

THE *Stonecrest* CONNECTION

A Publication By Stonecrest Homes Association

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT STONECREST HOMES ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING!

Mark your calendars for Monday, February 5, 2025, at 6:00 PM for the Stonecrest Homes Association (SHA) Quarterly Board Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Rolling Hills Library Lower Level Meeting Room, 1904 North Belt Hwy. This is your opportunity to stay engaged with the community, share your ideas, and meet your neighbors. The fall quarterly meeting is canceled.

The Stonecrest Homes Association is a non-profit organization representing all homeowners' interests in Stonecrest. As a resident, attending the quarterly meetings offers several benefits:

- **Stay informed:** Learn about the latest developments, including upcoming projects, events, and neighborhood news.
- **Have a voice:** Your input is vital! Help guide SHA's decisions on how funds are spent and which projects are prioritized.
- **Meet your neighbors:** It's a great chance to connect with other residents and foster a stronger sense of community.
- **Make a difference:** By participating in the meetings, you contribute to improving the quality of life in Stonecrest.

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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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!

As the first "From the President" message after taking the position of President of the Stonecrest Homes Association, I want to say how humbling it has been working and interacting more with our community and its residents. Being one of the largest HOAs in St. Joseph, it is nice to see how our neighbors interact and how the community has evolved over the years. Seeing younger families starting to move in and more kids having fun in our neighborhood has been great. As the fall arrives and the sun begins to set earlier, please keep an eye out as you drive through the neighborhood to keep our neighbors safe. One aspect that frequently arises is questions about our rules and restrictions here in Stonecrest. It's important to be well-informed about these regulations. Please take a moment to review them if you have any concerns or questions.

(<https://stonecresthomesassoc.com/documents/>).

These restrictions outline rules all Stonecrest homeowners agreed to when purchasing their homes. They seem to be one of the things we get calls on the most as a board. Please take the time to review them if you haven't lately, and do contact us if you have any questions.

With fall coming and the weather starting to change, remember we have our Fall yard waste pickup scheduled for Dec 7th. This is a time for our residents to dispose of any yard waste they may have or get rid of all those leaves that will start falling.

Another common query is about the low-hanging branches over the roads in some areas. It's important to remember that homeowners are responsible for branches hanging over the streets from trees on their property. As we approach the winter season, it's a good time to inspect your trees and see if some pruning needs to be done to prevent any hazards.

As we head into the holiday season, the association will also have some contests, so please look at them in the newsletter and follow the website and FB page for more details.

Also, we would love to see more people show up and interact in our quarterly meetings and events, so please follow our website and social media sites for events. These are great ways to meet your neighbors in the association and become more involved.

Have a great fall.

