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Cookies with Santa & Toys for Tots Toy Drive

Saturday, December 18th 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-3:00pm at Houston National Golf Club

Saturday, December 18th 10:00am-12:00pm Canyon Lakes West Clubhouse

You'll have three opportunities to take your photo with Jolly St. Nick! We'll be serving holiday treats & entertainment for children young & old! This year we're hosting a Toys for Tots Toy Drive! If you'd like to contribute, please bring an unwrapped toy to the Clubhouse.



Annual Holiday Yard Decorating Contest December 5th – 11th

Start planning your holiday decorations! Stone Gate favorite Annual Holiday Decorating Contest returns. Each section in Stone Gate will have one winner, awarded a special prize.

Most importantly, they'll get to display their winning yard sign during the holiday season!

Make sure your lights are on from Sunday, December 5th to Saturday, December 11th as our volunteer judges will be driving the community to chose a winner!



Canyon Gate Community Night at the Houston Rockets Sat, Jan 22 at 7:30PM

All Canyon Gate residents, their families and friends are invited to watch the Houston Rockets take on the Orlando Magic!

Saturday, January 22, 2011 7:30 PM @ Toyota Center

Order Your Discount Tickets: Go to www.rockets. com, Click on Tickets/ Enter Promotion Code (Code: Canyon) Or by Calling: John Donovan @ 713-758-7453 or Emailing: jdonovan@rocketball.com.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ON-SITE OFFICES & GATE ATTENDANTS

S-G Clubhouse Office	
S-G Guard Attendant	
Splashpad Texas Office	

PROPERTY TAXES

Harris County Apprasal District	713-224-1919
Water / Remington MUD #1	
Water / MUD #165	713-932-9011

POLICE & FIRE

Emergency	
Harris County Sheriff	
Precinct #5 Constable	
Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Station	713-466-4073
Texas DPS	
Cy-Fair Medical Center	
North Cypress Medical Center	
Poison Control	

UTILITIES

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PUBLIC SERVICE

713-224-1919
713-368-2000
713-635-4000
713-790-1200

U.S. POST OFFICES

Stone Gate & Canyon Lakes	
Canyon Lakes West	
SCHOOLS	
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CANYON LAKES WEST & PINE CREEK CONTACTS

Rec Center Office	
CLW Guard Attendant	
Smith Middle School	
Postma Elementary School	
Hopper Middle School	
Cypress Springs High School	
SW Water/Harris County MUD #165	713-405-1750
Spring Cypress Post Office	
Property Tax: MUD #165	713-932-9011

ASSOCIATION'S MANAGEMENT COMPANY CONTACT INFORMATION

Planned Community Management (PCMI) has been contracted by the Board of Directors to manage the day-to-day activities of the community. In order to contact the community's Board of Directions or if residents have concerns, questions about their account, or deed restriction violations to report, please put the information in writing and send via e-mail to Heather Barbiche at hbarbiche@stes.com or call PCMI at 281-870-0585.

TO CONTACT THE BOARD: Please address the Board of Directors via

Heather Barbiche, PCMI, hbarbiche@stes.com P.O. Box 219223, Houston, TX 77218, 281-870-0585

HAVE YOU LOGGED IN YET? WWW.CANYONGATE.COM/RESIDENTS/SG

Features of the Stone Gate & Canyon Lakes West intranet include:

- Email Blasts On Community News & Events
 - Resident Directory
 - Current Events & Activities
 - News
 - Official Documents & Forms
 - Event Photos and MORE!

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Article Submission	jclark@canyongate.com
Advertising	advertising@PEELinc.com

ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Stone Gate Slate. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Stone Gate residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact our sales office at 512-263-9181 or <u>advertising@PEELinc.com</u>. The advertising deadline is the 8th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

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HOA NEWS

Please welcome Heather Barbiche, the new Community Manager for your Association. Heather has replaced Sarah Hudson as your contact for association concerns & management. Should you have any property management questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Heather at 281-870-0585 ext. 1336 or via email at hbarbiche@stes.com.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS DUE!

With Annual Assessments due your Board of Directors would like to remind all homeowners that payment arrangements are offered by the HOA. As soon as you receive your annual assessment bill please look in your bill for the included memo page that gives specific directions on setting up a payment plan for the 2011 assessments.

Payment via credit card can be made online only at www.pcmius.com. In order to pay online, you must have your POA account number provided on your statement.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact your property manager Heather Barbiche at hbarbiche@stes.com.

CALLING ALL SENIORS

The Nifty 50+ group is for the young at heart, 50 or older, retired or still working, male and female, and are residents of one of SG Owners Association sections (SG, CL, CLV, CL West or CL Pine Creek).

