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A Publication Of The Stonecrest Homes Association For Our Property Owners.

What A Difference 2 Weeks Can Make!

It's hard to believe that in mid February, we were subjected to temperatures as low as -20... and then by the first of March, we were enjoying afternoon high temperatures in the mid-60s! That's a difference of more than 80 degrees... in just a couple of weeks! Sometimes, change can come quickly!

Here in our wonderful neighborhood, we've seen quite a few changes since our Fall edition of *The Stonecrest Connection!* Along with the physical changes and improvements of our entrances and common areas, many residents have commented on a stronger "sense of community." More and more people taking pride in our development... a better sense of "neighbors helping neighbors"... continued investments by homeowners in upgrading and improving their properties... and more involvement in neighborhood activities and events. That's exciting!

And now that the warmer weather has arrived, we expect to see even more Stonecrest residents out and about working on their lawns and homes, enjoying the maturity of our trees and outdoor spaces, and just being "neighborly" to one another!

We hope you enjoy this Spring issue of *The Stonecrest Connection*. Please read it thoroughly... there's some important and helpful information inside!



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From The President...

Almost exactly one year ago, the world as we know it, changed in ways most of us could have never imagined. It impacted everything... the way we shop, the way we work, and the way we play and socialize. It even impacted the way we celebrate holidays with family and friends.

Although, things are looking more and more optimistic each day, it'll probably be quite awhile before things return to the way they were a year ago. In spite of it all, we're making progress, and we've learned to adapt... and many have gone the extra mile to make life just a little bit easier for their families, neighbors, co-workers and friends.

Speaking of "going the extra mile," I want to thank the other members of the Stonecrest board for their extra efforts in making sure our HOA continues to function smoothly. Many residents may not realize all of the things that need to be done on a regular basis... checking construction permits, addressing restriction violation complaints, creating and implementing neighborhood activities, overseeing the finances, budget and investments, and answering a wide variety of questions from homeowners and residents. Serving on the board really does take dedication and commitment, so I offer my heartfelt thanks to Mike, Trenny, Mark, Shaun, Jean and Kim. Another huge "thank you" goes to Jane Hausman, our executive secretary for her many hours of keeping things in the "office" running smoothly. She continues to exceed expectations!

I also feel the need to send a special "thank you" to Stonecrest resident Randy Williams. Several weeks ago, I posted on the Stonecrest Facebook page asking if anyone with a truck could pick up and dispose of a large broken limb that had fallen in one of our Stonecrest common spaces as a result of the ice storm that hit us in the winter. Literally, within an hour, Randy had picked up the limb and taken it away! On behalf of the board, I thank Randy for his quick and selfless willingness to help keep Stonecrest looking good!

And finally, please support and thank the advertisers who made this second issue of *The Stonecrest Connection* possible. Their investment covers the cost of this publication, plus allows us to offer great prizes during our neighborhood activities and events. Show your support!

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It's Time For Homeowners To Clean Up Fallen Limbs

The winter's snow and ice brought down many limbs around the neighborhood. Now that the warm weather has arrived, it's time for residents to get outside and remove all fallen debris around their yards.

Our HOA Restriction #15 states, "No owner of any lots in the Stonecrest Subdivision shall allow any grass or weeds to attain a height in excess of six (6) inches. Ornamental trees, shrubs and flowers shall not be included in this limitation. Dead trees must be removed from the lot within 6 months. Downed limbs and yard waste must be removed from the lot within 30 days. Composting of organic material is permissible. Open compost piles and compost containers/bins must be hidden from view. Compost containers/bins will meet all restrictions of City Ordinance Chapter 15, Article II, Section 15-27 (1) (a) as amended."

