

THE *Stonecrest* CONNECTION

FALL 2023

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JOIN US FOR THE NEXT STONECREST HOMES ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING!

The Stonecrest Homes Association (SHA) is a non-profit organization representing all member homeowners' interests in Stonecrest. Attending the SHA's quarterly meetings is an excellent opportunity for residents to stay up-to-date with the latest news and events, participate in decision-making, and socialize with neighbors.

There are several compelling reasons why you should attend your next SHA quarterly meeting:

1. **Stay informed about the community.** The SHA's meetings are an effective way to learn about Stonecrest's latest news and events, including upcoming projects, new businesses, and more.
2. **Get involved in decision-making.** As a member-driven organization, the SHA values your input. Attending meetings allows you to voice your opinions on how the SHA spends its funds and what projects it prioritizes.
3. **Meet your neighbors.** Attending SHA meetings is an excellent opportunity to socialize with your neighbors and get to know the people who live in your community. This can be especially beneficial for new residents.
4. **Make a difference.** The SHA is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Stonecrest. You can contribute to the SHA's efforts to promote policies that benefit all residents by attending meetings.

All Stonecrest Homes Association members are strongly encouraged to attend your next SHA quarterly meeting. You can find the meeting dates in this newsletter, on our website, or in the official Facebook group. We hope to see you at the next quarterly meeting!

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OUT BY THE CURB BEFORE 8:00 AM**

ACCEPTED WASTE

- Use biodegradable bags or barrels for all waste that can be easily dumped.
- Bundled branches and limbs are permitted, but ensure bundles are no longer than 48 inches and 18 inches round.

PROHIBITED WASTE

- Yard waste in plastic bags is not allowed.
- Avoid using garbage/trash bags that weigh over 65 lbs. each.
- We do not collect railroad ties.
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Let's keep our community beautiful this fall!

hello
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors!

This is my first “From the President” message since being installed as the President of the Stonecrest Homes Association in our last annual meeting. Stonecrest is one of the largest HOA’s in Saint Joseph, with over 600 homes. Even when things seem slow, there’s quite a bit going on. It’s been interesting trying to fit into the new role. Please take a little time and read or review the Stonecrest restrictions. (www.stonecresthomesassoc.com/documents) The 24 restrictions outline the rules all Stonecrest homeowners agreed to follow when purchasing their homes. Usually, these rules are not a challenge to follow but can be violated if you aren’t familiar with them. Some of the more commonly violated restrictions include fences (restriction 12), pole lights (restriction 14), and home modifications (restriction 8). Before anyone asks, the State of Missouri has nullified the ban on political signs (restriction 10). With Fall coming up, the leaves will be coming down. Stonecrest has our Winter yard waste pickup scheduled for 02 Dec 2023. This is a great opportunity to eliminate all those brown paper bags of leaves and bundled branches that accumulate at this time of year. Please see the note in this newsletter for more details. I encourage all residents to take an active role in our neighborhood. Attend some of our quarterly board meetings, come to our annual homeowner's meeting, take part in some of our seasonal HOA contests, or just get to know your neighbors better. All these are good ways to start making local contacts and meeting new friends.

Kind Regards,

Mike Putnam

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Get ready to mark your calendars and embrace the spirit of togetherness as we bring you a series of exciting events in the coming months. Our community is bustling with activities that will connect us and celebrate the unique spirit of Stonecrest.

SAVE THESE DATES

- **Monday, November 6, 2023** Quarterly Meeting
 - Rolling Hills Library – Lower Level
 - 6 pm
- **Friday, December 1, 2023** Holiday Decorating Contest Entries Due
- **Saturday, December 2, 2023** Free Fall Yard Waste Pickup
 - 8 am until noon
- **December 10 – December 16, 2023** Holiday Decorating Contest Judging Period
- **Monday, February 5, 2024** Quarterly Meeting
 - Rolling Hills Library – Lower Level
 - 6 pm
- **Monday, May 6, 2024** Quarterly Meeting
 - Rolling Hills Library – Lower Level
 - 6 pm
- **Wednesday, May 29, 2024** Annual Membership Meeting
 - Rolling Hills Library – Upper Level
 - 6 pm

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Guess what time it is??

It's time to inventory your outdoor Christmas décor, untangle those boxes of Christmas lights and sketch out a plan...because our 4th Annual Holiday Light Decorating Contest will SOON be here!!

