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Our Neighborhood Newsletter

November 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Doug Handlin

Hello to all my friends and neighbors here in Stonegate Hill!

Many thanks go out to everyone for all your patience and understanding during 2020 when it came to all the restrictions and changes that we had to face this year. Your HOA Board of Directors has been diligent about implementing rules and procedures to adhere to the regulations put in place by our State and City governments to help prevent the spread of COVID 19. My hat is off to each member for the role they have played in keeping our community safe this year.

As always, our main issues center around the Pool and Recreation area. After all, it is where all the fun is!

We are still working on some final electrical repairs from damage done by the lightning storm earlier this year. The completion of this project will be done soon.

Our video cameras are working very well and are a great asset in helping to monitor the activities throughout the recreation center.

We are currently in the process of repair of the perimeter fencing, with a few changes in design in certain locations.

For those of you who play tennis, you will be happy to know that the recent damages to the net have been repaired. Please remind all family members that the tennis court is for playing tennis only and no sitting on the net.

Also, a leak has been found at the wading pool. We have a contractor who will be repairing it soon.

Jim Eckburg is doing an amazing job of providing us with vehicle stickers to be used for identification of vehicles

owned by members of our community. We are attempting to cut down on abuses at the park by identifying non-members in our neighborhood. If you need more information on this project, please refer to Jim's article in this edition of the quarterly newsletter. Thanks, Jim!

Children are back going to school and the school busses are picking them up and dropping them off. Please remember to stop when the school bus lights are flashing, and the stop signs are out. The school bus does have cameras and takes pictures of vehicles that fail to stop, and a traffic ticket is sent to the owner of the vehicle.

On the lighter side, we were discussing how cold the water in the pool is during the fall season and what it would take to be able to withstand the low temperature enough to go swimming. Someone mentioned using a wet suit...I am not sure I'm a candidate for that as I tried on a pair of Spandex riding shorts one time, looked in the mirror and exclaimed, "Too late!" The view that appeared was that of someone trying to stuff a marshmallow into a plastic straw! I can only imagine what trying to wear a wet suit would look like!-)

As this year is rapidly coming to a close, I look forward to a happy and healthy new year for everyone!

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BATTLE OF THE BULBS HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST!

Time to get out your extension cords, strings of lights, and inflatables and join the **BATTLE OF THE BULBS**, Stonegate Hill's Holiday Lights Competition!

Enjoy a festive family drive through the neighborhood, admiring the lights and choosing your favorite in each category: Most Lights, Best Animated, and Best Traditional Lights.

Each household is allowed one ballot, which will be distributed via email. Voting will be held December 14-18th. Ballots must be turned in to the *Drop Box for Ballots* at 9807 Ramblin River by noon, Saturday, December 19th.

Bragging rights and a \$200 gift card will be awarded to the winners!

Join the fun, and YES, you can vote for yourself! Questions? Call Susan at (210) 416-4483.

Architecture Control Committee

Mike Tavitias

The Dog Days of Summer are finally over and with the cooler weather, many of you are looking to enhance your home with an improvement project. This is a great time to do those projects before winter arrives. But please remember, many of those projects require that you submit an ACC request sent to Spectrum Association Management. It is easy and a quick way to ensure the value of your home stays consistent with the standards of our great community.

Our Management Association continues to use the One Touch Process. The One Touch Process is an automatically approved process that does not need to be forwarded to the

ACC Committee for review and approval. Below are the requests that will be auto approved or denied:

General Property Maintenance ("like for like") - general maintenance of the exterior of the home:

Fence stain - same color as existing fence stain color.

Fence Replacement - same as existing, no change

Roof Replacement - same as existing, no change

Exterior Paint Maintenance - same as existing no change

Solar Panels - 10% letter is included if the panels will be installed on the side or front of roof, and the panels must meet the standards set in Solar Energy Device guidelines and Texas Property Code 202.010.

Flags - meet the standards set in Flag Display guideline and Texas Property Code 202.011.

Windows - color and style complement the exterior of the house.

Gutters - must be painted to match trim color and does not affect drainage on neighboring lot.

Solar Screens - complement with the home and neighboring houses.

Trampolines - must be at least 5 feet from rear and side fences.

Doors - garage door, front door, storm door - the color and style complement the exterior of the house.

The standard documentation for each improvement will be required and all files will always be accessible on the Association's website for review. If more information is required, please feel free to send an email to Mike at su-mike@sbcglobal.net.

OPPORTUNITY LOST? NOT YET!

Jim Eckburg

I'm willing to bet that some of you have seen the good looking 2"x2" silhouette of Texas vehicle decals,

with the longhorn and star in the lower right hand corner of the rear windows of your neighbors' vehicles, and you've probably wondered "why do they have it and how can I get one?"

Well, here is the good news! You too can have these decals...for free...for all your vehicles!! You might well ask, "What is this all about" and "why would I want to do that?" Neighborhood safety and security to better serve and protect our community members is the short answer. Some may wonder just how this small decal can help, so let us briefly look at what the program entails. Doesn't a vehicle license plate supply all the information necessary for contact in case of an urgent matter? Nope. By law, vehicle registration information is very restricted to who may access it and can even take days to receive the information. Plus, many registrations contain outdated and incorrect information.

