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STONEBRIDGE RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOC.

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."

Disclaimer

Information is current as of the publication date and subject to change. Updates will be shared via official Association communication channels. Stay informed by subscribing to the Friday Flash e-Blast and joining our community platforms here: [Stonebridge Ranch Linktree](#)

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Springtime Flowers in Bloom at Stonebridge Ranch

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Comments

Spring is here. Unusually warm for early spring.

Due to the extensive damage to the Association office, we have had to relocate to a new nearby location,

The new office location is 7290 Virginia Pkwy, Suite 2400 on the second floor. It is located above the McKinney Dance Studio in the

three story building in the same plaza as the Post Office. Restoration of the existing office is under way but will take several months.

I hope you were able to attend our Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 12. We updated last year's accomplishments and Mayor Bill Cox provided an update on city happenings.

We announced that we would be mulching areas throughout Stonebridge this year. You may have already seen the mulch trucks in the area,

This month's magazine features articles about the recent Board election, new Beach Club project renderings and landscape projects throughout our areas.

We welcome two new Board members, Tiffany Nesbit and Dylan Wells, who were elected to three year terms in the recent election. Welcome to the Board.

Board Meeting, February 26, 2026

The Board meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by President Dell'Antonia. All Board members were present. Also attending were RealManage Vice President of On-site Management, our General Manager, Vice President of Accounting for RealManage and the Association's Attorney and our Lifestyle Director.

Homeowners Open Forum

No homeowners attended.

Consent Agenda

Approved the January 22, 2026 BOD meeting minutes and the appointment of Frank Spina as Chair of the Communications Committee and Judy Rojk to the Finance Committee.

Association Reports

Our VP of Finance of RealManage, Jennifer Rowe, reviewed the Jan-

uary Financial Reports including Balance sheet, Operating Statement, Investment schedule, Receivables aging report, Special assessment fund status, and Reserve and Capitol Funds allocations.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

We reviewed and approved the following Policies and Guidelines:

- 1) Conflict of Interest
- 2) Casting Proxy Votes Assignment
- 3) Requesting Legal Opinions
- 4) Residents Attending Committee Meetings

Executive Session

We reviewed and approved the Collection Accounts Status Report and Foreclosures Report. We authorized moving forward with several collection lawsuits and foreclosures.

We heard updates on several landscape and grounds projects and repairs scheduled for Wellington Pond #7.

We received proposals for the Beach Club Project construction by the Feb. 26 deadline. We are in the review stage of those proposals.

We approved an agreement with the City to remove the monument at Lake Forest and Eldorado so the city can add an additional left turn lane. We will replace the monument once that work is completed. The City will do the work on the turn lane and reimburse us for replacing the monument.

We approved an agreement with a PR firm to assist us as necessary.

We also approved viewing a demonstration of an AI driven platform to potentially provide homeowner answers to questions anytime.

We approved a request to authorize the management company to ask Paradiso Valley to amend their governing documents to incorporate exterior maintenance into its responsibilities.

Board members reviewed activities with their respective Committees.

The General Manager reviewed several items she has in progress.

The Association's attorney updated the Board on current legal matters.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Jon Dell'Antonia
Board President

Message From Our General Manager

Rachael Robinson



Board Election 2026 Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2026 Annual Meeting and Board election.

Following the tabulation of votes, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes were Tiffany Nesbit and Dylan Wells. Congratulations to both, and thank you for your willingness to serve the Stonebridge Ranch community.

Here's the breakdown of the results:

- **Online:** 1,643
- **Absentee Votes:** 73
- **In-Person:** 32
- **TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED:** 1,748

We also extend our appreciation to all candidates who expressed interest in serving. In addition, we recognize Kristen Vartian for her many years of service on the Board of Directors and for the time and dedication she has given to the community. We also thank Joe Closs, who was appointed by the Board in October 2025 to fill the remainder of a Board position that expired this year, for his service during that term.

Also, congratulations to resident L. Watson, our lucky winner of our annual raffle for \$1,000. This was randomly drawn from among all residents who helped us achieve quorum.

The Board of Directors held its Organizational Meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 12:30 PM to elect officer positions and assign committee liaison roles for the upcoming term.