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Don't forget



**IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK
ONE HOUR!**



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THE OFFICE UPDATE

FROM THE DESK OF JANE HAUSMAN

Annual Homes Association dues cards were mailed out to over 600 residents in May. These dues cover the period from June 1, 2023, through May 1, 2024. These dues became past due on July 31, 2023, resulting in over 100 residents receiving Past Due notices mailed the first week of September. If you have NOT paid your dues for 2023/24, please contact the office at office@stonecresthomesassoc.com or mail your \$65 annual dues to P.O. Box 8065, St. Joseph, MO 64508. We have some important updates and requests to ensure that our community functions smoothly and that everyone stays informed.

1. E-mail Addresses and Phone Numbers:

To enhance communication within our community, we request all residents to provide their email addresses and phone numbers. This will enable us to send out timely notices of meeting dates and events relevant to everyone in Stonecrest. Currently, we have over 490 email addresses registered in our database for residential owners. New residents are kindly asked to submit their email addresses and phone numbers via our website under "Contact Us."

2. Reporting Restriction Violations:

If you observe any restriction violations in the community, please take a moment to complete the Restriction Violations form on our website under "Documents." Once submitted, our team will investigate the violation and address it personally with the resident involved. Most violations pertain to items such as trailers and boats on driveways, yard maintenance, yard lights, and general property appearance.

3. Construction Approval Forms:

If you have a construction project in the planning stages for your property, please visit our website and fill out the Construction Approval Form (located under Documents) before commencing your project. Upon receipt of the form, our Construction Approval Committee will review it, and you will be promptly notified of the results.

4. New Stonecrest Property Owners:

For our newest residents, we want to extend a warm welcome to Stonecrest. Once the transfer of property is recorded at the courthouse, our SHA office registers you in our database and sends you a welcome packet. This packet includes a welcome letter, the most recent newsletter, a copy of the HOA Restrictions, and a request for your email address and phone number. If you are new to Stonecrest and did not receive this packet, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by calling (816-427-8663) or emailing the office at office@stonecresthomesassoc.com, and we will ensure you receive the information you need.



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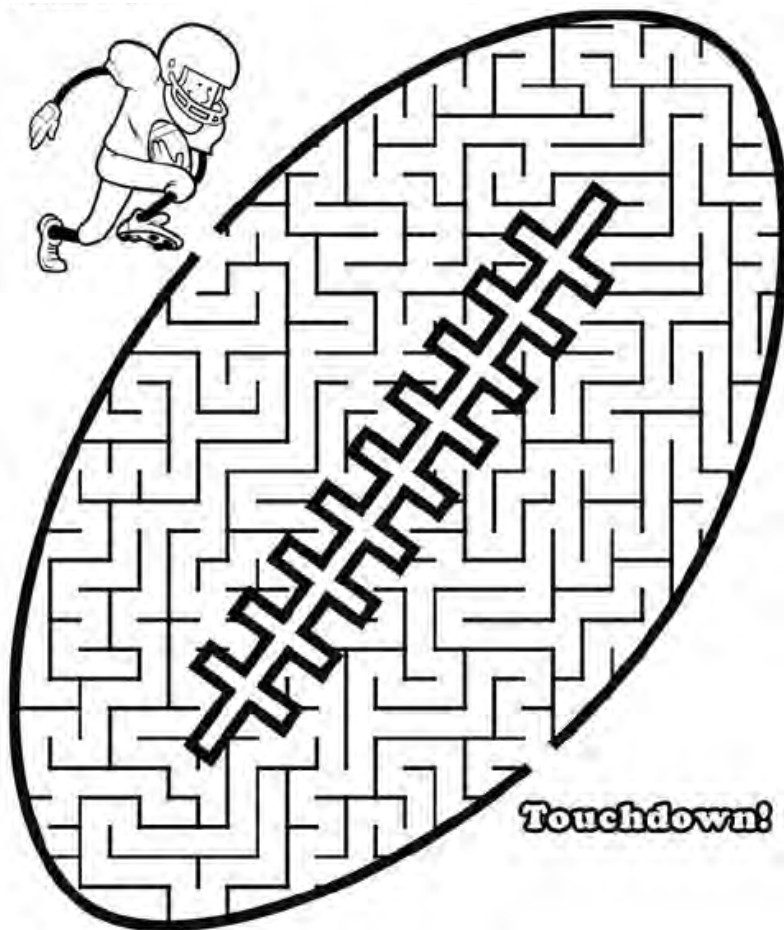
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FALL INTO LAUGHTER

1. What's the ratio of a pumpkin's diameter to its circumference? — Pumpkin Pi!
2. What's a scarecrow's favorite fruit? — Straw-berries.
3. Why did the apple pie cry? — Its peelings were hurt.
4. Knock knock. Who's there? Orange. Orange who? Orange you glad fall is here?
5. How are you supposed to talk in an apple library? — Using your incider voice.
6. What type of vest is best for November? — A har-vest.
7. What did August say to October? — Wake me when September ends.

