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*Stone Gate Slate*

THE OFFICIAL HOA NEWSLETTER  
of Stone Gate, Canyon Lakes, Canyon Lake  
Villages and Canyon Lakes West



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## *Stone Gate Community* Annual Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 24  
10:00AM – 12:00PM

**This year, our event will in the  
Sterling Country Club Ballroom at  
Houston National Golf Club**

Hop on over to your community Easter event to enjoy our annual egg hunt. All egg hunts will include age groups of 2 and under, 3 - 5, 6 - 8 and 9 +. Each group will hunt separately, so it's fair for every-"bunny"! We'll have light refreshments and fun! **Bring Your Camera** as Peter Cottontail will be available for pictures!

***Don't forget your basket!***

## *Canyon Lakes West* Annual Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 24  
2:00PM – 3:00PM

Join the festivities at the Canyon Lakes West Recreation Center! We'll have light refreshments and fun! Make sure to arrive by 2:15 PM for the egg hunts! **Bring Your Camera** as Peter Cottontail will be available for pictures!

***Don't forget your basket!***

## REGISTER NOW!

### *Stone Gate & Canyon Lakes West* Spring Community Garage Sale

Saturday, April 14 | 7:00AM – 12 NOON | RAIN OR SHINE

It's time to clean out your closets, your trash could be someone else's treasure! The sale takes place in your own garage so be ready to open your garage at 7AM on April 14th! We'll be creating a map of all the garage sales in the community. To be added to the map, please e-mail your address to [jenniferhenrie@canyongate.com](mailto:jenniferhenrie@canyongate.com) and include a short list (ONLY 5 to 6 words – example: Furniture, electronics, clothes, toys) to describe the types of items you are selling. Deadline for sign up to be included on the map is Friday, April 6th. The map will be handed out at the gatehouses on the day of the garage sale.

- Banners will be posted in the community and an advertisement will be placed in the local newsletter.
- You may place signs at the entrance to your section & in your yard to promote your garage sale.
- Signs must be removed on Saturday, April 14th after the sale by 1pm.
- PLEASE REFRAIN from attaching your garage sale sign to community signs. Please do not move or remove any community banners or signs.



***To register and for questions, please contact  
Jennifer Henrie, Director of Community Events at  
[jenniferhenrie@canyongate.com](mailto:jenniferhenrie@canyongate.com)***

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| Auto Registration .....            | 713-368-2000 |
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## TO CONTACT THE BOARD:

*Please address the Board of Directors via*

Brandi Leal, PCMI, ([bleal@stes.com](mailto:bleal@stes.com))  
P.O. Box 219223, Houston, TX 77218, 281-870-0585

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Monthly games and/or visiting will be held at the SG Rec Center on the first Wednesday of each month from 1pm-3pm. They also meet every third Wednesday at Sterling Country Club for breakfast at 9 am.



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## 2012 Stone Gate Community Events & Activities

- “Egg”stravaganza ..... Saturday, March 24
- Spring Garage Sale ..... Saturday, April 14
- Stone Gate Tennis Tournament ..... TBD Spring/Summer
- Summer Pool Parties ..... Saturday, July 14
- Canyon Gate Night at Astros ..... Fall 2012
- Fall Garage Sale ..... Saturday, September 22
- Golf Tournament ..... Monday, October 1
- National Night Out ..... Tuesday, October 2
- Ladies Brunch and Trunk Show ..... Saturday, November 17
- Gingerbread House Making ..... Saturday, December 1
- Holiday Yard Decoration Contest ..... December
- Cookies with Santa ..... Saturday, December 15

*Please contact Jennifer Henrie, Director of Community Events at [jenniferhenrie@canyongate.com](mailto:jenniferhenrie@canyongate.com) if you would like to help with any of our events! All Dates are Tentative & Events are subject to change.*

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*Planned Community Management, Inc. (PCMI) 281.870.0585*

### DID YOU KNOW...THERE IS A LOST PET FEATURE TO COMMUNITY INTRANET

- Log into [www.canyongate.com/residents/sg](http://www.canyongate.com/residents/sg)
- Click on "classifieds" located on left side of menu
- Click on "lost & found pets"

You can create a description of the lost or found pet as well as add photos. Please include your contact information to speed up communications!

This may also be a helpful website:  
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## OFFICE HOURS STARTING MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>

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Bianca has started to draw and color using hand-over-hand guidance by her caregivers. She receives occupational, physical and speech therapy at school. She requires 24 hour care and supervision due to her special needs. Bianca needs a family that will take care of her and love her forever.

*For more information about Bianca, contact at the Adoption Coalition of Texas at (512) 301-2825 or [info@adopttexas.org](mailto:info@adopttexas.org).*

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IT MAY NOT BE "JUST A TOOTHACHE".

Going to the dentist may not be on the top of your To Do list, but if you're experiencing dental pain, a trip to the dentist may be just what you need. If you have a toothache that lasts more than one or two days, you notice swelling around a tooth, bleeding, or experience severe pain or fever, it's time to make an appointment with the dentist as soon as possible. A thorough examination and diagnosis is important to prevent more serious complications to your teeth, jaw, and gums. Dental decay and gum disease are progressive in nature. Early diagnosis is essential to a quicker and easier treatment.

