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### 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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### March 24, 2025 Organizational Board Meeting:

Our annual organizational meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM on March 24, 2025, to elect the officers of the Board for the coming year.

All Board members were present. New Board members, Robert Edgar and Joe Morabito, and incumbent member, Joe Closs, were welcomed to the Board.

Unanimously elected officers were President, Jon Dell'Antonia; Vice President and Treasurer, Michael Warner; and Secretary, Bill Arnold.

Next was the appointment of Directors as liaisons to the standing committees of the Board:

Amenities Committee: Robert ("Bob") Edgar.

Communications Committee: Secretary, Bill Arnold.

Finance Committee: VP & Treasurer, Michael Warner

Landscape & Grounds Committee: To Be Determined.

Modifications & Architectural Review Committee: Kristen Vartian.

Social Committee: Secretary, Bill Arnold.

Members of the Collections Committee added Secretary Bill Arnold to the Committee, and Director Bob Edgar was added to the Appeals Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 PM.

Jon Dell'Antonia, Board President

### Comments

Spring is definitely here with the temperature way above normal and, so far, minimal rainfall. Hope that improves.

This month's magazine will feature articles on Dr. Moon's Gardening Calendar, Your HOA Dues at Work, Ways to Stay "In the Know" at Stonebridge Ranch, and many other articles you should check out.

### Board Meeting, March 27, 2025

The Board meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by President Dell'Antonia. Six Board members were present. Director Closs did not attend. Attending were Grand Manors Vice President of On-site Management, our General Manager, our Financial Manager, Digital Content Director, Lifestyle Director, L&G Director, Maintenance Director, Power Group representative, and the Association's Attorney.

12 homeowners attended, 7 in person and 5 via Zoom. One homeowner asked about the status of repairs to Wellington Ponds. That work is currently in progress. Another asked about a creek flooding behind his house, and another addressed personal comments made to a homeowner by a Board member. We had held our Annual Meeting March 13, 2025.

**Consent Agenda:** Approved the February 27, 2025 BOD meeting minutes. We accepted the resignation of Board Member Joe Closs due to serious health issues in his family. We appointed former Board member James Buerkle to fill the vacated position and complete the remaining term of office. We approved Karen Gerace as a new member of the Landscape & Grounds Committee and Frank Spina as new member of the Communications Committee. We also appointed Director Buerkle as liaison the L&G Committee.

**Old Business:** We reviewed and approved the updated Appeals Process Policy, updated Modification Committee Guidelines, and updated Communications Committee Guidelines.

**New Business:** We approved the 2025 Pool Season Calendar with extended dates into September. We reviewed the monthly water usage report. To date, we are under budget by 76,000 gallons. We held discussions on the following topics: water rates and their impact on our budget, the financial condition of the HOA and our assessments, and the Reserve Study. No actions were taken. We discussed requests for private events to be held in our common areas. If we can approve the request, we will. Some will not fit in the requested area. We gave the courtesy patrol power to use law enforcement to have violators removed from the property if necessary. We approved the Treasurer to sign the annual audit for the Association.

**Association Reports:** Our Financial Manager reviewed the February Financial Reports: Balance Sheet, Operating Fund Revenue and Expenses, Restricted and Non Restricted Investment Schedule, Summary of Accounts Receivable, Bad Debt Expense/Reserve, and the Investment Performance Report.

**Executive Session:** We reviewed and approved the Foreclosure report. We accepted the Variance Report, Payment Plan Status Report, Collections Committee Reports, Appeals Committee Decisions, Violations Report, and the Projects Report. We discussed the status of the Stonebridge Drive and Virginia car accident. That property is owned by both the city and the Association. We are working together to determine how best to secure payment from the insurance company of the responsible party and get the repair underway. We approved sending a survey about the proposed Beach Club project to all homeowners to solicit their opinions. The survey is due to be completed by April 18. We sent out five RFPs to replace our current Financial Manager who no longer wished to manage our reserve fund. We received two responses and the Finance Committee recommended Frost Bank as our new Financial Manager. We signed the Agreement with them. We discussed the annual Wine Tasting event, If we have it again, there will be a charge to attend due to the high cost of this event and to reduce the number of "no shows" we have experienced. We receive updates on the following projects: Aquatic Center pool replastering, seasonal color reduction, Mulch reduction, Fence replacement, and Storm damage. The Association's attorney updated the Board on current legal matters.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Jon Dell'Antonia  
Board President

# The Benefits of Having a Latham Fiberglass Pool

Sponsored article by: Latham, The Pool Company

Fiberglass pools have become a popular choice for homeowners looking for durability and style. Latham fiberglass pools offer numerous advantages that make them a top-tier option.

