

THE *Stonecrest* CONNECTION

A Publication By Stonecrest Homes Association



SUBMIT YOUR CANDIDACY FOR SHA BOARD ELECTIONS BY MAY!

The Stonecrest Homes Association (SHA) is gearing up for its Annual Meeting in May, which includes the crucial election for two board positions. We're calling on engaged and passionate residents interested in shaping our community's future to step forward.

Election Details:

- Positions Available: 2 board openings
- Term Length: 3 years
- Meeting Commitment: 5 meetings annually

Candidate Requirements:

- Must be a Stonecrest property owner
- Must be in good standing with the HOA (i.e., no outstanding dues)

Current Board Members: Mike Putnam and Shaylynn Burnham, whose terms expire in May, are eligible to seek re-election.

How to Apply: If you're ready to contribute to our community's direction and development, please submit your name to the SHA office before the Annual Meeting. This is your chance to make a significant impact in Stonecrest.

Let's work together towards a thriving, harmonious community. We look forward to your candidacy and participation in the upcoming election.

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- **Date: Saturday May 18, 2024**
- **Time: 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
- **Location: Stonecrest Neighborhood**

**BAG OR BUNDLE YOUR WASTE AND PLACE IT
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.
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors!

Spring has arrived, temperatures have risen, plants are growing, and people are planning for early summer trips.

The Stonecrest board has also been making plans recently. We have upcoming household and yard waste pickups, as well as some other events that we are considering for 2024. If you are interested in participating with or on the board, we encourage you to attend some of our quarterly meetings. It's a great way to start getting involved in Stonecrest activities.

This is the perfect time to undertake exterior home improvement projects. However, before making any modifications to the exterior of your property, it is important to go through the Stonecrest restriction list. This list is available online at the Stonecrest website (stonecresthomesassoc.com.) and outlines the allowed and unallowed changes. You can also find a copy of the Stonecrest Construction Request form, which should be filled out a few weeks before starting your exterior project. When submitting a Construction Request form, ensure to provide as much information as possible, especially drawings of the proposed project. The Construction Committee usually approves these documents within a week of receiving them but may require more time if your project violates any restrictions. When discussing restrictions, it's often a good time to mention violations.

The Stonecrest board is not a police force and does not usually investigate non-safety-related violations. We only take action when other residents report such violations. You can access the reporting forms on the Stonecrest website, and be assured that your submission will be treated as confidential. It is important to note that most violators are newer residents who may be unfamiliar with the restrictions.

I'd like to bring up the topic of the annual dues of \$65 that Stonecrest requires. This fee is used to maintain the various island areas located in multiple intersections, to cover the costs of household and yard waste pickups, and to pay for other expenses. It's been brought to our attention that some potential residents think this fee is monthly, but it's actually an annual fee. Unfortunately, some residents neglect to pay their dues every year, even after multiple reminders. When this happens, the board has to place a lien on the property and add a penalty for non-payment, which almost doubles the annual cost. If this continues for multiple years, Stonecrest is forced to involve a lawyer, adding even more costs to the homeowner. It's important to remember that delaying payment of the annual dues only creates more hassle and expense for everyone involved.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Spring and Summer. Take a stroll around the community, greet your neighbors, and lend a hand if necessary.

Kind Regards,

Mike Putnam

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SPRING TRASH PICK-UP



Hey everyone, it's time for our yearly spring clean-up! Perfect chance to clear out your garage and get rid of stuff you don't need anymore.

