

# Your Neighborhood



I am happy to share that our website - [SOCOMAhoea.com](http://SOCOMAhoea.com) is picking up steam. Over 125 residents have registered online to receive email updates regarding neighborhood news and events and we are seeing about 150 people checking in each month. [SOCOMAhoea.com](http://SOCOMAhoea.com) is a great resource for our community. At the website you can get copies of all the neighborhood documents, covenants, deed restrictions, etc. You can download copies of the newsletters, the rec center rental contract and the ACC request form. You are also able to look up hours for the pool and dates on our community calendar to find out when all the fun is taking place.

[SOCOMAhoea.com](http://SOCOMAhoea.com) is not just for the HOA to use to communicate with you. It is also available for our neighborhood clubs and groups to use to communicate with each other. The swim team is planning to use their section of the site to keep all their participants up to date on practice times, meet times and results. We have also heard from participants in Craft Night and the Ladies Luncheon that they would like to take advantage of this convenient community space to coordinate their activities. We plan to offer many more services in the future. Eventually residents will be able to get copies of the neighborhood directory on line as well as see availability for the rec center, make reservations requests on line and much more. Using the website and email and eliminating paper copies saves the HOA quite a bit of money each year. Please help us keep our expenses (and your dues) low by taking advantage of this great tool. Of course, if you are reading this newsletter on-line then you already know all of this. If you are reading on paper, then stop right now and go to [SOCOMAhoea.com](http://SOCOMAhoea.com) and enter you email address to sign up for the mailing list.

In other news, the Knights Cross Crusaders, our summer swim team, is getting ready to start signing up swimmers for this summer. The swim team is an awesome way for the kids in our community to spend lots of time in the pool, get some exercise and have a great time with their friends. I encourage every young person in SOCOMA to join - there is really no reason not to. The SOCOMA board of directors is looking for 2 members. If you are interested in volunteering, please let our manager, Krista Crump, know and she will answer all your questions. Being on the HOA board is a very easy. Only 1-2 hours per month of your great way to get to know your neighbors and spend a little time serving the community.

As always, your Board of Directors is here for you. We meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 7pm in the rec center. If you ever want to talk about a problem or if you just want to find out what we do, please come and spend an hour with us. You can also contact me anytime at [President@SOCOMAhoea.com](mailto:President@SOCOMAhoea.com) or 210-279-0586.

Bill Neely

## 2012 BOARD

Here is your 2012 Board of Directors:

### President

Bill Neely  
481-2815  
[president@socomahoea.com](mailto:president@socomahoea.com)

### Vice President

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### At Large

Vacant

### Secretary

Vacant

### Treasurer

Kyle Roberts  
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Sherri Kraus  
497-5115  
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## Neighborhood Emails:

To receive any future neighborhood emails from the SOCOMA Manager, you have to go to the SOCOMA Website - [socomahoea.com](http://socomahoea.com) to subscribe your email address.

**Pool Manager: Lisa Cole**

(210)481-3307

[brigman@swbell.net](mailto:brigman@swbell.net)

**Manager: Krista Crump**

Contact Info

(210) 497-6446

[manager@socomahoea.com](mailto:manager@socomahoea.com)

## Welcome New Neighbors:

Roger and Taeko Pratt 1402 Muleshoe Pass

Ed and Rachel Mitchell 1202 Wooded Knoll



## A letter from Las Lomas Elementary....

Dear Future Las Lomas Families, Greetings, I am Mr. Rochkus, principal for Las Lomas Elementary. I am very excited to begin my new position and to work with you in designing an outstanding school in the greater Stone Oak area. We have a wonderful opportunity ahead blending the best of Stone Oak Elementary and Canyon Ridge Elementary into Las Lomas Elementary. We will discuss continuation of some traditions while starting new traditions and developing our own identity. We will be choosing our mascot and school colors. It will be an exciting summer!!

Beginning Wednesday, February 1, 2012 I will have an office at Lopez Middle School in room B 108. The Las Lomas phone number will be 210-481-4060 Ext. 277.

I look forward to working with you and to a strong and positive school / home relationship for many years to come.

