



Stone Haven Newsletter

Spring 2016

It's Our Annual Garage Sale Time!!!

Mark **Friday, May 20 and Saturday May 21** on your calendars. These are the dates of the annual Stone Haven subdivision garage sale. Everyone is welcome to participate and households may go together to create a large sale on their block. It's a fun way to make a few dollars while cleaning out unwanted or no longer needed items. Your customers may fall in love with little treasures you just want to get rid of. We always get lots of traffic on this weekend since other subdivisions will also have their sales on the same days.



As always, our large banner will be placed on the monument at 119th and Antioch on the Sunday prior to the event. There will also be a sign at the entryway. In recent years, we have not placed ads in area newspapers because they did not generate as much traffic as the banners and were not cost effective. Individuals are free to put signs in their front yards and to festoon them with balloons or pennants.

Please do not place signs in your neighbor's yards, even if you have their permission. And, do not place extra signs in the subdivision — they only add sign pollution and do not generate any resident more business.

There will be extra traffic in our neighborhood those two days and it is likely you may find a car parked across your driveway for a brief time. Please be patient during this is once a year, two day only event. If you cannot get out of your own driveway, take a stroll around the area and shop your neighbor's garage. It is a great way to meet and greet your neighbor and can be lots of fun.

Remember, the Stone Haven Annual Sale does count as one of the two garage sales allowed per year by Overland Park.



Update on Trash, Recyclable and Yard Waste Service



Town and Country, our service provider is now WC America, having been purchased by the larger firm. All of the rules governing our service and the fees charged have remained the same. They are continuing to pick up yard waste on a seasonal basis. Collection is from April 1st through December 31st. This is in accordance with our local county ordinance. Remember, all yard waste must be in the large brown paper bags specifically designed for that purpose. They cannot collect yard waste in plastic trash bags.

Remember also:

- *WC America Disposal Service works all holidays, no matter what it is.*
- *All carts should be out at the curb by 6:30 AM each Friday.*
- *Place carts at least two feet apart for the Automated Truck to service.*
- *Each resident is allowed one bulky item once a month at no extra charge. Please call their office (816-380-5595) 48 hours in advance to arrange for collection. Tell them you live in Stone Haven and give them your address. They will NOT pick up construction debris.*

Cable Service Construction

Google Fiber has been installing equipment through their subcontractor, Ervin Cable, a company based in Kentucky. In order to serve our area, Google has agreed to Overland Park's requirement that properties affected by digging be restored to their original appearance.



As often happens with such large projects, that has not always been done in a timely manner. Your Board has been in contact with several Ervin representatives in order to make sure yards are repaired and sodded. The Board has intervened because lawn care is part of our service. But, as irrigation systems are turned on, any damage noted such as broken sprinkler heads or pipes, must be reported by individual homeowners.

Please call Ervin Cable customer service at 844-322-2524 if you need assistance. If you have an area that has been sodded, please water the sod and help keep it green and thriving.

Tree Trimming and Planting Report

Several trees in the common areas have been removed — two were dead, the other was blown down by a hard gust of wind. Where appropriate, these trees will be replaced. Our common area flowering trees were beautiful this year and enhance the appearance of our subdivision. As usual, a few needed trimming and most of that work has been done. But please notify your Board via voice mail if you note a problem with any of the trees in the perimeter or common areas and a board member will check it out. Healthy, mature trees are an important asset to Stone Haven and add to the value of all our homes.



Springtime in Stone Haven

This Year's Paint Schedule

All households scheduled for painting this summer have now received their letters, work orders and paint charts. **Painting will begin after mid May and will be completed by the beginning of October.** This is the year with the smallest number of homes to be painted — 34.

If you are on the list, please have your repair work done prior to the arrival of the paint crew for prepping. Otherwise, you may be among the last to receive service. A fresh coat of paint every four years helps to keep our homes in good condition and adds to the attractiveness of our sub division.

Moles

Stone Haven is being plagued by an invasion of moles. They are very common in all of Overland Park and it is very difficult to rid yards of these pests. Exterminators who do such work are expensive and do not guarantee their results. Products that will help control them are available at retail stores and online. The Board will do its best to treat mole tunnels in the common areas, but homeowners are responsible for their own yards.



Don't Forget To Water

What kind of summer weather is ahead? Hot and dry? Cool and wet? If we are fortunate and receive a good amount of rain our lawn treatments will actively prevent weeds and our grass will be lush and thick. But if, as often happens in our area, we have prolonged dry spells, our lawns will need our help with moisture. Regular watering is a necessity, otherwise the grass will go dormant and the weeds will thrive.



... And Don't Forget Your Ash Trees

Ash trees must be chemically treated in order to protect them from Green Ash Borer. Contact an arborist to learn your options. Keep our Stone Haven "forest" healthy and green and it will reward you with cool shade and add to the value of your property

Be a Good Stone Haven Neighbor

- Carry a plastic bag and pick up after your dog.
- Unless you are near by, please keep your garage door closed and don't invite in thieves or critters.
- Put your empty trash/recyclable bins back into your garage in a timely manner.
- Don't park your car in back of your neighbor's driveway.
- Make sure the HOA secretary has your current owner's insurance certificate on file.



Questions?
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