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THE Stonecrest CONNECTION

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YOUR VOICE, YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

WHY HOA MEETINGS MATTER

Welcome to the 2025 spring issue of the The Stonecrest Connection! As the year gets rolling and our neighborhood finds its rhythm, it's a good time to talk about something that keeps our community on track: **you**. More specifically, your voice at HOA meetings.

HOA meetings aren't just for board members—they're for everyone. When residents show up, the board hears what matters most to the people who live here. That's how decisions get made that reflect the whole community, not just a few.

Think about it: landscaping updates, safety concerns, budget planning, amenity upgrades—these choices shape our daily lives. If you don't show up, your voice doesn't get counted. When you do, we get a clearer picture of what Stonecrest values and needs.

It's also a chance to stay informed. You'll hear about upcoming projects, neighborhood issues, and how HOA dues are being used. You can ask questions, give feedback, or even volunteer to help make things happen. Bottom line: attending HOA meetings isn't just a civic duty—it's how you help protect your home, your investment, and your neighborhood's future.

Let's make 2025 a year of strong turnout and stronger community. See you at the next meeting.

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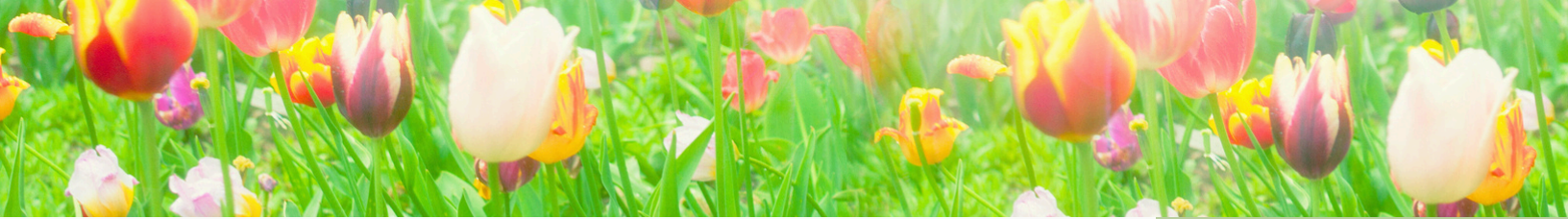
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SPRING TRASH PICK-UP



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 3, 2025**
- **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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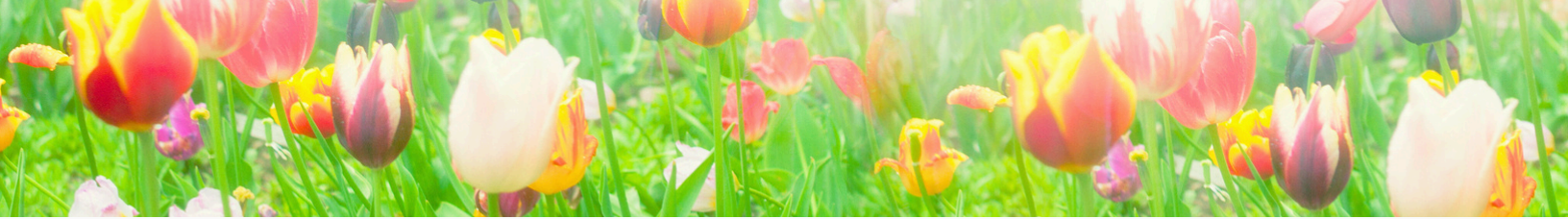
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors!

Spring has arrived, and temperatures are rising. As you start planning your spring cleanup tasks around the house, please remember that our household waste pickup is scheduled for May 3rd. If you need to dispose of yard debris, we will have yard waste pickup on May 17th. Please make sure to place your items curbside before 7:00 AM on the scheduled days. For more information on instructions and limitations regarding these events, please visit our website.

We have several other events planned for 2025. Our annual board meeting is set for May 28th, offering a great opportunity to learn about what's happening in the association. If you want to become more involved with the association or participate on the board, this is an excellent time to attend and engage.

We recognize spring is also a season when people focus on maintaining their properties. Remember, if you plan to undertake any construction or building projects on your property, you must visit the Stonecrest website to review the restrictions on what is permitted. Additionally, any construction projects on the exterior of your property will likely require a construction approval form to be filled out and submitted for approval before any work begins.

I want to take a minute to talk about the annual dues of \$65 that Stonecrest requires. This small fee goes toward maintaining the landscaping at our entrances and intersections, plus it helps cover things like household and yard waste pickups and other community expenses. We've heard that some potential residents mistakenly think this is a monthly fee, but it's just once a year. We're trying to clear that up wherever we can. That said, some folks still don't pay their dues, even after several reminders. When that happens, the board has to place a lien on the property and charge a penalty, almost doubling the cost. If it goes on for a few years, it can end up involving a lawyer and costing the homeowner even more. Long story short: paying on time helps avoid hassle and keeps things running smoothly for everyone.

One last thing to keep in mind: with warmer weather approaching and outdoor activities ramping up, please watch for children in the neighborhood who may be near or running into the roadway. It's wonderful to see more children outside, playing and enjoying the outdoors, but we want to ensure their safety while having fun. We are also already spotting golf carts on our roadways. While the association doesn't have regulations regarding them, the City of St. Joseph prohibits all such vehicles on our roads. Please respect our local law enforcement and our neighbors, and use these carts only in safe and approved areas.

