

# STONE FOREST

## Flyer

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey neighbors,

Several observations and some information on things we have planned. First, it was great seeing various groups of neighbors out and about during recent evenings. Many were being walked by their dogs and many were just walking or biking. My favorite was the "driveway party" on Valley Scene where they had set up several tables and canopies and had several families all having a great time eating and talking---definitely set a great example!! Also, the activity level at the new playground has definitely picked up.

The sidewalks are still being planned for Edgewood Place. We've decided to add two other sections (one in front of the playground and one on the east side of Edgewood Place by the mailbox cluster near Valiant Woods) so that resulted in some changes in the bid process. Either way, getting bids on such projects appears to be a long, slow process. But, it will happen.

We're getting two new board members as Eric Holdt and Stephan Hancock have both moved out of the area. Their places are being filled by Cathy Schmidt from Youpon Green and Chris Jackson from Edgewood Place. These are appointments and they will be voted on at later dates.

Now for something even more interesting than Keeping

Up With the Kardashians!! Yep, it is our annual homeowners' meeting which will be held at Trinity Lutheran (just across the street from our front entrance) at 7 pm on July 15th. In order to maximize attendance, we are setting up a neat reward. A drawing will be held in which the name of a homeowner will be picked. If that owner is there in the form of a proxy, the reward is equal to one half of the annual fee (or \$220). If the owner is physically there, the reward is equal to a full year HOA fee (\$440). There will also be some gift certificates available to others that are present. So, make your plans now---you may be that winner. If you are not there physically or represented by proxy, you get only the satisfaction that you made it possible for someone else to win. Charitable but not as much fun as winning.

Additional mail-outs will personally be sent to advise residents of the annual meeting and the prizes. So, come on out to the meeting. No food but there will be information (see, no calories) about accomplishments, plans and how our dues are spent. Also, it is a good way to meet the board members. We're not scary and we're not too mean. We're just regular residents.

Thanks,

Dick Leonard

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## Dear Neighbors,

Whilst I have retired from the Stone Forest HOA (& this is not from the HOA), I still maintain my role as a Harris County Bandit Sign Volunteer and try to keep the area clear of signs that are clearly in violation of the Bandit Sign Law which was passed in the Texas State Legislature some years ago.

Apart from anything the signs are a scar on the community and only litter up the the public areas with poorly written signs which left to decay becoming eyesores. The same goes for handwritten signs about lost/ found animals which are non-effective in that they are almost unreadable from anywhere except very close up, rendering them yet another eyesore which are almost never taken down, get wet and generally look messy. They are just as illegal, by the way.

I am not sure if all homeowners are aware but we still have voluntary water restrictions. Watering during daylight hours is wasteful when the summer heat evaporates a good percentage of the water before it has any effect.

Just because we have had a nice rain recently does not mean that we can waste water because rain is not a given and only occurs at nature's whim.

As a concerned homeowner and Texas resident I hope that we can preserve our precious water reserves as much as possible. I hope you will join me in trying to save water.

I wish you all a great summer and a drought free year.

Sincerely,

Bob Wise

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STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

## The Modern Game: The Top Spin Forehand

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are starting to play tennis or who want to get back into the game.

From this newsletter on, I will be offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may be already playing for leagues or tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Top Spin Forehand. This shot is used when a player is now hitting the ball long and out. The ball will be aimed high over the net and hit with power. The ball will have a “top spin” so that when the ball hits the court, it will take a big hop, forcing the opponent to fall back close to the fence, or to hit the ball on the rise.

In the illustrations, Danny Rodriguez, Director of the Pre-Advanced Tennis Program at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. This shot can also be executed from the service line as an “approach shot” to the net.

Step 1: The Ready Position: When Danny prepares to hit

a forehand top spin, he will change his grip toward the “semi-western” or “full western grip” (The palm of the hand is flat on the handle). His knees are slightly flexed and his eyes are focused on the oncoming ball.

Step 2: The Back Swing: Danny is now ready to perform the shot. The head of the racket is now above his head, his shoulders are turned, the left hand is in front to help him keep the center of gravity in front, and he has loaded his weight to the back foot. His grip is relaxed and his wrist is “laid back” to allow maximum point of contact.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: The success of a top spin shot is keeping the ball on the strings going from low to high in a 30 degree angle. Danny started the swing high and “looped” it to allow the head of the racket to drop down. He will be brushing the ball as he makes contact with it. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight has now been shifted toward the front.

Step 4: The Follow Through: Notice Danny’s finish above his left ear and his elbow pointing toward his target. He has now shifted his weight on his right foot and is ready to shuffle back to his home base.

*Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Modern Game: The Backhand Top Spin”*



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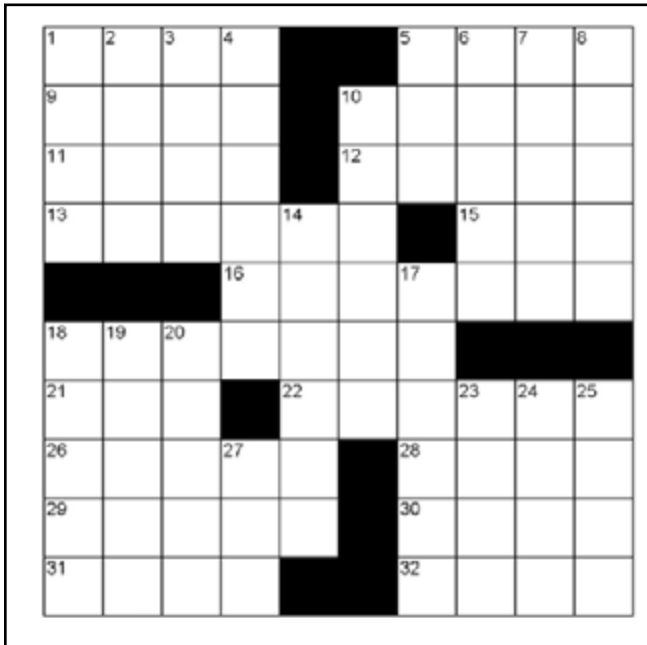
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### ACROSS

1. Chunk
5. Tramp
9. Run
10. Confuse
11. Cain killed him
12. To that time
13. Fraud
15. Compass point
16. Taught
18. Hides
21. Brew
22. Large meals
26. Sheer, triangular scarf
28. Midwestern state
29. Electronic mail
30. First letter of the Arabic alphabet
31. September (abbr.)
32. Polish

### DOWN




1. Attired
2. Earring need
3. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
4. Efface
5. Egg layer
6. Many times
7. Capital of Idaho
8. Eyed
10. Combustible material
14. Angry
17. Old Testament prophet
18. Fireproof storage areas
19. Climate
20. Summary
23. Fly alone
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