Event Dates

March 16  Egg Hunt at 3 p.m. at Upper Passage Pool
March 28 – 29  Fri & Sat. - Spring Garage Sale, 7 a.m.
April 2008  Both pools open
May 2008  Preserves HOA members meeting
            (more information to come)
June 2008  Stone Oak HOA members meeting
            (more information to come)

Don’t miss the Spring Egg Hunt!
Sunday, March 16th
at the
Upper Passage Pool
3 p.m.

Hopping to see
you all there!

Volunteers are needed
to help with the
event activities
and egg-stuffing.
Please email recreation@stoneoakhoa.org to volunteer.

Committee Vacancies

Recreation Committee:  Both communities have Recreation
Committee Chairperson opening’s (2).
The Recreation committee’s duties include:
• Advise the Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to any
  recreational programs and /or activities of the Association
• Help organize neighborhood play groups
• Help organize neighborhood clubs or groups
• Plan neighborhood parties and other Association events

If you feel you can liven up the community, organize gatherings,
and create a homely, neighborly vibe, please contact a board member.
We also would like some committee members to help out the
chairperson.

Spring Garage Sale
Friday, March 28, 2008
&
Saturday, March 29, 2008
Beginning at 7 a.m.

Easter Sunday
March 23, 2008
Stone Oak Contact Information

More information on neighborhood board members can be found at www.stoneoakhoa.org/management.

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Just a few neighborhood reminders:
- Holiday decorations should all be removed by January 31.
- Please keep your dogs on a leash when out for your morning, afternoon or evening walks.
- Don’t forget to pickup what your dog leaves behind.
- Remove your trashcan from view, except on trash days.
- Please try not to park in the street, there are many safety reasons why this isn’t a good idea.

Goodwin Management, Inc.
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The community website located at www.stoneoakhoa.org contains links, resources, and forums for our neighborhood. Please feel free to drop by and take a look, and if you think something is missing, email Isaac at webmaster@stoneoakhoa.org. Don't forget, you can get a free email address like jane.doe@res.stoneoakhoa.org by just signing up for one at the website. There is no spam involved, no promotional incentive, and no strings.

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**ACC Reminder**

The Architectural Control Committees would like to remind you if you’re thinking about adding another room onto your home? Getting a new satellite dish? Going to redesign your garden or put in some sprinklers? Want to repaint your home, or get a new roof? Need to add a shed, or put in a pool?

***Don’t forget to submit an Architectural Control Committee Request Form***

The ACC committee has a quick turnaround of about a week lately, but please allow up to 4 weeks for review if required. The ACC is in place to protect you, as the homeowner, to ensure all projects are within our deed restrictions. We are volunteers, living in the neighborhood, who work on your behalf, so please feel free to email us with any questions. Keep helping the neighborhood looking good and protect your investment. The Architectural Control Committee request form is available at www.stoneoakhoa.org/acc or in your homeowner’s binder. Forms should be faxed to Goodwin Management at 512-346-4873.

If you have any questions for Stone Oak, email Isaac at accrequests@stoneoakhoa.org. Questions for the Preserve at SO, email Brent Baker at accrequests@preserve.stoneoakhoa.org.

**Architectural Control/Maintenance & Security Committee**

We have 2 open positions to be a part of the ACC/M&S process in our community. These positions will fulfill both ACC and M&S responsibilities.

The ACC’s duties include:
- Review all plans and specifications for Improvements to all Lots within the Association
- Assist in reporting and enforcement of the Deed Restrictions
- Make recommendations to the Board regarding maintenance of common areas

The M&S’s duties include:
- Security of Neighborhood
- Maintenance of common areas
- Coordinate the "Neighborhood Watch" program
- Assist in the reporting and enforcement of the Deed Restrictions

If you feel you would like to continue to uphold our Deed Restrictions, creating a cleaner safer neighborhood for our kids and visitors, please contact a board member.

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Yard of the Month Subcommittee
The YOTM subcommittee organizes, scouts, and secures prizes for the yard of the Month. As this is a community effort, all nominations are voted on by my YOTM and M&S members.

If you feel you would like to be a part of our monthly community program, please contact a board member.

Yard of the month sub-committee has an opportunity for you to receive.
Would you like some cheap publicity? Donate a gift worth $25-50 for our Yard of the Month contest. Your company will be mentioned as the sponsor on our website and in the gift announcement. Please don’t donate “part” of a greater service, whole services or gift cards only. Contact the yard subcommittee at yard@stoneoakhoa.org for more information or to be part of our community program.

Recreation & Welcoming Committees
Recreation & Welcoming Committees are looking for volunteers to help with community projects.

For more information on your neighborhood committees, please go to www.stoneoakhoa.org/comminfo. No committee will turn away volunteers if it can, so please let us hear from you!

Yard Of The Month Program
If you’ve seen the perfectly groomed yard, or you yourself have the perfectly groomed yard, please submit a nomination for the address.

To nominate a yard, email the yard subcommittee at yard@stoneoakhoa.org with the subject of “YARD: 123 and the street name” and a small blurb about the yard if you wish. Attach a picture so that the committee can vote on your yard. (If you can’t get a picture, one of us can go by and get one, it’s not required for entry). Fax submissions may be submitted to Goodwin Management at 512-346-4873. Please visit www.stoneoakhoa.org/yotm for more details and an online submission form.