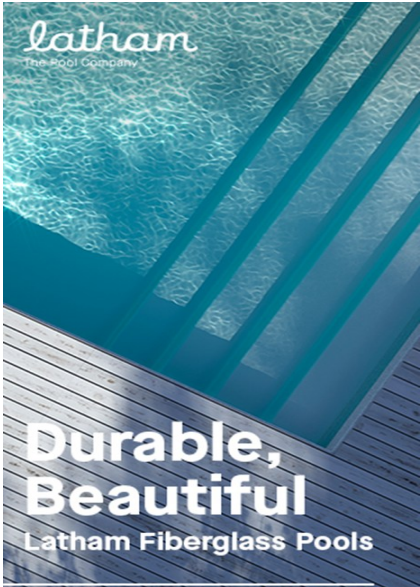
One of the biggest benefits is their low maintenance. Fiberglass pools resist algae growth and need few chemicals to stay clean. This makes upkeep easier and more cost-effective over time.

Durability is another key advantage. Latham fiberglass pools are built with high-quality materials that resist cracks and wear, ensuring long-term performance. Their smooth surface also makes them more comfortable for swimmers.

Installation is quicker than you think! Because fiberglass pools come pre-molded, they can be installed in a matter of weeks, instead of months.

Additionally, Latham offers a variety of sizes and designs, allowing homeowners to customize their pools to fit their space and aesthetic preferences. Many models also include built-in seating and steps for added convenience.

With energy efficiency, durability, and beauty, a Latham fiberglass pool is a smart investment for homeowners seeking a long-lasting backyard oasis. Visit this website to learn more: [getoutofthestoneage.com](http://getoutofthestoneage.com)



## Annual Gardening Calendar

brought to you by Dr. R.E. Moon + Associates

**MAY 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
27	28	29	30	1 Set irrigation controller to run one time every 7-10 days.  If it is raining, turn controller to off position.	2 Blackberry production is declining. Remove at ground level the old canes that had fruit this season and "tip back" new canes to encourage branching.	3 Control crabgrass and dallisgrass in Bermuda grass lawns. Follow label instructions closely. Also control nutsedge in the lawn. Use a pre-emergent weed control again to prevent...
4 ...late weed germination. Use a regular mowing, watering, and fertilizing schedule to help avoid a weed issue.	5 Continue to spray peach and plum trees to control insects and diseases. Do this every 14 days until five treatments have occurred. This is the fourth application listed in this calendar. Also continue to spray roses. Apply Neem Oil and Cueva for these treatments.	6	7 Control powdery mildew on vegetables and ornamental plants as needed with Neem Oil. Watch vegetables for spider mites and, if present, control with Neem Oil.	8 Prune your spring flowering shrubs after blooming: Climbing roses, forsythia, quince, and Indian hawthorn. Shape azaleas and camellias.	9 Watch for bagworms on conifers; thrips, aphids, spider mites, and white flies on everything. Treat with Neem Oil when present.	10 Plant ornamental grasses from the approved plant list for a great summer and fall display.
11 Locate a source of biological predators to be used in the garden (such as ladybugs and predator mites).	12 Dig anemone bulbs and store in a cool, airy place for replanting in December.	13 Check squash plants for the presence of vine borers and control if needed. Also check for squash bugs and control if needed with Neem Oil.	14 Apply pre-emergent weed control to turf, shrubs, and ground cover beds for warm season weed control. Read and follow label instructions carefully.	15 Hanging baskets and house plants need wind protection; Also water and fertilize as needed.	16 Balled and burlapped and container-grown plants can still be planted.	17 Spray roses every 7-10 days with the recommended fungicide for black spot. Control when present with Neem Oil and Cueva.
18 Check vegetables, annual flowers, and ornamentals for spider mites. Control with Neem Oil.	19 Be ready to spray pecan nut casebearer and scab with Neem Oil and Cueva when emergence is announced in your paper. This varies from one year to the next year, but usually falls on these dates. Spray once initially, then again seven days later.	20	21 Spray fruit trees again for insect and disease control. Control with Neem Oil and Cueva.	22 Watch broadleaf evergreen shrubs and crepe myrtles for scale infestation and control with Neem Oil.	23 Spot-treat fire ants. Monitor crape myrtle for scale, aphids, and powdery mildew. Treat with Neem Oil.	24 Replenish mulch around vegetables, trees, and shrubs to hold moisture around the plants. Use a dyed-brown, double-ground hardwood mulch or compost.
25 The mowing height of common Bermuda grass is 1 ½ to 2 ½ in, hybrid Bermuda grass is 1 in, and Buffalo grass is 2 ½ -4 in. Mowing should be done when there is no more than 1/3 of the growth to cut off. Treat shrub and ground cover beds with a pre-emergent to prevent summer weeds such as crabgrass if not applied earlier this month.	26 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	27	28 Good drought-resistant plants for annual color beds are potato vine, angelonia, purple fountain grass, periwinkle, scaevola, and rose moss.	29 Treat all newly planted trees for insects with a systemic insect control such as Merit or Neem Oil.	30	31

