

Stonegate Sentinel

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Our Neighborhood Newsletter

May 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dennis Baker

Hello to all our friends and neighbors living here in Stonegate Hill! As most of you already know, our recreation area has been closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The City, State and Nation are doing their best to contain this outbreak and we must do our part.

The Recreation area remains closed.
It has complete camera surveillance and is monitored 24 hours a day for our security. Please convey to your children that we can see who is using our resources well or vandalizing our community's property.

Recreation Pool Monitor is Pam Griffin and she will be enforcing recreation area and pool rules and monitoring safe use of recreation areas. Please adhere to her instructions when given.

Garage Sales Has been rescheduled for June 13th and 14th providing the City allows them.

Speeders are becoming more of a problem as in the past. We as a community need to be vigilant and watch for those offenders by getting their license plate numbers and description of the vehicle. Report them to someone on the Board of Directors.

Respect and Courtesy Complaints have surfaced regarding Loud Noises, Loud Music and Loud Parties after our Quiet Time of 10:00 PM. This restriction is in our Bylaws and Covenants and a City Ordinance. Many of our residents need to start

their days early and need their rest, so please respect our community rules. Also, if you or anyone in your family smokes please do your best not to have the smoke go in the direction of others who might have a breathing problem or allergy.

There have been complaints regarding odors including pet waste due to trash cans being placed in an area that permits the smells going into another resident's area. I know this is difficult to control but do your best.

Now I need to bring up incessant **dog barking** which disturbs the tranquility of the neighborhood. Please ensure you monitor your dog's barking to be not more than 20 minutes at a time (Per City Ordinance) and be considerate of your neighbors by not allowing dogs to bark late into the night. There is also a requirement by the Association to pick up dog droppings as you walk your dogs. It is not fair to non-dog owners to have to clean your mess up.

I would like to thank all the Board Members who have devoted many hours of their time to make our community a great place to live! So much of their service is done behind the scenes to keep our community running smoothly. A Big "Thank You" to all the volunteers of Stonegate Hill!

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WELCOME

Eric & Destiny Alvarez
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FAREWELL

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2020 CENSUS

Be counted in the 2020 Census.

When you fill out the census, you help:

- Determine how many seats Texas gets in Congress.
- Guide how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year.
- Create jobs, provide housing, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads, and hospitals.

Every home received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. There are three ways to respond: online at My 2020Census.Gov, by phone 1-844-330-2020, or by mail (paper forms sent in April). During May through July Census takers will begin visiting homes that have not responded.

Questions? Visit 2020Census.gov or call 800-923-8282.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registration of 17 years old who will be old enough to vote on Tuesday November 6 can begin May 16. Pass it on.

If you are new to San Antonio and want to vote, you can request a voter registration application by phone:

Call Bexar County Elections Office at 210-335-VOTE. Request a voter registration application be sent to you. Once received, fill it out, sign it and mail it (no stamps needed). Your voter registration card should arrive within 30 days.

SPRING YARD SALE

The Spring Yard Sale has been rescheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14. This is a great opportunity to do some spring cleaning and empty out your closets, garage, and attic. If we are still restricted from having yard sales at that time, we will reschedule for July 18 and 19.

The official time for the yard sale will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make sure you get your yard sale permit prior to the sale. You can purchase a permit at HEB. Permits are also available online, so you can wait to decide to participate on the morning of the sale. Permits are good for both Saturday and Sunday so there is no additional cost to participate both days. Both gates will be open during these hours to allow potential buyers to come and go easily.

Advertisements will be placed online, and signs will be posted along Wiseman a couple of days before the sale.

Contact Deb Hullet (210-379-8928 or debhullet@prodigy.net) if you have questions or if you can help with getting online ads placed and signs posted along Wiseman Blvd. You do not need to sign up to participate.

STONEGATE HILL SAFFE OFFICER

Our neighborhood SAFFE (San Antonio Fear Free Environment) Officer:

Officer Justin Hatcher
7000 Culebra Road
Office 210-207-0807
Cell 210-414-2853

justin.hatcher@sanantonio.gov

Be courteous to your neighbors. Please be mindful of your neighbors in these challenging times when everyone is adjusting. The city ordinance for noise specifically states times and sound levels; however, if the noise fits this criteria, it could also result in police action to include a citation.

What is a San Antonio Noise Nuisance? See Code City of San Antonio TX Volume 1 Chapter 21 Article III Division 1. The San Antonio noise nuisance exceeds the limits stated above, or it is a loud, irritating, vexing, or disturbing sound originating from nearby property under separate ownership. The nuisance causes injury, discomfort, or distress to a person of reasonable nervous sensibilities.

Please reach out to me through email at justin.hatcher@sanantonio.gov.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Stonegate Hill will be having a spectacular Car Parade this Independence Day! Start planning now to enter your vehicle and win a \$50.00 gift card! Prizes will be given for these categories: Most Patriotic, Salute to our Military, Salute to Essential Workers, Fun with Family, US History, Funniest, Most Extravagant, and Classic Car.