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Here's Some Neighborhood Information You Should Know

IMPORTANT NOTES ON PARKING ON STREETS - All Stonecrest residents should be familiar with St. Joseph City Code regarding on-street parking. In short, a vehicle may not be parked in one spot on any street in Stonecrest for a period of more than 48 hours. Here is the city code (part "b" applies to Stonecrest):

Sec. 28-66A. *Nighttime parking in central business district; parking more than 48 hours.*

(a) *Central business district. No person shall park a vehicle on any street in the central business district between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. of any day.*

(b) *Outside central business district. No person shall park a vehicle on any street at any place outside the central business district for a period longer than 48 hours in succession. (Code 1969, § 21-238)*

In addition, Sec. 28-636 says. *Standing, parking to be parallel, close to curb. Except as otherwise provided in this article, it shall be unlawful for any person to stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and other than with the wheels on the side of the vehicle nearest the edge of the roadway within 12 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, and it shall not be parked closer than two feet from other parked vehicles.*

And finally on parking and where you may park, please note that Sec. 28-661 states. *Stopping, standing, parking prohibited in specified places. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:*

(1) *No parking, official signs not required: a. Within six feet of a public or private driveway; b. Within ten feet of an alley; c. Within ten feet of a fire hydrant; d. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection, except momentarily for the purpose of receiving or discharging persons, or goods, wares or merchandise; e. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing, if the crossing is marked in accordance with guidelines established in the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices; f. Alongside or opposite any street excavation which would obstruct the free flow of traffic; and g. On the traveled portion of the roadway alongside any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.*

(2) *No parking, official signs required. No person shall park at any place where official signs prohibit parking.*

(3) *No stopping, standing or parking, official sign not required. a. On a sidewalk; b. Within an intersection; c. On an intersection crosswalk, whether marked or unmarked; d. On a clearly marked nonintersection crosswalk; e. Within 30 feet upon the approach to a flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway; f. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings, in a lane used for or marked for the movement of traffic; g. Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station; h. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a street or within a street or highway tunnel; i. Except momentarily for deposit of mail, or within ten feet of any United States Postal Service mailbox used for the collection of mail; j. Except momentarily for deposit or collection of mail, within five feet of any residential mailbox used for the delivery of mail; and k. In front of any private or public driveway.*

NOTE: THE CITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THESE PARKING RULES, AND NOT THE STONECREST HOMES ASSOCIATION.

SPEED LIMIT THROUGHOUT STONECREST - Please remember that the maximum allowable speed on any street in Stonecrest is 25 mph per city statute. Now that the warmer weather is here, many residents and children are outside walking. For everyone's safety, please drive carefully and observe the speed limit.

ATTENTION WALKERS, JOGGERS AND RUNNERS - Because we're concerned for everyone's safety throughout the neighborhood, please wear brightly-colored apparel when walking or running on Stonecrest streets. We want to make sure all drivers can see you!

FIREWORKS IN STONECREST - With July 4th not too far off, we want to remind all residents and their guests that ALL YEAR AROUND (not just on Independence Day), per city statute, most fireworks are prohibited in the city. The statute reads: *No person shall store, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, use, explode, discharge, set off or possess any Class 1.4G fireworks, devices or any device with a report; or any device that discharges a projectile or any fireworks forbidden for shipment by the Interstate Commerce Commission or any fireworks condemned or prohibited by the Bureau of Explosives, except for the following: a. Sparklers. b. Colored torches. c. Colored fire cones and boxes. d. Nonpoisonous snakes. e. Colored smoke items without report. f. Cones, fountains. g. Pinwheels, spinners and spinners wheels. h. Snappers. i. Caps, as used in toy cap guns. j. Confetti type poppers.*

YARD WASTE AND LEAVES - Please note that it is a violation of St. Joseph city ordinances to blow or deposit leaves or other yard waste into a storm sewer opening. Failure to comply may result in a ticket and fine.

REPORTING A STREET POTHOLE OR DEFECT - Please remember that the Stonecrest Homes Association does not maintain the streets in our neighborhood. That's the responsibility of the City of St. Joseph. If you know of a pothole in your area, please report it to the city. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. Simply call the city at 816-271-4848. If you don't get results after 3-4 weeks, call again. Remember, oftentimes, the squeaky wheel gets the grease!

