

Stone Oak NRC Meeting  
September 09, 2020

**SAPD SAFE Officer Gerald Rodriguez.** Reminding everyone to be aware of homeless camps and parked tractor-trailers. Some homeless people are living by Luby's on Blanco, at the end of Huebner behind Best Buy, under 281 by Hollywood Park, etc. They are also panhandling near Targets, Walmarts, etc. Do not give them money, it only encourages them. Officer Rodriguez has offered individuals help, but they refuse. It's true they are taking the bus from downtown to 1604/281 area. Be aware.

People are using the ground behind Best Buy as a dumping area. Report if you see.

The carwash on Evans/Stone Oak has been having break-ins. The police have a good lead.

"RING" is fairly new with its issues but getting better. Send any videos of problems to the police.

C.O.P. training has been put on hold due to the Corona virus. Sgt. Schneider in charge.

**Nathan Riggs and Mark Peterson - SAWS:** Many of the employees have been working from home since May 13th because of the virus. Irrigation consults are still being scheduled 2-3 weeks out.

Many popular programs ongoing right now. Go on SAWS website the check out how to get rebates on several things:

\$150 credit for purchasing a Flow Meter to read the usage of your water. Must have Wi-Fi.

\$100 coupon to take to vendor for Smart Irrigation controller. Runs on each in-ground zone.

Up to 4 \$100 coupons to replace part of the lawn with colorful, drought-hardy plants and/or permeable patio pavers. That can be a \$400 savings. This program only runs through 10/15/2020 and must be used by 11/15/2020. Successful projects get a bonus \$30 mulch coupon.

Get a "Flume" free. Through June 15, is free (including tax and shipping) when combined with the SAWS Water Flow Sensor Rebate of \$150. You must have Wi-Fi and a smart phone to use these products. Once the device is purchased directly from the company's website and successfully installed, you can apply for the SAWS rebate. A credit will be applied to your SAWS bill within 2 billing cycles.

There are also commercial Rebates and programs we, as an HOA, may want to look into by calling SAWS.

A SAWS consult must be done before anything else. Last year SAWS did 3200, this year 1900. They have a "no contact appointment" where they email a link for a consent form. You

must stay inside, and they will discuss the consult with you by phone before they leave. They do it in blocks of time, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm.

You can get a \$450 rebate to retire your old irrigation system or \$750-\$5000 for a working system. They can retire a zone or change irrigation heads. They will be available for commercial cites with less than 16 zones running. They're only doing this in certain areas and Stone Oak has been approved.

**Viki Melton - Chairperson - POA Info.** The office is closed but phones are available. The new phone is 210-858-8508. Right now, all activities are on hold, including garage sales which are only to be done as a community sale. **Our next NRC meeting will be on Oct. 14.**

**Art Downey** - Went to a virtual meeting with the mayor, city manager, director of finance, and others to discuss 1/8¢ sales tax revenue. It will be on the ballot on November 3. The revenue will not go in the General Fund. Its distribution is being discussed. Currently it funds the Edwards Aquifer protection and development of linear parks. This expires in 2021. The city is asking voters to use it for a workforce training and education program through 12/31/25. Then VIA wants it to go to ATD to improve its transportation system and options. The aquifer protection will continue to be funded.

Also in November there will also be a ballot to reauthorize a separate 1/8¢ sales tax to continue funding the Pre-K 4 SA program.

A new park is out for bids by October and approval will take 30-90 days. Hopefully they can begin work by the fall of 2021. It will have grassy areas, trails, and one ball field even though there are other fields in the plan. Probably will need bonds to get the full completion. The foundation is still raising money to pay for it.

Community Bible Church has planned a 6-acre park near their parking lot to be called Emmitt Park after the founder of the church. It will be open to everyone and will have a splash pad, playground, 3 covered basketball courts, and event pavilion, amphitheater, and 1/2-mile concrete walking pad.

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