# 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](#).



## Stonebridge Ranch HOA

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## Compliance Corner

Whether you're planting sod, ground cover, or adding shrubs along your home's exterior, early May is your window of opportunity to get those roots established while temperatures are still manageable.

From a compliance perspective, timely planting is also important. The Stonebridge Ranch [Modification Design Guidelines](#) (see page 46) outline clear expectations for lawn coverage and properly maintained foundation shrubs and other plants.

Dr. Moon, our trusted landscape consultant, recommends homeowners take advantage of the milder spring soil temperatures to plant grass seed, lay sod, or install shrubs with ample time for them to take root before the heat of June and July. Waiting too long can lead to transplant stress, shallow root systems, and more watering demands during peak drought conditions.

**Need help planning?** Dr. Moon's Annual Gardening Calendar is a fantastic seasonal guide: [View the full calendar here](#)

Whether you're refreshing your yard or planning bigger updates, don't forget that many exterior projects require advance HOA approval. If you're unsure whether your plans need a Modification Request Form, review the Modification Guidelines or reach out to the Association office at [STONEB@ciramail.com](mailto:STONEB@ciramail.com).

# Meet the Easter Bunny 2025

Thank you for coming out and seeing the Easter Bunny! What a wonderful way to celebrate the spring season. Check out these highlights from the event (see more on our [SRCA Facebook Group](#) and our NEW Instagram page, [@StonebridgeRanchHOA](#)!).



# Winning The War On Weeds

## Tips For Texas Lawns

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As temperatures climb and summer approaches, keeping your lawn and landscape weed-free becomes more than just a matter of pride—it's a matter of community standards and compliance here in Stonebridge Ranch.

Unkempt lawns with visible weeds not only diminish the curb appeal of your property but can also affect the visual harmony of the entire neighborhood. Plus, our HOA guidelines are designed to help preserve the beauty and value of our community—which includes maintaining healthy, well-tended yards. Staying on top of weed control now will save you time, effort, and HOA notices later.

To help you stay ahead of the game, we've gathered a few expert-backed tips inspired by our landscape consultant, Dr. Robert E. Moon, tailored specifically for North Texas homeowners.

### 1. Mow at the Right Height—Not Too Short!

Mowing your grass too low can stress your lawn and give weeds an open invitation to spread. Dr. Moon recommends the following mowing heights for popular turfgrasses in our region:

- Common Bermuda: 1 ½ to 2 ½ inches
- Hybrid Bermuda: 1 inch
- Buffalo Grass: 2 ½ to 4 inches

Also, be sure to follow the 1/3 rule: never cut off more than one-third of the grass height at a time. Mow regularly enough to stay within that range and promote a dense, weed-resistant turf.

### 2. Apply Pre-Emergent Weed Control Now

May is your final call for effective warm-season weed prevention. Dr. Moon advises applying pre-emergent herbicide not just to planting beds, but also to your turf, shrubs, and ground cover beds.

This will help block the germination of aggressive summer weeds like crabgrass, spurge, and goosegrass, which thrive in Texas heat.

✓ Important: Always read and follow the product label for safe and effective use. Proper timing and application technique are essential for results.

### 3. Water Deep, Not Daily

Healthy, thick grass crowds out weeds naturally. One way to promote strong root systems is to water deeply but less frequently. This encourages your turf to dig in and withstand both heat and weed invasion.

Aim to water in the early morning hours, and check for runoff to make sure your lawn is absorbing moisture efficiently.

### 4. Keep Edges Tidy & Attack Weeds Early

Don't let weeds sneak in around driveways, sidewalks, or flower beds. Keep your landscape edges neatly trimmed and treat visible weeds as soon as they appear—either with a spot treatment or hand removal.

