

NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES

Stone Oak POA

Viki Melton,
Joe Silman Pres,
Meg Lorente SOPOA Property Manager,
Greg Barnes, Director
Gina Guerra, ACC

Arrowhead – Michael Bedwell

Arrowhead Estates – Tom Hill

Big Springs – Monette Fisher

Breezes - VACANCY

Canyon Rim / Hidden Mesa – Lisa Kuehl

Canyon View – Casey Carlsen

Canyons at Stone Oak – Daryl Johnson

Champions Ridge – Mac McCarthy

Champions Run Estates – Jill Williamson

Champion Springs – Mary Cardenas

Champions Village – Janna Sandridge

Crescent Oaks – Lisa Tuley

Crescent Ridge – Cliff Rath

Echo Canyon/Mesa Grand – Ken Piland
Enclave - VACANCY

Heights at Las Lomas – Deidy Chapa

Hidden Canyon at Stone Oak – Laverna McWhorter

Knights Cross – Carol Sexton

Las Lomas – Lisa Tkatchuk

Mesa Verde - VACANCY

Mt Arrowhead – Yolanda Adams

Ridge at Stone Oak - VACANCY

Saddle Mountain - VACANCY

Seventh at Sonterra – Debbie Bertram

SOCOMA – Al Crouch, Arien Adams

Sonterra POA – Sharon Meyer

Sonterra Villas - VACANCY

Stone Mountain – Art Downey, SOPOA Board Chair

Springs at Stone Oak – Connie De Meo

Summit – Tom Trbovich

Villages at Stone Oak – Trant Batey

Villas at Sonterra - VACANCY

NEXT CLOSED MEETING FOR
SOPOA NEIGHBORHOOD REPS:

**October 13th, 7:00 pm,
Club at Sonterra.**

(These meetings are closed and
not open to the public.)



NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 08, 2021
CLUB AT SONTERRA / ZOOM

INVITED GUEST SPEAKERS:

- I. **BRYAN NAYLOR** – *District 9 Updates*
- II. **GERALD RODRIGUEZ**, *SAPD SAFFE Officer*
- III. **JEFF COYLE** – *Assistant City Manager for the City of San Antonio*
Jeff.Coyle@sanantonio.gov
- IV. **ART DOWNEY** – *Community Issues*
- V. **VIKI MELTON** – *SOPOA Info*

REPUBLIC SERVICES ONE-TIME BULK PICK-UP

SOPOA ARBOR DAY – October 2 – Baptist Hospital

*COLT OSBURN has left his position with Councilman
Courage (D9) for a similar position with
the State of Texas.*

SAPD SAFE OFFICER: GERALD RODRIGUEZ



CRIME: Nothing major regarding crime in Stone Oak. SAPD has been focusing for the past two weeks on schools (Hardy Oak –has a very long line at school). They are working with school officials to remedy the situation.

SPEEDING: If your area has a speeding issue, contact Officer Rodriguez 210 207-5198 and he will get the radar sign put up. Current Radar is on northbound Hardy Oak near Huebner. Statistics will be collected and reported to SAPD.

MAILBOX BREAK-INS: Arrowhead has had several mailbox break-ins. Contact SAPD and the Post Master if it happens to you. In Arrowhead criminals broke into all six clusters using a crowbar; the Postal Service replaced two clusters and repaired all mailboxes; then it happened two weeks ago (Flaming Arrow).

Tax-time, holidays, and government checks are primary times that criminals target mailboxes.

Officer Rodriguez recommends installing cameras for peace of mind and possibly identifying these burglars.

BRIAN NAYLOR: *Update on District 9 Activities*

NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORS ON PATROL is the legal arm of *Citizens on Patrol (COP)* and has resumed the program to engage with neighborhoods and build up the COP program starting this Fall. Neighborhood residents patrol their streets, using cell phones to report crimes. Upon completion of class, you may participate in the Ride-along and Training at SAPD substations.

Visit <https://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/Cellular-On-Patrol> if you would like more information or sign up for a class.