What are some other reasons? Accidents, burglary, or vandalism can occur at any time. This decal program will also be useful in identifying vehicles that do not belong in your neighborhood, which can be abandoned, improperly parked in front of your property or even making use of the common facilities that you pay for. Vehicle decal programs are nationally used by government, corporate, and private properties. and have proven to be successful.

This is a voluntary program, but as you can see, it is a valuable resource that is contributing to our security. What information is requested? Name, address, and phone number, as well as vehicle color/make/model and license plate number/state. So how can you participate? Great question! Each of the Board members has decals to distribute. Contact any one of them to obtain your decals at your earliest opportunity. (See Page 1 for contact information.)

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GOOGLE FIBER

Carol Sullivan

Fellow neighbors, in recent months Stonegate Hill Board of Directors have received inquiries about Google Fiber coming into the neighborhood. It has been more than two years since Google Fiber contacted us asking for permission to come into our community. Since we are a gated community, vendors such as Google Fiber must have HOA permission to lay the fiber lines on common area property. However, they have not reached back out to us since we gave them permission, and we have not been able to reach them. So, to get their attention, if you are interested in Google Fiber, we ask that you click the link below to do a Google Fiber availability check, then enter your email address to show your interest. In the meantime, we will continue our efforts to contact them to get a date when it will be available in our community.

<https://fiber.google.com/cities/sanantonio/>

ALL THINGS PETS IN STONEGATE HILL

I am sure many of you have seen the various posts via email and social media about missing or found pets in the neighborhood. The challenge is always getting the information out to the right people to get the pet returned home quickly and safely. To help facilitate that, Stonegate Hill has created an "All Things Pets" tab on our Stonegate Hill website and a Pet Registry Manager.

If you have a pet and are interested in participating, send your pet's name, picture, and your preferred contact information to Kathy Davis at (818) 850-8986 or via email to kathyjdhf@gmail.com.

Your information WILL NOT be posted on the webpage. The webpage will have Kathy's contact information as the go-to person for coordinating the return of missing and found pets as well as articles specific to our neighborhood about pets and animals. Questions, suggestions, and comments regarding this new community service can be addressed to Kathy.

TRASH/RECYCLE CONTAINERS

Just a friendly reminder regarding the placement and removal of solid waste (brown) and recycle (blue and green) containers.

Containers may be placed at the designated point of collection no earlier than 6:00 p.m. of the day preceding scheduled collection. All containers must be removed from the collection point by 10:00 p.m. on the same day as the collection.

Per the Covenants concerning garbage and refuse disposal, no cans, bags, containers or receptacles for the storing or disposal of trash, etc. shall be stored, kept, placed or maintained on the lot where visible from any street except on the designated date of pickup.

ANNUAL HOA MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS

Mark your calendars now for the **Annual HOA Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Location and time will be announced in January.** Elections will be held for two of the five Board of Director positions. The Board meets once a month to manage the common areas and association facilities for the benefits of the homeowners as outlined in the by-laws of the HOA (located on the Stonegate

Hill website). If you are interested in being a Board member, fill out the Candidate Profile Form on the Stonegate Hill Website and mail or hand carry to the Stonegate Hill Homeowners Association at Spectrum Association Management. **Forms must be received by January 15, 2021** for names to be on the ballot. Nominations will also be taken at the meeting. Ballots will be mailed to homeowners around January 20th.

STONEGATE HILL SAFFE OFFICER

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

Officer Justin Hatcher

7000 Culebra Road

Office 210-207-0807

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Periodically, you will see him riding his bicycle in our neighborhood in his uniform. He has become a great community asset, assisting residents, and deterring trespassers.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Stonegate Hill Board of Directors meetings are generally 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.

The dates are posted on the Stonegate Hill website (www.stonegatehill.com)

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

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PAYMENT OF HOMEOWNER DUES

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

First Quarter 2021 Assessments (January - March 2021) of \$181.50 will be due January 1 and are past due on January 30. A late fee of \$20 will be assessed if not paid by January 30, 2021. Please note the HOA Board did NOT raise association dues for 2021.

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 also 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.**

DATES OF INTEREST

Flag Days: Days to Display the US Flag

Veterans Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Day	Nov 26
Pearl Harbor	
Remembrance Day	Dec 7
Christmas Day	Dec 25
New Year's Day	Jan 1
Martin Luther King, Jr Day	Jan 18

School Holidays:

Election Day	Nov 3
Thanksgiving	Nov 23-27
Winter Break	Dec 21-Jan 1
Martin Luther King, Jr Day	Jan 18

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Residents are encouraged to provide input for the *Stonegate Sentinel*. Please provide articles for the February 2021 newsletter to Deb Hullet **by January 25, 2021** at (210) 379-8928 or via email at debhullet@prodigy.net. Articles or ads received after January 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.

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.

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**You Change, Plans Change.
Your Medicare Plan Needs
an Annual Check-up too!
It's time for us to talk!
DHI- Doug Handlin Insurance
210-509-2277**

**Medicare Open Enrollment
October 15- December 7**

RONALD "RON" LONG—CRIME AUTHOR



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