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## STONEBRIDGE RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Vision Statement

*"To be the premier, large-scale, master-planned community of choice in North Texas."*

### Mission Statement

*"Preserve and enhance the quality and natural beauty of Stonebridge Ranch for our residents. Offer and maintain attractive amenities, active lifestyle opportunities and leadership which protects property values and the financial health of the community."*

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# Inside the Work of Your SRCA Board

## Volunteer Homeowners Shaping Our Future

Following our recent Annual Meeting, Stonebridge Ranch is pleased to welcome our newly elected Board of Directors, an exceptional team of volunteer homeowners committed to enhancing our community. These dedicated residents work tirelessly to ensure that Stonebridge Ranch remains the premier living destination in McKinney.

### What the Board Does

The SRCA Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing both the long-term vision and daily operations of our community. With over 9,400 homes across 75 villages, 500 acres of common areas, 20 lakes and ponds, and an annual operating budget exceeding \$8 million, their responsibilities are both extensive and essential. Some key responsibilities include:

- **Financial Oversight & Strategic Planning:** Managing the Association's finances and planning for future growth to maintain a strong and stable community.
- **Policy Development:** Establishing guidelines that influence landscaping, infrastructure maintenance, recreational facilities, and community programs.
- **Project Oversight:** Addressing key initiatives, such as the Beach Club project.

- **Liaison to Committees:** Each director serves as a connection between the Board and various SRCA committees to align efforts and ensure effective communication.
- **Board Meetings:** Attending and participating in regular meetings to discuss and vote on key issues.

### A Labor of Love

Board members serve on a volunteer basis, dedicating a minimum of 10–15 hours per week to meetings, reports and collaborating across committees. Their efforts reflect a deep commitment to making Stonebridge Ranch a better place for all.

### Get Involved

Residents who want to contribute to the community's success can volunteer for one of SRCA's six standing committees: Amenities, Communications, Finance & Investment, Landscape & Grounds, Modifications, and Social. Committee members not only contribute to key decisions but also gain firsthand insight into the community's governance.

### A Community Effort

Whether through volunteering, attending meetings or staying informed, every homeowner plays a role in shaping the future. Stay up to date by following our weekly Friday Flash emails, the *Stonebridge Ranch News* magazine, our official Facebook page, and updates on our website.





# Celebrate National Pickleball Month

## At Stonebridge Ranch

April is National Pickleball Month, a time to celebrate one of America's fastest-growing sports. Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong into a fun and engaging game perfect for all ages and skill levels. It's not only a fantastic way to stay active but also a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow residents. At Stonebridge Ranch, we're proud to offer top-notch pickleball facilities as part of our extensive array of amenities.

In 2016, SRCA installed three dedicated pickleball courts at Stonebridge Plaza, located at 7501 Coronado Drive.

These courts have quickly become a favorite spot for residents, reflecting the sport's growing popularity nationwide.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, please adhere to the following guidelines when using our pickleball courts:

**Resident Access:** Courts are for use by residents with a valid form of Stonebridge Ranch ID. Each resident may bring up to three guests.

**Attire:** Proper athletic attire is required.

**Court Availability:** Courts are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. When lessons are not in session, courts operate on a first-come, first-served basis. To accommodate all players, please limit play to one hour per court.

**Tennis Court Priority:** Pickleball may be played on all courts but tennis players have first priority on tennis courts.

### Pickleball Lessons

For those looking to improve their game, residents may sign up for pickleball lessons with our approved private instructor. Please note that lessons by non-approved instructors are not permitted. For pricing, scheduling, and complete details, please contact Jeremy Puckett at [jeremy.puckett@chrobinson.com](mailto:jeremy.puckett@chrobinson.com) or 469-534-6092.

To learn more about community guidelines and how to play, please visit our Stonebridge Ranch [website](#). This April, join us in celebrating National Pickleball Month by embracing the sport within our community. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, Stonebridge Ranch's pickleball courts offer a welcoming space to play, improve, and connect with fellow residents who share your passion for the game!





# Swimming For Health

Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise, offering numerous physical and mental health benefits for people of all ages. As a low-impact activity, swimming is easy on the joints, making it ideal for individuals with arthritis, injuries or mobility issues. The buoyancy of water reduces strain while allowing for effective muscle strengthening and cardiovascular conditioning. If you are worried about rough surfaces on sensitive skin, you can look into Fiberglass pools for smooth surfaces and durability! Regular swimming can improve heart health, boost endurance and help with weight management. It's also a great way to build lung capacity, which is beneficial for overall respiratory function.

Beyond physical health, swimming is excellent for mental well-being. Water has a calming effect, reducing stress and promoting relaxation. Many swimmers report improved mood and lower anxiety levels after a swim.

Whether you swim laps, take a water aerobics class or simply enjoy floating, incorporating swimming into your routine can lead to long-term health benefits. Visit this website to learn more: [getoutofthestoneage.com](http://getoutofthestoneage.com)

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# Prepare For April Showers



April showers bring more than just May flowers, they can also bring unexpected leaks, drainage issues and costly repairs if your home isn't properly prepared. A few preventative maintenance measures now can help safeguard your property and ensure a worry-free rest of the season. Here's how to keep the wet weather where it belongs: outside.