- **Date: Saturday May 4, 2024**
- **Time: 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
- **Location: Stonecrest Neighborhood**

BAG OR BUNDLE YOUR WASTE AND PLACE IT OUT BY THE CURB BEFORE 7:00 AM

ACCEPTED WASTE

- **Trash, furniture, can/bottles, & paint cans. The lid must be off and the paint dry.**

PROHIBITED WASTE

- **Yard waste, oil, chemicals, batteries & tires.**
- **No concrete/construction/demolition debris.**
- **Nothing containing CFC's (i.e. air conditioners & refrigerators)**
- **Items that weigh more than what two people can pick-up.**



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THE OFFICE UPDATE

FROM THE DESK OF JANE HAUSMAN

I want to thank so many of the Stonecrest residents for sending their dues to the office in such a timely manner. With over 600 residents in our HOA there have been 560 that have sent in their dues. Collecting dues is very time consuming. Past due postcards were sent out in mid-August reminding those residents who had not paid. This past week a “final notice” letter and statement were mailed informing non-paying residents that payments are due by April 1st, 2024, to avoid liens being filed at the courthouse on the property. The cost to file/release a lien is currently \$54 and is passed on to the resident. These liens are released once the past dues and lien cost is paid. Payments can be mailed to the office at P.O. Box 8065, St. Joseph, MO 64508 OR a resident can pay on the Stonecrest website using PayPal. Thank you again to the majority of residents for your cooperation in paying HOA dues.

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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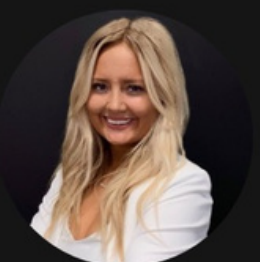
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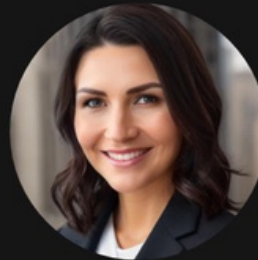
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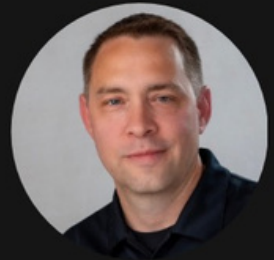
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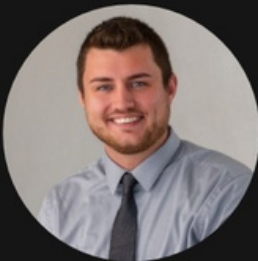
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To promote a safe and respectful neighborhood, it is important to stay informed about the city ordinances that affect our community. This includes regulations that promote safety, health, and well-being. The following are the key highlights and ordinances that the board feels are relevant.

1. **Nuisance Animals:** Pet owners must ensure their pets don't disturb or endanger the community.
2. **Depositing Dirt or Rubbish:** We must keep public areas clean. Private property owners must follow anti-littering rules. This encourages personal responsibility and maintains clean spaces for all.
3. **Removal of Ice, Snow, Dirt, and Litter:** Please help keep our sidewalks and pathways safe by removing any obstructions, including ice and snow.
4. **Parking Regulations:** Parking regulations limit hours and duration to minimize congestion and promote traffic flow. This creates a safe and orderly community and ensures emergency services can navigate neighborhoods without obstruction.

Following these rules is essential for our community's well-being. See the ordinances below.

Sec. 5-91. - Certain dogs and cats declared nuisance.

Any dog or cat is declared a public nuisance if such dog or cat:

1. Seriously disturbs a person or neighborhood by loud, frequent barking or howling. No charge will be filed against any person unless the complainant executes an affidavit indicating that he will testify in municipal court concerning such disturbance when notified of the date and time the matter is set for trial.
2. Threatens or causes a condition that endangers public health.

Sec. 25-6. - Depositing dirt or rubbish from abutting property.

