

Stonewood HOA

NOVEMBER 2022

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After the “special edition” due to Hurricane Ian, here is the autumn newsletter. The weather is turning (slightly) cooler and Stonewood families are gathering for fall fun, so there’s lots to talk about!

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Stonewood Homeowners Association held its annual membership meeting on Oct. 17. A quorum of homeowners voted to approve dues of \$390 per property. The dues are based on a total budget of \$36,660 to support maintenance, repairs, and other HOA activity during the coming year.

Payments are due Nov. 1, so please send your check to the HOA using the postal address below, or electronically via Zelle to: stonewoodhoaf1@gmail.com

Highlights of the annual meeting included a guest appearance by Frank Martz, Altamonte Springs city manager, who spoke about cleanup from Hurricane Ian and the difficulty of burying electrical “feeder” lines into our neighborhood. Mr. Martz also volunteered to return with more information.

Homeowners elected board members for 2022-2023. Here is the roster:

- Marty Glickstein, 994 Stonewood Ln
- Louis Gonzalez, 984 Stonewood Ln
- Marcy Hill, 963 Stonewood Ln
- Bevrlee Lips, 450 Plumhollow Ln
- Loren Omoto, 452 Stonewood Ln
- Laura Rainey, 444 Plumhollow Ln
- Diane Vitello, 452 Forestwood Ln

Feel free to contact any of these folks with your concerns and questions. HOA meetings are open to all residents; you’ll see meeting notices at both entrances before each meeting and on the website: <http://stonewoodmaitland.com>

PARKING ALERT

It’s the season for large gatherings of family and friends, so it’s a good time to remember the city’s rules for street parking in residential neighborhoods.

City code prohibits parking a vehicle on a sidewalk (or overhanging a sidewalk). It’s also a violation to park in front of a driveway or on the grassy area between the right of way and the edge of the pavement.

You also need to leave space **around** your parking spot: Drivers are required to leave at least ten feet of room for other vehicles to pass in the roadway – which is a special concern near curves and corners in our neighborhood.

Stonewood HOA’s covenants include restrictions on parking of boats, campers, and recreational vehicles. All of these are limited to 24 hours in front of any residence.

LOVE YOUR SIDEWALK

One of Stonewood’s best-loved amenities is the network of sidewalks on every street. As the weather cools, you’ll see more neighbors out for a walk – some with kids and pets in tow.

To keep pedestrians safe and secure, you’re required to keep the sidewalk clear of debris and overgrowth as well as moss and mold. If someone slips or falls on the walk, homeowners may be held liable.

According to the city of Altamonte Springs, residents and businesses are responsible for cleaning sidewalks and keeping them clear of obstructions and debris. If a sidewalk needs repair or is severely uneven, you can call the city at 407-571-8607.



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DOCUMENT UPDATE

Several years ago, Stonewood homeowners asked the board to modernize neighborhood covenants, also known as deed restrictions, and put more “teeth” into enforcement. Since then, a committee of board members and neighbors has been working to create more modern, flexible, and enforceable language.

Committee chair Marty Glickstein gave a progress report at the annual meeting, which was followed by an open discussion among the membership.

Highlights of the draft in progress:

- Maintain current language on garages, driveways, and maintenance
- Add language on drones, solar panels, and short-term rentals
- Provide a guidebook with pictures to illustrate preferred materials and exterior colors, including roofs and fences

Members at the annual meeting offered their views on these ideas, along with possible enforcement actions such as notification, fines, and liens. The committee is expected to finish work by early 2023. Then, draft documents will be circulated and discussed at an all-neighborhood meeting.

To see our current documents, go to <http://stonewoodmaitland.com> and click “Documents” at the top of the screen.

DRAINS ARE FOR RAIN

As we begin the annual fall “harvest” of leaves and acorns from Stonewood’s fabulous trees, it’s good to remember that our storm drains flow into local waterways such as Lake Hope. Materials like tree debris and grass clippings in the drain can pollute the water and block free flow through the drains.

Lawn clippings should be blown back onto the lawn, not into the street. If you’re raking up leaves and nuts, save them for the Wednesday pickup.

As we saw during our recent storm, having a functional stormwater system is vital to avoid flooding. The city also reminds us that dumping and discharges into the stormwater system or bodies of water are violations of city ordinances.

BEWARE OF GHOSTS/GOBLINS

As you can probably tell from the creative and colorful decorations that have appeared around Stonewood, Halloween is right around the corner. Again this year, Amy Calandrino is organizing a trick-or-treat caravan for kids. The event starts at 6 p.m., Oct. 31, in Forestwood Court.

If you’re driving, watch out for trick-or-treaters and also for folks walking the neighborhood near dark. And remember to use extra caution starting Nov. 6 when sunset jumps to around 5:30 p.m. (see below).

TIMES ARE CHANGING

Despite the best efforts of the Florida Legislature, daylight saving time still is not a permanent feature of life in the Sunshine State. That means we will “fall back” again this year, resetting clocks to provide brighter mornings and shorter evenings.

Officially, the change occurs at 2 a.m. Daylight Time on Sunday, Nov. 6, which becomes 1 a.m. Standard Time as the hour arrives. If you’re awake, that means you get to experience 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. all over again.

We all get a rare 25-hour day as a result. Enjoy your extra hour and remember to set your clocks back before going to bed on Saturday, or risk arriving an hour early everywhere you go on Sunday!



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