### Inspect Your Roof & Gutters

Your roof is your home's first line of defense against heavy rain. Look for loose or missing shingles and patch up any weak spots to prevent leaks. Clear out gutters and downspouts to ensure proper drainage. Clogged gutters can lead to water damage and foundation issues. For added protection, consider installing gutter guards to reduce debris buildup and reduce maintenance!

### Seal Potential Entry Points

Water has a sneaky way of finding even the smallest openings. Inspect windows and doors for cracks and seal them with weatherproof caulk or stripping. Additionally, check your foundation for any small openings, as rainwater can seep in and cause costly damage over time.

### Protect Patios & Walkways

Standing water on driveways and walkways can lead to slick surfaces and lead to long-term damage. Power washing can remove buildup that contributes to erosion while sealing cracks can prevent further deterioration. If you are planning any remodeling, please refer to the [Modification Design Guidelines](#) before making major changes.

### Maintain Your Lawn & Landscape Beds

Proper drainage is essential to keeping your yard healthy and preventing water from pooling near your home's foundation. Aerate your lawn to improve water absorption and refresh mulch in garden beds to help absorb excess water while preventing erosion.

By taking these proactive steps, homeowners can protect their properties from damage and ensure a smooth transition into spring. For more information on community guidelines and best practices, please visit our website.



# Spring Cleaning

## A Fresh Start for a Vibrant Home

As spring blossoms in Stonebridge Ranch, it's the perfect time to deep clean, declutter, and create space for new beginnings. A well-maintained home not only enhances curb appeal but also helps protect property values in Stonebridge Ranch.

### Declutter First

Before you dust and scrub, take a moment to sort through closets, drawers and storage areas. Create three piles: keep, donate and discard. If an item hasn't been used in the past year, it might be time to let it go. This simple step not only frees up space but also sets the stage for a more efficient cleaning process.

### Donate or Recycle

Many gently used items, like clothing, furniture or household goods, can find new life with someone else. Consider donating to local charities or resale shops. For larger items such as furniture and appliances, Habitat for Humanity of Collin County offers free curbside pickup for items in good condition. Recycling options are also available for those looking to reduce waste and support sustainable practices.

### Proper Trash Disposal

Proper trash disposal is essential to maintaining the beauty of Stonebridge Ranch. Understanding the [community's guidelines](#) can help make the process easier, here's what you need to know:

- **Regular Trash:** Place bagged household waste inside your gray trash cart. Set out carts after 6 p.m. the night before collection and return them by 7 a.m. the next day.
- **Bulk Pickup:** For oversized items such as furniture and mattresses, schedule a bulk pickup. Each resident is allotted **12 free bulk pickups per year**. Simply call 469-444-1555 to arrange your pickup.
- **Landfill Drop-Off:** Items that aren't accepted curbside can be taken to the McKinney 380 Landfill, as detailed in our community guidelines.

### Tackle Deep Cleaning

With decluttering complete and unwanted items responsibly disposed of, focus on deep cleaning. Wash windows inside and out, wipe down baseboards, and consider a deep steam clean for your carpets. These steps not only enhance the beauty of your home but also contribute to a healthier living environment.

By taking the time to declutter, dispose of waste properly and deep clean, you're not just improving your own home, you're also contributing to the overall appeal and value of Stonebridge Ranch. Thank you for helping keep our community a beautiful and welcoming place for all!

*by Hope Beitchman of The Power Group*





# National Landscape Architecture Month

## How Expert Design Enhances Stonebridge Ranch

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Stonebridge Ranch is known for its carefully planned landscapes, parks, and recreational areas that contribute to the community's unique character. Our full-time landscape and grounds team works year-round to maintain these spaces, ensuring their beauty and upkeep. In addition to these ongoing efforts, the SRCA Board of Directors has partnered with Kimley-Horn, a nationally recognized landscape architecture firm, to lead the design of the new Beach Club. This collaboration reflects a commitment to maintaining the high standards that make Stonebridge Ranch one of the most desirable master-planned communities in Texas.

We understand how much the Beach Club project means to our community, which is why we've made the decision to temporarily pause progress. This pause will allow us to carefully consider homeowner feedback and ensure we are taking the right steps forward. No final design decisions have been made, and your input remains a central part of this process. Once the SRCA Board gathers additional feedback through our research partner, Kimley-Horn will work closely with us to incorporate those insights, ensuring the final design truly reflects the needs and priorities of our homeowners.

National Landscape Architecture Month is a time to reflect on the impact of intentional design and planning in shaping the places where people live, play and connect. Kimley-Horn was selected for its expertise in large-scale community projects, with a proven track record of designing outdoor spaces that balance aesthetics, functionality, and long-term sustainability. Through this partnership, Stonebridge Ranch is taking a forward-thinking approach to enhancing its outdoor spaces, ensuring they remain engaging, sustainable and functional for future generations. Thoughtfully designed community amenities not only enrich residents' quality of life but also contribute to increased property values, reinforcing Stonebridge Ranch's reputation as the premier living destination in McKinney.

