

# Stonewood HOA

MAY 2022

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With the school year ending, our neighborhood is abuzz with activity. Stonewood HOA wishes you an enjoyable summer, with special congratulations to neighborhood graduates from the Class of '22!

## 4th OF JULY IS BACK!

Red Hot & Boom is returning, after a two-year hiatus. The event features live music, food, and a spectacular fireworks show.

This year's celebration will be held **July 3** at Crane's Roost Park in Altamonte Springs. Admission is free from **4 p.m. to 11 p.m.** However, please leave coolers, glass, and pets at home.

Meantime, the state has designated the 4th of July as a legal "fireworks holiday," for at-home pyrotechnics, However, local regulations still apply.

According to Altamonte Springs' city website: *"It is illegal to use any kind of firework that shoots through the air or detonates. This includes roman candles, firecrackers, mortars, or other similar devices. Sparklers that are held or remain on the ground are legal when used in a safe manner."*

<http://www.altamonte.org/faq.aspx?qid=237>

At home or at the parks - enjoy the holiday!

## WATERING BY THE BOOK

Just a quick reminder that summer watering rules are now in effect: Your watering days are determined by your address. ODD-numbered addresses may use sprinklers on Wednesdays and Saturdays; EVEN-numbered addresses may water on Thursdays and Sundays. Watering with a handheld hose may be done anytime, but the hose should have an automatic shutoff nozzle.

If you have new sod or need to use extra water for any reason, call the city's Water Conservation line: 407-571-8331.

## GET TITLE THEFT ALERTS FOR FREE

You might have heard about the "hidden threat" of home title theft: As pictured in TV and radio ads, thieves may forge your signature in order to steal the title to your home and then mortgage or sell it out from under you. The more dramatic commercials show homeowners finding out about the fraud when a new owner shows up to throw them out.

The sponsors of these messages would like you to buy title theft insurance, which claims to monitor your property record for changes 24/7 and alert you if changes are made. But how would you like to get those same alerts for **free**?

Seminole County offers a service called Property Fraud Alert that will email you whenever your name shows up in activity on an official record, such as your home title. The service monitors all documents recorded at the office of Seminole County Clerk.

To sign up for Property Fraud Alert or learn more, go to <https://www.seminoleclerk.org/online-services/property-fraud-alert/>. On that site, you'll also find a link to look up all documents currently registered under your name.

## PARTY PEOPLE WANTED

Your Stonewood HOA is looking to revive a beloved neighborhood tradition: the Stonewood street party. We're currently reviewing ideas, locations, and possible dates for a fun, family-oriented gathering.

If you have suggestions for activities or would like to help, please email [stonewoodhoaf@gmail.com](mailto:stonewoodhoaf@gmail.com) or leave a message at 407-720-8010.

Thank you – and happy summer, everyone!



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## TREES TO YOU

You might have noticed new trees were recently planted in our neighborhood. Did you know they came courtesy of the City of Altamonte Springs?

The Future Altamonte Springs Trees (FAST) program supplies and plants trees for right-of-way land between streets and sidewalks. The program includes assorted tree varieties that will be planted at no charge to homeowners. Anyone who requests a tree must agree to maintain it, providing a legacy of beauty and comfort for current and future residents.

Orders for trees are being accepted through July 1. For more information, call the Altamonte Springs city arborist at (407) 571-8883.

## PAID INTERNSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

The City of Altamonte Springs has expanded its internship programs for high school and college students, 16 and older. Interns are paid \$15 per hour, with shifts of 30 hours per week or more.

High school students will have an opportunity for hands-on experience while getting an inside look at how government programs affect everyone's lives. Interns are involved in communication, administration, conservation, information technology and more.

The college internship program offers a chance to "test drive" careers with city professionals in areas such as events management and geographic information systems (GIS).

All interns also are invited to "lunch and learn" from city staff about topics such as leadership, financial literacy, and interviewing for jobs.

For more information, look online:

<https://www.altamonte.org/1222/Internship-Program>

## KEEPIN' IT GREEN

Did you know -- Stonewood HOA maintains the "islands" of vegetation around our neighborhood and areas along Oranole Rd. to the north? This includes hiring professionals to handle regular mowing and trimming as well as repairs, such as recent work on the sprinkler systems.

Of course, not everything is done by pros – it also takes plenty of volunteer labor from our hard-working Landscape & Beautification committee chair and board vice president Marcy Hill, with her helpful spouse, Chuck. You're likely to see Marcy watering, weeding and otherwise giving TLC to plants at the entrances and in common areas.

Several more projects are in the works for the coming year. If you have an idea for landscaping or would like to help Marcy and Chuck keep up the greenery, contact her through the HOA email address: [stonewoodhoaf1@gmail.com](mailto:stonewoodhoaf1@gmail.com)

## TRASHY REMINDER

As the weather heats up, it's even more important to observe neighborhood rules about trash and trash containers.

As stated in our deed restrictions, all trash carts, recycle bins and rubbish should be kept out of sight from the street, except on pickup days (Tuesdays and Fridays). The city offers additional guidelines:

Containers must be placed curbside (do not obstruct drainage or walkways) after 5 p.m. the day before trash pickup and before 7 a.m. on collection day. Residents must remove containers no later than 7 p.m. on collection day.

Finally, on behalf of the many walkers in our neighborhood, please don't block sidewalks or driveways with containers or vehicles.

