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

Welcoming Spring To Stonecrest!

If you're new to Stonecrest... a HUGE welcome to you!

We're excited that you're now holding our fourth issue of *The Stonecrest Connection*. A lot of work has gone into putting this 20-page newsletter together, and we hope you'll read it cover to cover and find some informative and useful information inside!

If you're a new homeowner in the neighborhood, or even if you've lived here for decades, it might be a good idea to peruse the information posted on our website, www.stonecresthomesassoc.com. Whether it's event-related questions, or restriction-related issues, you'll find most of your answers there... and it's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

We're always looking for volunteers who'd like to pitch in and help make our neighborhood even better... please consider helping out!

Now, enjoy the newsletter!

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From The President...

Ever have a small taste of something, and immediately want more? Maybe it's a small piece of chocolate... and now you want the entire chocolate bar? I think you know what I mean. Well, the on-again off-again 70-degree temperatures in February were making us want more! One day it's sunny, warm and 70 degrees... the next day it's cloudy, snowing and 25 degrees! Mother Nature was taunting us with this weather roller coaster!

But alas! The warmer weather is here, and it appears to be here to stay! Tulip plants are poking their young stems through the ground... tiny leaf buds are appearing on trees... and we're seeing people out walking throughout the neighborhood and enjoying the sunshine!

It's really one of my favorite times of the year! I always enjoy talking to neighbors as they pass by our house and seeing the new spring landscaping projects getting started. Spring really is a great time to spruce things up and make our homes (and the entire neighborhood) great-looking and appealing to visitors!

I hope you'll take advantage of the spring weather and get outside to enjoy our subdivision. If you have a new neighbor, welcome them to the neighborhood. If you have an elderly neighbor who can't get out easily, do something nice for them. If someone lives across the street whom you have not yet met, take a moment and introduce yourself. A great neighborhood isn't about the streets and the homes... it's about the people who live in it!

And finally, please support and thank the advertisers who made this fourth 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. PLEASE show your support!

Thanks for all that you do to make Stonecrest so wonderful... now get outside and enjoy the Spring!

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Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

- 1 Remove leaves & debris from gutters & downspouts
- 2 Fertilize your lawn
- 3 Clean window & door screens
- 4 Change air-conditioner filter
- 5 Power-wash & windows & siding
- 6 Polish wood furniture & dust light fixtures
- 7 Inspect chimney for damage
- 8 vacuum lint from dryer vent
- 9 Refinish deck
- 10 Replace batteries in smoke detectors
- 11 Change the air conditioner filter
- 12 Drain or flush the water heater

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Stonecrest Neighborhood 3-Day Garage Sale Event

For the second year in a row, a group of Stonecrest homeowners have organized a neighborhood-wide garage sale as an attempt to target one particular weekend and drive garage sale consumers to our neighborhood to find bargains, hidden treasures, and things they can't live without.

Although not an official Stonecrest Homes Association activity, we wanted to help "spread the word" to both potential sellers and buyers.

The dates are officially Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 22-24, 2022. Any home in the Stonecrest subdivision is invited to participate.

A Facebook event has been created on the "Stonecrest St Joseph" Facebook page. This is where you can find updates, participating homes (sellers), and much more information. This Facebook page will be continually updated as the sale dates approach.

Remember, if you're planning to have a garage sale this particular weekend (or any other time), you need to purchase a garage sale permit from the City of St. Joseph. These may be obtained at the St. Joseph City Hall, 1100 Frederick, Room 101A at a cost of \$5.00.

Garage sales can last no more than four consecutive days and can only be held four times per calendar year at the same location. For more information, please call City Hall Customer Assistance at 816-271-4751.



Here's Some Neighborhood Information You Should Know

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.

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

REPORTING A STREET POTHOLE OR DEFECT - 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. 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!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DOG WALKERS - Please remember that if your dog defecates anywhere in Stonecrest other than your own yard, you **MUST** clean it up per St. Joseph city ordinance:

Sec. 5-105. Removal of dog waste from property. (a) It shall be illegal for any person owning, possessing or having control of a dog to allow such dog to defecate upon the public property of the city or upon the private property of another unless the person immediately removes the feces and properly disposes of it in a sanitary manner.