By incorporating best practices in landscape architecture and thoughtful community planning, Stonebridge Ranch continues its tradition of delivering exceptional amenities that enhance the resident experience. This partnership with Kimley-Horn ensures that every design decision prioritizes long-term sustainability, functionality, and beauty—further strengthening the community's appeal and increasing property values. As Stonebridge Ranch evolves, this investment reflects a commitment to not only maintaining but elevating the quality of life for all residents, making it an even more desirable place to call home.

*by Hope Beitchman of The Power Group*





# Annual Gardening Calendar

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## APRIL 2025

ANNUAL GARDENING CALENDAR  
PREPARED FOR STONEBRIDGE  
BY DR. ROBERT E. MOON



[Click here](#) to see full-sized version of the 2025 Gardening Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1 Set irrigation controller to run one time every 7-10 days. If it is raining, turn controller to off position.	2 Seed Autumn Beauty sunflower mix, zinnias, cosmos, coreopsis, mallow, coneflower, verbena, Mexican hat, Laura Bush petunias, black-eyed Susan, & gaillardia.	3 Spray fruit trees again for insect and disease control. Now is also a good time to spray pecans for gall control. Spray with Neem Oil and Cueva.	4 Plant snap beans, lima beans, eggplants, lettuce, cucumbers, squash, sweet corn, cantaloupes, mustard, tomatoes (transplants), pumpkins, and watermelons. Check leaf crops for aphids and loopers and control. Spray as needed with Neem Oil.	5
6 Treat all turf and beds for fire ant control. Remove thatch from your lawn and treat broadleaf weeds in the turf. Now is also a good time to aerate your turf.	7 Check established lawns for brown patch and control. Spray fruit trees again to prevent insects and disease. Select plants and ornamental grasses from the approved plant list. Treat your active fire ants. Neem Oil is a good control for insects and diseases.	8	9 Start planting raised strawberry beds. Chandler, Douglas, and Sequoia are excellent varieties.	10	11 Sow seeds of tender annuals such as oxalis, balsams, celosia, candle trees, cockscomb, cosmos, marigolds, morning glories, periwinkle, and zinnias. Bed copper plants, ageratum, and ornamental amaranthus and other annual plants that you have not yet planted.	12
13 Turn your compost pile and add additional organic matter and a small amount of nitrogen fertilizer to enhance decomposition.	14 Thin newly established vegetable plants as needed. Control cut worms and treat tomatoes for disease control with Neem Oil. Seed the wildflower and cut flower mix in your garden.	15	16 Watch for powdery mildew on roses, vegetables, and ornamental plants and control it. Black spot and thrips on roses need to be controlled with Neem Oil.	17 Plant Bermuda grass seed & sod or sprigs of St. Augustine or hybrid Bermuda. Prepare seed bed before planting. Use 1-2lbs seed per 1,000 sq ft. Use good turf.	18 Spray apples and pears with Neem Oil every 14 days to control insects and diseases.	19 Treat pecan rosette, pecan scab, and foliage feeding insects with Neem Oil.
20 <b>EASTER</b> Make second plantings of sweet corn and green beans. Transplant eggplants.	21 Water strawberries after each harvest, but do not overwater.	22 Plant a tree. Also plant okra, southern peas, hot peppers (plants), sweet peppers (plants), sweet potatoes, and pumpkins. Mulch and cage tomatoes to prevent rot.	23 Many house plants can be moved outdoors for their summer vacation. Continue spraying roses with Neem Oil every 10 days for insect and disease control.	24 Spray grapevines at 14-day intervals with Neem Oil to control insects and diseases.	25 Check squash plants for vine borers and control. Begin harvesting cool season vegetables. Do not fertilize new bedding plants until they show some growth.	26 Fertilize your lawns again if you have not in the last 6 weeks. Amaryllis, cannas, dahlias, elephant ears, tuberose, gladiolus, and caladiums can now be planted.
27 Thin peaches to 4-6 in. apart for highest fruit quality. Spray fruit trees again with Neem Oil for insect and disease control.	28 It is not too late to plant any balled and burlapped or container-grown plants. Don't let the plants dry out before planting. Use a starter solution to stimulate root growth. Get rid of weeds. They rob nourishment from wanted plants. Mulch top of root balls with dyed-brown, double ground mulch or compost.	29	30	1	2	3

## Think You Know Stonebridge Ranch?



When was the first home sold in Stonebridge Ranch?

1. 1989
2. 1991
3. 1990
4. 1988

According to a 1989 homebuyer's guide, new construction home costs ranged from:

1. \$75,000 to \$1 million
2. \$80,000 to \$250,000
3. \$85,000 to \$500,000
4. \$80,000 to \$1 million

Answer: a. 1989

Answer: d) \$80,000 to \$1 million

# These Are Not Your Grandmother's Plants

By Dr. Robert E. Moon

Two often-overlooked flowering beauties for Texas landscapes are bearded irises and daylilies. If you have ever traveled the backroads of Texas, you have likely seen purple irises and yellow daylilies growing around old farmhouses or even in the fields. While traditional irises and daylilies are lovely, many exotic varieties now exist in every color of the rainbow. These hardy, perennial plants thrive in the Texas heat and withstand unpredictable winter weather.

