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Lifeguards and Pool Committee Updates

by Greg Martinez, Pool Committee Chairperson

Greetings Stone Canyon swimmers! Well, another beautiful central Texas swim season is in full swing, and your Pool Committee has been busy.

For starters, please allow me to introduce the Pool Committee. This year, we have Richard Horton, Andrew Norris and me, Greg Martinez, serving Stone Canyon on the Pool Committee. I am the rookie Pool Committee chairman. Andrew and Richard will be helping out with committee responsibilities, with Richard also providing Board oversight.

Without saying too much, there is a lot of good experience on the pool committee, and there are now 3 of us available to address your pool-related wants and needs. We are in constant communication with the SCOA board, Goodwin Management and Family Swim Gym (our pool services contractor) on pool-related matters.

We are aware that this year we have had a communication challenge or two between the lifeguards and residents. Rest assured we are working with all parties to understand each other better and communicate more effectively. Please remember though that the lifeguards are there to insure every swimmer's safety and that their direction must be followed at all times while in the pool area. Keep in mind that the reason there are lifeguards on duty and that their job title is 'lifeguard' is because a pool is an inherently dangerous place. The lifeguard must stop a potentially dangerous action or situation quickly and then get back to monitoring all activity in and around the pool. If they instruct you or your children to do something, or refrain from something, please comply immediately.

If you take exception with how the situation was handled, either talk to the lifeguard when they are on a break, or bring it up with those of us on the pool committee, but do comply with the lifeguards directions immediately and do not distract the lifeguards while they are on duty.

This must be done to insure everyone's safety and enjoyment. Also, keep in mind that if the lifeguards and the residents cannot resolve a situation immediately and the violator(s) are asked to leave the pool area, the lifeguards are not bouncers. They have been instructed to call the Williamson County Sheriff's Department to assist with the problem. Again folks, let's avoid all of this and simply comply with the lifeguards requests for information or safety directions at all times.

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Start your 4th off with a Bang!

Stone Canyon and Fern Bluff Annual 4th of July Parade



Time: 9:30 am

**Place: Corner of Park Valley
and Fern Bluff Ave.**

*Don't forget to decorate your
bike or scooter.
Best decoration wins a prize!
Ice cream cones will be served
under the pavilion.*

NOTICE:

Due to our extremely dry conditions, aerial fireworks are banned in Williamson County this 4th of July.



**Stone Canyon HOA
Meetings are held on the first
Tuesday of each month at
6:30 pm in the
Fern Bluff Community Center**

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Key Contacts

In an attempt to make things easier to find, we have provided some key contact information for various organizations that you might need to contact. If you have a suggestion for information to add, please contact the web committee.

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Bob Nardo - Goodwin Management - (512) 502-7510
11149 Research Blvd Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759-5227
<http://stc.goodwintx.com/>

Payment Address:

Stone Canyon c/o Goodwin Management
PO Box 4785
Houston, TX 77210-4785

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..... (After Hours) 1-800-817-8090
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Texas Utilities (TXU) - 1-800-368-1398
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Lifeguards & Pool - (Continued from cover page)

Meetings involving the lifeguards, pool committee, SCOA board and Goodwin Management will be ongoing throughout the summer so that everyone understands our expectations and is capable of meeting those expectations.

So in closing, remember that your Pool Committee is made of Stone Canyon residents who have volunteered their time to serve the community's needs. We live here and swim at the pool too, every chance we get.

Please do not hesitate to come to us with your concerns or suggestions and we will work diligently to address them. We're all in this together, so let's have some fun!! See you poolside!

Yard of the Month

By Kim Parker

As I am writing this article it is 93 and very humid. I am sure I will see lots of sprinkler systems up and running. Now is a good time to make sure the water is going where you want, all it takes is a little twist to set the water in the right direction. Remember all the fungus problems we had with last year's rains? Fungus is the biggest reason why you don't run sprinklers at night, try 6am -10am. I got a lot of garden work in before the heat and I hope you did too. Happy Gardening.

