

# STONE FOREST

## Flyer

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### ACC Requests

Hello Neighbors,

Having been an active member of the Stoneforest Homeowners Association for seven years and a Board member for the past 2 ½, I get to hear about most everything relating to SF.

Lately there has been an uptick for ACC requests. This suggests to me that our neighbors are serious about keeping our home values up by making sure we all present our homes to the best of our ability. That's really good news.

An ongoing topic of discussion relates to hazardous parking by some of our neighbors. Please be mindful of where you or your guests park cars on the streets of SF. Some of our streets have blind curves that can be of more concern should someone park to near or on the curve. Having to drive in the opposing lane can lead to an accident, especially at night. Please be considerate of your neighbors and make sure all cars are parked safely.

We all know not to park near fire hydrants, but did you know that there are restrictions as to how far you must be from the corner of an intersection? I do not know the exact footage, but I myself would try to stay back at least 25 feet or more.

On July 16, SFHOA will have its annual Homeowner Meeting. The event will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5201 Spring Cypress, Spring, TX. 77379. I hope to see many of you all there.

*Tod Bisch*  
*Board Member*



### HOA Meeting Recap

Happy August, Stone Forest! I would first like to thank everyone for the great turn out we had for the annual HOA meeting. Thank you for coming, we appreciate seeing and hearing from you. I also would like to thank Bob Wise for his years and years and years of serving on our board as the President. We will miss you Bob, good to know that you have not gone far. For those of you who missed the meeting, we now have a new board member Mr. Stephan Hancock of Sunlight Hill Court. Thank you Stephan for coming on Board and I look forward to working with you.

As you bask in the sun this summer, remember to keep in mind that Mother Nature might have plans for us this year, (hopefully she will leave us well enough alone). Just in case, I would like to leave you with this Hurricane Preparation guide that I stumbled across.

Kind Regards,

*Eric M. Holdt*  
*Stone Forest HOA Director At Large*

### HURRICANE PRECAUTIONS

#### BEFORE

- Keep your radio tuned continuously. Make certain the batteries are fresh in your portable radio and cell phone. Listen for advisories and updates.
- Stay away from beaches and other low-lying areas, which may be swept by high tides or storm waves. Leave early! Roads to high ground may become impassable hours before the hurricane hits land.
- Store anything that could blow away: garbage cans, garden tools, furniture, and plants. Remove tree limbs that could fall on your house or power lines.
- Lock garage doors. Awnings should be tied securely or taken down. Board up windows.

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### Hurricane Precautions (Continued from Cover Page)

- Do not drain your swimming pool. Turn off all electrical pool equipment. Add extra chlorine to avoid contamination.
- Boats should be hauled out or moored strongly. Do not try to secure your boat in rough water.
- Make certain your car is safe - preferably in a garage. Fill your tank with gasoline.
- Keep your flashlight in good working order. Be very careful if you use candles and/or portable cooking equipment.
- Fill clean containers with drinking water. Put large water containers in the bathroom. Toilets will not flush if your water supply is interrupted. Fill bathtub.
- Be sure to have plenty of non-perishable food on hand.
- Fire can be a serious problem. Have a good fire extinguisher (for A, B, & C type fires) nearby. An alternative is a bucket of sand.

### DURING

- Keep your radio tuned continuously for frequent hurricane updates.
- Stay inside! Leave only if instructed to evacuate.
- If you must drive, watch for fallen trees and electrical wires, and

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## *Hurricane Precautions (Continued from Page 2)*

flooding.

- Keep one window slightly open on the leeward side of your house. If a window breaks, go to an interior room to avoid injury from flying glass.
- Use your telephone for emergency calls only.
- If the eye of the storm passes over your house, stay inside! The winds will return suddenly - possibly with even greater force.

## **AFTER**

- Many precautionary steps must be taken after a hurricane passes. Radio will provide necessary information.
- Stay away from disaster areas! Stay away from broken and low-hanging power lines. Notify police or the utility company of the damage.
- Stay home! Do not drive!
- Open freezers and ice chests only when necessary until power is restored.
- Make a list of storm damage to your home. Take photographs of the damage.

## **HURRICANE TERMS**

- Tropical Disturbance - a moving area of thunderstorms of tropical origin that maintains its identity for more than 24 hours.
- Tropical Depression - a rotary circulation at the surface of water with sustained winds of 38 mph or less.
- Tropical Storm - A rotary circulation at the surface of water with sustained winds between 39 and 73 mph.
- Hurricane - A tropical cyclone with sustained winds of 74 mph or more.
- Hurricane Watch - The first alert given by the National Weather Service when a hurricane poses a possible, but as yet uncertain, threat to a specific coastal area. Small craft are advised to stay in port during a Hurricane Watch.
- Hurricane Warning - A Hurricane Warning is a notice to act. It means that a hurricane is expected to reach a coastal area within 24 hours with sustained hurricane force winds and dangerously high waters and/or waves.

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## *Hurricane Precautions (Continued from Page 3)*

- Eye - The relative calm area in the center of a storm. Winds are light in this area and the sky is often only partly covered by clouds.
- Flash Flood Watch - A flash flood is possible in the area. Stay alert and stay tuned to BE radio.
- Flash Flood Warning - A flash flood is imminent. Take immediate action.

### SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE INTENSITY SCALE

CATEGORY	WIND/MPH	DAMAGE
1	74-95	MINIMAL
2	96-110	MODERATE
3	111-130	EXTENSIVE
4	131-155	EXTREME
5	156-UP	CATASTROPHIC

## HURRICANE DANGERS

**STORM SURGE** This is the number one killer in all hurricanes. A storm surge is a rise of water caused by the forward motion of a hurricane toward the coast. The water level at the threatened coast will start to rise gradually as the hurricane approaches, then as the eye wall approaches the water level increases rapidly like a bulldozer shoving dirt. The rise in the water is also dependent upon the slope of the continental shelf. The steeper the slope the greater the storm surge for a given storm and speed. The highest surge is located just to the right of the "eye". A storm surge can range from a few feet to 25 feet.

**STORM TIDE** This is the height of the normal astronomical tide plus the storm surge.

**WINDS** The second most dangerous aspect of the hurricane. A doubling of the wind speed increases the destructive force four times! Shallow rooted trees can be blown down more than 100 miles inland and flying debris can cause considerable damage as large objects become airborne. The highest winds are generally just ahead and to the right of the "eye". In many storms, pressures fall and winds increase briefly just after landfall. This is caused by the enhancement of convection due to increased low level convergence in the eye wall region.

**INLAND FLOODING** All tropical systems, including hurricanes, can cause torrential rainfall and widespread flooding at inland areas. This is particularly true with slow moving systems.

**TORNADOES** The cyclonic turning of the winds in and around a hurricane or tropical storm can spawn numerous tornadoes. In some cases the damage caused by the tornadoes can exceed the actual damage by the hurricane itself.

## EVACUATION TIPS

### IF YOU PLAN TO EVACUATE

- Take along valid identification, insurance documents, property inventories and personal papers in a waterproof box.
- Take along personal toiletries, blankets, pillows, any medications and an AM radio.
- Turn off main gas valve to house.
- Sterilize, then fill water containers, sinks, and bathtubs then turn off main water to house and drain lines.
- Close drapes and lock all windows and doors
- Leave a two week supply of food and water for your pets (shelters do not accept pets). Make sure all pets have proper identification.
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