Mark Hagan

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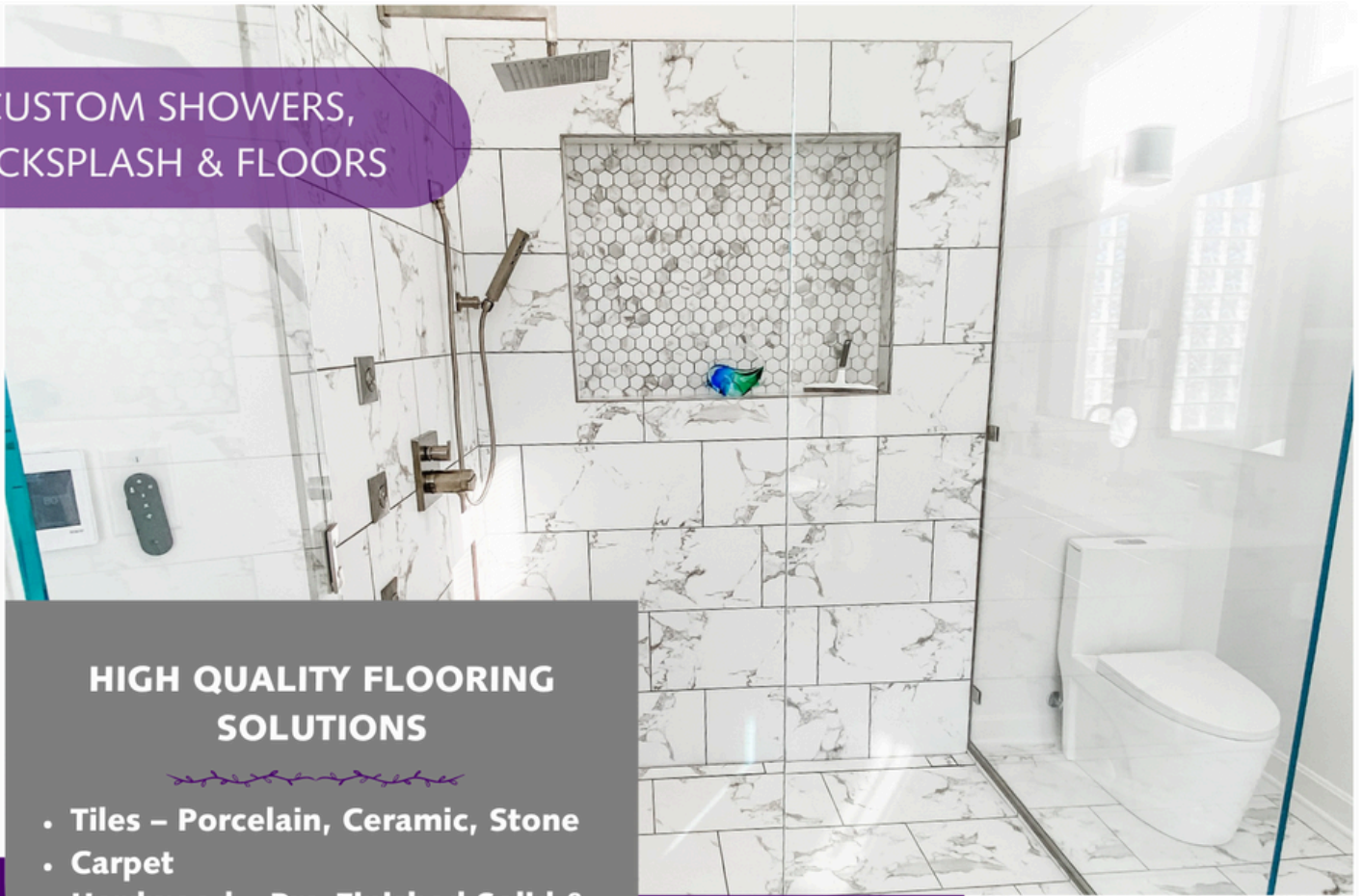
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- Monday, November 4, 2024 Quarterly Meeting - **CANCELED**
 - No quarterly board meeting this fall.
- Friday, December 7th, 2024 Holiday Decorating Contest Entries Due
- Saturday, December 7th, 2024 Free Fall Yard Waste Pickup
 - 7 am until noon
- December 10 – December 16, 2024 Holiday Decorating Contest Judging Period
- Monday, February 5, 2025 Quarterly Meeting
 - Rolling Hills Library – Lower Level
 - 6 pm
- Monday, May 5, 2025 Quarterly Meeting
 - Rolling Hills Library – Lower Level
 - 6 pm
- Wednesday, May 29, 2025 Annual Membership Meeting
 - Rolling Hills Library – Upper Level
 - 6 pm

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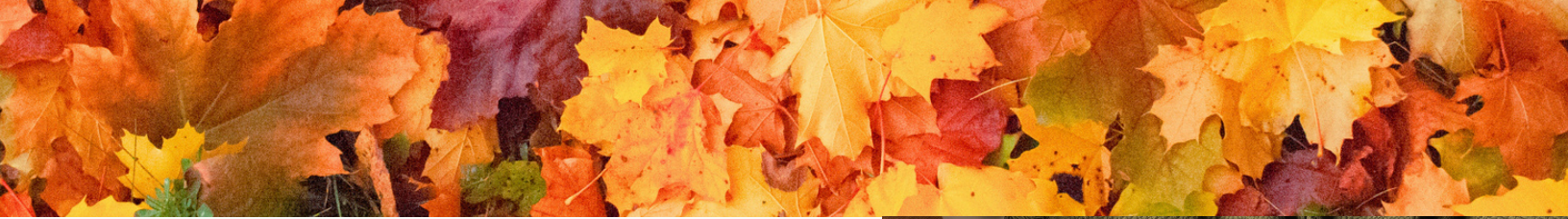
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THE OFFICE UPDATE

FROM THE DESK OF JANE HAUSMAN

Annual Homes Association dues cards were mailed out to over 600 residents in May of this year. These \$65 dues cover the period from June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025. These dues became past due on July 31, 2024. There are almost 100 residents who have not paid their dues. If you have not paid your dues for 2024/25, please contact the office at office@stonecresthomesassoc.com or mail your \$65 annual dues to P.O. Box 8065, St. Joseph, MO 64506. Online payments can be made at: stonecresthomesassoc.com (A small service fee is added to all online payments.)



