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Presidents MESSAGE

In this drought and very hot weather we are really supposed to conserve water as much as we can as I mentioned in the July message. You will have seen the notices from Bridgestone MUD asking for voluntary restriction of watering to only two days per week.

Until the water situation improves I hope all homeowners will honor that request because it affects us all in Texas, where at time of writing 97% of the State is under severe drought. Some lawn care professionals recommend that watering only be carried out during the night and only twice week. The duration is approximately 30 minutes per section overall.

Those with automatic sprinklers can do this easily but when using hoses only, late in the evening is the best time. Watering during the day especially at the hottest time of day is not advisable because it is an inefficient use of water and evaporates before it can penetrate to nourish the roots. Watering for hours on end too often will only cause brown patches and drown the roots.

By all means consult your own lawn care specialist but the above is the advice that I have been given by a lawn care contractor. It is not infallible. On a similar subject. We all know how difficult it is to maintain our grass in the heat and the heat is stressing even the tough St. Augustine but we would ask that homeowners at least keep grass cut to a reasonable height because weeds will take over where grass has died and then it becomes doubly difficult to repair the grass.

With air conditioning going full time in this weather homeowners may like to know that the electricity supplier to Stone Forest for street lighting etc., is Champions Energy and they said they would give favorable rates to Stone Forest residents. Shopping around for the best rates is always advisable even if the previous year was contracted at an acceptable rate, because the various retailers are always changing to suit market trends. The website www.saveonenergy.com/TexasElectricRates is very informative and gives a number of choices.

Note: Homeowners are not obliged to continue with the electric retailer with whom you contracted when your house was built. Most contracts are renegotiated on a yearly basis and it is advisable to be aware of the anniversary otherwise the supplier will automatically renew at the existing rate or higher.

The hurricane season is upon us and like last year has been relatively quiet as evidenced by the lack of rain. Please be prepared in case we are visited by a hurricane this season; there are many websites that can supply guidance and the local TV stations all have hurricane preparedness lists on their websites as does Chaparral Management on the Stone Forest website.

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have had a successful AGM and we will report on that next month.

*Sincerely, Bob Wise
President, Stone Forest HOA*

Welcome

TO THE STONE FOREST FLYER

*Official Newsletter of the Stone
Forest Homeowners Association*

The Stone Forest HOA Newsletter is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Stone Forest residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com, or you can send an email to Bob@bobwise.us. Personal news (announcements, accolades/ honors/ celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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Keyon'te is 15 years old and will absolutely melt your heart with his sweet smile! He has a friendly and engaging personality. He loves playing soccer and also enjoys riding bikes, going fishing, skateboarding and playing video games. Keyon'te enjoys listening to Christian music. He is a smart young man and makes all A's in school. Keyon'te responds well to structure and needs a family that can give him a lot of attention.

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WILL MY CHILD BE READY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

Submitted by: Brandi Muse

More and more parents are recognizing the importance of enrolling their children in preschool to help them develop the right foundation for success in elementary school and beyond. However, the best programs go beyond helping children master basic academic skills to supporting their development as happy, confident, well-rounded individuals.

Research shows that from birth to age five, development in all areas is rapid. Children form strong neural connections during this time as a result of experiences they have with everyone and everything they encounter. The quality of those early interactions determines how children continue to learn and form relationships, strongly influencing their future success and happiness.

“Parents should look for preschool, pre-K, kindergarten and first grade programs that take a balanced approach to developing motor,

social-emotional, creative and academic skills,” said Brandi Muse, of Primrose School at Summerwood. “It takes quality instruction, a well-rounded curriculum and a positive teacher relationship to prepare a child to succeed.”

- **Academics:** Let's go beyond concentrating only on basic math and reading skills. Academic success is not just about memorization – it requires learning how to think critically, use mathematical concepts, express curiosity and develop competence in language skills like listening, speaking and writing.
- **Technology:** In today's technology-rich world, children need to have a grasp of technology as a tool for creative expression and problem solving. Computers equipped with developmentally-appropriate educational software and online resources should be integrated into the classroom.

- **Physical Development:** Children who participate in daily physical activity develop basic motor skills like throwing, jumping and balance that help them become healthy adults. Physical activity also creates neural connections that support academic achievement.
- **Music and Art:** Young children naturally engage in “art,” or spontaneous, creative play, but when educators involve children in music and art activities regularly from an early age, they encourage cognitive and emotional development.
- **Social-Emotional Development:** Preschool programs should focus on social and life skills to help your child establish positive relationships and transition easily to elementary school.



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