If you would like to know more about an activity or the group, please send an e-mail to stonegateseniors@gmail.com or call 281-256-3022 or 281-304-6271. If you want information on planned activities, impromptu gatherings, and other Nifty 50+ communications, please contact us.

Monthly games and/or visiting will be held at the SG Rec Center on the first Thursday of each month.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Do you have a neighbor or friend in the community who has an outstanding front yard? Nominate them for the Yard of the Month!

Please forward your nomination and e-mail a picture of their front yard to jclark@canyongate.com.

Celebrate Christmas with Comunity of Faith

Join us for one of our five Christmas Candlelight Services

Thursday, December 23rd at 7 p.m. Friday, December 24th at 3, 5, 7 and 11 p.m.

Weekend Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 25th - No Services Sunday, December 26th - 9:50 and 11:30 a.m.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are our HOA Fees used to pay for?

- A: HOA Fees are used for the overall operations and maintenance of the community as a whole. Your community currently has approximately 22 entrance gates, 24hour entrance guards at select gates, community patrol, 1 community pool, 2 community Splash Pads, two recreation centers, tennis courts, volley ball, basketball, detailed master planned landscaping, insurance coverage, professional management services, community website hosting, event coordinator and schedules, legal representation, lake maintenance, community utilities, etc.
- Q: I made a change to the exterior of my property a long time ago, now I recently received a letter that I am in violation or that my change needs to be submitted for ACC review/approval. Why?
- A: The community deed restrictions have requirements recorded that state that any exterior modification to your property must receive documented Architectural Control approval. If past modifications were completed and not recorded as having this approval they may have recently been noted and a letter was sent in an effort to update our community records and ensure that your property is protected by obtaining the necessary approval and documentation. This is not automatically stating that you must remove the modification, only that it is in your best interest

to follow the procedures and apply for approval.

Q: Why are our gates open all day long? Why can't they be closed during the day?

- A: Stone Gate has approximately 22 gates for the entrances to various sections of the community. During the school year and during the day, the gates remain open for the purpose of allowing uninterrupted service from the Cy-Fair ISD bus system. We have met with representatives from Cy-Fair ISD and we have attempted to find a successful gate schedule that would permit scheduled closures during the day, but were unable to do so. Please see the handout provided by Cy-Fair ISD for additional details.
- Q: I live on the golf course or on an easement and the grass is so high. What is the mowing schedule for these areas?
- A: There are many areas of lawn maintenance responsibility that may be within the contract for Stone Gate or may be within the contract for the Houston National Golf Course. There are areas of the community that back up to utility easements and are not within the regular lawn maintenance contract, but that will be addressed on an "as needed" basis. There are areas along the golf course that are maintained by the Houston National

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Golf Course and these areas may also be schedule for upcoming construction, which may affect the lawn maintenance for a short time. If you are unsure of the lawn maintenance responsibility and wish to report an area that needs attention, please email Heather Barbiche at hbarbiche@stes.com.

- Q: Since I live on the golf course, I often have damages caused by stray balls, is this covered by the Association?
- A: I am sorry, but this is not covered by the HOA.
- Q: My neighbor has a ton of violations. There are houses that are vacant and not being mowed. What is the HOA and PCMI doing about this?
- A: The HOA has contracted a professional property management service, PCMI, and your property manager is out onsite each month to inspect property conditions. During this inspection, violations are noted and letters are sent accordingly. There is a process for handling violations which follows: (Please be aware that this process may vary based on each situation.)

Deed Restriction Process

• 1st Courtesy letter: Notifying owner of violation and giving them (30 days) to cease and desist. (This excludes 10-day Force Mow notifications)

• **2nd letter (Certified):** 2^{nd} letter notifying the owner of violation will be sent. (Please note that depending on what the violation is the board can send the account to the attorney when the (30 days) has expired from this letter.)

(Legally no further letters can go out for this violation until the (30 days) has expired)

- **3rd letter:** This letter is optional to the board and depending on what the violation is they do not always feel the need to send a 3rd letter. At any time you feel that you get a letter that is not warranted, please feel free to contact PCMI immediately to discuss at 281-870-0585. (In addition to this process, for lawn maintenance, we can send a 10 day notification and following the expiration of that notification, we can enter the property yard to maintain and charge the cost back to the homeowner.)
- Q: My neighbor has a dog that barks all night long. What is the HOA doing about this?
- A: If you have a neighbor that has a barking dog and you deem this a nuisance, please keep a log of the occurrences and please contact and ask additional neighbors to document this issue. We are able to send a courtesy notice to your neighbor, upon receipt of your complaint. Beyond sending additional letters, the other *(Continued on Page 6)*



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option is filing a law suit. In order to justify the association expense of a filing a lawsuit, you must provide the supporting evidence deeming the matter a "community nuisance". One or two neighbors will not constitute the "community". Please also note that law suits and legal matters must be justified and of a certain severity to proceed, as this is an initial out-of-pocket expense for the association and runs the risk of not being collected in the end.