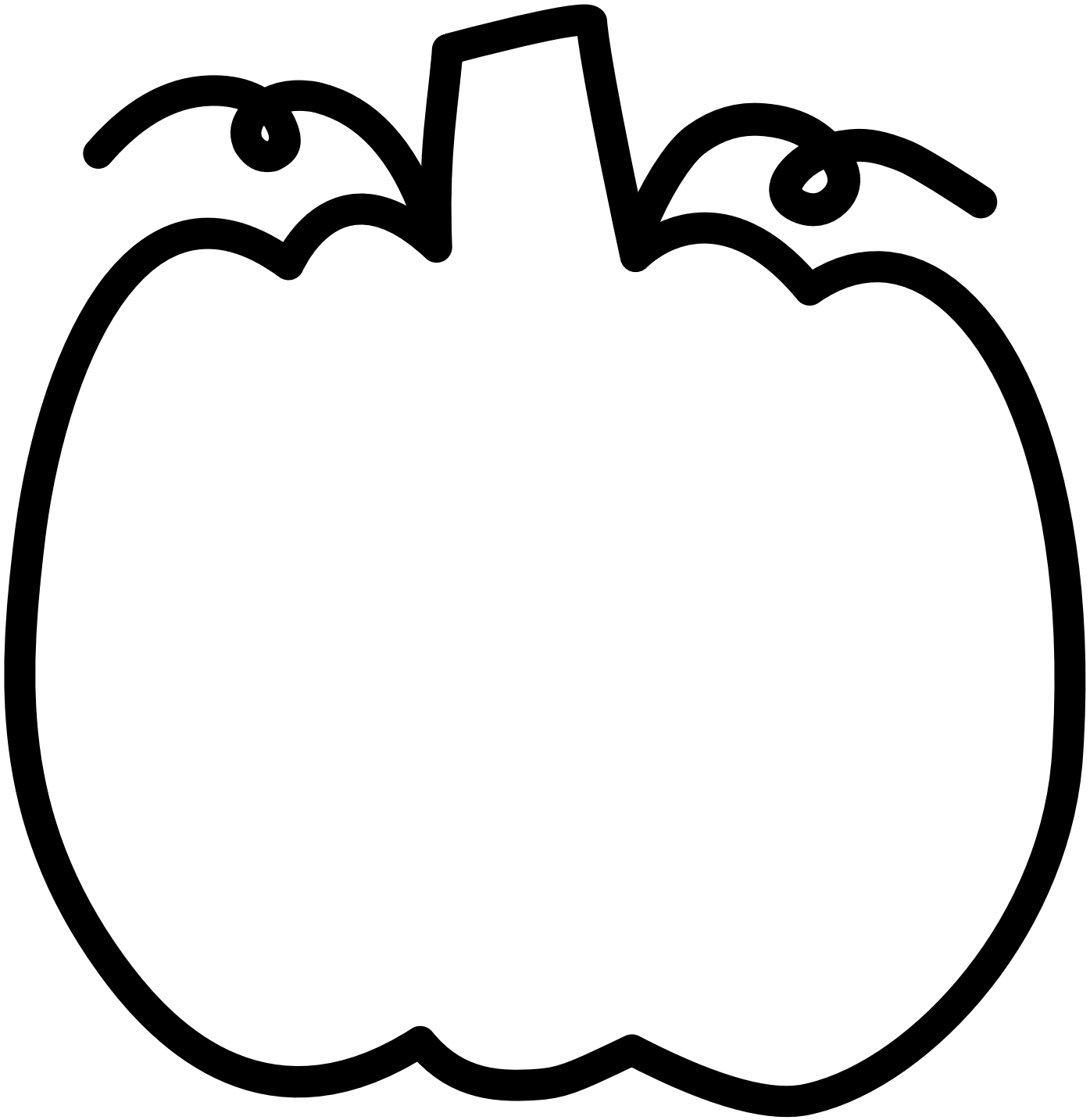
**Can you get the quarterback through the maze
to score a touchdown?**



Touchdown!



Draw your own Jack-○-Lantern Face!



Jack-○-Lantern Fun Facts!