Here are the officer positions of the Directors:

- Jon Dell'Antonia, President – *Board Liaison to the General Manager*
- Debbie Cagle Wells, Vice President and Treasurer – *Board Liaison to the Finance Committee*
- Bill Arnold, Board Secretary – *Board Liaison to the Amenities Committee*
- Jim Buerkle – *Board Liaison to the L&G Committee*
- Bob Edgar – *Board Liaison to the Communications Committee and Beach Club Project Team Chair*
- Tiffany Nesbit – *Board Liaison to the Modifications Committee*
- Dylan Wells – *Board Liaison to the Social Committee*

Stay Connected – We'd Love to Hear from You!

If you notice a maintenance issue, landscape concern, or area that needs attention, please email stoneb@ciramail.com. This inbox is monitored by our full onsite team and ensures your message is routed to the appropriate department quickly.

You may also share feedback or testimonials through the **Feedback/Testimonials** button at www.stonebridgeranch.com > **Contact** Whether you would like to recognize a team member, share a recent experience, or note an opportunity for improvement, we welcome your input.

Rachael Robinson, CMCA®, AMS®

General Manager of Stonebridge Ranch Community Association

Regular GM Updates

See all of Rachael's GM Updates on our website under Community Announcements or [click here](#) to see them all in one place!

Highlights From Our 2026 Annual Meeting

Thank You, Stonebridge Ranch Residents, for participating in our 2026 Annual Meeting!

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in this year's Annual Meeting. It was a wonderful evening focused on community connection, important updates, and the shared work that keeps Stonebridge Ranch thriving.

Thank you to our **Board of Directors** for presenting thoughtful, informative updates that reflect the ongoing work being done to serve our community. We also want to recognize the many **committee volunteers** who attended to represent their groups and the meaningful difference they make every day across Stonebridge Ranch.

We'd also like to thank **McKinney Mayor Bill Cox** and his team for coming and sharing exciting City updates with our membership, and for conducting a Q&A with homeowners.

We extend our sincere appreciation to **Crosspoint Church** for once again providing an excellent venue for our meeting. We are also grateful to our dedicated SRCA staff, whose planning and coordination helped make the evening run smoothly.

Finally, thank you to all residents who submitted questions. We appreciate your engagement and will be addressing many of these topics in upcoming editions of the Friday Flash.

We're grateful for your continued involvement and look forward to sharing more updates with you soon.

See a few photo highlights from the event below:



First picture: Board President Jon Dell'Antonia welcomes SRCA members to the Annual Meeting
Other pictures: McKinney Mayor Bill Cox presents City updates at the 2026 SRCA Annual Meeting

New SRCA Temporary Office Location

7290 Virginia Parkway, Suite 2400

Dear Stonebridge Ranch Residents,

Following the flood at the end of January, remediation and restoration efforts continue at our primary office. As part of that process, the Association Management Office will be temporarily relocating while repairs and build-back are completed.

Effective Monday, March 23, 2026, our office will operate from:

7290 Virginia Parkway, Suite 2400
McKinney, TX 75071

How to Find Us:

Our office is located within a multi-tenant office building along Virginia Parkway in Stonebridge Ranch.

- The building is located next to FIT (fitness studio) and was previously occupied by Coldwell Banker; same plaza as POST OFFICE
- Please use the main building entrance shown in the image below (outlined in red)
- Upon entering, proceed to the second floor

Enter Elevator – Select Floor 2

Parking is available directly in front of the building.

Please note: this is not a stand-alone office, and exterior signage is limited. Using the visual reference above will be the easiest way to locate the correct entrance.

During this transition, our team remains fully operational, and all contact information remains unchanged. Reach out any time at stoneb@ciramail.com or call 214-733-5800.

We appreciate your patience as we complete restoration of the primary office and look forward to serving you from our temporary location.

See larger version of map/photos [HERE](#).

Below: Map of SRCA Temporary Office Location



Front door – SRCA Temporary Office Location



Beach Club Project Update

Big Steps Forward and Groundbreaking Ahead

Exciting progress continues on the Beach Club Project at Stonebridge Ranch. March was an especially productive month as proposals for project construction were received and evaluations commenced.