TREE LIMBS OVER STREETS & SIDEWALKS - Keep in mind that no tree in St. Joseph may have limbs or branches that hang over a city street or sidewalk any lower than 14 feet from the street/sidewalk surface. Property owners are responsible to trim and maintain their trees' branches so they are at least 14 feet above the surface of the street and/or sidewalk. If you have any questions or concerns, call the city at 816-271-4620.

REAL ESTATE SIGNS - Just as a reminder, it is okay to post a real estate "For Sale" sign in your own yard, but please refrain from posting real estate or directional signs in anyone else's yard or in our Stonecrest common areas.

RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS - Regarding potential violations of our homeowner restrictions, it is important to note that the board of directors does not police the neighborhood looking for violations. It is the homeowners' responsibility to report possible restriction violations to the board by filling out the Restriction Violations Form on our website (please use this form as opposed to calling the office or sending an email). Names of persons submitting reports are kept confidential and absolutely no anonymous reports will be addressed.



We'd like to welcome the following folks to our beautiful Stonecrest neighborhood...

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STONECREST SPRING TRASH PICK-UP



SATURDAY
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8:00AM 'TIL NOON

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Our Annual Spring Trash Pick-Up Is Saturday, May 8

It's time for our annual spring trash pickup. This is a great time to clean out the garage and discard things you don't need anymore.

VERY IMPORTANT: ALL ITEMS MUST BE CURBSIDE BEFORE 8:00am!

It is the homeowner's responsibility to understand what IS and ISN'T allowed.

Please read this and make sure your items comply:

ITEMS ALLOWED - trash, furniture, cans/bottles, paint cans (if lid is off and paint is dry)

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED - yard waste, oil, chemicals, batteries, tires, no concrete/construction/demolition debris, nothing containing CFC's (air conditioners, refrigerators, etc), items weighing more than two people can pick up.

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Get your lawn, landscaping and garden areas looking great by taking advantage of this free yard waste pick-up.

VERY IMPORTANT: ALL ITEMS MUST BE CURBSIDE BEFORE 8:00am!

It is the homeowner's responsibility to understand what IS and ISN'T allowed.

Please read this and make sure your items comply:

ITEMS ALLOWED - must be in biodegradable bags or barrels that can be dumped, limbs & branches (must be bundled together no longer than 48" and 18" round).

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED - yard waste in plastic bags, garbage/trash, bags weighing over 75 pounds each, railroad ties. *NOTE: limbs/branches not bundled will not be picked up.*



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Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 13, 2021 Easter Egg Contest Begins
 Saturday, April 3, 2021 Easter Egg Contest Winners Live Event
 Saturday, April 17, 2021 Stonecrest Neighborly Kindness Day
 Monday, May 3, 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting
 Saturday, May 8, 2021 Free Spring Trash Pickup
 Saturday, May 22, 2021 Free Spring Yard Waste Pickup
 Wednesday, May 26, 2021 Annual Membership Meeting
 Monday, August 2, 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting
 Monday, November 1, 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting

Mark these dates on your calendar now. Details on the location and times of these events may be found elsewhere in this or future issues of *The Stonecrest Connection*, or on our official Facebook page and website.

Stay up to date with our online resources

If you haven't already done it, please join/like our official Stonecrest Homes Association Facebook page located here: <https://www.facebook.com/stonecresthomesassociation> . Also, for more information and resources about the neighborhood, check out our website (www.stonecresthomesassoc.com).

THE OFFICE UPDATE

Reported By Jane Hausman, Secretary



DUES: Annual homes association dues collections for the June 2020/May 2021 year have almost ceased. Final letter requests for past due dues payments were mailed to the 18 past due property owners on January 9th, 2021. Liens were filed on 15 of these properties at the Buchanan County County Court House on March 8th, 2021. (The lien filing charges to the property owners is \$54.00) If you have NOT paid dues for the 2020/2021 year, please contact or email the office.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES: Over 400 email addresses are now registered in our database for residential owners. All NEW residents moving into Stonecrest are asked to send their email address to the office by going to the website under "Contact Us". This allows the office to send out notices of meetings and events that affect you.

RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS: If a restriction violation is noticed by a resident, please fill out the Restrictions Violation Form on the website under Documents. Once a form has been filled out and sent to the office, the violation is investigated and then addressed personally with the resident. Most violations involve trailers & boats on driveways, yard maintenance, and general appearance of the property.

CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL FORMS: If you are planning on doing a construction project(s), you need to go to the website and fill out the Construction Approval Form (under Documents) PRIOR to starting your project. Once the form is received, the project will be taken under advisement by the Construction Approval Committee and you will be notified of the results.

NEW STONECREST PROPERTY OWNERS: Once transfer of property in Stonecrest is shown at the courthouse, the new homeowner is registered in our data base and the SHA office sends a packet to the new property owner. This packet includes a welcome letter, the most recent newsletter, and a copy of the HOA Restrictions. If you are new to Stonecrest and did not receive this packet, please call (816-427-8663) or email (office@stonecresthomesassoc.com) the office and one will be sent.

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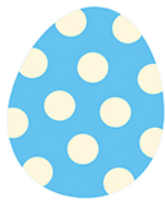


2nd Annual

Virtual Easter Egg Hunt & Coloring Contest



- There are 12 coloring pages to choose from on the Stonecrest Homes Association Facebook page.
 - Download & print your favorite one(s).
 - Grab crayons & markers and color away!
 - Once colored, post it in your front window.
 - Make sure it's visible from the street for all to enjoy!
 - Have your parent send an email (entry) to: fun@stonecresthomesassoc.com
- Subject Line: Easter Contest and include: your first name, age and address!



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Performing Arts Association Brings Arts To Stonecrest For An Outdoor Halloween Event

On a beautiful fall day, the St. Joseph Performing Arts Association teamed up with a group of local entertainers to bring some Halloween fun and entertainment to Stonecrest families. It was a part of the association's Arts On The Move initiative and featured the talents of musician and songwriter Brent Isom and magicians Lance Rich and David Sandy.

In addition to the nearly two hours of entertainment,

the performing arts association had prize giveaways, and treats for the children. Over one hundred Stonecrest residents attended the family-friendly event held at the intersection of Stonecrest Terrace and Eastwood Drive in both the street and front lawn of Sandy and Rich. Social distancing was respected. Many children came in costume and everyone had a wonderful time at the event. Enjoy some of the photos...



Lance Rich prepares to escape from a regulation strait jacket to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the death of Harry Houdini on October 31, 1926.



Musician, singer and songwriter Brent Isom entertains Stonecrest residents with popular music hits as well as some songs he's written and recorded himself.



Stonecrest kids enjoyed the entertainment and came dressed in Halloween costumes for the special occasion.



Magician David Sandy thrusts swords through a large box containing his assistant while Stonecrest children watch in amazement.



The crowd of over one hundred Stonecrest adults and children overflowed into the street in order to respect social distancing.



Stonecrest resident David Vance examines the regulation strait jacket just prior to securing Lance Rich in the jacket in preparation for Rich's attempt to escape.

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After decades of no holiday lighting contest in Stonecrest, the Activity Committee consisting of Jean Foster & Kim Westhoff, resurrected the annual neighborhood holiday tradition... and Stonecrest residents benefitted from the results by enjoying beautiful outdoor lighting and decorations this past holiday season.

After the judging panel tallied their scores, the results in each category were as follows: **OVER THE TOP** - 502 Hummingbird Court; **NORMAN ROCKWELL CHRISTMAS** - 4805 Stonecrest Terrace; **INFLATABLE FUN CHRISTMAS** - 4810 Stonecrest Terrace; **FUN & FESTIVE** - 5019 Stonecrest Terrace; **FUN & FESTIVE Honorable Mention** - 1112 North 49th Terrace.

Each of these five winners received a \$25 gift certificate from a local-ly-owned restaurant here in St. Joseph. Congratulations to all!



