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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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STONE FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT' S MESSAGE - MAY 2011

Now that we have a new newsletter publisher we can resume informing our community about relevant matters that concern us all.

The first thing that comes to mind is that the cancellation of the Precinct 4 Constable security patrol contract seems to have had little effect on our community but since there is also a security patrol contract with Bridgestone MUD there really should be no difference in the coverage/patrols. The crime stats for March 2011 appear to confirm this although I know some have had incidents which occurred at night and would most likely not been prevented by any patrol. By far the most important crime stat for Stone Forest was false alarms from in-house security alarms.

We have seen an increase of vandalism at the Park and on the playground equipment which has cost the Homeowners Association considerable expense and again the damage seems to have been done at night when most of us are at home, either in for the night or asleep. The Association has taken steps to prevent and deter vandalism by installing a light on the playground and in the gazebo. This will at least help to deter/identify the perpetrators by illuminating the area during the night hours. In addition the dome on the play equipment has twice been kicked in to be finally replaced by a very strong clear thick plastic screen. We also found that the new electric outlet at the gazebo had been kicked to destruction and has since been replaced with a tougher fitting.

W e will be taking very strong action against any further vandalism together with steps to recover the cost of repairs as we are convinced that it is only a certain set of individuals who seem to have a mindless attitude to public property and have so much time on their hands that they can't think of anything better to do than destroy other people's property. Your Board of Directors are determined to stamp out the vandalism before it gets out of hand and someone gets hurt as a result of playground damage.

While I am on the subject of security I want to mention AGAIN the matter of homeowners who leave garage doors open. If you watch the local news or read any of the local press you will see that the crimes of opportunity occur when the property begs to be stolen or security is lax. Seniors are the most vulnerable and all the criminal has to do is slip into the open garage kick in the connecting door and they have access to whatever is inside. The connecting doors do not have deadbolts and are therefore only a weak deterrent to the opportunist. The locks will not hold against a determined kick or kicks to rip away the frame woodwork and release the door. Please try to keep your garage door closed at all times, especially those near through roads.

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Please note that the Board now meets bi-monthly and all homeowners are welcome to attend the open sessions or suggest items for the agenda.

It is nice to have a communications forum again & I hope you will all enjoy the restored newsletter. Please do let the Board know how we are doing or if you have any suggestions for our community.

Sincerely, Bob Wise, President, Stone Forest HOA.



SEND US YOUR *Event* Pictures!!

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in The Stone Forest Flyer? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email the picture to

<u>Bob@bobwise.us</u>. Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption. Pictures will appear in color online at www. PEELinc.com.





REMOVING MILDEW FROM YOUR HOUSE

Living in Houston means dealing with mildew. Next to moisture, mildew may be the greatest environmental threat to an outdoor paint or stain. An airborne fungus, mildew can settle on any surface. Add a little food and moisture and the spores begin to grow and colonize.

Unfortunately, food is plentiful. Mildew thrives on wood, wood resins, grass and tree pollens, bacteria and dirt. Although mildew appears to grow directly on a paint or stain, it actually lives on a surface film of dirt and grease. It's not uncommon to find mildew on factory-finished aluminum siding or on vinyl siding. And no matter what type of surface it is, controlling mildew is difficult.

"There are no 100% guarantees of success even after the best-known control measures have been taken", warns the National Decorating Products Association. "Any extended period of warm, humid, and/or rainy weather or tropical storm conditions without much sunshine may cause an outbreak of mildew despite all precautions."

That doesn't mean you can't reduce the likelihood of mildew problems. Of the four conditions required for mildew colonies to form, food, moisture, oxygen and 50-90 degree temperatures, moisture is the most important and the easiest to control.

Plants, shrubbery and mulch that are closest to a building encourage mildew growth. Foliage prolongs the presence of moisture because it prevents rain and dew from evaporating quickly. In addition, mildew spores can be easily transferred from the foliage and damp mulch to a painted surface. To reduce mildew growth, move plants and mulch away from building walls. Also, wash your siding periodically to help remove food sources.