The multi-disciplinary proposal evaluation team includes SRCA Beach Club Project Team members, representatives from our design consultants and from our construction management consultant. Plans are to award a construction contract by the end of March with contractor mobilization onsite by mid-April.

Residents can look forward to **groundbreaking this spring**.

As always, residents will continue to receive weekly project updates in the Friday Flash eNewsletter, and can explore the latest information at any time online. **The latest Beach Club renderings are now available (click [here](#)),** along with the full project history, FAQs, and ongoing updates.

Visit: stonebridgeranch.com > [Beach Club](#)

We look forward to sharing more progress with you in the months ahead as this exciting project moves closer to becoming a reality.



Compliance Corner

Trailer and Recreational Vehicle Parking

As we head into the spring season, our Compliance team would like to share a quick reminder about trailer and recreational vehicle parking within Stonebridge Ranch.

Per Section 9.3 (Parking) of our [Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions](#), boats, boat trailers, campers, travel trailers, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, and similar equipment must be stored inside an enclosed garage and kept out of public view.

We appreciate everyone's help in following this guideline and doing their part to keep Stonebridge Ranch looking its best for all residents.

As always, [reach out](#) any time you have questions - we're here to help!



Friendly Fence Reminders

We've received a few questions during recent inspections, so here's a quick reminder about trim caps and top caps on your fence.

What's a trim cap?

It's the horizontal wood board that runs along the very top edge of your fence pickets - not the decorative metal caps on posts. Trim caps give fences a clean, finished look and help protect the wood from weather.

To keep our neighborhood looking consistent, trim caps should be stained or painted to match your fence.

Quick Requirements Snapshot:

Board-on-Board Fences

- 1"x4" or 1"x6" pickets
- One (1) 1"x4" trim cap
- One (1) 2"x6" top cap
- Single row of 6-ft pickets

Board-Beside-Board Fences

- 1"x4" or 1"x6" pickets
- One (1) 1"x4" trim cap
- Single row of 6-ft pickets with no gaps



Why it matters:

Trim caps help protect your fence, create a polished appearance, and ensure consistency throughout the community.

[Visit Our Modifications Page](#)

Our Compliance Dept. Loves Hearing Back From Our Homeowners

We were delighted to receive this message after helping a homeowner recently:

From: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com
To: StoneB@ciramail.com
Date: Wednesday, March 11th 2026, 10:20:31 am
Subject: Re: 28 [REDACTED]

Thank you for getting back to me so promptly. I've noticed that y'all been very responsive lately. We truly appreciate it.

Sent from my iPhone

| On Mar 11, 2026, at 9:41 AM, STONEB@ciramail.com wrote:

| Thank you very much for reaching out to us! The compliance department was able to address your concerns yesterday afternoon!

Gardening By The Moon

Contributed by Dr. R.E. Moon

Conserving A Precious Natural Resource

Water use is very important to all of us. Conserving our natural resources has to be a priority for homeowners and communities. In the Texas metroplex and surrounding areas, the population is expected to grow by up to 4 million over the next 25 years. In light of this information, the demand and cost for water will only increase. Water conservation is now on the minds of state officials, water districts, community leaders, and homeowners.

Homeowners can take proactive steps right now to protect our water supply and promote sustainability. Start implementing these practices today to make a real difference.

Install smart irrigation controllers – Upgrade to a Wi-Fi-enabled system to significantly reduce water waste in your landscape. These controllers automatically adjust watering based on real-time weather, seasonal changes, and your yard's needs—substantially reducing overwatering and unnecessary irrigation.

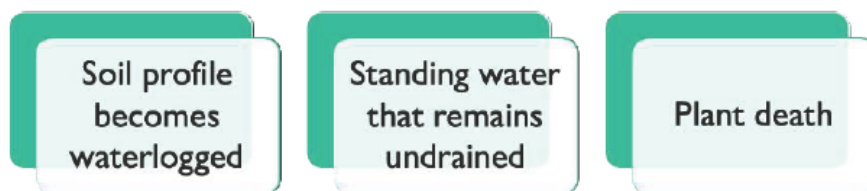
A major advantage of smart systems is their ability to keep your landscape in compliance with local watering restrictions and drought protocols. You can program city rules, seasonal limits, and drought stages directly into your controller app, so your system automatically adapts as regulations change - no manual adjustments required. Plus, automatic schedule optimization reduces watering during cooler months or after rain, saving you even more. Smart controllers are affordable and easy to install.