Watch for more information coming soon!

SOCIAL MEDIA QUIZ SCAM

A Social Media quiz could give scammers your personal info. With most of the US and Canada under orders to stay at home, many people are turning to social media for a fun distraction. Taking a Facebook quiz may seem like a harmless way to pass the time, but it could also give scammers your personal information.

How the Scam Works:

- You see a fun quiz on Facebook or another social media platform. What is the harm, you figure? You answer a few questions and prove how well you know a friend. Or you take a short personality test to match with a character from your favorite TV show.
- These quizzes ask seemingly silly or meaningless questions, but scammers can use that information for nefarious purposes. For example, some quizzes collect personal information by asking questions like: “What is your mother's

maiden name?” or “What is the name of the street you grew up on?” These are common security questions for banking and credit card accounts. Sharing this information can lead to your accounts being hacked, and your personal and financial information being stolen.

- Not all social media quizzes are a data collection scam, but the Better Business Bureau cautions users to be careful about what they share online. Social media data and quiz answers can be used to steal your identity or enable a scammer to impersonate you to your friends and family.

Tips to Avoid Social Media Scams:

- Be skeptical: Before you take a quiz, figure out who created it. Is it a brand you trust? Just because something appears to be fun and innocent, does not mean there is not an inherent risk.
- Adjust privacy settings: Review your social media account's privacy settings and be strict about what information you share and be mindful of who you are sharing it with.
- Remove personal details from your profile: Do not share information like your phone number or home address on social media accounts.
- Don't give answers to common security questions: Be cautious if the questions in a quiz ask for things like your mother's maiden name, street you grew up on, or name of your high school.
- Monitor friend requests. Do not accept friend requests from people you do not know. Also be wary of a second

friend request from someone you are already connected with; the second profile may be an imposter trying to access your data and your Friends list.

DOG WASTE STATION

Numerous complaints have been received regarding residents not picking up their dog's droppings at the Ramblin River Park. A dog waste station has been installed. Bags are available if you forget to bring one. Please place all used bags in the container at the station instead of homeowner trash containers. Be aware the station will be emptied only on a weekly basis.

2020 SUMMER SWIM SEASON CANCELLED

Hello Stonegate Hill Residents! The decision has been made by our Summer Swim League to cancel the 2020 Swim Season. We are saddened by this news, but the decision was made in the best interest of keeping our swimmers, families, and volunteers safe. We hope to be back in the water next summer! Stay safe and well!

GATE DIRECTORIES

The gate directories have recently been upgraded. If you are not currently listed in the gate directory and want to be, email stonegatehill@gmail.com and provide your name, address, and the phone number you want in the directory.

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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. at location to be announced prior to the meeting.

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

PAYMENT OF HOMEOWNER DUES

First Quarter Assessments (January-March 2020) of \$181.50 were due **April 1st** and were past due on **April 30**. A late fee of \$20 was assessed if not paid by April 30.

Third Quarter 2020 Assessments (July-September 2020) of \$181.50 will be due July 1 and are past due on July 30. A late fee of \$20 will be assessed if not paid by July 30, 2020.

Payment may be done online through your bank or you may go to www.spectrumam.com and log in to your homeowner account.

Payment may also be made by credit card or echeck/ACH. There will be a 3.5% fee for credit card payments or \$1.99 for echeck/ACH payment or download the new Spectrum AM HOA.app at either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

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 front of 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.**

Please note: Spectrum AM's office hours have been adjusted due to the COVID-19 outbreak. So, check online or call Spectrum AM before heading over to their office to ensure they are open.

WEBSITE

Check the neighborhood website, www.stonegatehill.com, to find updated info on what's going on in the neighborhood. If you would like to have something posted on the site, contact the Stonegate Hill Webmaster Virginia Guevara at (210) 240-7010 or email Virginia_vbg05@yahoo.com.

Please refer to the website in between publications of the *Stonegate Sentinel* to see what is happening.

DATES OF INTEREST

Flag Days: Days to Display the US Flag

Mother's Day	May 10
Peace Officers Memorial Day	May 15
Armed Forces Day	May 18
Memorial Day	May 25
Flag Day	June 14
Father's Day	June 21
Independence Day	July 4

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Residents are encouraged to provide input for the *Stonegate Sentinel*. Please provide articles for the August 2020 newsletter to Deb Hullet **by July 25, 2020** at (210) 379-8928 or via email at debhullet@prodigy.net. Articles or ads received after July 25 may not be included. 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.**

Since this is a small newsletter, the content will be limited to what fits, and may be edited if necessary. The Board of Directors must approve all articles. Articles not used may be reserved for a later newsletter.

Stonegate Sentinel is compiled by neighbors and published quarterly. Your contributions are welcome. The newsletter is paid for by ads and with funds from homeowners' fees.

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Congratulations Class of 2020

Your future is so bright you're going to need
a good pair of sunglasses!

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