



Hello, neighbors.



And, the fountain is back in the retention pond. The basin holds runoff from Living Stone, Watering Stone and Rolling Stone, as well as from both sides of Festus-Horine Road.

SOLitude Lake Management began water quality and aquatic vegetation control to keep the pond as clear as possible and for mosquito prevention with environmentally friendly products. Grass maintenance company Southpoint Landscaping will mow the common area this year.

Residents can fish in the pond and in the lake on the Joachim River side of the subdivision. Please do not litter, throw rocks and other objects into the water. Please keep motor vehicles off common ground. If geese become a nuisance, animal control officials will be contacted. Do enjoy the ripples, and watch the turtles sun themselves.

It's home

It's time to share information regarding the Stonewater Homeowners Association. Such as:

– **Stonewater is in the city of Herculaneum.** It is also part of the Dunklin R-5 School District, Jefferson College district, Dunklin Rural Fire Protection District and Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District. The subdivision is in the 63070 ZIP code, and while it is served by the Pevely post office is not in the city of Pevely. Water and sewer services are provided by the city of Herculaneum. All municipal government

services come from Herculaneum, except street lighting and road maintenance that fall under subdivision control.

– **Every homeowner** is a member of the homeowners association. This covers all homes purchased since November 2011. Homeowners sign legal documents at the time of closing to agree to abide by the covenants.

– **The Stonewater Homeowners Association** is a nonprofit corporation in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State. It is governed by Covenant, Conditions, Reservations and Restrictions on record with Jefferson County. Residents must abide by the community association's rules and regulations. Read the Covenants, Conditions, Reservations and Restrictions:
<http://www.stonewaterpevely.org/files/document/529251643>

This document is available on the HOA website, www.stonewaterpevely.org.

– **The HOA exists** to protect the value of members' property and preserve the nature of the community.

Your vote counts



General municipal election day is April 4, including Herculaneum city offices, schools and public service offices.

A countywide sample ballot can be found at <https://www.jeffcomo.org/386/County-wide-Sample-Ballot>.

Reminder: Herculaneum residents vote at AmVets Post 42, 690 Joachim Ave.

In Herculaneum, there are two candidates for mayor in the only contested city race. A Ward 3 seat is up for election with one candidate on the ballot.

Dunklin R-5 Schools asks voters to approve a \$13.5 million bond issue. Called Proposition S, it would not require a tax increase. However, the district's bond debt would be extended five years, to 2043. Safety improvements and capital improvement projects would be covered. In addition, the district wants a new gymnasium for Herculaneum High School, renovated entrances at Pevely Elementary School and Senn Thomas Middle School and upgrades at other facilities.

Three incumbents are among nine candidates for the Jefferson County Health Department's board of directors. Two incumbents and two challengers are seeking two seats available on the Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District board of directors.

The Dunklin R-5 Fire Protection District seeks two tax increases. One, for 25 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, would provide revenue to upgrade equipment. The other, for 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, would provide funding to improve the district's pension plan.

For further information on voting for Stonewater residents, visit <https://www.myleaderpaper.com/news/elections/>.

Weeds and needs



Name one word that angers homeowners. Bet you said dandelions.

It's that time of year again, with America's most frustrating yard problem in full flower. April showers will bring May flowers and also spark the annual surge of weeds. Few of them are more obnoxious to homeowners than dandelions. They seem to pop up overnight, require

time and expense to control and can take over a yard in no time.

Dandelions aren't all bad. Bees find them among early sources of pollen. Being prolific, dandelions have plenty of the stuff bees need. And dandelions are edible. Yep, flowers, leaves and roots. There are plenty of recipes. Examples:

<https://www.theprairiehomestead.com/2014/04/dandelion-recipes.html>

Eradication efforts are often temporary. This year's dandelions might be killed, but every spring dandelions come back. One lot with weeds, one strong spring breeze and dandelions are back in business thanks to their puffy tufts of seeds.

There are four basic ways to control dandelions.

– **Gig them.** Yard implements designed for this chore are cheap. The investment is in time. The downside, other than time, is that dandelion roots regenerate. At least you will have yanked the unsightly weed for a while.

- **Mow them.** The best prevention for all yard weeds is regular mowing. If you check the ability to produce seeds, you reduce a weed's propagation.
- **Spray them.** Break out weed killer or make your own. Commercial broadleaf sprays are readily available. There are less expensive options that use combinations of vinegar, dish soap and water. Even boiling water works.
- **Apply dry chemicals.** Like sprays, there are plenty of broadleaf weed killers on the market. Do it before it's too late to apply pre-emergent herbicides. Check with lawn supply providers for stuff that works now or wait for fall.

Good luck with weed control. Like hope, dandelions spring eternal.

Reminders

Getting ready to build a fence or deck, or to have a pool, solar panels or other home exterior improvements made? Permits are required from Herculaneum and the Stonewater Homeowners Association. An application form for HOA approval can be found at **StonewaterPevely.org**.

Chain link fences are prohibited under terms of the Stonewater covenants. A .PDF file of Stonewater covenants can be found at **StonewaterPevely.org**.

When parking on streets, please allow 15 feet before and after mailboxes. This allows carriers clear access for deliveries. Carriers are forbidden to back up. Also avoid parking on both sides of Stonewater streets in a manner that would narrow traffic to one lane. Emergency vehicles and refuse haulers must have sufficient clearance for operations. If an emergency services agency finds its vehicles can't have safe through access it might forbid parking on one side of the street. Also, try not to park across from a driveway.

HOA fees are due before April 1. To pay contact Ernst Management, 314-221-4380; or <https://www.ernstmanagementservices.com>.

Last word

Slow down! Children are at play on Stonewater streets. If you have visitors, tell them to obey the posted speed limit of 20 mph. Safety is everyone's priority. No one wants to see a child injured.

With summer near, and longer and nicer evenings and comfortable weekends at hand, it is paramount that all motorists exercise the utmost caution.