Plant Native and Drought-Tolerant Species – Incorporate drought-tolerant plants that are adapted to your local climate. These plants require less water to thrive, helping to reduce your overall water usage.

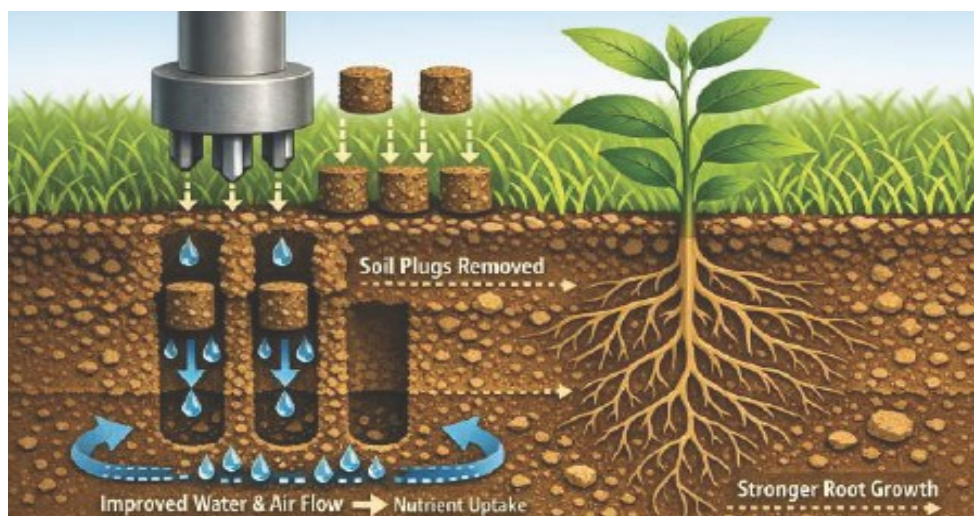
Irrigation Controllers from September through May – You can typically turn off your irrigation controllers from September through May unless there's a drought. If a drought occurs, run your system until rainfall patterns return to normal. In North Texas, normal rainfall will usually keep your landscape healthy during these months. If severe freezing weather is forecasted, run your irrigation before the freeze, then turn it off so it doesn't operate during the freeze. If it rained in the previous week, additional watering isn't needed.

In our experience, more plants die from overwatering rather than from underwatering.

Know your soils – Soils in the Stonebridge Ranch area are clay. Clay holds water very effectively for plants. In fact, many plants are overwatered in clay soils. When homeowners or even some landscape professionals see cracked soil, they assume plants need water. However, more plants are killed by overwatering. Overwatering and underwatering both cause wilting, so that is not a good indication to add more water. Feel the soil, or use a water meter, to a depth of 6 inches to determine whether the soil has adequate moisture for plants to thrive.



Agronomics is important - Aerating your turf is extremely important; do it at least once a year, and more often if your soil is compacted. Clay soils can be easily compacted by foot traffic, kids playing, and your pets. Aeration opens the soil so water can infiltrate and not run off down the street or into your neighbor's yard.



Increase soil organic matter by top dressing with a high-organic blend of materials. Organic matter increases water-holding capacity and helps keep soils open for more water infiltration and deeper root development.

Fertilize with a slow-release fertilizer that increases root depth and plant or turf vigor. Deep roots help plants survive during drought. To find a slow-release fertilizer, look for words on the bag such as nitroform, ureaform, nutralene, or organic. Apply a fertilizer ratio such as 20-5-10, 20-5-5, 16-4-8, 16-4-4, 7-1-2, 7-1-1 or a similar ratio. If you apply a quick-release fertilizer, you will get a quick green up, but shallow roots that cannot tolerate drought. Fertilize three times per year: spring, summer, and fall.

Keep turf and beds weed-free – Weeds compete with your plants for water. Use a pre-emergent in March, May, and September for best control. Products like Halts and Preen make it easy for homeowners to manage weeds themselves.