To tell the difference between mildew and dirt, apply a 50/50 solution of fresh household bleach and water. If the dark spots turn lighter within 60 seconds, the spots were mildew. To remove mildew, as well as algae, soils and loose wood fibers, use a commercial wood cleaner. Or, use a mixture of one quart of fresh household bleach and one-half cup of nonammoniated detergent in three quarts of water. Either solution can be applied with a garden-type pump sprayer. Wear protective rubber gloves and eye protection when mixing and applying these cleaning solutions.

Starting at the bottom of the building, spray the cleaner on 300 to 500 square foot sections. Allow the solution to remain on the surface for 10-15 minutes, then power wash with clean water to remove the residues of mildew, soils, loose wood fibers and loose paint.

Re-examine the surface to ensure complete removal of deeply embedded mildew. A second cleaning may be necessary depending of the severity of the mildew, while restaining may or may not be necessary.



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Do you know about the "ACC" process?

Planning improvements...painting, replacing your roof, building a pool, replacing a fence or adding a playstructure or gazebo? As spring and summer approaches, our thoughts and weekend projects usually lead us to hurry and get the improvement done. However, before starting your project, please be reminded to contact the "ACC" for approval of your plans, location of the improvement, color, materials and timetable. You must have approval for painting.

The Architectural Control Committee (Volunteers in the community) for the Association (the "ACC") is charged with the responsibility to grant or withhold architectural review approval of all changes in the design of a property after original construction. If you plan any modification, alterations or enhancements to your property, you must first submit written request to the "ACC." A copy of the form required is available in the newsletter and at the Association website www.stoneforestha. org or on the Chaparral website, www. chaparralmanagement.com.

Please submit your written requests to Chaparral Management. The average turn around time for review and approval is usually less than two (2) weeks. By following this simple procedure, the curb appeal of the neighborhood will continue to be an asset to the community. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and we look forward to all the improvements!

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2011 Social Membership

Stone Forest homeowners will once again be able to obtain a social membership to the Bridgestone pool / facilities for 2011. The cost will remain the same as 2010.

Bridgestone HOA is offering a social membership to their facilities again for a fee of \$200.00 per calendar year. (No increase). The social membership includes the use of the park, swimming pool, tennis courts and the clubhouse.