- Kinder Round-Up - Thursday, March 22, 2012 from 6:30 - 7:30 hosted by Canyon Ridge Elementary. This Round-Up is for Canyon Ridge and Stone Oak communities who will be joining Las Lomas.
- 2012-2013 Kindergarten registration begins on Monday, April 2, 2012. Due to our temporary office being located at Lopez Middle School, we need to complete all Kindergarten registrations by appointment only.
- We will have a **PLANNING MEETING** at Canyon Ridge Elementary on **Friday, March 23 at 9:30 AM**. Please join us in planning this free fun event where our Stone Oak and Canyon Ridge families can come and meet, eat, and play. We will need the support of our community business, as we do not have a PTA chartered or a school budget for this purpose. Please follow or cut and paste this link into your browser to RSVP for the planning meeting

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dDBiV011SThJZnFUdC1KUzhvZT11RGc6MQ>

I ask all future Las Lomas students to visit our website at <http://www.neisd.net/laslomas/> . Go Lions!

Mr. Rochkus

### ***Knights Cross Swim Team 2012***

It's never too early to talk up the swim team! The registration dates are set for the 2012 KC Crusaders. We had 100 swimmers last year on the team and expect the same numbers again for another outstanding summer season with the same great coaches! The 2012 swim meet schedule is also set with four meets in June plus the Championship meet the last weekend in June. **Registration dates are two Saturdays in April: April 7 and April 14.** Registration will be conducted at the Rec Center on Knights Cross Blvd. Times to be announced. The **minimum age requirement** to participate on the team is 5 years old by June 1. We start practice the first week in May 2012. If your swimmer is younger than 5 years old when practices start, they will not be allowed to get in the pool with the swim team until they turn 5 years old before June 1.

**As a minimum swim team qualification requirement**, your swimmer must be able to swim one length of the pool unassisted by themselves. **Registration Fees** (Discount \$15 for each swimmer age 14 and older)  
**SOCOMA HOA Member families** - \$70 for first swimmer in the family; \$50 for each additional swimmer.  
**Full Outside Pool Membership (for non-SOCOMA HOA families)** - \$350 Pool Membership Fee which allows entire family full access to the pool during all operating hours. Then Swim Team Fee of \$70 for first swimmer in the family; \$50 for each additional swimmer.  
**Swim Team Only Membership (for non-SOCOMA HOA families)** - \$125 for first swimmer in the family; \$100 for each additional swimmer. Allows access to pool only for official swim team functions like practice, meets, and socials.

More information will be posted soon on the SOCOMA Web site, including registration forms, coach's information, league policies, schedules, etc.

Please email [tsmunson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsmunson@sbcglobal.net) or call [210-355-8891](tel:210-355-8891) for Tom Munson, Knights Cross Swim Team Representative.

And always remember: "KNIGHTS CROSS CRUSADERS...PREPARE TO CONQUER!!!"

#### **Reminders:**

\*\*If you still need a basketball/tennis court key, email Krista Crump at [manager@socomahoa.com](mailto:manager@socomahoa.com). \*\*Remember \*\*if you move out of SOCOMA, you have to turn in your key to the manager or you will be fined \$50 at closing.

# Neighborhood Youth Job Corp.

NAME	AGE	PHONE	JOBS/QUALIFICATIONS
Jessica Butcher	19	481-1592	babysitting and pet sitting
Alicia Davis	17	497-3781	babysitting, Safe Sitter Certified
Emma Gaona	15	499-5115	babysitting and pet sitting
Lucia Goana	12	499-5115	pet sitting
Kristin Padilla	19	497-2452	babysitting and pet sitting
Laura Padilla	20	497-2452	babysitting and pet sitting
Kristyn Kraus	15	497-5115	babysitting/pet sitting Safe Sitter-CPR
Ryan Kraus	13	497-5115	dog sitting, mow/yard work
Brian Sulas	12	685-7136	will bag and dispose of dog's droppings
Christopher Sulas	8	685-7136	will bag and dispose of dog's droppings
Megan Toomey	18	497-0288	babysitting and dog sitting
McKenna Toomey	15	497-0288	babysitting, CPR Certified, Pet Sitting
Rachel Trueblood	18	497-2414	babysitting and pet sitting
Hannah Woodworth	15	495-9635	babysitting, Safe Sitter Certified, CPR
Lois Woodworth	17	495-9635	babysitting, Safe Sitter Certified, CPR
Rachel Woodworth	20	495-9635	babysitting, Safe Sitter Certified, CPR
James Griffith	14	497-4428	lawn care and pet sitting
Matthew Griffith	11	497-4428	lawn care and car wash

## Special Thanks:

Lida Mansouri helped clean up a vacant property in The Glen by mowing and pulling weeds. We appreciate your volunteer time Lida, and helping keep SOCOMA beautiful.