Research Xeriscaping – When landscaping, use xeriscape principles that are approved by your community. In general, these may include reducing the amount of turf, increasing the use of mulch to a depth of 2 to 2 ½ inches, using rock and gravel, using drought-tolerant plant materials, and spacing of plant materials based on their mature size.

Stonebridge Ranch Guidelines for Landscaping

- Open Area Design: Front and side yards, forward of return fences, must include a minimum of 50% turf grasses as depicted in the Landscape Palette.
- No plants with sharp spines or high toxicity are allowed.

By following these steps, you'll not only conserve water but also save money on your water bill. Many of these practices are already part of your community's landscape maintenance, but every homeowner's effort makes a difference. The future of water conservation starts with you.

Dr. Moon's Gardening Calendar & Other Tools

For years, Stonebridge Ranch has partnered with the trusted expertise of **Dr. Moon and Associates** to help guide thoughtful, sustainable landscape decisions across our community. To further support our homeowners, they've developed the following resources—tailored specifically for **Stonebridge Ranch**—to make planning, planting, and maintaining your landscape easier and more water-conscious:

- **Stonebridge Ranch Gardening Calendar (2026)** - [click here](#).
A crowd-favorite calendar, this is a month-by-month reference outlining when and what to plant, prune, and maintain throughout the year, so you can plan your gardening efforts with confidence.
- **Recommended Plant List** - [click here](#).
A curated selection of drought-tolerant plants well-suited to Stonebridge Ranch soil and climate conditions, helping you maintain a healthy, attractive landscape while conserving water.
- **Stonebridge Irrigation Guidelines** - [click here](#).
Practical guidance for watering efficiently and responsibly, including best practices to keep your landscape thriving while staying water-wise.



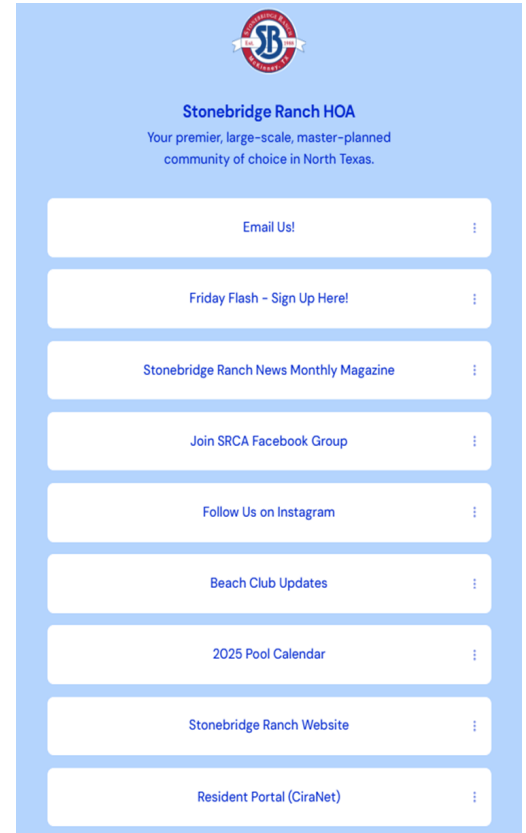
Stay In The Know at Stonebridge Ranch

Do you ever wonder:

- *Where can I find the Beach Club Project FAQs?*
- *Where do I sign up for the Friday Flash weekly e-news?*
- *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](#).



Get SRCA Updates Straight To Your Phone

Stay in the loop on all community news right to your phone. Don't worry, we promise not to send more than two (2) texts a month.

(Note: this isn't an emergency alert system and won't include weather, crime, or pet alerts. Standard carrier rates apply.)

How to Sign Up:

Text SRCA to 833-410-2060 to opt in.

Not sure if you're already signed up? Go ahead and text again to re-verify—it only takes a second!

Stay connected with all our communication platforms (Friday Flash, *Stonebridge Ranch News Magazine*, Facebook Group, etc.) all in one place [HERE](#).