No owner, his agent, or occupant of any land abutting upon any street, alley, parkway, boulevard, sidewalk, or public place of the city shall allow earth or any rubbish from such land to fall or wash upon any part of such street, alley, parkway, boulevard, sidewalk or public place. No such owner, his agent, or occupant of any land abutting upon any street, alley, parkway, boulevard, sidewalk, or public place nor any other person shall throw or cause to be thrown any dirt or rubbish of any kind or any ice, snow or sleet upon such street, alley, parkway, boulevard, sidewalk or public place. ***** This would be for grass clippings*****

Sec. 25-78. - Removal of ice, snow, dirt, and litter.

a) It shall be the duty of all persons owning or occupying any real property fronting upon any street, parkway, boulevard, or public place to:

- 1) Keep the sidewalk, curbing, and guttering in front of and alongside the property in good order and free of obstructions;
- 2) Clean the sidewalk, curb, and gutter, and
- 3) Remove from any such sidewalk, curbing or guttering all ice, snow, earth, or other substance that in any way obstructs or renders the sidewalk, curb, and gutter dangerous, inconvenient, or annoying to any person.
 1. All sidewalks and sidewalk spaces shall be kept clean and free of all dirt and litter by the owners or occupants of the property fronting on the sidewalks or sidewalk spaces or along the side of the property.

Sec. 28-664. - Nighttime parking in central business district; parking more than 48 hours.

1. 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.
2. 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.



SAVE THE DATE

- **Saturday, May 4th, 2024**
 - Free Spring Trash Pick Up
 - 7 am - 12 pm
- **Monday, May 6th, 2024 -**
 - SHA Quarterly Meeting
 - 6 pm
 - Rolling Hills Library - Lower Level
- **Saturday, May 18, 2024**
 - Free Spring Yard Waste Pick Up
 - 7 am - 12 pm
- **Wednesday, May 29, 2024**
 - SHA ANNUAL Meeting
 - 6 pm
 - Rolling Hills Library - Upper Level
- **Monday, August 5th, 2024**
 - SHA Quarterly Meeting
 - 6 pm
 - Rolling Hills Library - Lower Level
- **Monday, November 4th, 2024**
 - SHA Quarterly Meeting
 - 6 pm
 - Rolling Hills Library - Lower Level

Join us at the next SHA quarterly meeting to shape the future of Stonecrest. Connect with neighbors and stay informed. Mark your calendars now and participate in making a difference in our community.



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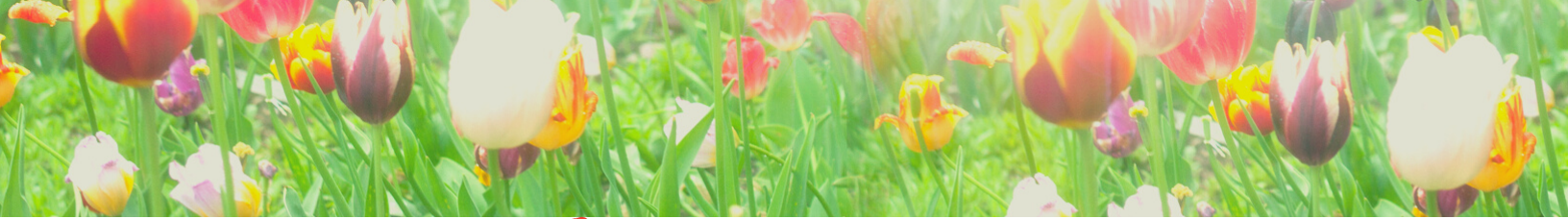
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Under this rule, homeowners should obtain a written agreement from all neighbors with line-of-sight to the proposed solar panel installation before commencing the project. This written agreement must be signed by both parties, dated, and filed as part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

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





Easter Egg Coloring Contest



- Choose your favorite coloring page from the 12 available on the Stonecrest Homes Association Facebook page.
- Download & print your favorite one(s).
- Grab colored pencils, crayons or makers and color away!
- Once completed, have your parent(s) send an email with your masterpiece attached to:
 - fun@stonecresthomesassoc.com
 - type into the Subject Line: Easter Contest
 - in the message, have them include your your first name, age and address!
 - deadline to enter will be Friday, March 29, 2024
- All submitted entries will be posted on the Stonecrest Homes Association Facebook Page.
 - A panel of judges will vote on the entries to determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
 - Winners will be announced Friday, April 5, 2024