Al Crouch is our new NRC Representative for Stone Oak POA. Thanks Al, for representing SOCOMA and all your volunteer time working with SOPOA.

## Volunteers Needed:

Helping Hands Committee: We have 2 properties that need help pulling weeds and mowing in The Glen. Please email the manager if you are interested.

## Swim Team Registration:



\*\*Registration is on Sat, April 7 & 14  
9am to 12pm

\*\*Must be 5 years old and able to swim the length of the pool unassisted. The season will be from May to June. Parents will be required to volunteer.

## SOCOMA Women's Group

- March Sonterra Hole 19
- April Copeland's of New Orleans
- May Huisache Grill (New Braunfels)
- June Scuzzi's Italian Grill
- July Cheddar's Casuals Cafe
- August Yard House
- September Kona Grill
- October Gruene River Grill (Gruene)
- November J. Alexander's Restaurant
- December To be Announced



An open invitation to all ladies in our community! Subject to change. 11:30 AM - 4th Thursday of each month (usually) email to: [ZeSilia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ZeSilia@sbcglobal.net)

## 2 Board Positions Open:

We have two positions opening in May to join our neighborhood homeowner's association board. It requires coming to the board meeting for a couple hours once month and a small amount of email time if an issue arises. It is an opportunity to help make decisions for SOCOMA and to be actively involved in your neighborhood. If you are interested in a position, please email your resume to [manager@socomahoa.com](mailto:manager@socomahoa.com). We have two positions open: At Large & Secretary

## 4-5-6 GAME NIGHT

Has Been Cancelled

## FOR THE LOVE OF ROCK

Sue Norton, Creative Home and Garden

"The drought that has turned Texas and parts of the Plains into a parched moonscape of cracked earth could persist... through October 2012." So says the Weather Channel website. It's time to be creative with our landscapes. Instead of replacing dead grass in the yard one more time, there are alternatives. Perhaps enlarge the existing landscape beds and use mulch and drought resistant plants. Or better yet...what about landscaping with rock? Boulders, river rock, crushed granite, limestone, chopped block, flagstone, all are exceptional landscape alternatives. The best part: they never need watering!

To be sure, I do not suggest covering the entire front yard with white limestone rock. We are not creating moonscapes. Take a look at some creative ways to use rock by Googling "landscaping with rock". I was amazed at the number of beautiful images that came up. Another positive: rock does not have to be replaced year after year as mulch does. So incorporating a creekbed or stream in your landscape adds interest with little maintenance. Take a look around the community. The entrances at Stone Creek, Summer Knoll and Stone Canyon have been modified over the years to incorporate rock.

Here are a few residential examples. Be BOLD. Think "BOULDERS!"



Pool Opens weekends **only** starting May 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 1:00pm to 8:00pm  
 Sunday 1:00pm to 8:00pm

Pool Opens for regular hours on May 31st

Monday 11:00AM to 10:00 PM  
 Tuesday Closed  
 Wednesday 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
 Thursday 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
 Friday 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
 Saturday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM  
 Sunday 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Contact Lisa Cole at 481-3307, if you are interested in private/group swim lessons for scheduling and lifeguard assignment.

**New!**

**LADIES NIGHT OUT!! CRAFT NIGHT**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7-9 pm



Come work on a new project or unfinished project. Bring a snack to share. Craft, sewing, quilting and good 'ole fashion visiting Questions, call Diane Roberts 957-0056 Hm/801-641-4468 Cell Or email Diane at [mamaroberts1210@hotmail.com](mailto:mamaroberts1210@hotmail.com)

**Las Lomas Family Picnic**  
 All Las Lomas Families are Invited

Saturday, May 5, 2012  
 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Grounds of Stone Oak Elementary