RADAR SPEED SIGN – currently on NB Hardy Oak near Huebner. Had some technical issues that prevented its use, but it has been repaired and back to work.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – City has cancelled this event, but neighborhoods are still welcome to hold block parties.

DISTRICT 9 BOND CATEGORIES are:

- Drainage and Flood
- Neighborhood Improvements (Housing)
- Facility Improvements
- Parks and Recreation – *Stone Oak Park Upgrade*
- Streets Bridges and Sidewalks

Go to this quick and easy website, complete the form and send your suggestions to the Bond Committee.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQtUFtie8h4nYpbCugOPDH9ysxWnSNtLTGvhRPsm6OTWv6UA/viewform>



MYSTERIOUS SOCCER COMPLEX – They have a nice website promoting soccer, purchased 25 acres that will need to be rezoned, but no one has contacted either the city’s office regarding rezoning or SOPOA as of this meeting.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS & GOOGLE FIBER

Q. *Greg Barnes* – Traffic Light by Lopez Middle School has been out for several days. Not sure it is related to trenching by Google Fiber, but getting out of Mesa Grande is a nightmare. Traffic reduced to one lane due to work by GF and kids are late for school. When will they be done trenching up and down the Stone Oak area; when will the light be repaired?

A. The City will be meeting with a Google Fiber representative who will lay out the remaining planned budgets for District 9. Google Fiber and a subcontractor hired by them are responsible for the problems with the traffic, and should be repaired by the end of this week.

Q. *Cliff Barnes* – GF has been plugging up the roads, while nothing is going on. Officers are sitting in their patrol cars doing nothing. GF has cut into AT&T cables, created rock piles all around the city. Long stretches of road are blocked off for one small work area, creating traffic jams all over.

A. *Viki* - Same issue along Evans between Bush Middle School and 281. Areas have been blocked off but no one is working. If you want GF in your neighborhood you will need to contact them and get permission from SOPOA and sign a contract. (High pressure salesmen).

Mr. Naylor was asked to look into this matter to determine what needs to be done.

JEFF COYLE – Assistant City Manager for the City of San Antonio, Director of Governmental & Public Affairs



As the new Assistant City Manager for the City of San Antonio, Mr. Coyle oversees the Airport, Military Affairs, 311, and Open Records. In addition, he started the SASpeakUp Engagement Platform that the staff uses to gather public feedback.

Mr. Coyle also shared their plan for continuous improvement for

residents' interactions with city government, especially in the area of public participation when residents are providing input to the city regarding programs, policies or initiatives that have been a focus for the past 5 or 6 years. There are about 1,000 touchpoints with the city, i.e., a call to 311 about an issue, conversation with council member, survey, call to a department, etc. Technology will bring all the facts together so each resident has a unique profile – similar to telephone, internet, TV with cable connections, or telecom, if you call them, they have all that information at their fingertips. By creating an account with the city, you start to build an understanding about your needs/concerns, your councilman can go into the 311 account and see what complaints have been received concerning your input.

This campaign was started in 2015 to encourage people digitally rather than physically going to an event in your district, by creating an opportunity to speak up. You see dozens of surveys that affect the local budget. This includes input on the SAPD.

They now have minimum standards for departments. Instead of holding a public meeting and calling that “input”, they now conduct surveys, communicate with neighborhood groups, and produce reports of feedback received before Council takes action.

The Guiding Principles and goals are:

- Meaningful
- Accessible
- Continuous
- Constituent management program (creating an account)
- Improve boards and commissions making it much easier to comply i.e., animal issue – the caller may be a great candidate for the animal care services board.
- Improve Agenda Management System (council meetings)
- Create a platform for all surveys so they follow a simple template which makes it easier to collect data from residents.
- Create a central calendar for City Government

If there’s an item on the council’s agenda i.e., city budget, strategic long-term development for the airport, you can visit SA SPEAK UP ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM and submit your suggestions.



For current meetings, both an electronic agenda as well as a .pdf format are available to download or print off. There’s also a microphone that allows you to sign up to speak at one of these meetings. The “Speech bubble” allows you to send a written comment without showing up at the meeting.