APRIL 2026 EVENTS

Events Calendar Disclaimer: Event details are accurate as of the publication date but may change as the main office remains under construction due to flood damage earlier this year. Any updates, relocations, or cancellations will be shared through official Association communication channels. For the latest information, please check the calendar on the website [HERE](#), and make sure you're signed up for all our communications on our Sign-Up page [HERE](#).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> L&G Comm. Mtg. 9:30 a.m. TBD + Zoom Amenities Comm. Mtg. 3:30 p.m. TBD + Zoom	<i>2</i> Communications Comm. Mtg. 3:15 p.m. Zoom	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> MOD Comm. Mtg. 5:00 p.m. TBD + Zoom	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Veterans Club 9:30 a.m. TBD
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Finance Comm. Mtg. 3:00 p.m. TBD + Zoom Book Club 7:00 p.m. TBD + Zoom	<i>14</i> Travel Club 9:00 a.m. TBD	<i>15</i> Social Comm. Mtg. 9:00 a.m. TBD + Zoom	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> SRCA BOD Mtg. 12:30 p.m.	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>		

Friendly reminder: Events on this calendar may change after this magazine is published. Be sure to check the [Lifestyle Events Calendar](#) on our site or our weekly **Friday Flash** e-blast for the latest updates (*sign up [here](#)*).

MAY

Save the Date

May events will be posted to our website events calendar [HERE](#) and announced on our Friday Flash. Make sure you're signed up to see the latest happenings!

April 2026 Social Scene

[See Full Lifestyle Events Calendar Here](#)

Heads up! Event details can shift after this magazine is published. Before you head out, be sure to check the [Lifestyle Events Calendar](#) on our site or our weekly **Friday Flash** e-blast for the latest updates (*sign up [here](#)*).

Don't forget: Events are for our homeowners. To join in on SRCA events or use the amenities, **please bring your Stonebridge Ranch ID** or your Texas driver's license that shows your Stonebridge Ranch address.



Veterans Club

April 11
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Location: TBD

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.



Book Club

April 13
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: TBD + Zoom

Our book for this month:

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon (448 pages) (published 2023-12-05) In 1789 Maine, the Kennebec River freezes, trapping a man in the ice, and Martha Ballard is asked to determine the cause of death. In her role as midwife and healer, Martha is privy to the secrets of the Hallowell settlement and is familiar with the details of an alleged crime committed by two of the town's leaders – one of whom is now entombed in ice. When the local physician declares the death an accident, Martha must risk all and investigate the death, on her own, as a possible murder. Physical copies of the book, audio books, and eBooks are available at the following libraries (reciprocal privileges are available for McKinney residents): McKinney, Plano, Allen, and Frisco.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82055912804?pwd=NQfRs0bNPCFS2RhPa23DSDfipXRytc.1>

Meeting ID: 820 5591 2804 Passcode: 148011

Community Events Calendar

There's always something happening at Stonebridge! Our community events bring neighbors together and make Stonebridge feel like home.

Did you know you can easily see ALL our upcoming events on the official Events Calendar on our website? Simply go to:

[StonebridgeRanch.com](#) > About Us > Events

Or simply click the link below:

[See Events Calendar](#)

Think You Know Stonebridge Ranch?



1. In what year was the first home sold in Stonebridge Ranch?
 - a. 1988
 - b. 1989
 - c. 1990
 - d. 1991
2. According to the Homebuyer's Guide for that same year, new construction home costs ranged from:
 - a. \$75,000 to \$1 million
 - b. \$80,000 to \$250,000
 - c. \$85,000 to \$500,000
 - d. \$80,000 to \$1 million

1-B, 2-D

Lawn & Order: Fertilizing Your Lawn This Spring

Mathew Roebuck, L&G Director at SRCA

Spring has arrived early this year, making it a great time to begin thinking about fertilization. While some professionals recommend fertilizing lawns as early as March or April, horticultural guidance suggests waiting until April for warm-season turf. Shrubs, on the other hand, are well suited for nitrogen applications earlier in the season to help combat chlorosis, as plants naturally move nitrogen from lower leaves and buds to support new foliar growth.