Over the Top Winner
502 Hummingbird Court



Norman Rockwell Winner
4805 Stonecrest Terrace



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Fun & Festive (off Place) Winner
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WHEN? Saturday, April 17

WHERE? All Over The Neighborhood

WHAT? Do Something Kind For 2-3 Of Your Neighbors

Do Something Kind For A Stonecrest Neighbor On Stonecrest Neighborly Kindness Day, Saturday, April 17

One of the best surprises you could give a neighbor is a random, unsolicited act of kindness. Maybe it's lending a hand on an outdoor chore, maybe it's taking your neighbor some fresh-baked cookies, or maybe it's just a warm smile and a wave from across the lawn.

Everyone loves to be treated with kindness, right? Glen Campbell recorded the hit song "Try A Little Kindness" in 1969. It was good advice then, and it's still good advice today.

So we're asking all Stonecrest residents to make a special effort to do something unexpected and kind for two or three of your neighbors on Saturday, April 17.

Of course, please practice the appropriate social distancing because we want everyone to be safe. But there's still plenty you can do to show your Stonecrest



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- City western boundary body of water
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- Ran from St. Joseph to Sacramento
- St. Joseph native who married future president
- ADVERTISER: A-1 replaces this
- Cracker invented in St. Joseph
- Founder's final resting place
- We live here
- Rapper from St. Joseph
- ADVERTISER: large body of water real estate company
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- Missouri Theater architect
- St. Joseph outlaw's middle name
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DOWN

- ADVERTISER: The Dillon Company replaces these
- Famous St. Joseph broadcaster
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- Founder of our city
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- ADVERTISER: sells furniture and mattresses
- ADVERTISER: real estate agent quotes this famous TV man
- St. Joseph outlaw
- Original name for where St. Joseph is located
- Born in St. Joseph and was on All My Children
- ADVERTISER: AR Workshop summer event
- Robidoux's daughter who died young
- ADVERTISER: company that replaces what we walk on
- St. Joseph native who was on Laverne & Shirley TV show
- ADVERTISER: makes lawns look good
- ADVERTISER: worship where natatorium was
- St. Joseph city leader's last name
- Month the Pony Express began

Easter Egg Hunt & Coloring Contest

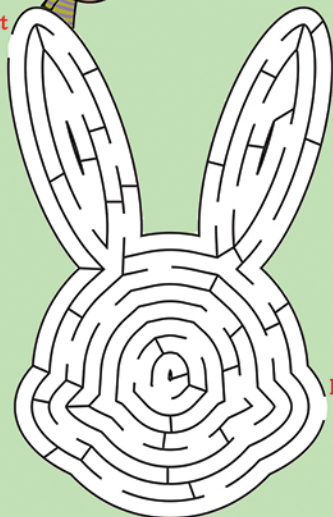
HEY KIDS! You could win great prizes in our 2nd Annual Stonecrest Virtual Easter Egg Hunt & Coloring Contest! Read all about it on page 9 of this newsletter!



Word Transition Challenge:

Take all TEN letters in the word "STONECREST" and rearrange them to make another 10-letter word. Can you do it? It CAN be done! Email your guess to fun@stonecresthomesassoc.com for your chance to win a prize!

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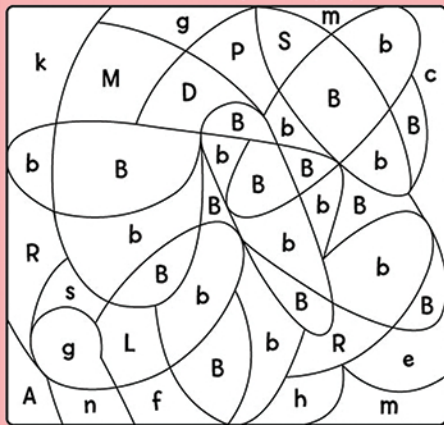
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Find The 8 Differences Between Pic 1 & Pic 2

Riddle #1

What are two things you can never eat for breakfast?

ANSWER: Lunch and dinner

Riddle #2

What can jump higher than a building?

ANSWER: Anything that can jump. Buildings can't jump!

Riddle #3

It's the only place in the entire world where today comes before yesterday. Where is it?

ANSWER: The dictionary.



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