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.

Make plans to enter this year's 5th Annual Holiday Light Decorating Contest to showcase your holiday spirit !!

To Do List!!

- Gather inspiration from Pinterest or Instagram!!
- Get creative & sketch out a plan!!
- Inventory your holiday outdoor decorations!
- Enjoy a cup of Hot Cocoa!
- Untangle the Christmas Lights!
- Replace burned out bulbs!
- Watch the Stonecrest St. Joseph FB page for details!



Stonecrest
HOMES ASSOCIATION

*New Neighbors, New Beginnings
Welcome to Our Vibrant Community!*

Since our spring newsletter, we are excited to welcome 32 new residents to the Stonecrest community! While we no longer share names for privacy reasons, we want to extend a warm greeting to each of you. We hope you feel right at home and look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood! If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Welcome to Stonecrest!



Important City Ordinances and Contact Information for Stonecrest Residents

Staying informed about city regulations and knowing whom to contact in various situations can make our community safer and more pleasant for everyone. Below are essential city contacts and key ordinances that pertain to common issues in our neighborhood:

- **Permits & Licenses: (816) 271-4751**
- **Police Non-Emergency: (816) 271-4702**
- **Property Maintenance: (816) 271-5343**
- **Street Maintenance (24/7): (816) 271-4848**

Here are a few key ordinances you should be aware of. Scan the QR codes to learn more:

St. Joseph City Ordinances



Parking on the Wrong Side of the Street



Tree Branch Clearance Over Streets & Sidewalks



Fireworks Regulations



Golf Cart Usage





STONECREAST NEIGHBORHOOD FUN & GAMES



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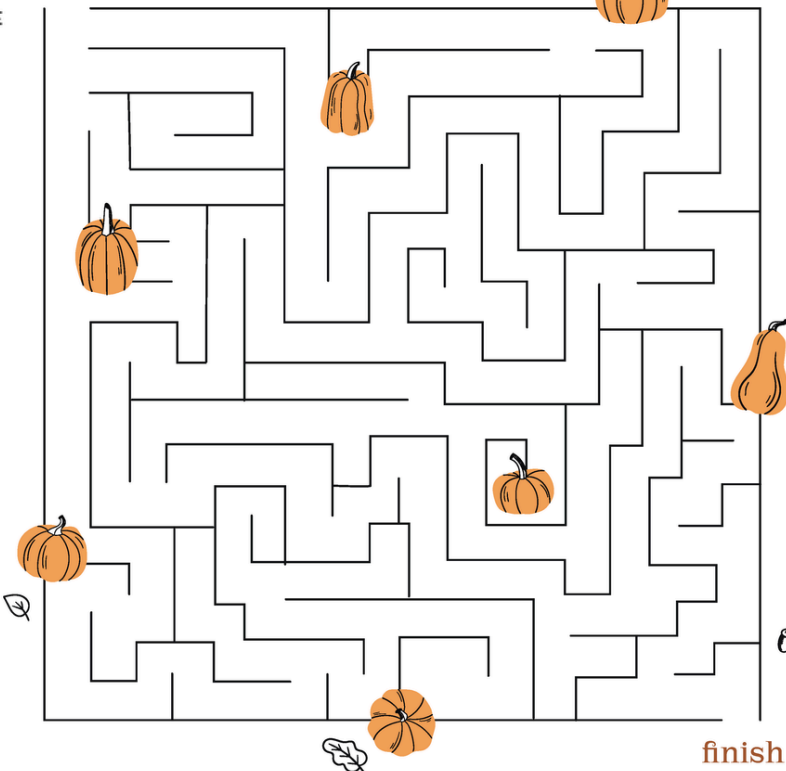
FALL INTO LAUGHTER

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.