## IRISES

Irises have a history of thriving in Texas. The irises around these abandoned farmhouses continue flourishing long after the people who planted them are gone. These stately plants keep flowering with very little care. Irises grow and spread using rhizomes both above and below the ground. Once established, they are highly drought-tolerant and can be relied upon to bloom every spring, providing dazzling flowers. Many will flower again in late summer, though with fewer blooms.



Can't Touch This



Garden Time

Plant irises in areas that receive at least half a day of full sun or full sun all day. The soil should drain well and should not have any standing water. You can mound the planting bed or create a raised bed if you encounter drainage issues. Rhizomes can rot in poorly draining soil. When planting in clay soil, incorporate two inches of organic material, granular gypsum, and a low nitrogen fertilizer, such as 5-10-10 or 6-10-10. After adding these materials, cultivate the soil to a depth of six inches. If you prefer organic fertilizer, use bone meal and superphosphate. Fertilize as a top dressing two to three times a year, applying a handful of fertilizer evenly over one square foot.

Now that your bed is ready, plant irises 18 inches apart to allow for growth and spreading. Position the plants so that the tops of the rhizomes are exposed and the roots are directed downward. Water the newly planted irises to help them establish; generally, watering twice a week will suffice. Once established, irises require minimal water, except during drought conditions; even then, watering once a week will help them survive.



Class Ring



Swingtown



Tumalo Sunset



Gypsy Lord

There are six groups of Bearded Iris:

- Miniature Dwarf – 8 inches in height
- Standard Dwarf – 9-15 inches in height
- Intermediate – 16-28 inches in height
- Border – 16-28 inches in height
- Arilbred – 16-28 inches

You can purchase iris from local garden centers or, like I do, order online from [www.schreinersgardens.com](http://www.schreinersgardens.com). Their plants are excellent, and they offer hundreds of varieties. They are delivered as rhizomes, which you can plant immediately and water.



## DAYLILIES

Daylilies bloom in a stunning array of vibrant colors. As perennials, they require very little maintenance. These flowers are almost entirely resistant to diseases, pests, and drought. They flourish in full sun and adapt well to varying soil conditions. Additionally, they have a long blooming season! Prepare the planting bed as previously described for the iris. Keep in mind that daylilies are bulbs rather than rhizomes. Space them 18 to 24 inches apart to ensure they have enough room to grow. When planting, make sure the bulb's crown is level with or slightly above the soil surface.



Corona Star



Born In California



Whirling Rainbows

Depending on the variety selected, daylilies can grow to 1 to 4 feet in height and 1 to 3 feet in spread. You can plant daylilies from bulbs or a container. I prefer ordering bulbs online, as many more varieties and colors are available. Schreiners Gardens, [www.schreinersgardens.com](http://www.schreinersgardens.com), offers one of the largest varieties of colors and sizes.

Planning your flower beds and searching for your preferred colors of irises and daylilies is exciting and enjoyable. Both plants will bring beauty and joy to your Texas garden.

PHOTOS: Schreiner's Garden



## Compliance Corner

*'Tis the season to refresh your landscaping!*

*A few things to keep in mind:*

Each lot must install and maintain caliper trees, foundation shrubs (at least one row, though some villages may require more—check your village guidelines), and/or ornamental trees according to subdivision rules. These must come from the **Landscape Palette highly recommended or acceptable categories**.

Homeowners can add extra shrubbery, ornamental trees, and flowers as long as they follow all guidelines.

For lots **less than 70 feet wide** facing the street, only **one canopy tree** with a **minimum 4-inch caliper size** is required.

See full details on pages 46-52 of our [Modification Guidelines](http://www.stonebridgeranch.com/modification-design-guidelines/) at [www.stonebridgeranch.com/modification-design-guidelines/](http://www.stonebridgeranch.com/modification-design-guidelines/).

# LAWN & ORDER

by Mathew Roebuck, Landscape & Grounds Director

## Welcome to Spring, everyone!

By now, most of our landscapes are waking up from dormancy and coming back to life. We hope you've had a chance to do some planning for your spring projects—and maybe even started a few!

Each year, the Landscape & Grounds Committee, along with dedicated homeowners who volunteer their time, works tirelessly from summer through winter to plan for the year ahead. A lot of time and effort go into these projects long before a single shovel touches the ground!

We're excited to share the plans we've developed for this year. As of now, we have six major projects slated for 2025:

- Spring Turf Aeration
- Glen Oaks/Ridge and Berkshire/Ridge Tunnel Projects
- Mulch Reduction Project
- Summer Seasonal Color Installation
- Seasonal Color Reduction Project
- 2025 Wood Fence Replacement
- Monument Repairs and Maintenance Area B

## Spring Turf Aeration: Improving Our Lawns & Conserving Water

This spring, we're kicking off our Spring Turf Aeration to help rejuvenate our lawns. Over the years, our turf has been struggling due to repetition of standard practices, making it harder for oxygen, water, and nutrients to reach the root systems. To fix this, our new landscape contracts now include aeration as part of our turf program to restore and improve our turf areas.

By combining aeration with our specialized fertilizer program, we can help our turf thrive, grow deeper roots, and stimulate new growth on our warm season grass areas.