### 5. Fertilize and Maintain Lawn Health

A well-fed lawn is better equipped to resist stress and outcompete weeds. Use a slow-release fertilizer formulated for your grass type, and consider aerating compacted soil in high-traffic areas.

By staying proactive this season, you'll enjoy a lush, green yard that not only enhances your home's beauty but supports the standards we all value in Stonebridge Ranch.

✂ Want to learn more or get involved in shaping the look of our neighborhood? Join the Landscape & Grounds Committee or another volunteer group!

👉 <https://stonebridgeranch.com/committees/>



# Summer Pool Calendar

## Beach Club Survey Updates and Extended Pool Season

Thank you to everyone who participated in last month’s community-wide survey. Your feedback plays an essential role in shaping the future of Stonebridge Ranch.

The Board, along with our research partner, is carefully reviewing your responses to help guide the next steps in the Beach Club project, ensuring the final project reflects the needs and priorities of our residents. While the Board will incorporate resident input as much as possible, we cannot guarantee that all suggestions will be included in the final designs.

Please make sure to stay tuned for more updates on this important project including selection of our construction partner, finalized timeline and key construction milestones in our **Friday Flash** newsletter, on the official Stonebridge Ranch Community Association [Facebook Group](#), and on our [website](#).

### Stonebridge Ranch Pool Season Starts May 3

Mark your calendars and grab your goggles! Saturday, May 3 kicks off Stonebridge Ranch’s pool season at the Aquatic Center. This year, we’re excited to announce the recently replastered Aquatic Center will remain open on weekends through the end of September, giving residents extra time to soak up the sun and make lasting memories.

### What You Need to Know Before Making a Splash

To help all residents enjoy a safe and smooth pool experience, here are a few reminders:

- **Photo ID Cards:** Residents can enjoy the Aquatic Center for free with a valid Stonebridge Ranch photo ID. IDs are required for all residents ages 3 and up. Kids grow fast, so replacement cards are free as they age. Lost cards can be replaced at the association office for just \$5.
- **Kids & Supervision:** Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or designated guardian who is at least 18 years old.
- **Guest Policies:** Each household in good standing may bring up to eight guests on regular days and three guests on holidays such as Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. Guest entry is \$5 for ages 3–49 and just \$1 for guests 50+.

[See the printable version here.](#)



## Aquatic Center Saturday, May 3, 2025, to Sunday, September 28, 2025

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Lap Swim: Monday - Friday, 6 AM to 8 AM 6/02/25 to 8/29/25 (excluding Holidays)
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CLOSED
Open Noon to 5 PM
Open 10 AM to 8 PM
OPEN 4:30 PM to 8 PM

# Best In Show: Tail-Wagging Tips for Polite Pet Owners

## Petiquette Reminders for National Pet Month

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May is **National Pet Month**, and we know many of our Stonebridge Ranch neighbors have four-legged family members who bring joy, laughs, and maybe a little fur to the household!

Whether your pet is a proud porch pup, a speedy squirrel-chaser, or the king of catnaps, this is a great time to brush up on some neighborhood-friendly “**petiquette**” to help keep our community clean, safe, and paws-ively welcoming for everyone.

Here are a few quick reminders:

### **Leash Up, Always**

Even the friendliest pets should be leashed when out and about. It's not just a good idea—it's required in public spaces within Stonebridge Ranch. It helps avoid unexpected run-ins with other pets or wildlife and ensures everyone stays safe.

### **Scoop Up Any Waste**

No one likes surprises on their morning walk! Always carry waste bags and clean up after your pet—whether you're in your yard, on the side-walk, or at one of our parks or trails. Keep an eye out for handy pet waste stations to properly dispose of Fido's mess.

### **Be a Good Neighbor**

We all love an energetic pup, but be mindful of barking—especially early in the morning or late at night. A little quiet time goes a long way toward being a good neighbor.

### **ID and Microchip**

Make sure your pets are properly tagged and microchipped, just in case they decide to go on an unapproved solo adventure.

Let's celebrate the furry friends who make our lives better by being responsible, respectful pet owners. Here's to a happy, tail-wagging May in Stonebridge Ranch!



# Honoring the Meaning of Memorial Day



As the unofficial start of summer, **Memorial Day** often brings thoughts of backyard barbecues, long weekends, and time with family. But at its heart, this national holiday—observed on the last Monday of May—is a time for **honoring the men and women of the U.S. military who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.**

Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day has its roots in the aftermath of the Civil War, when families began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. Today, it's a powerful reminder of the cost of our freedoms and an opportunity to pause and reflect on those who gave their lives in defense of our nation.