ADDITIONAL FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Pool pass fee	\$10.00 per person
Tennis Courts	\$15.00 per key
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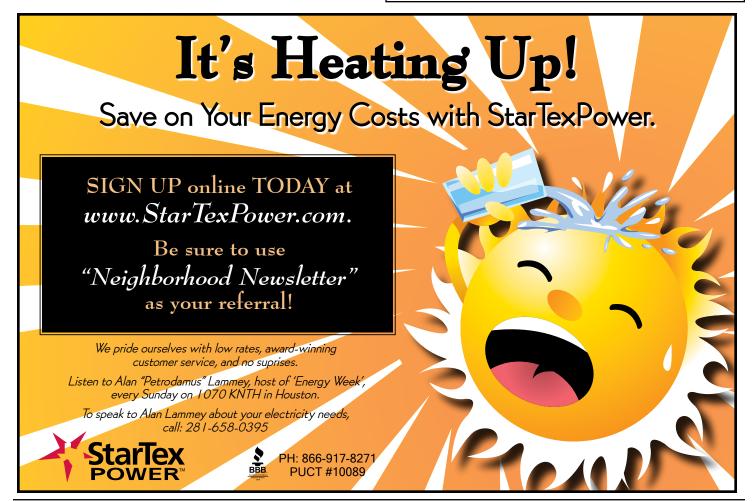
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- **9—GALVESTON:** There's an Alligator Under My Bed, A Nightmare in My Closet and Something in My Attic Three tales by Mercer Meyer come to life on stage. Begins at 10 a.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- 12—HOUSTON: The Intergalactic Nemesis: Live-Action Graphic Novel Enjoy a story told through music, three actors voicing dozens of characters, a sound engineer creating hundreds of sound effects and 1,250 hand-drawn, action-packed images projected onto a huge screen. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www. spahouston.org 713/227-4772
- 13-14—GALVESTON: Yaga's Wild Game & Barbecue Cook-Off Backyard chefs, sports people and outdoor enthusiasts show off their culinary skills. Features live entertainment, silent auction, fireworks display and children's activity area. Benefits Yaga's Children's Fund. Pier 21. www.yagaschildrensfund.org 832/247-1311 or 713/818-5507
- 13-14—ROCKPORT: Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament Women-only fishing tournament. Rockport Festival Grounds. www.babesonthebay.com 361/729-5353
- **13-15—CORPUS CHRISTI:** Gateway to Bonsai Explore the bonsai exhibit featuring a variety of trees and a bonsai market. Holiday Inn Emerald Beach. www.corpuschristibonsaiclub.org 361/992-0009
- 13-15—GALVESTON: Stomp The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- **13-15, 20-22—SPRING:** Texas Crawfish & Music Festival This 25th-annual festival features live music on three stages, carnival, Cajun food and more. Preservation Park, Old Town Spring. www. texascrawfishfestival.com 800/653-8696
- 14—CORPUS CHRISTI: Marine Mammal SeaSide Saturday Program Children ages 7 to 9 years old learn about the biggest animals in the ocean. Texas State Aquarium. www. texasstateaquarium.org 361/881-1200
- 14—PASADENA: Bayou Boil Includes a crayfish boil, music, auctions and demonstrations of turn-of-the-century crafts. Begins at 6 p.m. Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551
- 14—PORT ARTHUR: Cajun Celebration Includes bands and dancing. Jefferson County Singles Club. 409/983-5118

14—VICTORIA: Busby Dance Recital Theatre Victoria, 214 N. Main St. www.theatrevictoria.org 361/576-4500

17—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour of the Battleship Texas Take a guided tour of areas rarely seen by the public. Bring a flashlight or headlamp; wear old, comfortable clothes and rubber-soled deck

shoes. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site, 3527 Battle-ground Road. 281/479-2461

- **18-22—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** South Padre Island Kite Roundup Kiteboarding experience offers contests, clinics, events and parties for kiters and non-kiters. On the sand flats just north of the South Padre Island Convention Centre, 7355 Padre Blvd. www.spikiteroundup.com
- **19—NEDERLAND:** Nederland Nite/Third Thursday Features live music, children's activities and local vendors. Boston Avenue. 409/729-4962
- **20-22—HUMBLE:** Trade Days Find antiques, crafts, collectibles, memorabilia and more, all under a covered pavilion. Humble Civic Expo Hall, 8301 Will Clayton Parkway. www.humblecc. com 281/446-4140
- **20-Jun. 5—NASSAU BAY:** Prelude to a Kiss Immediately after a young couple exchange wedding vows, an unknown elderly man asks to kiss the bride. During this kiss, their souls exchange, and the groom must work feverishly to set things right again. Clear Creek Community Theatre. www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.org 281/335-5228
- 21—CORPUS CHRISTI: Beach to Bay Relay Marathon Starts at Nueces County Park on the beach, ends at McCaughan Park. www.beachtobayrelay.com 361/881-6166
- **21—CORPUS CHRISTI:** Camouflaged or Caught Children ages 4 to 6 years old play camouflage games, listen to a story, and see real animals that can change shape, color and behavior to blend with their surroundings. Texas State Aquarium. www. texasstateaquarium.org 361/881-1200
- **21—EDNA:** Texana Outdoor Expo Offers hands-on exhibits with an educational focus to introduce people to outdoor activities and raise environmental awareness. Brackenridge Recreation Complex. www.brackenridgepark.com 361/782-7272
- **21—GALVESTON:** Bishop's Palace Behind the Scenes Tour See parts of this famous mansion that are normally off limits. Bishop's Palace, 1402 Broadway St. www.galvestonhistory.org 409/762-2795
- 21—LAKE JACKSON: Bird Banding The public is invited to join workers collecting data on bird populations at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. www.gcbo.org 979/480-0999
- **21-22—ORANGE:** Texas Cajun Heritage Festival Celebrate Cajun heritage with food, music, a street dance, kids' activities and the Speckled Trout USA Fishing Tournament. 700 Simmons Drive. www.orangetexas.org 409/883-1011