We're also collaborating with our consultant, Dr. Moon and Associates, along with other local agencies including the Dallas Irrigation Association and North Texas Municipal Water District to help promote lower water consumption. Studies show that a core aeration elevates compaction of our Texas clay soil which improves percolation of water into our soil. This improves the water uptake of our turf areas which leads to much healthier lawns.

With our L&G Department and landscape teams monitoring turf health, we can manage water use more efficiently—especially during the hot summer months when drought conditions dramatically increase the turfs' need for water. While we can't predict the weather, we can take steps to improve water conservation and landscape health.

Stay tuned! Later this spring, be on the lookout for an article on water conservation and the future of Texas water.

## Glen Oaks/Ridge and Berkshire/Ridge Tunnel Projects:

In the earliest days of our community, our developers knew they had to add premiere amenities to attract homebuyers moving far north of Dallas to McKinney. One of those amenities is the beloved hike-and-

bike trails that provide a tranquil experience throughout our community.

To enhance safety and tranquility, the developers and the City of McKinney agreed to build tunnels at key intersections to keep pedestrians and cyclists away from traffic. Many residents use the City hike-and-bike trails while running and jogging groups use the public trail.

Over time, however, **two tunnel areas lost their luster** as trees matured, grass thinned, and shrubbery disappeared due to shade. After years of review, the Landscape & Grounds Committee decided it was time for a much-needed refresh at two well-used locations: **Glen Oaks Dr. & Ridge Rd. near The Clubs of Stonebridge Ranch and Berkshire Rd. & Ridge Rd. just south of that.**

For the past two years, the City of McKinney's Parks & Rec team and our L&G Department have been working together to keep these tunnels clean and explore landscaping improvements. During the 2024 spring storms, our department performed a final reassessment of the tunnels and determined it was time to act. During that assessment, we concluded that the **trees in the raised planters were causing damage to the landscape walls**, creating a potential safety risk while also blocking sunlight that could support healthier vegetation.

With approval from the City of McKinney, several trees were removed to **stabilize the walls, improve safety, and allow sunlight to reach the ground for new landscaping.** In March, our two landscaping teams began installing **fresh ground cover and Zoysia grass** for these two locations. These two projects should be wrapped up in the first weeks of April.

Once the work is done, we encourage you to take a stroll through these areas to see the improvements firsthand. Even if you don't usually walk the hike-and-bike trails, it's a great time to explore and enjoy the refreshed scenery!

## Mulch Reduction Project: A Long-Term Investment in Our Community

As discussed in 2024, the Association is continuing its multi-year project for revitalizing the community's common areas in 2025. By subsidizing our contractual funds for mulch, we are actively pursuing replacing our expansive mulch beds and bare dirt.

When our community was first developed, trees were planted according to city ordinances. Over time, as these trees matured, turf receded, and bare dirt became more common. The previous management company's solution was to **keep expanding mulch beds**, but this led to rising costs and growing maintenance issues. To **restore the community's original beauty**, the Landscape & Grounds Committee launched this project to strategically improve key areas.

For 2025, we're focusing on three sections, [click here](#) to see maps:

- **Area A:** Lake Forest Drive (in front of Pecan Crossing and Lake Point Villages)
- **Area B:** Stonebridge Drive (in front of Corando Village, Fieldstone Place, Wellington Point, Lakeside Crossing, and part of Waterbury)
- **Area C:** Virginia Parkway (in front of Falcon Creek, Crimson Ridge, and a large portion of Ballantrae)
- Additionally, we'll be improving the **Virginia Parkway & Stonebridge Drive** intersection near the tunnel.



While some may be surprised that **mulching is on hold this year**, we encourage homeowners to see the bigger picture. This short pause is a **temporary step toward a long-term improvement**, ensuring a healthier and more sustainable landscape for current and future homeowners.

Looking ahead, the **Committee and L&G Department will review the plan in 2026**, with discussions already underway for a **full mulching of the community** that year. On behalf of the L&G Committee, we would like to thank all homeowners for their understanding. We'd like to remind everyone that we did not get this way in a short period of time meaning it will take us time to restore and enhance our community. We are actively working on improving our community so it aligns with our vision statement: *"To be the premier, large-scale, master-planned community of choice in North Texas."*

### Summer Seasonal Color Installation:

Nothing makes a statement quite like bright, bold summer flowers, and we're excited to bring back more variety and vibrancy to our community landscaping! If you've lived here for a while, you might remember the eye-catching displays of the past—well, they're making a comeback!



*Photos taken in 2013*

Over the years, **rising costs** for labor, nursery stock, and inflation have limited our plant choices. In **2017**, we still had access to a wide variety of seasonal plants, but by **2024**, those options had diminished. However, the Association is pleased to announce that our Stonebridge Ranch Association monuments will be returning to those "good ol' days" starting in 2025.