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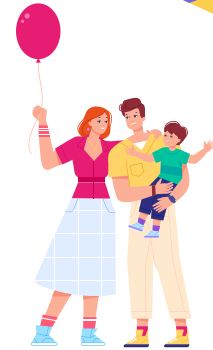
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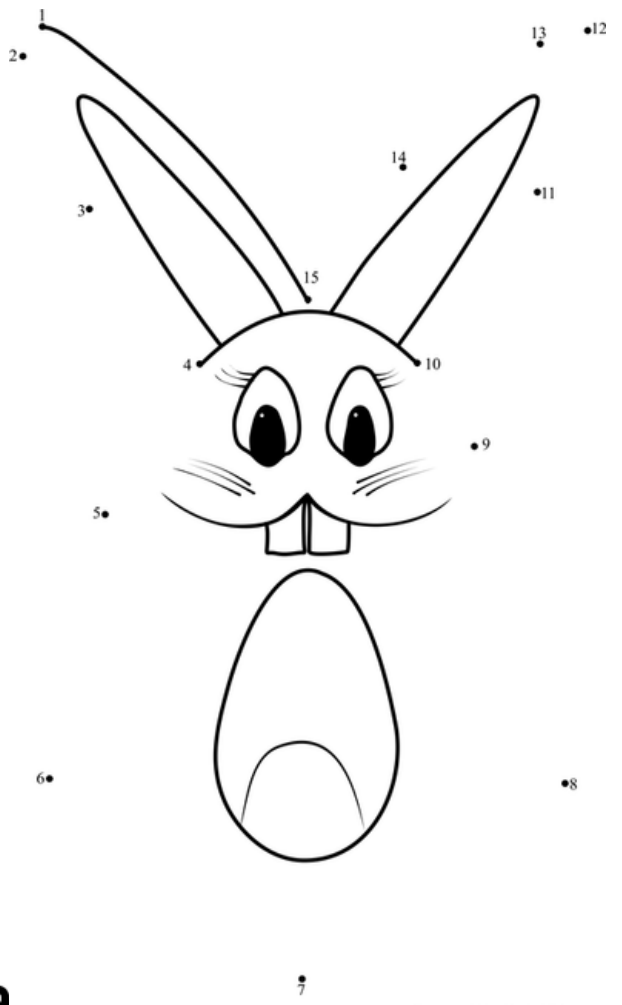
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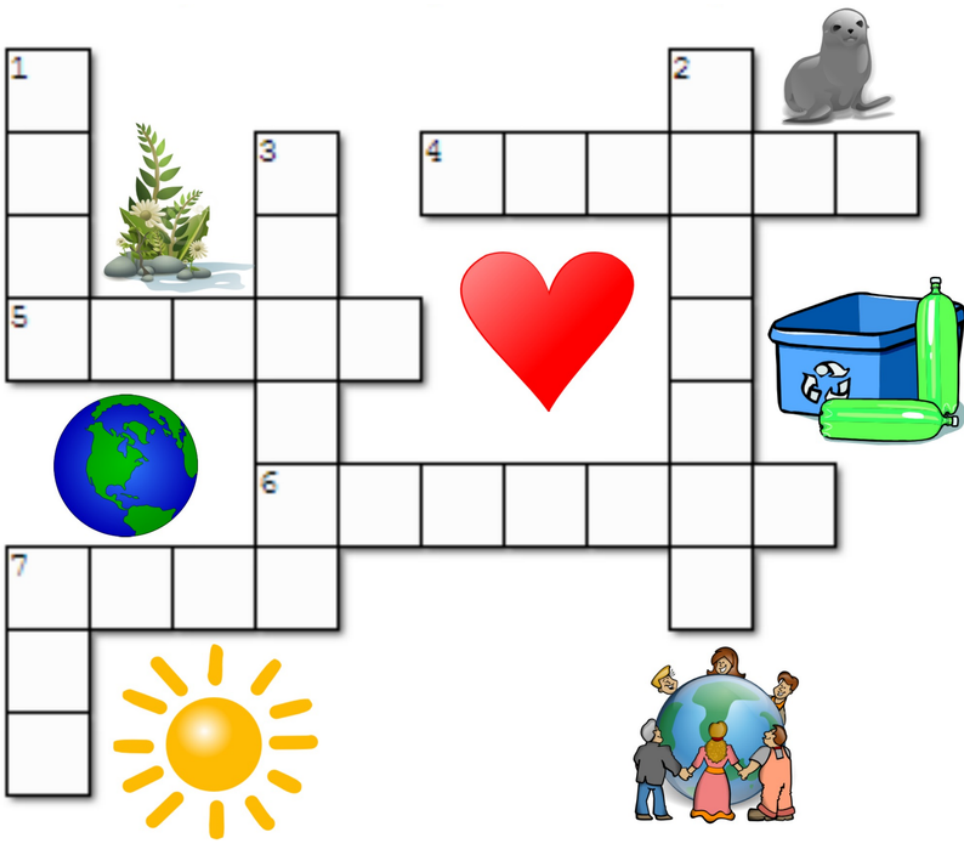