The NEW program will be introduced around September 30th.

Mr. Coyle requests that all Neighborhood Reps communicate this information to your neighborhoods and encourage residents to communicate with the city.

What are the most common calls to 311? Trash pickup, animal issues (dogs running loose, dangerous dogs, code issues (i.e., a dangerous structure), Covid info, places to get tested etc. *not necessarily in that order*).

ART DOWNEY - Community Update

Telephonic City Budget Town Hall - Tomorrow night the SA Speak Up is going to hold a telephonic City Budget Town Hall. If you want to participate you need to pre-register before 3 pm tomorrow. Go to city’s website SA SpeakUp.

2022 Bond – Councilman John Courage met with subcommittees and the city will announce formation of the Citizen Bond Committees: Streets, Drainage, Arts, Facilities and Public Housing. Each one will have a Citizen Bond Committees established consisting of 2 ? appointed by the mayor and 3 representatives from each Council district that will vote on that particular issue.

They meet 5 times over 2 months at Central Library downtown from 6 – 8 pm.

City staff will put together a packet. These Committees listen to the public, formulate a list of recommendations to the city council to be placed on the bond issue.

Committees will meet 1st week in October and run until the 1st week in December. Each committee will meet 5 times. The city will put out a schedule for meetings.

At end of the session, the committee will prioritize their projects and a council person will put all 10 districts into one prioritized list.

D9 Meeting will be Sep 22nd, 7 pm via Zoom –

Stephen Graham, Director of Communications for SARA, will provide an overview of SARA's missions, organization, funding and update on some of their projects such as West Side Creek Restoration, Trails, San Pedro Creek as well as some of the State and Federal agencies they work with to improve the overall environmental conditions.

VIKI MELTON



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- 5 yd limit; anything over will not be picked up.
- For additional brush/bulk over 5 yds, contact Republic direct to make service and payment arrangements before the Monday of the scheduled service week.
- Be sure to have your brush/bulky items out before 7 am on Monday of your scheduled week. Be aware that pick-up will occur on various days through the week.

STONE OAK PICK-UP SCHEDULE:

Sept 6 – 10th – Canyons, Champions Village, Villages at Stone Oak, Champion Run, Springs at Stone Oak, Villages in the Hills, Big Springs, Village on the Glen and Village at Cactus Bluff.

Sept 13 – 17th – Ridge at Stone Oak, Champions Ridge, Mesa Grande, Mesa Vista, Canyon Rim, Mesa Verde, Hidden Canyon, Canyon View.

SONTERRA NEIGHBORHOODS:

November 29th (*Tentative*) – all Sonterra Neighborhoods.



CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 210-304-2700.

IF YOU MISSED THE BULK PICK-UP, Republic will pick up your bulk trash at the curb in front of your house on the 3rd SATURDAY of the month for a fee of \$40 per pick-up.



STONE OAK ARBOR DAY TREE GIVE-A-WAY – Saturday, October 2nd @ 9 am – Noon (or until all trees are gone). Location: Baptist Hospital Parking Lot @ Stone Oak Parkway / Madison Oak.

See attached Flyer.



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Meeting Notes by Sharon Meyer



Free Tree in Celebration of Arbor Day!



Due to the South Texas heat during Spring, San Antonio celebrates Arbor Day during the Fall months. Please come join your Stone Oak Property Owners Association as they host a

Stone Oak Arbor Day Tree Give-A-Way!

Saturday, October 2, 2021

9:00AM-Noon (or until trees are gone)

New Location: Baptist Hospital Parking Lot

At the intersection of Stone Oak Parkway and Madison Oak

The City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department has graciously donated trees to assist Stone Oak residents with conservation and beautification of their residential landscaping. Don't know how to plant a tree? No problem- experts will be on hand to give you all the information you need for your planting to be successful!

This is a wonderful family activity that benefits for years to come – hope to see you there!



"Other holidays repose on the past. Arbor Day proposes the future."

J. Sterling Morton – Founder of Arbor Day in 1872