Our **12 Association major monument locations** (with a total of **19 total flower beds**) will be refreshed with a **mix of bold colors, varying heights, and rich textures**. This year's selections include:

- **Tall Purple Fountain Grass** for dramatic height
- **Cherry Sunrise Lantana** for vibrant pops of color
- **Lime Heart Sweet Potato Vine** for lush greenery

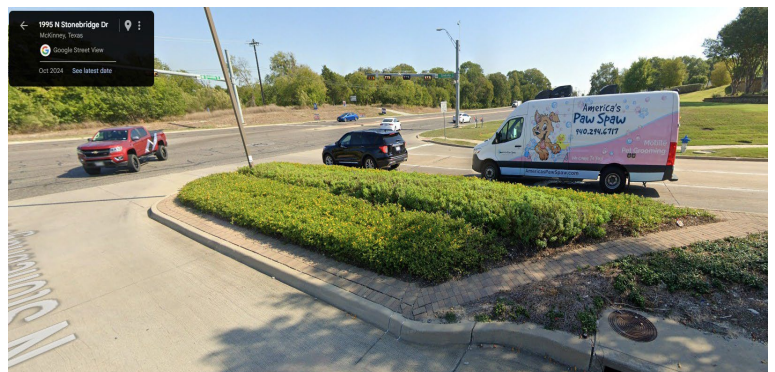
Our selections over the years have been picked by our Landscape and Grounds Committee. If you're interested in helping shape future landscaping projects—including plant selection—consider [joining a committee](#) by visiting our website or stopping by the office!

The L&G Committee as well as the L&G Department itself are happy to announce this monumental time frame of returning our center pieces of the community to their original luster, beauty, and spirit of the community. **Please be on the lookout for our new look around the end of April / beginning of May.**

*2017:*



*2024:*





Summer Color 2025:

## GRASS

PURPLE FOUNTAIN  
AVERAGE HEIGHT:  
24"-36"



## SWEET POTATO VINE

SPOTLIGHT SERIES  
AVERAGE HEIGHT:  
8"-12"



## LANTANA

BANDANA &  
SHAMROCK SERIES  
AVERAGE HEIGHT:  
12"-16"



2019 stats:

Color Cost = \$115,319.31

Mulch = \$399,120.51

## Seasonal Color Replacement Project: Reminder of Article from October 2024

Last fall, we shared an important update about **changes to our seasonal color beds** in the October magazine. If you haven't read that article yet, we encourage you to [check it out on our website](#)—it explains the costs associated with seasonal flowers and irrigation.

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**\$548,906.84**—a huge expense for something that would be discarded after just a few months. Instead, the Association has chosen to invest in **permanent plantings with a mix of foundation shrubs, accent shrubs, and perennials.**

Not to worry! **The perennials we've selected are resilient**—they have woody stems, are **drought and freeze-tolerant**, and will bloom throughout the growing season. This long-term approach **saves money while keeping our beds vibrant year-round.**

Starting in **April**, we'll resume work on this project:

- **Areas A & B** will be fully completed.
- **Area C** will begin and finish in April.

We appreciate your patience as we made adjustments, including transitioning to a new contractor in January. **Our vendor, Superscapes, will be installing the plantings this spring to ensure the best results.** Check out the **renderings in this article** for a preview of how these beds will look once they mature!

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Not to worry: The perennials we selected have long-term resilience, are predominantly woody stem, and are drought and freeze tolerant. These flowering perennials will produce a long seasonal color or will cycle throughout the growing season. We will be starting the project back up at the beginning of April. This long-term approach saves money while keeping our beds vibrant year-round.

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Quail Creek – Before and After Renderings





## 2025 Wood Fence Replacement Project: What to Expect

Our annual wood fence replacement project is already underway! This year, we're replacing fences in:

- ⇒ **Lake Point**
- ⇒ **Pecan Crossing**
- ⇒ **Wildwood**
- ⇒ **Wellington Point** (partial replacement, since some fencing was updated in 2023)

In 2024, the Board of Directors tasked the Landscape & Grounds Department with protecting homeowner dues by replacing only fencing that truly needed it while maintaining and repairing the rest when possible. Last year, we replaced **8,890 linear feet of fencing and maintained 2,322 feet**.

For **2025**, we're starting with **7,015 feet of fencing replacement** out of the **20,784 feet inspected**. The rest will be maintained either later this year or next year.

**Homeowners in affected villages: be on the lookout for updates!** You'll receive **email notifications and door hangers** with scheduled replacement details.

## 2025 Monuments and Hardscape Maintenance:

Every year, the Landscape & Grounds Department and Committee review one of our community's landscape areas to plan hardscape maintenance. In **2025, we're focusing on Area B**.

You may have already noticed our team out in March **power washing the community monuments**. Thanks to **Eric Ortega and his team**, we've been able to handle this in-house, saving the community **\$28,000 this year alone!** In 2024, we purchased a **mobile power washing rig** to help maintain common areas, monuments, gazebos, and other hardscape elements.

A special shoutout to **Gary Lauman, our Hardscape Chairperson**, for his dedication to planning and maintaining these features year after year!

**Looking ahead: In 2026, we'll focus on Area C**—so keep an eye out as we tour the community for next year's updates! [Click here to see renderings of color bed and monument renovations throughout the community.](#)"

Thanks to everyone for your continued support as we work to keep Stonebridge Ranch beautiful and well-maintained.