Congratulations to the 1st Yard of the Month winners of '08

1st 18113 Whitewater Cove

2nd 8403 Lofty Lane

3rd 6005 Bar Harbor Cove

Honorable Mentions: 8400 Laughing Water, 8202 Miller Falls, 7300 W. Magic Mountain, 7322 W. Magic Mountain, 8314 Fernbluff

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

By Joanie Brown

An old saying which bears repeating: "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." With so many of our homes on the market, all of us want that first impression to be "WOW!" For most of us, our attention automatically goes towards our own home's "curb appeal." Remember--part of that "curb appeal" extends to our driveway, adjacent sidewalk, curb and street. This is the perfect time to check your area for stains from oil drips and built-up dirt—a couple hours of power washing will make a huge difference in your property's overall appearance. If you don't own a power washer, you might consider sharing the cost of renting one with some of your neighbors, or you may wish to hire a local cleaning service; splitting the cost among other neighbors may result in a discount for everyone. Boosting your street's "curb appeal" will reap benefits for everyone.

A couple of other reminders:

* Fire Ants...They're here and spreading throughout our neighborhoods! Fire ant stings can be dangerous to many children, adults and animals. The only way to deal with these is to aggressively attack ant hills while they're small. Home Depot, Lowe's and most local nurseries offer various options, including some which require spreading over your lawn only once a year.

* Recycle Bins...Round Rock Refuse accepts the following materials

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	Minimum Deposit	
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12 mo.	3.44%	3.55%
24 mo.	3.55%	3.65%
36 mo.	3.65%	3.75%
48 mo.	3.85%	3.96%

*Annual Percentage Rate. All rates expressed are "as low as". **Austin Telco will pay all standard closing costs on Home Equity loans below \$100k. Additional non-standard fees will be the responsibility of the member. Credit qualifications apply. ***Rate applies to 1st lien commercial real estate loans with a loan to value of 80% or less; construction/development loan rates/terms may be different. No Pre-payment penalty. Credit qualifications apply. Please call for details. ****Annual Percentage Yield. Penalties for early withdrawal may apply. All APRs, APYs and terms are subject to change without notice.



Teenage Job Seekers

NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE

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for recycle: newspapers, magazines, white office paper (all preferably contained in a brown paper bag); aluminum and tin cans; cereal and other paperboard boxes; plastic bottles and containers with the numbers "1" and "2" stamped on the bottom (with caps removed). They DO NOT accept glass or corrugated cardboard.

Remember that all Requests for ACC approval should be submitted to Bob Nardo, our property manager (contact info below) at least 30 days prior to your desired start date. Forms can be obtained from our website (www.stonecanyonoa.org), as well as from Bob. The committee's goal is as quick a turnaround for you as possible, normally within 2 weeks. Please be sure to provide all required info, noted on the form, with your request, including your property plat and detailed plans for your proposed project. Incomplete information delays the approval process. If you have any questions about whether or not your project requires approval, please contact Bob. It's important that you not begin any project until you have your ACC approval in hand. Any project completed without the committee's approval may require removal--often costly--if the improvement is not in compliance with Stone Canyon's deed restrictions. Also, if you have any concerns about deed restriction violation(s) which can't be resolved through neighborly interaction, please contact Bob for his assistance. All reports remain confidential and your name will not be released to any other resident.

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A great Neighbor Potluck opportunity.
Texas (only) will celebrate on October 7, 2008.

Neighborhood ALERT:

The following crimes continue:

1. An increase in graffiti, most noticeably on the Green Belt culverts. This one is our family members vandalizing our neighborhood.
2. We have had several break-ins at our swimming pool. - Keep our Neighborhood safe by calling the Sheriff office. When in doubt don't hesitate to call 911. The police would rather investigate than be called when it is too late.

Summer Vacation Planning Tips:

1. Secure all doors, windows and gates.
2. Cancel all deliveries
3. Arrange for lawn care
4. Use interior automatic times for lamps
5. Leave a radio on
6. Finally, inform your NEIGHBOR

Submitted by: *Steve Provinsal*



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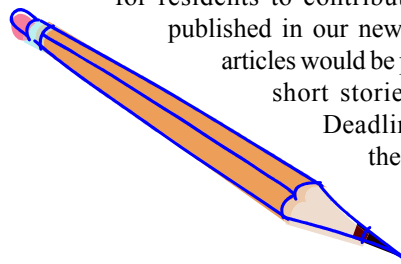
Stone Canyon and Fern Bluff Bunco Group



Got Bunco? We do!! A neighborhood group is looking for players and substitutes. We play the second week of the month from 7-9 pm in different homes. If you are interested, call Vicky at 246-1843 or email at vickylockwood@sbcglobal.net.