Let's be good neighbors and clean up after our dogs.

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.

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.

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STONECREST SPRING TRASH PICK-UP



SATURDAY
MAY 7, 2022
8:00AM 'TIL NOON

ONE DAY ONLY! TIME TO CLEAN-UP & CLEAN OUT!

Our Annual Stonecrest Spring Trash Pick-Up Is Saturday, May 7

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. Please note that this event is for trash items only (no yard waste will be collected on this day).

VERY IMPORTANT: ALL ITEMS MUST BE CURBSIDE BEFORE 8:00am! If your trash is not curbside before 8:00am, it will not be picked up.

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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STONECREST YARD WASTE PICK-UP

SATURDAY
MAY 21, 2022
8:00AM 'TIL NOON



FREE SERVICE FOR STONECREST RESIDENTS!

Saturday, May 21 Is The Date For Our Annual Stonecrest Yard Waste Pick-Up

Now's the perfect time to get your lawn, landscaping and garden areas looking great by taking advantage of this free Spring yard waste pick-up. This event is for yard waste (leaves, limbs, branches, etc) only... no trash will be collected on this day.

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

- Fri-Sun, April 22-24, 2022 Stonecrest Garage Sales
- Saturday, April 30, 2022 . . Stonecrest Neighborly Kindness Day
- Monday, May 2, 2022 Quarterly Board Meeting
- Saturday, May 7, 2022. Free Spring Trash Pick-Up
- Saturday, May 21, 2022 Free Spring Yard Waste Pick-Up
- Wednesday, May 25, 2022 Annual Membership Meeting
- Monday, August 1, 2022 Quarterly Board Meeting
- Monday, November 7, 2022 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).



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Two Important Meetings You Should Attend

Quarterly Board Meeting & Town Hall Session

The Stonecrest Board of Directors meet once per quarter to discuss and manage the business of the association. All members of the association in good standing (homeowners with paid dues) are invited to attend all board meetings.

Immediately following the board meeting, the SHA is hosting an informational session to discuss and learn more about the Family Guidance Center's outpatient mental health clinic that is scheduled to open later this year adjacent to the Stonecrest neighborhood at 49th Terrace and Frederick Boulevard. We hope to have representatives from various involved agencies to answer any questions our property owners may have.

The meeting will begin at 6:00pm and will be held at the Rolling Hills Library conference room at 1904 North Belt Highway, St. Joseph, MO (the conference room is on the lower level).

MONDAY
MAY 2
6:00pm

Annual Homeowner Membership Meeting

WEDNESDAY
MAY 25
6:00pm

Our Annual Membership Meeting is one of the most important meetings of the year for the Stonecrest Homes Association. At this meeting, homeowners present will approve the annual fiscal budget for the association, elect new officers, address homeowner concerns, learn about upcoming plans of the HOA, and much more.

We strongly encourage *all association members* in good standing to attend this important meeting. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, this is the best time to share them. The Stonecrest Homes Association board is extremely transparent about the finances and activities of the association... and we want to give all homeowners an opportunity to have a full understanding of the processes and management of the organization.

Reminder Regarding Trash Cans

With so many new homeowners in Stonecrest, we thought it might be a good idea to offer this reminder about trash receptacles throughout the neighborhood.

Our HOA Restriction #13 states, *"All garbage and trash containers, including bags, shall be kept screened and hidden from view from all four sides. Commercial dumpsters may be located on a property no longer than 14 days. Exceptions for an extension beyond 14 days may be approved by the Stonecrest Homes Association Board of Directors."*



We have received several restriction violation complaints from homeowners over the last few months regarding some residents not complying with this Restriction. Please keep in mind that your trash containers need to be stored in the garage or an enclosed area per the restriction with the exception of the day your trash service actually picks up your trash.

Compliance with this restriction goes a long ways in helping to keep our neighborhood looking great! On behalf of all Stonecrest residents, we appreciate your cooperation!

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Neighborly Kindness Day

WHEN? Saturday, April 30

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 30

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 pretty 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 30.