*Estates at Virginia & Ridge – Before and After Renderings*



## JOIN US AT EMPTY BOWLS MCKINNEY TO FIGHT HUNGER

Now in our 14th year, Empty Bowls McKinney continues to "Fight Hunger One Bowl at a Time". A unique downtown McKinney "festival", Empty Bowls works with local artisans and food purveyors to create a one of a kind event. Attendees enter the MPAC and select one of 1200 handmade ceramic bowls to take as a reminder of those in the community that do without food. Guests then join the fun on Kentucky Street and sample soups and more from 10 food vendors.

Music, a raffle, a Live Silent Auction and money is raised to fight food Insecurity. Funds are distributed to Community Lifeline, Community Garden Kitchen and Little Free Pantry.



# FIGHT HUNGER ONE BOWL AT A TIME!



## BENEFITTING:

COMMUNITY  
LIFELINE CENTER  
COMMUNITY  
GARDEN KITCHEN  
LITTLE FREE  
PANTRY

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# APRIL 2025 EVENTS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Communications Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m. (Zoom)	4	5
6	7 Book Club 7:00 p.m. (BR + Zoom)  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	8 Travel Club 9:00 a.m. (CR)  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	9  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	10  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	11  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	12  Meet the Easter Bunny 10:00 a.m. (CR)
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## MAY Save the Date

5/3 Children's Fishing Tournament • 5/6 Wine Tasting  
5/8 Morning Bingo • 5/10 Veterans Club • 5/12 Book Club  
5/13 Travel Club • 5/16 Evening on the Veranda  
5/17 Coffee, Cars & Cycles • 5/17 Electronics Recycling  
5/26 Memorial Day at the Aquatic Center

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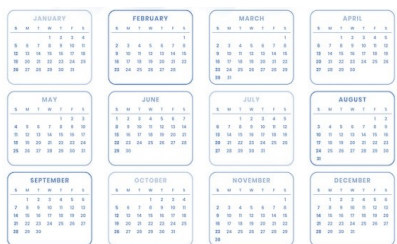
**KEY** Weekly Meet-ups, **Monthly/Annual Events, Committees**

AC = Aquatic Center, BTC = Beach & Tennis Club, BR = Board Room,  
CR = Community Room, SBP = Stonebridge Plaza

# APRIL 2025 SOCIAL SCENE

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# 2025



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## FRIENDLY REMINDER:

In order to access SRCA events and amenities, residents need to carry a valid form of Stonebridge Ranch photo ID. SRCA homeowners on record with a valid Texas driver's license that lists their Stonebridge Ranch address can use their driver's license. All other household members, including permanent adult residents and children 3+ need a Stonebridge Ranch photo ID.



## Book Club

**Monday, April 7**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**SRCA Boardroom • 6201 Virginia Parkway**

Our book for April is *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante (c) 2011. Beginning in the 1950s in a poor but vibrant neighborhood on the outskirts of Naples, Elena Ferrante's four-volume story spans almost sixty years, as its main characters, the fiery and unforgettable Lila and the bookish narrator, Elena, become women, wives, mothers, and leaders, all the while maintaining a complex and at times conflicted friendship. This first novel in the series follows Lila and Elena from their fateful meeting as ten-year-olds through their school years and adolescence.

Through the lives of these two women, Ferrante tells the story of a neighborhood, a city, and a country as it is transformed in ways that, in turn, also transform the relationship between the two women. Everyone is welcome to come and discuss this book. We look forward to seeing you and discussing this book in person in the SRCA Boardroom or via Zoom.

Meeting ID: **822 0419 7636** • Passcode: **323380**

Dial by your location: **+1 (346)248-7799**

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Tuesday Evening Bingo (Adult Only Event)

**Tuesday, April 8**

**6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.)**

**Community Room • 6201 Virginia Pkwy**

Want a chance to win a prize and have some mid-week fun? Join us for an evening of Bingo! Players compete for \$10 gift cards while snacking on light refreshments. This is an adult-only (age 21+) event. Stonebridge Ranch residents pay \$3 at the door and may bring up to two non-resident guests. Guests pay \$8 at the door. (We appreciate exact change and do not accept credit cards.) Seating is limited to the first 44 who sign up. All fees will be collected at the door. RSVP by signing up through the Eventbrite link in the email blast (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tuesday-evening-bingo-april-tickets-1286862082129?aff=oddttdtcreator>) or contacting the management staff at (214)733-5800.



## Meet the Easter Bunny

**Saturday, April 12**

**10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Community Room & Circle Drive • 6201 Virginia Pkwy**

Calling all Stonebridge Ranch kids! Bring your Easter baskets and join us for one of our favorite events of the year – a hopping good time with the Easter Bunny! Attendees will enjoy train rides, bounce houses, an obstacle course, costumed characters, free raffle drawings for stuffed animals, music, the Easter Bunny, and more! More information to follow. This is for Stonebridge Ranch residents only. Please limit each child to a maximum of 20 eggs so that all may participate.

## Travel Club

**Tuesday, April 15**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Community Room**

**6201 Virginia Parkway**

This club meets on the second Tuesday of each month. If you are curious and enjoy experiencing new things, this is the perfect group for you. The members explore together, dine together, and even cruise together. Join the club if you're looking for some adventure!



## Veterans Club

**Saturday, April 19**

**9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Community Room • 6201 Virginia Parkway**

Stonebridge Ranch Veteran's Club seeks to enhance communication and foster bonds among veterans in our community. It is a great place to engage in meaningful conversations with other veterans who understand your journey and share a common bond.