Here are a few ways to observe Memorial Day with purpose and gratitude:

## **Pause for the National Moment of Remembrance**

At 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day, take one minute to silently remember and honor those who have fallen.

## **Visit a Memorial or Cemetery**

If you have the chance, visit a local veterans' memorial or cemetery. Bringing flowers or small flags is a simple and meaningful gesture.

## **Support Veterans and Military Families**

Consider donating to an organization that supports Gold Star families, wounded warriors, or veterans in need.

## **Fly the Flag Respectfully**

Display the American flag at half-staff until noon, then raise it to full-staff for the rest of the day—this is the traditional observance practice.

## **Share Their Stories**

If you or someone you know has a loved one who served and sacrificed, consider sharing their story with your children or neighbors. Keeping their memory alive is a powerful way to honor their legacy.

As a community, let's take a moment this Memorial Day not just to celebrate, but to remember. Their service. Their sacrifice. **Our gratitude.**

# Events Around McKinney

Don't miss these fun events happening all month long right here in McKinney! From family-friendly festivals to live music and more, there's something for everyone to enjoy. *Be sure to check event details and entry requirements before you go.*

We've listed a few highlights below, but see the full details of events below and the whole calendar of events for all ages at: <https://www.visitmckinney.com/events/>

## May in McKinney

**Tuesdays** – DJ Trivia Night (*LOYO Burger*)

**Fridays & Saturdays** – Sip & Throw Pottery Class (*Jump Into Art Studios*)

**Saturdays** – Farmers Market McKinney (*Chestnut Square Heritage Village*)

**5/03** – Kentucky Derby Gala (*The Sanctuary Music & Events Center*)

**5/10** – Bubbles & Brunch Bites Wine Walk (*Downtown McKinney*)

**5/20** – Watercolor Flowers Techniques with Amelia Audish (*MillHouse Foundation*)

**5/22** – Girls' Night Out (*McKinney Main Street/MPAC*)

## Think You Know Stonebridge Ranch?



What's the maximum headcount for the current Community Room here at Stonebridge Ranch?

- A. 60 without tables/chairs, 40 with tables/chairs
- B. 66 without; 48 with
- C. 74 without; 47 with
- D. 72 without; 52 with

How many lakes and ponds do we have along Stonebridge Lake Trail?

- A. 5
- B. 10
- C. 15
- D. 20

Answers:

1. B; 2. C

# HOA Dues at Work

## Enjoy the Beauty All Around You This Spring

As the weather warms up and neighbors head outside to enjoy the fresh air, it's the perfect time to appreciate the many ways your **HOA dues are hard at work** here in Stonebridge Ranch.

One of the gems of our community is the **Stonebridge Lake Trail**, a nearly **20-mile loop** of walking and hiking paths that winds through some of the most scenic areas in the neighborhood. Along the way, you'll pass **15 serene lakes and ponds**, open green spaces, and picturesque vistas that make springtime strolls especially rewarding. These trails—and the lush landscaping that surrounds them—are maintained and beautified using your HOA dues, ensuring they stay safe, clean, and welcoming year-round.

But the benefits of your dues go beyond the greenery. For added **safety and convenience**, our community also contains **11 City-owned tunnels and 5 Golf Course-owned tunnels** beneath some of McKinney's busiest intersections.

These pedestrian tunnels help connect neighborhoods and parks while allowing residents to walk, jog, or bike without crossing major roads—making outdoor activity easier and safer for all ages.

So next time you're out walking and soaking up the sunshine, take a moment to notice the details all around you. From beautiful landscaping to well-kept trails and safe crossings, **your HOA dues help make Stonebridge Ranch one of the most vibrant and enjoyable communities in North Texas.**



# Lawn & Order: May 2025

Contributed by Matthew Roebuck, L&G Director at Stonebridge Ranch

Spring has arrived and we are now in a transitional month. We can now feel those warmer days coming and we can still venture outdoors. This is the month to start wrapping up your spring plantings, vegetables, and get your summer annuals in. Planting them now is an important time frame as temperatures are conducive for good growth all the way around.

## Tips for Watering in May

Be sure to properly water everything to keep them from wilting but also train those roots to find water. Finding that balance is crucial and will take some care and monitoring. For new seeded and planted plants daily water for the first week is suitable and as they grow in reduce watering. For both establishing plants and mature plants, watering 1-2 days a week is adequate. In the month of May for we should be replacing half into one inch of water per week depending on rainfall. Remember a good watering schedule will help keep them from wilting and drive the roots down.

