THE Stonecrest CONNECTION

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PREPARE YOUR TREES FOR WINTER

Check Overhanging and Damaged Branches Before Winter Weather Arrives

Fall is a good time to take a look at the trees around your property. Dead, damaged or unstable branches may become especially hazardous when weighed down by snow or ice or exposed to strong winter winds.

Before winter arrives, property owners and occupants are encouraged to inspect trees on their property and in the parkway adjacent to their property, paying particular attention to branches over streets, sidewalks and other public areas.

Under City Ordinance Section 25-270, trees or branches overhanging a street, alley, boulevard, public way or sidewalk may not be allowed to interfere with the traveling public or remain in an insecure or unsafe condition that makes them liable to fall and cause injury. Trees or branches in this condition are considered a public nuisance.

Taking care of damaged or potentially hazardous limbs now can help prevent problems during winter storms and keep streets and sidewalks safer for everyone.

For large, damaged or difficult-to-reach branches, residents should consider using a qualified tree-care professional.

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT STONECREST HOMES ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING!

Mark Your Calendars!



Monday, November 2, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Rolling Hills Library – Riverside Branch

Let your voices be heard!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOA PRESIDENT

Hello, Neighbors!

As we welcome the fall season in Stonecrest, the cooler weather, changing leaves, and earlier sunsets make this a wonderful time to enjoy the neighborhood and stay connected with those around you. With the days getting shorter, please remember to check that your yard light is working properly, as these lights help illuminate our streets, support neighborhood safety, and are also an HOA requirement. We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter, and as we move toward the holidays, I'm already looking forward to seeing the creativity and joy reflected in your decorations throughout the subdivision. As always, please reach out to one of the board members if you have any questions; your engagement helps keep Stonecrest strong and thriving.

Kind regards,
Jean Foster

GET YOUR YARDS READY FOR THE FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP

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

- **Date: Saturday, December 5, 2026**
- **Time: 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
- **Location: Stonecrest Neighborhood**

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 no more than 18 inches in diameter.**

PROHIBITED WASTE

- **Bags weighing more than 65 pounds will not be collected.**
- **Railroad ties will not be collected.**
- **Loose branches and limbs that are not bundled will not be picked up.**





LET'S KEEP OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL THIS FALL!

THE OFFICE UPDATE

FROM THE DESK OF JANE HAUSMAN



Annual homeowners association dues notices were mailed to Stonecrest residents in May 2026, covering the period from June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027.

If you haven't yet paid your $65 annual dues, you can pay online through our website or mail your payment to:
Stonecrest Homes Association
P.O. Box 8065
St. Joseph, MO 64508

We also have several important updates to help keep our neighborhood running smoothly and communication strong.

Contact Information Updates

We're continuing our efforts to build a complete contact list for all residents. Providing your email address and phone number helps us send timely notices about meetings, events, and neighborhood updates. If you're new or haven't submitted your details, please visit the "Contact Us" page on our website to update your information.

Reporting Restriction Violations

To help maintain Stonecrest's appearance and standards, residents are encouraged to report restriction violations through the online Restriction Violations form found under the "Documents" section of our website.

Common concerns include trailers or boats parked in driveways, lawn maintenance issues, and non-functioning yard lights. Once submitted, the Association will review and address the issue directly with the homeowner involved.

Construction Approvals

Planning exterior work on your home or property? Please complete the Construction Approval Form on our website (under "Documents") before starting your project.

The Construction Approval Committee reviews all submissions and will notify you promptly once the review is complete.

New Stonecrest Property Owners

A warm welcome to all new Stonecrest homeowners! Once your property transfer is recorded, our office updates the database and mails a welcome packet that includes essential neighborhood information.

If you did not receive your packet, please contact the office at (816) 427-8663 or office@stonecresthomesassoc.com, and we'll be happy to provide one.

7th Annual Holiday Light Decorating Contest



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



Submit Your Registration Form
by 12/4/2026!