1. The term jack-o'-lantern first was used for people. As early as 1663 the term meant a man with a lantern or a night watchman.
2. The largest jack-o'-lantern ever carved was from a pumpkin weighing 1,810.5 lb. It was carved by Scott Cully in the Bronx, NY on October 30, 2010. The pumpkin holds the record for the heaviest pumpkin ever as well.



THANKSGIVING CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Down

1. parents, siblings, cousins, etc.
2. a meal with family and friends
5. a day for giving thanks
7. a big tasty gobbler
8. a happy event



Across

3. sweet potatoes
4. season of change
6. early settlers from Europe
8. red, juicy and tart
9. sweet treat after a meal
10. ship that carried the pilgrims
11. helped the pilgrims grow food
12. being grateful
13. popular Thanksgiving pie



WINTER WORD UNSCRAMBLE

s i b r k	_____
e s l i d	_____
d l s e	_____
o c c o a	_____
t w r m h a	_____
s o n s a e	_____
o o t s b	_____
i i g k s m	_____

Word List: boots, brisk, cocoa, season, skiing, sled, slide, warmth

Mr. Snowman!



Let's build a snowman! First we need to have a really _____ snowstorm, of course on a _____ day. Watching all that _____ snow fall makes me _____ for a bowl of _____! _____ it's still _____ and there's a lot of it! Let's go! Next is _____ to go out in the cold. Once that is done, we need to get busy. We make a _____ and _____ it in the _____. It gets so _____ we can't roll it anymore. Then we do _____ more and stack them on top of each other. We _____ for _____ in the driveway for the _____, eyes and _____. Mom gives us a scarf, hat and _____ to complete Mr. _____. _____ he's done! Finally. Now the best part, _____.





Reminder →

HOA Solar Panel Installation Guidelines

As we continue to embrace solar energy as an eco-friendly option, we want to remind everyone about the Association's rule regarding installing solar power projects in our community. This rule was introduced in August 2021 and remains in effect to ensure harmony and respect among our neighbors.

Under this rule, homeowners should obtain a written agreement from all neighbors with line-of-sight to the proposed solar panel installation before commencing the project. This written agreement must be signed by both parties, dated, and filed as part of the property title. It must also be maintained throughout the existence of the solar panel installation.

The Stonecrest Homes Association Board understands the value of solar panel installations and their benefits to homeowners. However, we also prioritize safeguarding the interests of all residents in our community. This rule strikes a balance between these interests.

Suppose you consider installing solar panels on your home within the Stonecrest Homes Association. In that case, please review the complete Association guideline and engage in discussions with your neighbors. Feel free to contact the Association office for further guidance on the technical requirements for solar panel installations.



**SCAN TO READ
GUIDELINES**

**Your cooperation is greatly
appreciated as we work
together to maintain the
harmony of our community.**





The Stonecrest Homes Association (HOA) Board is excited to announce a new neighborhood improvement project - curb painting! A professional painter will start painting house numbers on the curbs throughout Stonecrest in a couple of weeks.

This project aims to improve the overall appearance of our community and make it easier for emergency responders to find homes. It's also an excellent way to enhance curb appeal and increase property values.

The HOA Board would like to express their gratitude to all homeowners for their support of this project. We're looking forward to seeing the outcome!

BENEFITS OF CURB PAINTING

- Improved appearance of the community
- Easier for emergency responders to locate homes

TIMELINE

The painter is scheduled to begin painting curbs within a couple of weeks, and the project is expected to take a few weeks to complete.

WHAT HOMEOWNERS CAN DO

Homeowners can help ensure the success of this project by:

- Keeping their curbs clean and free of debris
- Pruning any bushes or trees that may block the view of their house numbers
- Being patient and understanding during the project.



2023 Stonecrest Subdivision 4th Annual Holiday Light Decorating Contest

Submit your Entry Registration Form
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CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL PROCESS

As a homeowner, you may be wondering whether you need SHA approval for your home improvement projects, such as fence installation, sidewalk and driveway construction, retaining wall installation, etc. The simple answer is that if your project involves anything on the exterior of your home or lawn, then it is likely that you will need SHA approval.

To get started, you will need to fill out a Construction Approval Form which can be easily found on our website under the "Documents" tab. You should submit the completed form along with any necessary documents and drawings of your proposed project to the SHA office for approval. Our Construction Approval Committee will then review your request to ensure that it complies with our SHA Restrictions.

If your project is approved, you will be able to obtain the required city permits and start your project. Typically, our committee will complete these requests within a couple of days.

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