Other spring items to consider are making sure your lawns are mowed frequently, and your shrubs are trimmed only to remove the new growth without heavy cuts. Removing only one third of the lawn when mowing will help keep your lawn from stressing out. Heavy pruning cuts on your ornamentals are **not** recommended this time frame.



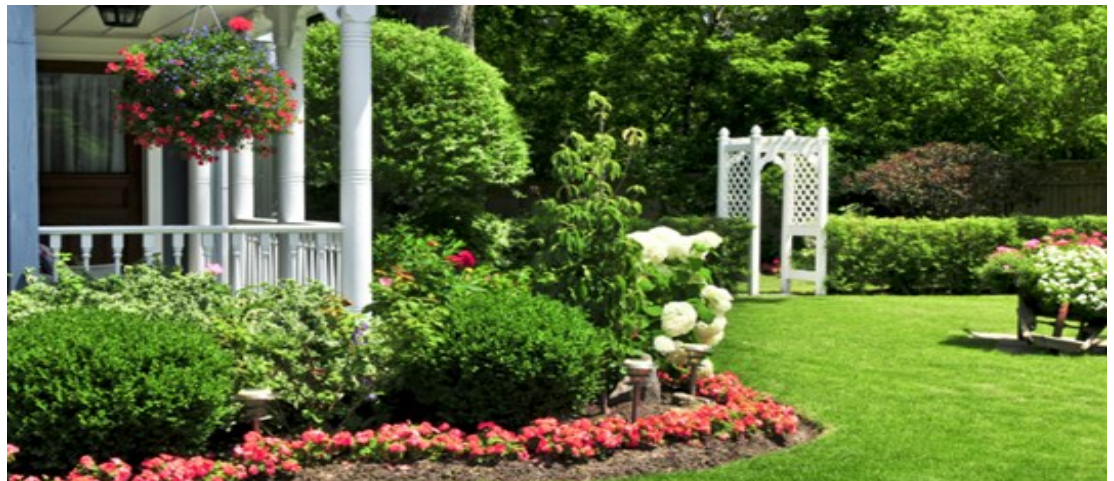
## Look out for Disease and Pests

You should also consider monitoring disease and insect issues this month. As spring humidity has been on the rise and temperatures reach into the 80s, spring insects like Aphids, Whiteflies, and Scale are common on ornamental plants. Grubs, chinch bugs, and many other pests can show up on your lawn as well. Also, watch out for diseases like Powdery Mildew, Phytophthora, Rhizoctonia, Brown Patch, and Large Patch on your lawns and landscape plants.

In fact, **the best advice for plants this month/season is to start looking for signs of stress.** Flip up leaves and check the underside for insect issues. Check leaves, stems, and roots for abnormalities.

## Start Sooner than Later

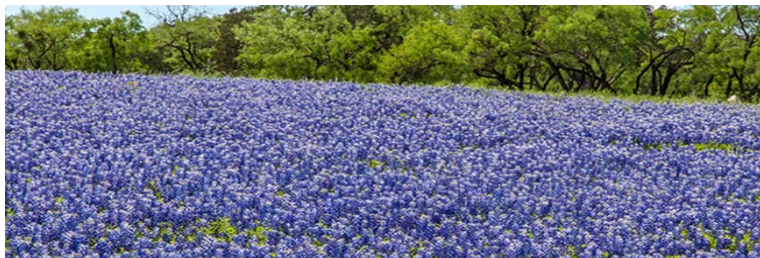
So go ahead - start your watering program and watch for signs of stress that are abnormal before the summer heat kicks in. If you need additional help, there are so many easily accessible resources out there to help you, like your local nursery professional or your local [Texas A&M Extension Office](#). See you next month!



# NEW Wildflower Grow Zones

Contributed by Matthew Roebuck, L&G Director at Stonebridge Ranch

Have you ever driven down Texas interstates, highways or along a rural road and see homeowners stop to take family photos of the beauty for our Texas wildflowers? What if you had a local spot to just enjoy them or for photography of beautiful flowers and majestic butterflies?