Remember, it's the thought that really counts... so don't worry about the "size" of your act of kindness. There's plenty you can do to show your

Stonecrest neighbors how much you care and that you appreciate them. And to make a great day even better, choose a neighbor or two you don't know real well. Get to know them... surprise them with some neighborly kindness!

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Being a good neighbor is an art which makes life richer.

THE OFFICE UPDATE

Reported By Jane Hausman, Secretary



DUES: Annual home association dues for the June 2021 through May 2022 year have almost come to an end. Final letters requesting payments for past due dues were mailed out to 29 past due property owners the first of March 2022. Liens were sent on 15 of these properties to the Buchanan County Court House on March 31, 2022. (The lien filing charges to the property owners is \$54) If you have NOT paid dues for the 2021/2022 year, please contact the office at office@stonecresthomestassoc.com.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS: All residents are asked to provide their email addresses and phone numbers. This will allow the office to send out notices by email of meeting dates and events that pertain to all living in the Stonecrest community. We currently have over 470 email addresses registered in our database for residential owners. All NEW residents are asked to send their email addresses and phone numbers to the office by going to the website under "Contact Us".

RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS: If a restriction violation is noticed by a resident, please fill out the Restriction Violations form found 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 by a board member. Most violations involve trailers & boats on driveways, yard maintenance, yard lights and general appearance of the property.

CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL FORMS: If a construction project(s) at your property is in the planning stage, 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, a copy of the HOA Restrictions and a request for email address/contact phone number. If you are new to Stonecrest and did not receive this packet, please call the office (816-427-8663) or email the office and one will be sent to you.

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Mental Health Outpatient Clinic Scheduled To Open At Frederick & 49th Terrace



Family Guidance Center will be opening a behavioral-based urgent care facility at 4906 Frederick Avenue at the intersection of 49th Terrace and Frederick.

The urgent care center, which is scheduled to be open later this year, is designed to provide services with behavioral health experts for all those that come in on a walk-in basis. The center will be open evenings, 7 days a week. The goal is to try to help people before crises arise and an emergency room visit is necessary.

The center will have nurses, counselors and behav-

ioral health professionals, along with a sliding payment scale designed to make care affordable.

The building that the Family Guidance Center is moving into was formally a clinic, but the center is currently remodeling it in order to make it fully adequate for its goals and mission.

Some residents and businesses in the surrounding area, including Stonecrest, have voiced concerns about a mental health outpatient clinic being located adjacent to our neighborhood. These concerns have been brought to the SHA board, and subsequently the board held a ZOOM conference with Family Guidance Center Director Kristie Hannon in order to get a better understanding of what neighbors can expect.

The Board has invited representatives from the Family Guidance Center and the St. Joseph Police Department to attend the Stonecrest Quarterly Board Meeting to be held on Monday, May 6 at 6:00pm at the Rolling Hills Library to answer questions from residents in attendance. All Stonecrest property owners in good membership standing are invited to attend.

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To enter, simply take a photo somewhere in Stonecrest... it can be on a street, in your yard, at an entrance... *anywhere* within the boundaries of Stonecrest... and email it, along with YOUR NAME and PHONE NUMBER to us at fun@stonecresthomesassoc.com before May 31, 2022.

If there are people in your photo, make sure you have everyone's permission! Judges will award gift cards from great local restaurants to the top three winners!

All photos will be posted on the official Stonecrest Homes Association Facebook page!

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Congrats To The Winners In December Holiday Lighting Contest!

"Stonecrest has never looked more festive!" That's what many said about the neighborhood this past holiday season. More homes than ever before were decked out in holiday decor.

The results of the lighting contest in each category were as follows: OVER THE TOP - 4901 Faraon Street; NORMAN ROCKWELL CHRISTMAS - 5216 Mockingbird Lane; INFLATABLE FUN CHRISTMAS - 4810 Stonecrest Terrace (2nd year in a row); FUN & FESTIVE - 4511 Woodfield Drive.

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



Stonecrest Entrances All Lit Up This Year!



For the first time in decades, the Stonecrest entrances were decorated with wreaths and Christmas lights during the holiday season. The positive comments and feedback from Stonecrest residents and visitors was tremendous!

