidewalks can be washed off with soap and water.

### STONEGATE HILL HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**HOA Committee Chairpersons**  
Activities: Susan Handlin  
ACC: Bill Manchester  
Newsletter: **Volunteer Needed**  
Pet Registry: Kathy Davis  
Swim Team: Julie Xia  
Webmaster: Virginia Guevara  
Welcome: Patty Meredith

## REMINDERS

**Watering:** The San Antonio Water System has put Stage 2 Water Restrictions in effect. Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is allowed only once a week between 7 am and 11 am and 7 pm and 11 pm on your designated watering day. Watering day is determined by last digit of address: Monday 0/1, Tuesday 2/3, Wednesday 4/5, Thursday 6/7, and Friday 8/9. No watering is allowed on weekends.

**Street Parking:** The Stonegate Hill covenants Article 5.23 states on street parking, except by visitors, is prohibited. Please keep Stonegate Hill safe by parking household vehicles in the driveway. Doing so allows clear streets for emergency vehicles and provides a safer environment, especially for children crossing the streets and adults walking for exercise.

**Trash/Recycle Containers:** Twice a month Spectrum AM does a drive through of the neighborhood to check for covenant violations. The number one write up is failure to remove trash or recycle containers from the street after they are emptied by the City Waste trucks. In accordance with the covenants containers shall not be stored, kept, placed, or maintained on any lot where visible from the street except solely on the day designated for removal and shall be removed from view before the following day.

**Automatic Payment of Dues:** As a reminder, homeowner dues increased on January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't updated your quarterly automatic payment to \$199.50, you'll receive a late fee of \$20. And, for every month there is a balance on your account (including late fees), you'll be charged additional late fees and interest.

## GARAGE SALE

The fall garage sale is scheduled for the first weekend in Oct, Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## DATES OF INTEREST

**Flag Days:** Days to Display the US Flag

Labor Day	Sep 5
Patriot Day	Sep 11
POW/MIA	
Recognition Day	Sep 17
Columbus Day	Oct 10
Veterans Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Nov 24

**First Day of School:** Aug 22

## School Holidays:

Labor Day	Sep 5
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 21-25
Winter Break	Dec 19-30

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Our annual Independence Day Parade was a tremendous success, with our streets lined with flags, cheering neighbors, and an array of decked out vehicles! Once again Fire House 45 joined the fun as well as our San Antonio SAFFE Officer, Justin Hatcher.

**Congratulations to our Stonegate Hill Independence Day Parade Winners!**

**The Pasola Family** lead the way winning FUN WITH THE FAMILY.

**Pedro Zepeda** peddled his way to a win in the US HISTORY category.

**Luis and Gloria Guardiola** drove away with the award for CLASSIC VEHICLE.

**The Miller Family** earned the win for SALUTE TO THE MILITARY.

**The Conley Crew** of Nate, Maya and Tana won MOST PATRIOTIC.

A **HUGE** thank you to our great **Memory Makers Team** and to all who participated!

## Read the Following CAREFULLY

### DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

**5.20 LANDSCAPING.** All front yards and side yards on all Lots, up to the wing that extends from the side of the house to the side property line, must be sodded within three months after occupancy of the house. Side yards on corner lots must be sodded the full length of the property line adjacent to the street. After sodding, all yards must be maintained with grass or landscaping in a neat and well mown condition, free of unsightly weeds and overgrowth. Decorative ground cover rock in the front and side yard may be used in lieu of grass but may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total area of the front and side yard.

With that said, a few residents have already been notified that their lawns were not in compliance with the rules and regulations of our community. Your first thought is that the Board of Directors must be crazy and not paying attention to the weather; it has been D---- Hot and super dry! Well, your Board members are homeowners too and completely comprehend what is going on with this extremely unusual weather. But many residents are wondering why so many homes have no grass or very

little while others have more weeds than grass.