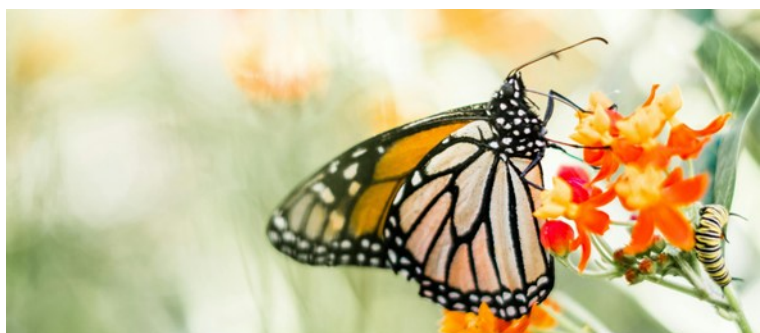
## Our 500 Acres

Did you know that with the vast area that covers the community, only 63% of our 500 acres is landscaped? Many of the landscape areas which are mowed frequently are old pastures which did support pollinators like hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, moths, and small mammals.



## The Decline of Pollinators

Did you also know the state of Texas has a huge need for supporting the habitats for pollinators, and the bee population is declining - both domesticated bees used for honey production and the wild populations. As natural threats and urbanization cause the decline in our pollinators, we must consider how pollinators play a vital role in farmlands, personal gardens, landscapes and in natural flora and fauna. Without pollinators, our ecosystem will diminish.



## Why Do We Need Pollinators?

Without pollinators, we would potentially lose our Texas Wildflowers like Bluebonnets and Indian Paint Brushes. As farms and ranchlands across the DFW metroplex are consumed by expanding subdivisions, commercial projects, and retail centers, the urgency to restore lost habitats and ecosystems continues to grow.



## History of Wildflower Grow Zones

At the April Landscape and Grounds Committee Meeting last year, our dedicated homeowner volunteers (who make up the committee) along with two members of the Board of Directors attended the meeting and discussed the idea of introducing wildflowers in designated areas throughout the community. The concept received **unanimous support** from those in attendance.

In May, the concept was revisited by both the Landscape and Grounds Committee and the Board of Directors. This time it was reviewed with the aid of aerial mapping for plans on contract service levels in common areas, which included the designated wildflower zones. Finally, in October, the Board of Directors officially approved the initiative as part of the landscape contracts.



## See Maps of Wildflower Grow Zones in Our Community

[Click here](#) to see maps of the new designated wildflower zones here in Stonebridge Ranch. Starting this year, these locations will receive the specialized care and maintenance needed to establish and support thriving wildflower growth.

## Looking ahead

Looking ahead, there are key seasonal milestones involved in developing these areas, including seeding, mowing, fertilization, and targeted weed control. Unlike traditional turf or lawn spaces, wildflower areas require different mowing frequencies and heights. After flowering and seed dispersal, these areas must be cut back to support healthy regeneration. Additionally, wildflowers need time to reach their natural height to bloom properly.

As this initiative gets underway, you may notice some areas in transition as we begin implementing our wildflower program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at 214-733-5800 or email us at [Stoneb@cirmail.com](mailto:Stoneb@cirmail.com)

## Helpful Resources

[Texas Master Gardeners Program](#)

[Texas Parks and Wildlife Pollinators of Texas](#)

[Texas A&M Planting Wildflowers for Stunning Spring Blooms](#)  
[Planting Wildflowers – TxDOT](#)

# MAY 2025 EVENTS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> Communications Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m. via Zoom (Zoom)	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>6</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>7</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>8</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>9</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>10</i>  Veterans Club 9:30 a.m. (CR)
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Book Club 7:00 p.m. (BR + Zoom)  Finance Comm Mtg (3:00 p.m. BR + Zoom)  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>13</i>  Travel Club 9:00 a.m. (CR)  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>14</i> L&G Comm Mtg 9:00 a.m. (BR)  Amenities Comm Mtg(3:30 p.m. BR + Zoom)  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>15</i>  Morning Bingo 10:00 a.m. (CR)  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>16</i>  Evening on the Veranda 7:00 p.m.  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>17</i>  Coffee, Cars & Cycles 8:30 a.m. (CR & Circle Drive)  Recycling Event 9:30 a.m.  Children's Fishing Trn. 1:00 p.m.
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>20</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>21</i>  Social Comm Mtg 9:00 a.m. (BR)  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>22</i>  Board of Directors Mtg 12:30 p.m. (BR + Zoom)  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>23</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>  Memorial Day Party (AC) 11 a.m.  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>27</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>28</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>29</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>30</i>  10 & Under/Future Stars Tennis 4-5 p.m. Academy Tennis 5-7 p.m.	<i>31</i>

## JUNE Save the Date

DJ at the Aquatic Center - Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, and 26  
 Travel Club - Tuesday, June 10  
 Tuesday Evening Bingo - Tuesday, June 10  
 Veterans Club - Saturday, June 14  
 Concert on the Circle - Friday, June 20  
 Coffee, Cars & Cycles - Saturday, June 21

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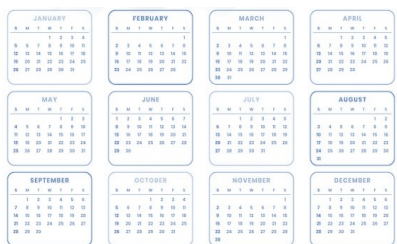
**KEY** Weekly Meet-ups, **Monthly/Annual Events, Committees**

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

# MAY 2025 SOCIAL SCENE

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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.