Judging will take place
12/12/2026 - 12/19/2026
after 6:00 pm

See Contest Rules for complete details!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THESE DATES

- **Monday, November 2, 2026: Quarterly Board Meeting**
  - **Location: Rolling Hills Library - Riverside Branch**
  - **6 pm**
- **Friday, December 4, 2026: Holiday Decorating Contest Entries Due**
- **Saturday, December 5, 2026: Free Fall Yard Waste Pickup**
  - **7 am until noon**
- **December 12 – 19, 2026: Holiday Decorating Contest Judging Period**
- **Monday, February 1, 2027: Quarterly Board Meeting**
  - **Location: Rolling Hills Library - Riverside Branch**
  - **6 pm**
- **Wednesday, May 26, 2027: Annual Membership Meeting**
  - **Rolling Hills Library- Riverside Branch**
  - **6 pm**

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CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL PROCESS

Planning a home improvement project? If it involves the exterior of your home or yard, such as a fence, driveway, sidewalk, or retaining wall, you will likely need SHA approval before getting started. This helps ensure all updates follow community standards and maintain the overall look and value of Stonecrest.

To begin, complete the Construction Approval Form on our website under the “Documents” tab, and submit it with any drawings or details of your project. The Construction Approval Committee reviews requests promptly, usually within a few days, and will notify you once your project is approved so you can move forward with obtaining any required city permits.

You can also scan the QR code on this page to access the form and learn more about the approval process.

Scan to access the Construction Approval Form

Important City Ordinances and Contact Information for Stonecrest Residents

Knowing key city contacts and regulations helps keep our community safe and pleasant. Below are important contacts and ordinances for common neighborhood issues.

- **Crimes Happening Now: 911 or (816) 271-4777**
- **Parking Enforcement: (816) 271-4777**
- **Police Non-Emergency: (816) 271-4702**
- **Property Maintenance: (816) 271-5343 — weeds, grass, & trees**
- **City Street Maintenance (24/7): (816) 271-4848 — potholes**
- **Office of District 3 Councilman Andy Trout: (816) 261-2934**
- **Permits & Licenses: (816) 271-4751**
  - **Garage Sale Permits: Visit City Hall, Room 101A**
- **Animal Shelter: (816) 271-4876**
- **Landfill: (816) 253-1120**

Here are key ordinances and resources for our neighborhood. To learn more, open your phone's camera, point it at the QR code, and tap the link that appears.

Parking on the Wrong Side of the Street

St. Joseph City Ordinances

https://www.stjosephmo.gov/206/Code-of-Ordinances

Tree Branch Clearance Over Streets & Sidewalks

Fireworks Regulations

Police Online Crime Reporting

Golf Cart Usage



Crime Stoppers Tips

Landfill & Recycling Center

WHAT DO YOU GET FROM THE STONECREST HOMES ASSOCIATION FOR YOUR $65 DUES?

Each year, Stonecrest homeowners contribute $65 in annual dues, an amount that goes a long way toward keeping our neighborhood one of the most attractive and well-maintained communities in the city.
Your dues help preserve the value of your property, strengthen our sense of community, and ensure that the Stonecrest name continues to represent pride of ownership.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT THAT KEEPS THINGS RUNNING SMOOTHLY

Your dues fund a part-time Executive Secretary, who plays a vital role in daily operations by:

- Maintaining ownership and membership records for more than 600 homes.
- Preparing welcome packets and newsletters for new residents.
- Handling communications about covenants, construction approvals, and community standards.
- Managing the Association's finances, paying bills, and preparing quarterly reports.

NEIGHBORHOOD MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING

Your dues support the ongoing upkeep of entrances and cul-de-sacs, including lighting, lawn care, and seasonal landscaping. The Association also coordinates necessary repairs and improvements to keep Stonecrest looking its best.

WORKING WITH THE CITY

The Association communicates regularly with the City of St. Joseph representatives to ensure street repairs and maintenance in Stonecrest are addressed by the responsible departments. Residents are also encouraged to report potholes or street issues directly to the city and to connect with city representatives individually to help keep Stonecrest's infrastructure a priority.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP EVENTS

Every spring and fall, the Association sponsors trash and yard-waste pickup days for members. This service helps residents maintain clean, attractive properties and keeps the neighborhood neat and inviting.

ENCOURAGING NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE

Stonecrest also supports seasonal decorating and beautification contests that recognize residents who go above and beyond to make our community shine.

YOUR DUES AT WORK

Your $65 annual dues, along with the time and dedication of fellow homeowners, help keep Stonecrest looking great and running smoothly. Together, we're preserving the charm, safety, and value of our neighborhood for years to come.
Thank you for doing your part to make Stonecrest a place we're all proud to call home!

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