

Who's Listening?

Everyone's busy... and sometimes we can get overwhelmed with the amount of information that comes our way. It happens to all of us! Your Stonecrest Homes Association board of directors try to go the "extra mile" to make sure you have the information you need as a resident and/or property owner here in our subdivision. This would include important news and announcements, notice of upcoming meetings and events, and much more.

We have implemented several means of communicating with our residents, including our official Facebook page, our website, email blasts, and this very newsletter you are now reading. In spite of these efforts, we continually get asked questions and find ourselves sorting out confusion and misinformation on topics that we have previously made available.

With that said, we strongly encourage you to read this Fall issue of *The Stonecrest Connection* thoroughly... it really is chock full of great information on what's going on in our neighborhood. Thanks so much! Enjoy!

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From The President...

If you're the type of person who likes a "sure bet", then put your money on the fact that within just a few days you're going to see our Stonecrest neighborhood at its most beautiful time of the year. I'm talking about that period of a few weeks that happens each year when the leaves on our trees are a rich blend of yellow, gold, amber and red. There really are some picture-perfect views in Stonecrest this time of year. Get out and enjoy them!

As your HOA president, I get several calls and emails each week from homeowners and residents. Most of these are inquiries about restrictions (Can we do this? Can I build a _____? What can I do ?). It's important that each property owner in our subdivision understands that our Restrictions (as published on our website) are our definitive guideline. The Stonecrest Homes Association has no jurisdiction over anything other than what is specifically mentioned in our HOA Restrictions. We can't control how loud your neighbor plays his music; we can't control how many cars are parked on the street; we can't control how fast people drive around Stonecrest, or even WHAT they drive around Stonecrest. If it's not addressed in our Restrictions, in most cases, there's not a lot the HOA can do about it. The good news is the fact that most issues not specifically addressed in our HOA Restrictions ARE covered by ordinances and policies in the St. Joseph city code. This is one of the reasons we strongly encourage each resident of Stonecrest to take five minutes and read through the Restrictions. They're easily accessible on our website at www.stonecresthomesasoc.com (just go to the Documents tab).

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 Fall!

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FREE FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP

It's time for our annual fall yard waste pickup. Now's the time to get rid of the fallen leaves and your properties looking great before winter! The date is Saturday, December 3, from 8am until noon. NOTE: ALL ITEMS MUST BE CURBSIDE BEFORE 8am!

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

HERE'S WHAT IS 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.



Understanding The SHA Construction Approval Process

We regularly receive phone calls and emails regarding home improvement projects, fence installations, sidewalks, & driveways, retaining walls, etc. from residents asking if they need SHA approval for their project. The easiest answer is "probably" if it involves anything on the exterior of the house or in the lawn.

Prior to starting any type of project (for example, but not limited to, fence installations, storage structures, driveways, major landscaping, etc.), you will need to complete a Construction Approval Form that is on our website (under the "Documents" tab). Fill the form out completely and submit it along with documents and/or drawings of your proposed project. Then submit the form to the office for *prior* approval. Our Construction Approval Committee will review your request to make sure it conforms to our SHA Restrictions (you can also read these on our website).

If approval is granted, you may begin your project as soon as you have the necessary city permit(s). Typically, our committee will complete these requests within a couple of days. When in doubt, fill out the form.

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YOU are our neighbors.

No matter who you vote for, your skin color, your faith, or who you

love, we will try to be here for you.

That's what community means.

Let's be neighbors.



Here's Some Neighborhood Information You Should Know

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.

INFORMATION FOR DOG WALKERS - Please remember that if your dog deficates anywhere in Stonecrest other than your own yard, you MUST clean it up per St. Joseph city ordinance. Let's be good neighbors and clean up after our dogs.

IMPORTANT INFO ON REAL ESTATE & OPEN HOUSE 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.

HOME-BASED BUSINESSES - Because Stonecrest is strictly a residential neighborhood, our original Restrictions (Restriction #9) prohibited the operation of a business from any residents' home. One of the main purposes of htis restriction was to avoid regular traffic to/from the business and city zoning violations. Types of businesses may include any type of retail businesses, auto repairs, daycare centers, manufacturing, etc. Increased non-residential traffic poses a safety concern and can possibly become a nuisance to surrounding homeowners. A home-based business with a home office used by the resident only are not prohibited unless vendors and/or customers regularly frequently the residence.

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.



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United Fiber Bringing Internet, Television & Phone To The Stonecrest Neighborhood

Stonecrest United Fiber Meeting

Tuesday, October 18 - 6pm

Meierhoffer Funeral Home, 5005 Frederick Avenue

ZOOM Meeting ID: 891 5305 4815 Password: stone

United Fiber has announced that they will soon be offering fiber-based internet service, television viewing, and home phone service throughout the Stonecrest neighborhood.

The opportunity to have an alternative to Suddenlink Communications came up several years ago, but not enough Stonecrest homeowners formally indicated an interest which ultimately caused United Fiber to move onto different projects in other subdivisions around St. Joseph.

Many Stonecrest homeowners and residents were disappointed to have missed the chance to have an alternative to Suddenlink (now Optimum).

Construction will begin very soon and United Fiber officials are ready to answer any questions. A formal public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00pm at Meierhoffer Funeral Home located at 5005 Frederick Avenue in St. Joseph. We encourage all Stonecrest residents to attend this meeting. United Fiber representatives will be present to answer inquiries related to the construction process and what you can expect, the sign-up process and cost of services, etc.

We will also be streaming this meeting live on the ZOOM platform for residents who cannot make the meeting, however, if you want to ask questions, you MUST attend the meeting in person. Questions will not be relayed to United Fiber representatives over the ZOOM platform. Please plan to attend the meeting on Tuesday, October 18.