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Down

1. We need to _____ and take care of the Earth.
2. Cats and Dogs are types of _____
3. Plants, trees and birds are s part of _____
7. The ___ is so bright I have to wear dark glasses.

Across

4. We have flowers. fruits. vegetables and other _____ in our garden.
5. We live on planet _____
6. Reduce. Reuse. _____
7. Together we can _____ the earth



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(verb/ing) (adjective)

of exercise. _____ a bicycle enables
(verb/ing)

you to develop your _____ muscles
(part of body)

as well as _____ increase the rate
(adverb)

of your _____ beat. More _____
(part of body) (nouns)

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(verb)

drive _____. No matter what kind of
(animals)

_____ you _____, always be
(noun) (verb)

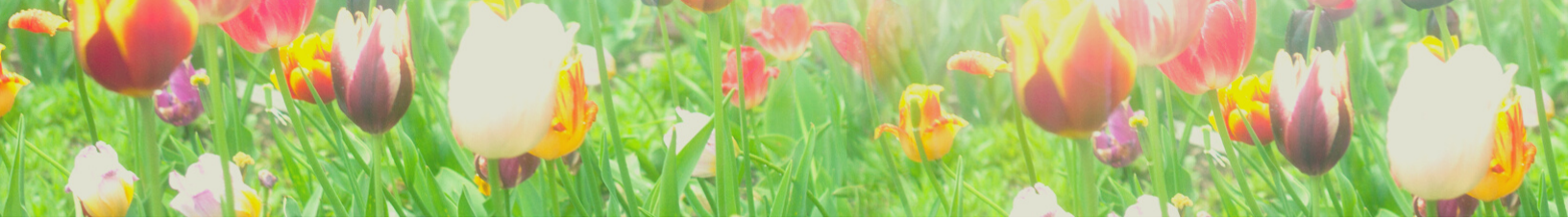
sure to wear a/an _____ helmet. Make
(adjective)

sure to have _____ reflectors too!
(color)



SPRING JOKES TO GROW YOUR GARDEN

1. What did the big flower say to the little one?—You're really growing, bud!
2. What did the tree say to spring?
— What a re-leaf.
3. What do you get when two plants kiss?
— Tulips.
4. What's a baby chick's favorite plant?
— EGG-plants!
5. Who is an herb's favorite singer?
— Elvis Parsley!
6. How do you know flowers are friendly?
— They always have new buds.
7. What is the best flower for a boy to give his mom? — A son-flower!
8. Why is the letter A like a flower?
— Because a B comes after it.



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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