The Deed Restrictions are designed and written to govern the "community" and that is why this must be a community issue. The association cannot and will not become involved in "neighbor-to-neighbor disputes". You are highly encouraged to speak with your neighbor and make every attempt to resolve this matter.

Please take a moment to review the section from your Deed Restrictions, that I have provided below, regarding the nuisance violation. This states that the "annoyance or nuisance" must be to the "neighborhood".: (See Page 7)

Q: When will my section be completed? (gates, amenities, etc.)

A: Stone Gate is a Master Planned Community and the amenities and planned items for the community are installed and completed as the community progresses and grows in occupancy.



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The income of the community must be able to support the items installed or operated. For this reason, there are amenities and planned items that will not be completed until related sections or areas are occupied.

Stone Gate Owners Association Contacts

PCMI: Property Manager Heather Barbiche, CMCA (281) 504-1336 hbarbiche@stes.com

Stone Gate Recreation Center Sherrell Shafer (281) 304- 7448 stonegaterec@att.net

Canyon Lakes West Recreation Center Cindy Hermes (281) 855-0984 canyonlakeswest@att.net



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SECTION 2. PROHIBITION OF OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES. No noxious

or offensive activity of any sort shall be permitted nor shall anything be done on any Lot, which may be, or may become, an annoyance or a nuisance to the neighborhood. No loud noises or noxious odors shall be permitted on the Property, and the Association shall have the right to determine if any such noise, odor or activity constitutes a nuisance. Without limiting the generality of any of the foregoing provisions, no exterior speakers, horns, whistles, bells or other sound devices (other than security devices used exclusively for security purposes), noisy or smoky vehicles, large power equipment or large power tools, unlicensed off-road motor vehicles or other items which may unreasonably interfere with television or radio reception of any Lot Owner in the Property, shall be located, used or policed on any portion of the Property or exposed to the view of other Lot Owners without the prior written approval of the Association. No television, sound or amplification system or other such equipment shall be operated at a level that can be heard outside of the building in which it is housed. This restriction is waived in regard to the normal sales activities required to sell homes in the Property and the lighting effects utilized to display the model homes.

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INTERESTED IN SPONSORSHIP **OPPORTUNITIES** at Stone Gate Community Events?

There are exciting sponsorship opportunities available for your business. There are also opportunities to showcase your business or organization!Contact Jennifer Clark, Director of Community Events at jclark@canyongate.com to showcase your business to the community!

ATTENTION RESIDENTS: Call Before You Dig Request

To prevent service outages, please, prior to performing work on your property, call the "Texas One Call System at 811". They will mark the location of the utility lines easement within your property. Remember, damages to any utility lines within your property can affect services to YOU and YOUR neighbor's homes. Thanks for taking time to call before you dig!

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DIDYOU KNOW? There is a Lost Pet Feature to Community Intranet

- Log into www.canyongate.com/residents/sg
- · Click on "classifieds" located on left side of menu
- Click on "lost & found pets"

You can create a description of the lost or found pet as well as add photos. Please include your contact information to speed up communications!



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NOT AVAILABLE **ONLINE**

PLEASE CONTROL

Jour Pets! If you happen to come across vicious dogs, or ANY loose dogs of this nature, please contact your local sheriff's department 281-463-6666, Animal Control at 281-999-3191. If you are familiar with the property address the pets belong to, please feel free to submit that information to PCMI - Sarah Hudson at shudson@stes.com - to pursue the deed restriction violation. Notification and ample time must be given to the owner to correct the violation prior to any further pursuit by the Association.

It is a deed restriction violation if your pets are not confined to a fenced backyard or within your home. They must not be allowed to bark all night or cause a nuisance to your neighbors. They must also be on a leash at all times when not in a contained environment. It is also the pet owner's responsibility to keep ALL areas of the community FREE from pet debris when walking your pets.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CATS MUST ALSO BE CONFINED.

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Join by December 31st for great resident discounts!

Houston National Golf Club is pleased to announce the new Sterling Country Club at Houston National!

Opening in Fall of 2011, Sterling Country Club at Houston National will be home to 18 new, stunning holes.

This exclusive, members' only club will operate alongside Houston National's 18 public golf holes to bring the finest in golf, dining and family fun to Stone Gate, Canyon Lakes and Canyon Lakes West.

To learn more about membership opportunities and terrific resident rates, call 281-304-1400 or email Jbuckley@houstonnationalgolf.com!



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