Only front yards are eligible, as backyards are not public domain. Nomination deadlines are the 1st of every month. The winning yard will be posted on the website on the 14th of the month as well as featured in the next newsletter. Prizes will be $25 gift cards and/or company sponsored services or prizes worth $25-50.

Calling All Women!
If you need a night out, want to meet other neighbors, or just want to have some fun, come join our Stone Oak Bunco Group!!!! We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at a member’s house for fun, food and BUNCO playing! If you’ve never played Bunco before, it takes just a few minutes to learn how to roll those dice! It’s a lot of fun and getting to know some neighbors is great too!

If you’re interested in playing, please contact Cynthia Segrest as jssegrest@austin.rr.com or 255-8397.

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Yard of the Month
We have quite a few “Yard of the Month’s” to report.
Congratulations to the winners! Keep up the good work!
Nominate your yard month after month using the link on the
website at www.stoneoakhoa.org/yotm you never know if you’ll be
next month’s winner (hey, odds are usually better than 1 in 10, and
it’s free to nominate!) Or, nominate a neighbor’s house to win!

October 2007 Winner
Congratulations to Ken Taylor of 3432 Flowstone!
Ken has lived in the Stone Oak neighborhood for 7 years.
When asked what the key to a great yard is, Ken answered that it
is all in the soil that you start with. Seven years ago, Ken planted
the plants in his yard and has not fertilized them once. He does
fertilize his grass; however, he is certain the plants have done
so well because of the soil he had hauled in before he started.

For the rest of us, who did not get the chance to bring in adequate
soil, Ken said the best bet for a beautiful yard is to be adamant about
top dressing your lawn in the Spring. Flip flopping years of aerating
and top dressing in the spring and winterizing in the fall will help build
a lush green lawn. In his opinion, a 50/50 mixture of sand and turkey
compost is the best option, providing a slow release of nutrients to the
soil; however, it is a bit difficult to find. An alternative option is a 50/50
mixture of sand and dillo dirt; however, according to Ken, the effect
is immediate but does not offer the continual feeding of the lawn.

“You can do a lot with a minimal amount of money if you know
what you are doing”, says Ken. With that being said, he is willing
to answer any questions a homeowner may have about their yard.
He’s even willing to come take a look at it, walk around and offer
his suggestions.

Ken’s yard was nominated by a Stone Oak resident.

“Nicole was the best agent I have ever used. This was my 5th house to purchase. She is very prompt and always helpful. She understood what I was interested in and helped me locate the perfect home. I highly recommend Nicole.”

- B. Doyle, Austin, TX
November 2007 Winner

Congratulations to Tamarian Coleman!

Tamarian is a native of Nebraska and moved to the Stone Oak Neighborhood in 2002 after living in Austin for a while. According to Tamarian, your yard is the “fruits of your labor” and instead of worrying about it, one should embrace it as a form of meditation. Enjoy working on it and it will bring you more pleasure than agony. When asked who does the work, Tamarian gives her boyfriend most of the credit. “He has the green thumb”, she says. Her favorite part is the simplicity and the cleanliness of the yard. She also loves the trees in the front. She notices people stopping to take pictures of the yard and trees all the time; especially the year it snowed here.

Her advice for a wonderful yard is to install an irrigation system if possible, as it cuts down on the amount of time you need to water in the summertime. Paired with a fertilizer schedule, consisting of fertilizing every 3 months and winterizing in the fall and some good old TLC; you could find yourself enjoying your yard as much as she does.

Tamarian is naturally proud of the work she has put into her yard and nominated it herself.

Did You Know?

Because he and President Andrew “Old Hickory” Jackson were so close, James Polk was often referred to as “Young Hickory.”

American adventurer Jim Bowie, who fell at the Alamo in 1836, actually adopted Mexican citizenship in 1830, two years after moving to what we now know as Texas.

December 2007 Winner

Congratulations to Brian and Patricia Porterfield of 3767 Top Rock Ln.!

Since it was difficult to take a nighttime photograph of the Christmas lights upon which we based the decision, allow me to describe them to you. Two lightning junipers framed the garage clothed in spirals of white. The trees were encrusted with white, glowing jewels from tree top to trunk, and white reindeer grazed on the frosted grass. Replete with a nativity scene and the white lights which framed the front porch and garage, this was a sight I won’t forget. When asked if he had any advice for our holiday decorating, Brian simply said, “We just decided to use white lights this year”. Humbly said, but fancifully done!

The Yard of the Month committee would also like to thank each homeowner who submitted a nomination, whether it was your own yard or someone else’s. If you feel you have the most beautiful yard, or you’ve seen one in the neighborhood, please submit your nomination to yard@stoneoakhoa.org, with “YOTM: XXXX street address” or visit us online at http://www.stoneoakhoa.org/yotm. Tell us why you nominated your/the yard. You or your neighbor may be next month’s winner.

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Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Stone Oak & Preserve at Stone Oak residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail publicity@stoneoakhoa.org

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Teenage Job Seekers

Not Available Online

Attention Teenagers
The Teenage Job Seekers listing service is offered free of charge to all Stone Oak teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to publicity@stoneoakhoa.org by the 9th of the month!

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