### THERE ARE SEVERAL CAUSES OF DENTAL PAIN, INCLUDING:

- Tooth decay affecting the enamel and the dentin, or inner layer of the tooth
- Tooth abscess caused by severe tooth decay or a trauma causing an infection at the root

- of the tooth or between the gum and tooth
- Damage to existing fillings due to pressure from chewing, grinding, or clenching
- Teeth grinding that causes fracturing, loosening, and excessive wear
- A fractured tooth from a traumatic dental injury
- Infected gums as a result of gingivitis or gum disease (periodontitis)

During your exam, your dentist will typically ask about the nature of your dental pain, when it started, and if anything makes it better or worse. Then, your dentist will conduct a physical examination of your mouth, teeth, gums, jaws, tongue, and throat. X-rays and other tests may be recommended, depending on what the dentist suspects is causing your toothache.

Once your dentist has determined the cause of your dental pain, you will be

presented with treatment options. If a cavity is causing your pain, a simple filling may do the trick. However, if there is an infection that has spread to the tooth's nerve, a root canal may be necessary. An antibiotic may also be prescribed if you have swelling of the jaw or a fever.

### DENTAL PAIN IS PREVENTABLE!

Because most toothaches are caused by decay, practicing good oral hygiene is the easiest way to prevent dental pain. This includes brushing and flossing every day and visiting your dentist for professional cleanings and checkups on the schedule determined by the Dental Hygienist. In addition, eating a healthy, balanced diet that is low in sugar will not only help you prevent cavities but will improve your body's overall health.

*Submitted by Dr. Flury*



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### LEADERSHIP

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Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of over 3.2 million girls and adults, a significant growth from its modest beginnings nearly a century ago. We invite you to learn about our robust organization and its rich history. From our willingness to tackle important societal issues, to our commitment to diversity and inclusiveness—Girl Scouts is dedicated to every girl, everywhere.

Girl Scouts Counsels challenge girls to reach out into their communities and inspire others every day; they need your help! You don't have to be a Girl Scout. What can you do?

*Fifth Grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 16176 has offered a few ideas. They continue to work on community service projects and will bridge to the next level, Cadettes, in May.*

### DONATE

Donate toys, books, games, computers, paint, art/craft supplies, clothing, coats, house hold items, furniture and CD's can be donated to day cares, homeless shelters, military troops and families, schools, libraries, churches, YMCA, Club Rewind, neighbors & families in need. Towels, hand towels, newspaper, trash liners, pet care items, can be donated to animal shelters or pet stores around Houston. They are always in desperate need of these items. Google, pet shelters, to find one near you.

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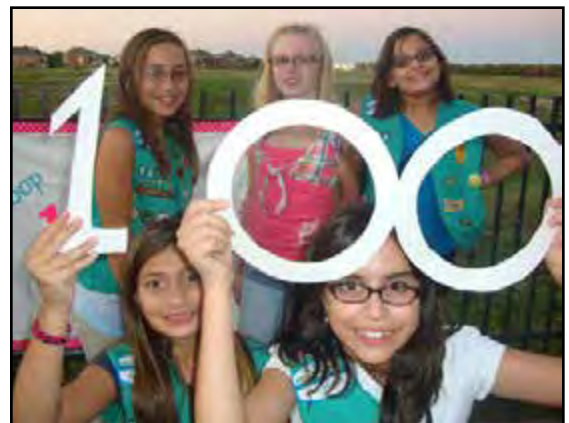
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### RECYCLE & CONSERVE

Recycle paper, plastics, computers and more. Use reusable water bottles and plastic containers. Visit the City of Houston website for recycle centers around Houston. Don't forget to recycle by donating items mentioned above. Conserve Earth's resources, like water, electricity and energy. Work with your school, church and day cares to promote conservation by speaking and/or placing posters in the hallways and/or classrooms.

### STRESS LESS

Take care of yourself! Relax, read a book, exercise, rest, find a quiet place, turn off the computer, practice Yoga, take a walk, play with your pets or talk to someone about something that is bothering you. You will release stress, be happier and live longer.



## Pick up the Pile

Happy New Year to all! As we embark on 2012's journey, some will think of ways to improve upon themselves. I'd like to offer an idea to those that still think dog poop is fertilizer, let's try picking up after our dogs. In case you were not aware, scientists have established the fact that the dog's gut harbors a particular type of bacteria known as the coli form bacteria. This bacterium includes the dreaded E. coli bacteria and also contains strains of salmonella and giardia. Now, since the rains have finally come, all the piles that have been left behind will be washed into our storm drains and contaminate our water supply. Not only is our water supply affected but perhaps even the air we breathe...I came across this article:

### SCIENCEDAILY (AUG. 18, 2011)

"Bacteria from fecal material -- in particular, dog fecal material -- may constitute the dominant source of airborne bacteria in Cleveland's and Detroit's wintertime air, says a new University of Colorado Boulder study."

This was the first test conducted, for air borne disease so far, however, scientist presume other cities, with an abundance of the canine kind, will show similar results. Please be kind, don't leave it behind. To those that pick up....THANK YOU

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## Dawn Reich's Stone Gate Market Report

| Annual Comparison |          | Homes Sold | Sold Price Per SqFt. | Days on Market | Homes for Sale | List Price per SqFt. | Days on Market |
|-------------------|----------|------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Stone Gate        | Jan 2012 | 0          | -                    | -              | 28             | \$72                 | 141            |
|                   | 2011     | 93         | \$64                 | 110            |                |                      |                |
| Canyon Lakes      | Jan 2012 | 2          | \$63                 | 204            | 26             | \$64                 | 131            |
|                   | 2011     | 112        | \$60                 | 125            |                |                      |                |



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