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President's Message

First of all please make a note in your diaries, iPhones, iPads or whatever, that the Homeowners Association Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday July 19th at 7 p.m. It will probably be at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Spring Cypress although that has to be confirmed. Every homeowner is entitled to attend and we hope that we have a good attendance. It is YOUR Association !

In the meantime the next regular BOD meeting will take place on June 12, 2012 6 p.m. at the Chaparral Offices on Cypresswood.

I am asking for your help this month as I would like to initiate a safe driving spirit within our sub-division. The reason being that STOP signs are being ignored and speeding is becoming an epidemic. STOP sign violators are not restricted to cars, trucks vans etc., they are being ignored by cyclists who really have no other distraction to use an excuse. It is just as dangerous for a cyclist to blow through a stop sign as a power driven vehicle because that can cause accidents and injury to unprotected human beings. Just because you are a cyclist does not exempt you from obeying the law.

Vehicular stop sign violations are not confined to any one group as everybody does it and again it is extremely dangerous when a driver thinks he/she has a right of way and the other driver selfishly ignores the sign causing serious injury, damage or worse.

The Pct. 4 patrol has been ticketing drivers who offend but most of the offences are not, so it behooves us who live in the area to be extra cautious. Our residents do walk in the area and we need to keep everyone safe especially the younger members of our community. Some of us who are late to work in the mornings need to be extra careful when starting out, not to accelerate too hard away from our homes just because we are late. That is probably the most distracting time because we are concentrating on making up time. If we all did it there would be chaos so please be extra careful when potentially late.

All I am asking for is a little caution when driving in the neighborhood so that we minimize the risk of injury and/or damage.

Finally as all of you must know by now we are in the middle of election season culminating in the main elections in November. This is an early reminder to everyone eligible to vote to please get out and vote. It is your right and you should exercise it whatever your political persuasion.

*Yours sincerely,
Bob Wise, President
Stone Forest HOA*



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Father's Day is June 17th!


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2012 Open Regattas at Seabrook Sailing Club

The Seabrook Sailing Club is hosting two major regattas this summer on Galveston Bay, open to all interested sailors. Whether it's challenging one design racing or family fun, Seabrook Sailing Club's summer regatta schedule has it all. We are looking forward to having local and out-of-town sailors join us for competition and fun on the bay.

Summer Solstice Regatta: Seabrook Sailing Club's annual Summer Solstice Regatta will be held on June 23 and 24, 2012. This year we will be kicking off the regatta on Friday night with fireworks and a keg! We encourage everybody to leave work early and bring a picnic. This regatta is open to all small sailboats and beginner racers are welcome. Lasers, 470's, Sunfish, windsurfers, Vanguard 15's, and catamarans are regular classes at this fun event. This regatta is on the Texas Laser District 15 Circuit schedule, drawing Lasers from around the state. There will be one design starts for all classes with at least three boats. A Portsmouth handicap fleet will be formed for boats that do not make up a one design fleet. Official Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SSC website nearer the time of the event.

Endless Summer Regatta: Each year, youth sailors from all over Texas and surrounding states participate in the Endless Summer Regatta at the Seabrook Sailing Club. The Endless Summer Regatta is the best attended event on the Texas Youth Circuit after Texas Race Week, with approximately



Optimists on the downwind run at the Endless Summer Regatta

200 sailors, coaches, parents, and organizers coming to Seabrook and Galveston Bay. The youth sailors participate in 6 different fleets; the beginner sailors in the Optimist Green fleet, the experienced Optimist sailors in the Red/White/Blue fleet, Laser 4.7, and Laser Radial. Parents enjoy the view of the sailing course and Kemah from the clubhouse deck, while their kids put their skills to the test. Sailing is a great sport for kids that fosters self-confidence, independence, and responsibility. As skippers, they are in control of their own destiny; they make their own decisions, which have a direct result on their finish position, well-being, and boat

condition. But most importantly, it's fun! The 2012 regatta will take place September 22-23, 2012. Official Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SSC website nearer the time of the event.

The Seabrook Sailing Club has been providing safe, organized, and challenging sailing for local sailors and guests since 1934. If you've been thinking about learning to sail, getting back on the water, or competing in our organized club races, check out what the Seabrook Sailing Club has to offer. For more information about SSC, contact James McTurk at SSCmembership@yahoo.com, or visit www.seabrooksailingclub.org.



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Cypress-Tomball Democrats *June 20th Meeting*

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 20th, at a new location: Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429. A meet and greet will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the general meeting at 7:00 p.m.

June's guest speaker will be Lydia D. Avila, with the Texas Sierra Club. Ms. Avila will discuss the Sierra Club's efforts to inform communities of the EPA's recently announced carbon (or greenhouse gas) protections.

All are welcome to join this growing club. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month. For more information, contact Olga Moya at cytomdems@yahoo.com.



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Tennis *Tips*



Q: I have taken some beginner lessons and I am ready to start practicing. What is the best way?

A: Starting to play tennis, is like learning to swim or riding a bike. You need to start slowly and gain confidence over time. I suggest acquiring some used tennis balls from a club (we have plenty at our club), and start hitting them back and forth from the service line to service line. New balls are much too lively and if you only use three balls, you will end up spending more time chasing them than hitting them.

Q: What about playing with my children?

A: If your child is between ages 4-11 and has taken some tennis lessons in an organized program, more than likely they were accustomed to playing with softer "QuickStart" balls and transitional rackets. Children need to learn to execute the stroke properly without thinking about the court and the net. I usually begin with of children of these ages, stroking a ball against a fence or windscreen. Later on once they learn to make contact with the ball, I bring them close to the net onto the actual tennis court, and I have them hit the balls being fed.

Q: If I am the feeder of the balls, where should I stand?

A: Most tennis coaches now, spend a great deal of teaching standing next to the players feeding them balls from both behind and from the side, next to the player. This way, the player hitting the ball, learns to adjust to the ball without having to do a great deal of running. When I see a player becoming more confident with making contact with the ball and clearing the net, I will begin feeding the balls to them from the other side of the net. The player should start hitting the balls from the service line, and move further towards the baseline as he succeeds hitting the balls with more control.

Q: When is time to rally back and forth?

A: Once the player is adept to hit both forehands and backhands with consistency, when the ball is being fed from the opposite side near the service line, I then will move back to the baseline and start to rally back and forth. I normally let the student start the rally, making sure that he is executing the stroke properly. Also, safety calls for the basket or extra balls to be clear his path on his side of the court.

Q: How should I practice the serve?

A: One of the most difficult shots of tennis to master is the serve. Also, it is the easiest one to practice, because a player can practice it alone. I suggest using many tennis balls and begin by first serving from the service line and proceed to move back toward the base line until success is achieved with getting the ball in the proper service box. If practicing with a partner, one can be serving, while the other practices returning serve.

Q: How about playing points?

A: If players are familiar with the traditional scoring system, I suggest playing regular games. For practice purpose, I encourage my students to play using the table tennis scoring system. Serve five balls, and then allow the opponent to serve five. Change sides every 10 points. This way, a player learns to play the point, rather than the game. First to achieve 21 points wins.

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