



Hello, neighbors.

Arrival of cooler weather brings everyone outside to finally get around Stonewater. It's great to see folks on the streets again, walking and greeting friends and making new ones.

Fall arrives to the great relief of everyone. And there is no better time to have cookouts, evening fires and porch gatherings.



Fall is also time to get work done on lawn improvement, according to [LawnStarter.com](https://www.lawnstarter.com), which provided the accompanying image.. Feeding lawns now prepares for winter and sets up grass for spring rebirth. Cooler nights bring dew that helps the process.

Adding fertilizer and pre-emergent herbicide sets you on a path for fewer weeds and healthier grass next spring. Pre-emergent products remain in the soil and prevent weed seed germination.

Cutting grass continues, but it's a good time to raise mower decks. Fall growth helps increase grass root growth to ward off damage from freezing.

Neighbors with trees will be removing leaves. A better alternative to removal is leave grass clippings and shredded leaves on the lawn to decompose and improve soil quality.

Alternatives? If you have a hankering, create a compost pile. Leaves, grass clippings and other materials produce outstanding material for gardens, potted plants and flower beds.

Herculaneum residents also have the option of having yard waste hauled by Waste Connections. **Yard waste will be picked up on the fourth Wednesday of each month.** Yard waste must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags (no plastic bags) or a can **clearly marked yard waste**. Set out containers by 6 a.m. on scheduled pick-up days.

For more information on trash, recycling, bulk and yard waste removal service, visit the City of Herculaneum website at <http://www.cityofherculaneum.org/Trash.html>.



Dam good job

Work finished on improvements to the Stonewater lake dam, a project that more importantly protected the main sewer and water lines into the subdivision. If you haven't taken a look, walk down the lake trail and check it out.

The concrete cap serves as a spillway, set lower than the rest of the earthen barrier to provide an overflow. Pipes installed in a previous repair project failed and are no longer in use. Rock now covers the pipes. And workers installed two concrete barrier walls along the pipes to prevent washout.

This project was designed and approved by Herculaneum's engineer and public works director. Cost is split between the city and the Stonewater Homeowners Association.

Areas required for equipment access have been reseeded. A pathway cut from the Liberty Country Club lake dam now has a fence to prevent trespassing.

Last word

Please do not leave private property on common ground. Stonewater residents are free to use common areas but items should be removed after use.

Residents of Dogwood Lane have reminded HOA trustees that no trespassing is allowed on their street and properties. Please keep off the gravel street that intersects the Stonewater Boulevard roundabout and keep out of Dogwood Lane properties.