Your Board has voted to temporarily suspend the requirement to have your lawns fully comply with the Landscaping Rule while we suffer through this period of drought and extreme hot weather. However, this rule will be completely reinstated in a few months when the weather returns to normal temperatures and rain. Homes with no or little grass should make the necessary plans to restore their lawns to full compliance. Homes with weeds should start using the correct fertilizer or treatments to restore their lawns to a lush green grass.

Lastly, we are under water restrictions from SAWS. We all have at least one day when we can water with a sprinkler system or just sprinklers. But we can water using a hose at any time. Watering around our home foundations is good advice to prevent any foundation problems that can be very expensive to repair. Let us hope the weather returns to normal and let us keep Stonegate Hill a beautiful community.

### SOLICITORS

Although soliciting is not permitted in Stonegate Hill, we have received reports that several have been seen in the neighborhood recently.

The City of San Antonio requires Solicitors to have a permit, and

some may tell you they have one. However, city permits do not apply to gated communities. We can choose to not allow solicitors in our neighborhood and have No Soliciting signs posted at both entrances. If you see solicitors, you have the right to inform them they are trespassing. If they refuse to leave, SAPD may be called to escort them out of the neighborhood.

The Board of Directors has signed a Trespass Authorization which authorizes residents of Stonegate Hill to report solicitors to the police. If you see a solicitor, call the West Side Police Department non-emergency number (210-207-7273) to report them and a patrol vehicle will respond. Be sure to give a good description of the individual, street location, a vehicle license plate number, and SAPD Trespass Authorization Number 19158668.

Unfortunately, it is easy for solicitors to enter the neighborhood by following a vehicle going in the gate. It is also easy for them to enter through the pedestrian gate if it is not closed completely. The Luckenbach pedestrian gate continues to be found open. A notice has been posted that if the pedestrian gate continues to be left open, it will be permanently closed. If you use this gate, please close it completely after entering or exiting.

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## PAYMENT OF HOMEOWNER DUES

Third Quarter Assessments (July – September 2022) of \$199.50 were due **July 1st** and were past due on **July 30**. **Reminder: Fourth Quarter Assessments (\$199.50) (Oct – Dec 2022) will be due on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Payment may be done online. Go to [www.spectruman.com](http://www.spectruman.com) and log in to your homeowner account.

Payment can be made either by credit card or echeck/ACH. There will be a 3.5% fee for credit card payments or \$1.99 for echeck/ACH payment.

Checks or money orders may be mailed to Spectrum Association Management, P. O. Box 299008 Lewisville TX 75029. Be sure to put your account number on the check. There is no service fee.

NOTE: Spectrum Association Management accepts checks, money orders, cashier's checks or credit cards when conducting business at their office. **No service fees are assessed if paid by check or money order/cashier's check.**

## WEBSITE

Check the neighborhood website, [www.stonegatehill.com](http://www.stonegatehill.com), to find updated info on what is going on in the neighborhood. Please refer to the website in between publications

of the *Stonegate Sentinel* to see what is happening.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Stonegate Hill Board of Directors meetings will be held the second Monday of each month. Meetings will be from 6 to 8 p.m. via Zoom call or at location to be announced prior to the meeting.

The dates are posted on the SGH website ([www.stonegatehill.com](http://www.stonegatehill.com))

Guidelines for these meetings can be found on the Stonegate Hill website under HOA Documents.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The *Stonegate Sentinel* is published four times per year, in February, May, August and November. Residents are encouraged to provide input for the *Stonegate Sentinel*.

Please provide articles for the November 2022 newsletter via email to [stonegatehill@gmail.com](mailto:stonegatehill@gmail.com). Please put SGH Newsletter in the title of emails.

Newsletter articles should be of interest to a majority of residents. Ads for services by residents under the age of 18 (lawn mowing, babysitting, etc.) may be submitted at no cost. Service ads by residents over 18 will be charged a fee of \$5, \$15, or \$30 per issue, depending on the size and whether it is personal or commercial business. **Money must**

**be received before the ad will be included in the newsletter.**

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