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- **21-22—PORT ARANSAS:** Anglers on Wheels This fishing tournament is for families and friends of physically challenged individuals. Woody's Sports Center. www.ditwtexas.org 210/254-2310
- 28—VICTORIA: Art Cars Free exhibit and art car show at the Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. www.victoriaregionalmuseum. com 361/575-8227
- 28—WINNIE: .38 Special in Concert Nutty Jerry's Winnie Arena, 18291 Englin Road. www.nuttyjerrys.com 877/643-7508
- **28-29—HOUSTON:** Texas Outdoor Family Workshop Park rangers bring the gear and visitors bring the family for an overnight stay to learn camping skills. Reservations required. Sheldon Lake State Park. 512/389-8903
- **28-29—PORT ARTHUR:** S.A.L.T. Fishing Rodeo Enjoy a fishing tournament—inshore and offshore—with a children's category. Pleasure Island. 409/963-0433

- **28-29—ROCKPORT:** Festival of Wines This 15th-annual event offers wine tastings, entertainment, cooking demonstrations and more. Texas Maritime Museum. www.texasmaritimemuseum.org 361/729-1271
- **28-29—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** SPI Beach Volleyball Tournament Begins at 9 a.m. Boomerang Billy's at Surf Motel. 956/943-1015
- **31-Jun. 12—HOUSTON:** Rock of Ages! This arena-rock love story is told through the mind-blowing, face-melting hits of Journey, Night Ranger, Styx, Whitesnake and many more. Hobby Center for Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

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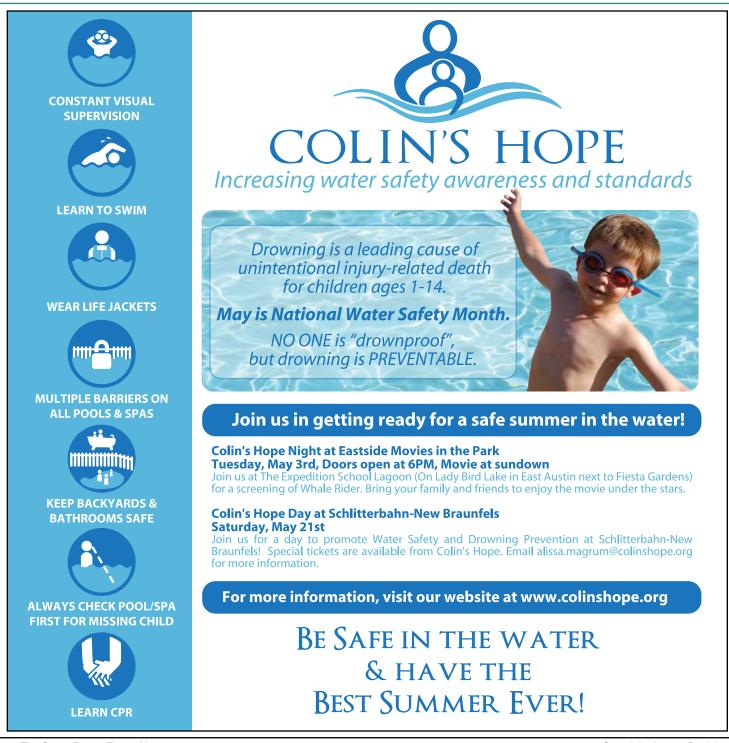


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