Many thanks to Lance Rich and David Sandy for taking the time to purchase the lighting and decor, install it in late November, and take it all down and pack it away in early January. Another 'thank you' to the Stonecrest Board of Directors for approving the expense for this wonderful holiday investment!

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4. It started in St. Joseph and ended in Sacramento in 1860 & 1861 (2 words)
8. It surrounds our homes
12. This Stonecrest street connects Frederick to Faraon
13. Stonecrest Homes Association (abbr)
14. Some residents do this to their yards and the outside of their homes
16. Stonecrest and The Munsters TV show have this street in common (2 words)
18. We park our cars in this
19. It's 25 m.p.h. throughout Stonecrest (2 words)
21. Our subdivision's neighbor to the East
22. The first Pony Express rider (2 words)
23. Stonecrest residents walk on our streets to get this
24. Although Stonecrest has very few of them, people walk on them

DOWN

1. Stonecrest Neighborly _____ Day is April 30, 2022
2. There are over 600 homes in our _____
3. This river borders the west side of our city
5. The southern boundary of Stonecrest
6. Our HOA secretary's last name
7. Japanese _____ are bugs found in Stonecrest in the early summer that'll eat roses, flowers and some trees
9. Every homeowner in Stonecrest should have one of these in their front lawn turned on from dusk 'til dawn (2 words)
10. A lot of Stonecrest residents put up decorative lights during this holiday
11. Stonecrest Homes _____
15. This street forms the northern boundary of Stonecrest
17. Typically the hottest month of the year in Stonecrest
20. We park our automobiles on this
21. The month of our annual HOA annual meeting



PIC #1

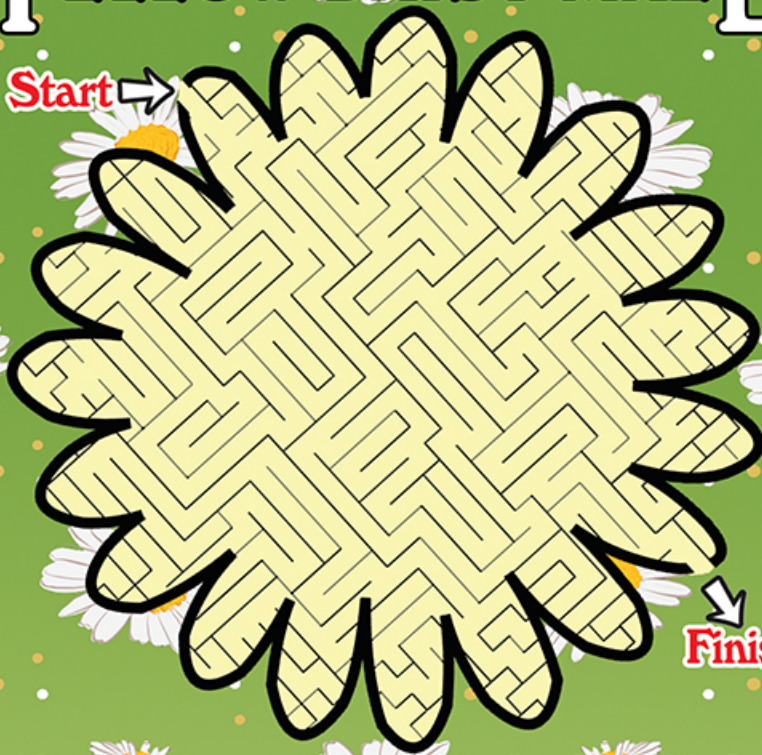


PIC #2

Find The 7 Differences Between Pic 1 & Pic 2

YELLOW DAISY MAZE

Start →



Finish

Can you find your way through the yellow Spring daisy?



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&
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Riddle #1

What has to be broken before you can use it?

Riddle #2

What begins with T, finishes with T, and has T in it?

Riddle #3

What has many ears but cannot hear?

Riddle #4

If two's company and three's a crowd, what's four and five?



ANSWER #1: An egg
ANSWER #2: Teapot
ANSWER #3: Corn
ANSWER #4: Nine

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