For April, a balanced fertilizer with roughly a 50/50 mix of fast- and slow-release nitrogen is a good starting point for shrubs, groundcover, and perennials. Lawns, however, require a different approach. A preferred recommendation - based on guidance from the University of Georgia's Turfgrass Research Department, a leading extension resource for the Southern region - is to avoid fertilizing too early, especially with fast-release products. If turf is still dormant, it will not effectively absorb nutrients. A helpful rule of thumb for do-it-yourself homeowners is to wait until the lawn is about 50% green as it emerges from winter dormancy.

When grass is not actively growing, nitrogen moves more slowly through the plant and can leach into the soil instead of being utilized. Fertilizing too soon or applying excessive fast-release nitrogen can also increase the risk of turf diseases such as Brown Patch, Spring Dead Spot, and Rhizoctonia. After applying fertilizer, be sure to water it in with approximately half an inch of precipitation. This typically equates to about 10–15 minutes of run time for spray heads and 20–30 minutes for rotary heads or nozzles.



April is also an ideal time to inspect irrigation systems, especially if this has not yet been done following winter freezes. Turn on the system and check each zone for clogged nozzles, leaking heads, or broken lines and valves to ensure water is reaching the areas that need it most. It is also important to confirm that your rain/freeze sensor is present and functioning, as most city ordinances require this device. Proper sensors can help reduce overwatering, lower the risk of landscape disease, and save on water costs.

Hiring a licensed irrigation company in the spring is always recommended, as professionals can help ensure your system meets both state and local requirements. As you restart your system for the season, be sure it is programmed for spring settings rather than summer schedules. This helps conserve one of Texas' most valuable resources - water.



Spring rainfall often provides sufficient moisture this time of year. If your landscape receives half an inch or more of rain in a week, consider turning your irrigation system off for a few days. Established landscapes typically have deep root systems and can go up to a week without additional watering. This practice supports healthier plants while also helping manage city water bills.

Empty Bowls McKinney Celebrates 15 Years of Fighting Hunger

This April, Empty Bowls McKinney marks a major milestone: 15 years of fighting hunger in our community. Our annual event brings together talented local artisans, an amazing group of local restaurants, and dozens of dedicated volunteers. With the renovations of the MPAC in downtown McKinney, we are excited to announce a move to a new venue: **Tupps Brewery!**

With more space, easier parking, and beautiful green grass, this year's event will feature all the fan favorites: the signature handcrafted bowls, 12 restaurants serving gourmet soups and stews, and live music from Pat Harrigan. Attendees can also enjoy a raffle and a Live Silent Auction with a true festival atmosphere. Beer and wine will be available for purchase to complement the tastings.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) for behind the scenes stories, Sponsor profiles and get to know our board members.

Event Details:

- **Date:** April 23, 2026
- **Tickets:** \$35 (Go on sale April 1st)
- **Website:** www.emptybowlsmcKinney.com

Proceeds from the event directly support:

- Community Garden Kitchen
- Little Free Pantry
- McKinney Food Pantry
- Samaritan Inn Food Pantry

BLOUNT
fine foods

15 YRS

Fighting Hunger One Bowl at a Time

EMPTY BOWLS

MCKINNEY
2026

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FEEDING THE COMMUNITY:
McKinney Food Pantry | Community Garden Kitchen
Samaritan Inn | Little Free Pantry

FIGHT HUNGER ONE BOWL AT A TIME!

APRIL 23
6PM-8PM

NEW LOCATION!
TUPPS

WWW.EMPTYBOWLSMCKINNEY.COM



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Stonebridge Ranch News is a full-color, digital, monthly community magazine published for the largest homeowners association in North Texas. It features our calendar of social events, latest community news, engaging articles on Stonebridge Ranch lifestyle, and neighborhood stories that celebrate our residents.

Advertise with us.

Local businesses are the heartbeat of our community, so we would love to showcase yours! You'll reach over 10,000 readers with each issue in which you're featured.*

ADVERTISING RATES

Rates below are based on a per issue basis

SIZE	10-12x	6-9x	3-5x	1-2x
Full page	\$500	\$545	\$590	\$635
Half page (v/h)	\$325	\$355	\$385	\$410

Specific placements: Additional 15%

Premium Positions

SIZE	10-12x	6-9x	3-5x	1-2x
IFC, Pg. 3	\$565	\$615	\$670	\$720

**All ad placements are subject to SRCA Board approval.*

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