This will be an informal social with coffee and conversation. Bring a friend!

Join us in honoring our past, celebrating our present, and shaping our future. Together, we thrive.

## Evening on the Veranda (Adult Only Event)

**Friday, April 25**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.)**

**Beach Club Veranda • 6201 Virginia Pkwy**

Are you looking for a relaxing way to end a busy week? We have the perfect local spot where you can enjoy the sunset, listen to some great music, sip your favorite wine, and enjoy a date night or an evening out with friends. The gates open at 7:00 p.m. and the entertainment goes from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. More information on the band to follow.

We will provide snacks, sodas, water, and fire pits – plus marshmallows and skewers for roasting. Be sure to pack your favorite finger foods and BYOB in non-breakable containers. This non-swimming, non-smoking event is for adults 21+ only. (Proof of age, such as a TX driver's license, is required to enter.) Residents with a valid form of ID get in free. Guests pay \$5 each at the gate. (We appreciate exact change and do not accept credit cards or bills larger than \$20.)

## Coffee, Cars & Cycles

**Saturday, April 26**

**8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (Doors Open at 8:00 a.m.)**

**Community Room and Circle Drive  
6201 Virginia Parkway**

Residents are welcome to park their classic or fancy cars in the circle drive. We love to see motorcycles and choppers, too, but you are welcome regardless of the vehicle that you drive! This is a relaxed come-and-go event for residents only. Feel free to stop by while on your morning walk or bike ride. We will provide coffee and donuts (one per person, please) in the Community Room until supplies run out. As part of this event, we are also hosting a Book, DVD, & CD exchange (bring one, take one).

## Adult & Teen Fishing Tournament

**Saturday, April 26**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**(Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. ends at 8:45 a.m.)**

**Stonebridge Lake and Upper Beach Club Parking Lot**

We are excited to announce the 4th Annual Adult and Teen Fishing Tournament on Stonebridge Lake. We are hoping for great weather, and hopefully, the big fish will be biting, too!

## TEEN TOURNAMENT

- This tournament is for ages 12 to 17 only.
- Stonebridge Ranch residents get in free by presenting a valid form of Stonebridge Ranch I.D. (see [www.stonebridgeranch.com/Stonebridge-ranch-ids/](http://www.stonebridgeranch.com/Stonebridge-ranch-ids/)). Non-resident teens may participate by paying a \$5.00 fee to enter the event. (Please bring exact change as we do not accept checks or credit cards.)
- Fish will be measured to determine size (length).
- Trophies will be given out for the 2 largest (length) bass, the 2 largest (length) catfish, and the smallest fish (any species).

## ADULT BIG BASS TOURNAMENT

- This tournament will include ages 18 and up.
- There is a \$10 Cash entry fee.
- Only residents of Stonebridge Ranch (ages 18+) will be allowed to enter, and a valid Stonebridge Ranch ID or driver's license is required.
- Only fish from Stonebridge Lake will be considered.
- The big bass will be determined by length, not weight.
- First place will win 100% of the entry fees. In the case of a tie, prize money will be equally split.
- Only paid contestants are allowed to fish in the lake during this event.

After check-in, fishermen can proceed to any part of Stonebridge Lake but may not pass through the Beach Club gates or across private property. Anglers are required to bring their own equipment and bait (live or artificial). No pre-registration is required. Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. in the upper Beach Club parking lot by the lake. Entrants may fish from the bank only; wading, tubes, and boats are NOT permitted. Fishermen may carry several rods but may fish with only one at a time. The tournament will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon with no casting permitted before 9:00 a.m.

The fish will be measured with the jaw closed and the tail pinched to obtain maximum overall length. The final weigh-in will be held at noon, though fish may be brought to the judges' table to be measured at any time during tournament hours. Fish must be brought in alive and breathing at the weigh-in. They will be returned to the lake after the weigh-in. Participants will be given a stringer, weigh-in bag and should bring their ONE biggest fish to the weigh-in. All contestants who are not in line by noon to weigh their entries will be disqualified. The tournament judge will give all participants the official time on the morning of the event.

## Spring Landscape Seminar with Dr. Moon

**Monday, April 28**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Doors Open at 6:45 p.m.)**

**Community Room**

**6201 Virginia Parkway**

The Spring HOA Landscape seminar with Dr. R.E. Moon + Associates will explore effective landscaping strategies for spring and summer, focusing on summer color, irrigation, and overall maintenance tips for a flourishing home landscape. Please register to attend at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-landscape-seminar-with-dr-re-moon-associates-tickets-1291630344129>. Seating is limited to the first 50 people who register.

# Kite & Chalk Art

## Thanks for Making Our Event A Blast



## Stay In The Know at Stonebridge Ranch

Where can I find the newest Beach Club FAQ One-Pager?

Where do I sign up for the Friday Flash weekly newsletter?

How do I join the official SRCA Facebook Group?

**Good news: It's easier than ever to stay connected at Stonebridge Ranch!**

See all the quick and easy ways to stay in the know **all in one place** – Simply scan the QR code below OR go to the **Stonebridge Ranch HOA Linktree** [HERE](#).



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