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Holiday Home Light Decorating Contest Announced!

It's almost time to grab the stepladder, find the extension cords, untangle the lights and get ready to decorate the exterior of your Stonecrest home for our 3rd Annual Holiday Home Light Decorating Contest!

Last year, we had more entries than ever before! Our entire neighborhood looked absolutely festive and beautiful! Thank you to all who decorated last year, and a big congratulations to our contest winners last year!

This year, we're adding a "People's Choice" category to the fun, so residents will get to vote

on their favorite homes in the neighborhood! Like last year, winners will receive wonderful prizes and recognition! Details of the contest will be posted soon on our Stonecrest Facebook page along with a link to an official entry form.

Entries must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, December 2, 2022. Judging will occur between December 11 and December 17.



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Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 3, 2022 Free Fall Yard Waste Pick-Up December 11 - December 17, 2022 Holiday Decorating Contest Judging Period

Monday, February 6, 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting Monday, May 1, 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting Wednesday, May 31, 2023 Annual Membership 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).





OFFICE UPDATE Reported By Jane Hausman, Secretary

DUES: Annual homes association dues for the June 2022 through May 2023 were mailed to over 600 residents at the beginning of June 2022. Final letters and postcard were mailed to past due residents in August 2022 as a reminder that the dues became past due on July 31, 2022. Currently there are approximately 55 residents that have not paid their dues. If you have NOT paid ues for the 2022/2023 year, please contact the office at office@stonecresthomestassoc.com.



E-MAIL ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS: We currently have over 500 emails registered in our database for residential owners. Getting Stonecrest HOA emails will notify you of meeting dates and events that pertain to all living n the Stonecrest community. We ask all NEW residents 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 Violation 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 property.

CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL FORMS: If a construction project(s) is in the planning stage, you need to go to the website and fill out the Construction Approval Form (under Documents) PRIOR to stating your project. Once the form is received, the project will be reviewed by the Construction Approval Committee and you will be notified of the results. This must be done before construction begins.

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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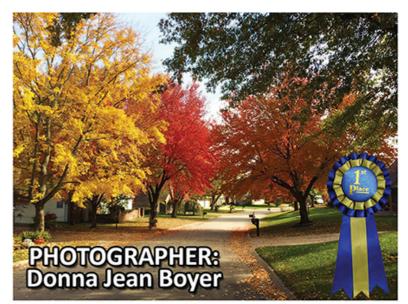
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Congratulations To The Winners Of Our 1st Annual Stonecrest Photo Contest!

We get to enjoy the natural beauty of Stonecrest every day of the year. So this past Spring, we decided to "show off" the neighborhood by holding a photo contest.

The one stipulation for each entry was that the photo must be taken somewhere in our Stonecrest subdivision. We had many entries, and honestly, they all were gorgeous!

Our judges had a very difficult time making the final decisions on who should receive the awards. After much delibera-



tion, consideration and voting, our panel of judges handed out the awards as follows: 1st Place to Donna Jean Boyer; 2nd Place to Cristie Johns; and 3rd Place to Judy Badder. All winners received gift certificates for dining at locally-owned restaurants here in St. Joseph!

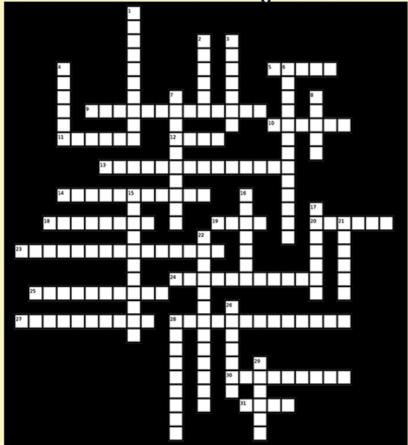
We'll have another photo contest next Spring, so start taking pictures now! Grab shots of our beautiful fall colors throughout the neighborhood, the glisten on the snow after a fresh snowfall this winter, or even the early signs of Spring. More announcements and details on our 2nd Annual Stonecrest Photo Contest will appear in the Spring issue of *The Stonecrest*

Connection newsletter. A huge "thank you" to everyone who participated! Get out and drive around the neighborhood so you can experience the beauty firsthand!





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- 2. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER
- 3. HOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
- 4. STONECREST NEIGHBOR TO THE EAST
- 6. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER (2 WORDS)
- 7. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER (2 WORDS)
- 8. NUMBER OF ENTRANCES INTO STONECREST
- 15. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER
- 16. IT CONNECTS FARAON TO FREDERICK
- 17. YOU SEE THESE THROUGHOUT STONECREST ON A NICE DAY
- 21. HOME FOR YOUR VEHICLES
- 22. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER (2 WORDS)
- 26. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER (2 WORDS)
- 28. SOME STONECREST HOMES HAVE THESE IN FRONT OF THE FRONT DOOR, AN ENCLOSED AREA ADJACENT TO A HOME
- 29. BORDERS THE SOUTH SIDE OF STONECREST

- 5. SOME STONECREST HOMES ARE MADE OF THIS
- 9. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER (3 WORDS)
- 10. THEY FALL IN OCTOBER
- 11. OUR STREETS HAVE MANY OF THESE
- 12. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER
- 13. OUTDOOR PEST PREVALENT IN JUNE
- 14. YOU DO THIS ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME
- 18. YOU WALK ON THIS
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- 20. TYPICAL HOT MONTH IN STONECREST
- 23. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER (3 WORDS)
- 24. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER (2 WORDS)
- 25. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISER (2 WORDS)
- 27. THE NAME OF OUR SUBDIVISION
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