Attention Amateur Writers and Photographers!

Have you ever wanted to share your talent with your friends and neighbors? Well here's your chance! Stone Canyon is looking for residents to contribute articles and photos to be published in our newsletter. Some suggestions for articles would be poetry, special announcements, short stories, helpful information, etc.



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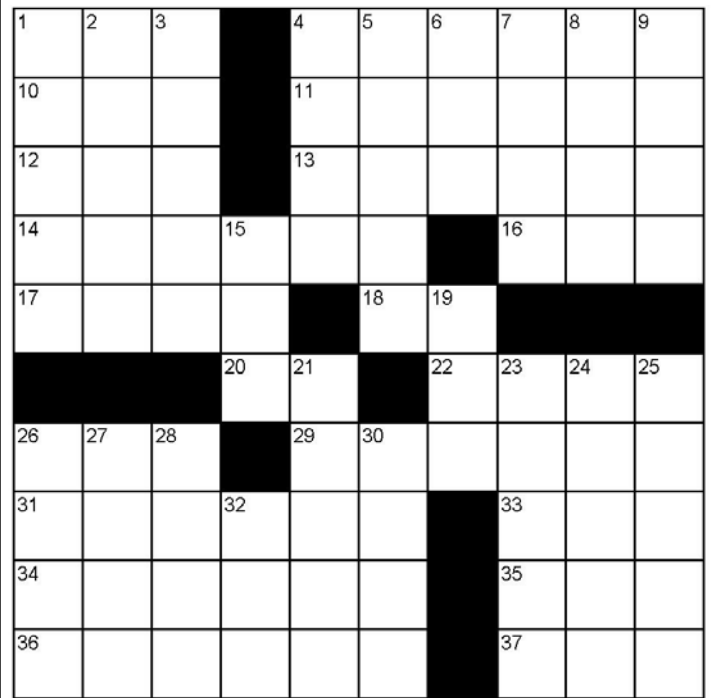
Reminder:

Trash pick up is on Monday. Please do not put cans out earlier than 6:00p.m. Sunday night. Trash receptacles and recycle bins should be brought up from the street after pick up on Monday and stored out of street view at all times.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep Stone Canyon Owners' Association a beautiful and clean community.



Crossword Puzzle



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ACROSS

1. Unrefined metal
4. Young pigeons
10. Gender
11. Australian
12. Alternative (abbr.)
13. Climbing
14. China stone
16. Hoopla
17. Shaft
18. Teacher's assistant, for short
20. Doctor
22. Believe
26. Terminal abbr.
29. Skin problem
31. Infamous Nazi concentration camp
33. Tear
34. Wring
35. Sick
36. Work fussily
37. Hurricane center

DOWN

1. City
2. Mellow
3. Worship
4. Japanese dress
5. Fivesome
6. Ship initials
7. Continent
8. Tie
9. Sego lily's bulb
15. Limb
19. Wood tool
21. Sea jewel
23. Spooky
24. Author Dickinson
25. Tree
26. Eve's garden
27. Cab
28. Acting (abbr.)
30. Nice looking
32. Pig

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*See solution at PEELinc.com

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15-MINUTE SALMON

Prep time: 15 minutes

Ingredients:

- 2 - 6-oz. salmon steaks (a normal portion size for meat and fish is 3 oz.)
- butter or vegetable oil cooking spray or fat-free canola cooking spray

Directions:

1. Preheat the broiler. Cover the broiling pan with aluminum foil and lightly grease the foil with butter or vegetable oil cooking spray.
2. Place the steaks on the pan and broil the salmon for 5 minutes. Turn the steaks carefully and broil the other side for 4 to 5 minutes or until the fish is firm but still springy and a bit translucent in the center.
3. Serve immediately topped with the sauce of your choice.

Serves: 2

Serving size: 1 salmon steak

Nutritional analysis (per serving):

350 calories
34 g protein
20 g fat
114 mg sodium
0 mg calcium

Note: Nutritional analysis may vary depending on ingredient brands used.

Variations and Suggestions:

This recipe can easily be doubled to serve 4. Salmon freezes well if prepared properly. Freeze each piece separately, wrapped first in plastic and then in aluminum foil to preserve freshness and facilitate defrosting.

Serve with Orange Ginger Sauce.

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