Pumpkin Patch Maze

Complete the maze by drawing a line from start to finish.

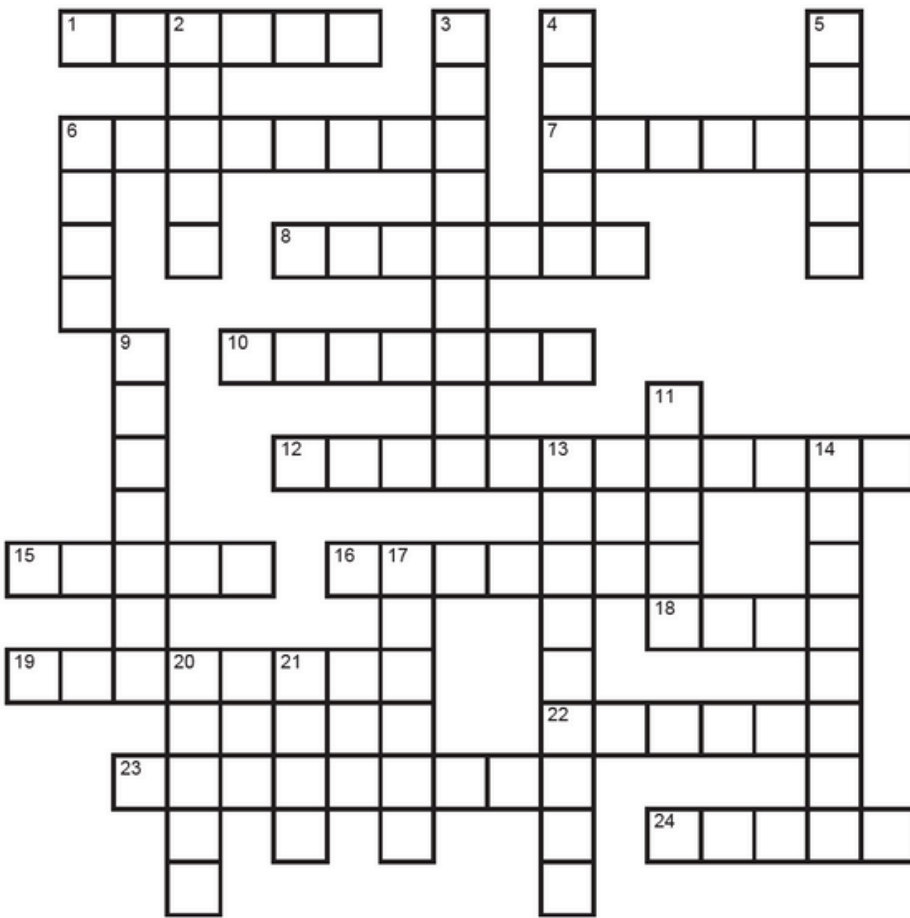
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DOWN

2. Oak tree's fruit.
3. October 31st.
4. Honeycrisp.
5. Also known as corn.
6. The season that follows summer.
9. Fun activity on a farm.
11. Drink made from apples.
13. Used to keep birds off of crops.
14. The 11th month of the year.
17. Another word for the fall season.
20. Semi-frozen rain.
21. What squirrels often gather.

ACROSS

1. They fall from trees.
2. Popular autumn sport.
3. Jack-o-lantern gourd.
4. The 10th month of the year.
5. The gathering of crops.
6. The fourth Thursday in November.
7. Might be patchwork.
8. Seat at a square dance (two words).
9. Leaf gathering yard tool.
10. They are roasted on an open fire.
11. Halloween decoration made by a spider.
12. The 9th month of the year.
13. Decorative squash.

winter downhill fun

Winter sports are so much _____.

(adjective)

There's skiing, where you put two _____

(plural noun)

on your feet and _____ down a steep

(verb)

_____ really _____.

(noun)

(adverb)

You can also do cross-country _____ or snow

(verb -ing)

_____ if you don't live near steep

(clothing)

_____. Snowboarding is similar,

(plural noun)

but you stand on one _____ and

(noun)

_____ downhill. Another fun downhill

(verb)

sport is sledding or tubing,

where you ride a _____

(adjective)

_____ or an air-filled

(noun)

_____ downhill.

(noun)





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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