Thank you,

Mark Hagan



GET YOUR YARDS READY FOR THE SPRING YARD WASTE PICK-UP

- **Date: Saturday, May 17, 2025**
- **Time: 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
- **Location: Stonecrest Neighborhood**

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

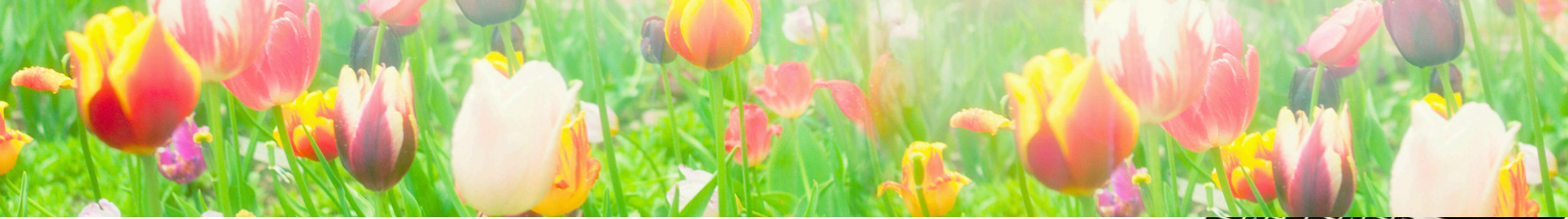
PROHIBITED WASTE

- 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.
- Loose branches and limbs that are not bundled will not be picked up.

Let's keep our community beautiful this spring!

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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 were 580 that have sent in their dues. Collecting dues is very time consuming. Past due postcards were sent out in mid-August 2024, reminding those residents who had not paid. A couple of months ago, a “final notice” letter and statement were mailed informing non-paying residents that payments were due by March 1, 2025, 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. Stay Connected – Email Addresses and Phone Numbers

To help keep everyone in the loop, we ask all residents to share their current email addresses and phone numbers. This allows us to send timely updates about meetings, events, and neighborhood news. We currently have over 490 email addresses in our system—thank you! If you’re new to the neighborhood or haven’t shared your contact info yet, please visit the Contact Us section of our website to submit it.

2. Reporting Restriction Violations

If you notice a potential restriction violation, you can report it quickly and easily using the Restriction Violations form on our website (found under Documents). Once we receive your submission, the issue will be reviewed and addressed directly with the homeowner. Common concerns include trailers or boats parked in driveways, overgrown yards, yard lights not functioning, or general property upkeep.

3. Planning a Project? Submit a Construction Approval Form

Before starting any construction or major exterior updates on your property, be sure to complete the Construction Approval Form on our website (also under Documents). Our Construction Approval Committee will review your request and get back to you with a decision as soon as possible.

4. Welcome to Our New Neighbors!

To all our new residents—welcome to Stonecrest! Once your home’s ownership is officially recorded at the courthouse, our office adds your information to our database and sends out a welcome packet. This includes a welcome letter, the most recent newsletter, HOA Restrictions, and a request for your contact details. If you didn’t receive your packet, let us know by calling 816-427-8663 or emailing office@stonecresthomesassoc.com, and we’ll be happy to get one to you.



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.

- **Saturday, May 3rd, 2025**
 - Free Spring Trash Pick Up
 - 7 am - 12 pm

- **Wednesday, May 7th, 2025**
 - SHA Quarterly Meeting
 - 6 pm
 - Rolling Hills Library - Lower Level

- **Saturday, May 17, 2025**
 - Free Spring Yard Waste Pick Up
 - 7 am - 12 pm

- **Wednesday, May 28, 2025**
 - SHA ANNUAL Meeting
 - 6 pm
 - Rolling Hills Library - Upper Level

- **Monday, August 4th, 2025**
 - SHA Quarterly Meeting
 - 6 pm
 - Rolling Hills Library - Lower Level

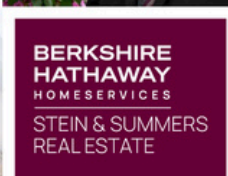
- **Monday, November 3rd, 2025**
 - SHA Quarterly Meeting
 - 6 pm
 - Rolling Hills Library - Lower Level



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 like _____ (color), _____ (color), and _____ (adjective)
 _____. There is more _____ (noun) falling
 from _____ (place) in the spring, and that
 _____ (noun) helps flowers _____ (verb).
 Flowers can grow on trees, _____ (plural noun),
 or _____. Spring flowers help
 bees make _____ (food) and are a food
 source for hummingbirds and other
 _____ (adjective) _____ (animals).



Top 5 Safety Tips for Kids

1. **Look Both Ways.** Always stop, look, and listen before crossing the street — even if it looks clear.
2. **Stick with a Buddy.** It's safer (and more fun!) to play or walk with a friend, sibling, or adult.
3. **Know Your Info.** Kids should memorize their full name, address, and a parent's phone number.
4. **Stranger Safety.** Never talk to or go anywhere with someone you don't know. If unsure, find a trusted adult.
5. **Respect Boundaries.** Be kind to neighbors by staying off private property, picking up after yourself, and playing safely in shared spaces.

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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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