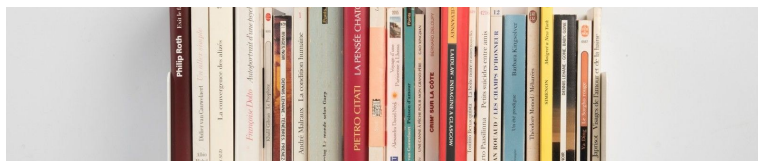
## Veterans Club

**Saturday, May 10**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Delaney's Irish Pub and Scratch Kitchen**

Stonebridge Ranch Veterans Social 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. Our May social will consist of darts and lunch. Please join us at 11:00 a.m. for darts and lunch at Delaney's Irish Pub and Scratch Kitchen located at 6150 Eldorado Pkwy Suite 120, McKinney, TX 75072. Bring a friend!



## Book Club

**Monday, May 12,**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**SRCA Boardroom**

Our May book choice is *Trust*, by Hernan Diaz. It is a story about unbridled capitalism as viewed through the life of a secretive, phenomenally wealthy financier whose trading practices may have triggered the 1929 stock market crash.

It follows the rise and fall of Benjamin Rask, a Wall Street tycoon, and his wife Helen, through four distinct narrative forms: a fictional novel, an autobiography, a memoir, and a private diary. These overlapping stories explore the power of wealth, the artifice of the financial system, and the gender politics inherent in both, revealing the competing truths and fabrications surrounding their lives.

## Travel Club

**Tuesday, May 13**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Community Room**

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!



## Morning Bingo

**(Adult Only Event)**

**Thursday, May 15**

**(Doors Open at 9:30 a.m.)**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Start your day off right with a morning of fun and prizes! Winners of each round earn \$10 gift cards, and light snacks and beverages are provided. This is an adults-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 40 who sign up. RSVP by clicking the "Register Here" button or contacting the management staff at (214)733-5800.



## Evening on the Veranda

**Friday, May 16**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**Beach Club Veranda**

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.

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, May 17**

**8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Community Room and Circle Drive**

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 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).

## Recycling Event

**Saturday, May 17**

**9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Lower Tennis Court Parking Lot**

Is it time to do some spring cleaning? Stonebridge Ranch is partnering with Bubb Electronic Recycling to help reduce, reuse, and recycle electronic equipment. Bring your old, broken, or unwanted electronic equipment and check the acceptable items list to find more items that you may bring.

In addition, we will provide a ProShred shredding truck for on-site paper and document destruction. Staples are permitted, but please remove all other paper clips, bindings, etc. We will not accept cardboard for recycling. If you bring your paper in a cardboard box, we will return the box to you.

There is no charge for dropping off any item. To view the list of acceptable items, please see the links to the left. **This event is for Stonebridge Ranch residents only. Participants must show a Stonebridge Ranch ID or a valid driver's license as proof of residency.**



## Children's Fishing Tournament

**Saturday, May 17**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**(Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.**

**and ends at 1:00 a.m.)**

**Wellington Point Ponds 1, 2, & 3**

**Wellington Drive & Stonebridge Drive**

We invite all junior anglers (age 12 & under) to our 24th Annual Hook, Line & Sinker Tournament at the first three ponds in the village of Wellington Point. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Stonebridge Ranch residents get in free by presenting a valid form of Stonebridge Ranch I.D. Trophies will be awarded to the children who catch the nine biggest fish and the one smallest fish (any species). Anglers are responsible for bringing their own fishing poles. We will supply bait, but you may bring your own. We will provide chips and water plus a raffle drawing for prizes. The awards presentation will take place at 3:00 p.m.

## Memorial Day at the Aquatic Center

**Monday, May 26**

**11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Aquatic Center**

Join us for our first pool party of the season! Get ready to soak up the sun and groove to the music, as DJ Uptown Sound keeps things hopping by spinning tunes throughout the day. Text (214)491-8283 to request a song. We will also provide the Snowie To Go snow cone truck in the Circle Drive from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.