



Hello, neighbors.

Last weekend's storm spared Stonewater for the most part. There was little structural damage, but trampolines went sailing and fences were dislodged.

The same can't be said for other areas in Herculaneum and in Pevely. Example: The pavilion in Herculaneum city park must be rebuilt after winds pulled off its roof. Herculaneum workers spent Saturday night and Sunday cleaning up debris from trees and structures.



The biggest question in Stonewater: Why didn't the emergency warning siren work? That's what Herculaneum administrator Jim Kasten is trying to learn. On Monday, Kasten said workers from the city emergency services provider will examine the siren to see why it didn't go off. The siren and accompanying voice recording worked during Monday's monthly test.

Stonewater residents could hear at least three other emergency sirens, likely from Pevely, Festus and the Herky siren in Providence subdivision. Expect Herculaneum to resolve the Stonewater siren issue soon.

Here are other issues that affect Stonewater.

The digs: Workers are installing a water pipeline to Stonewater that will provide a connection to Public Water District No. 7 of Mapaville. Pipe installation should be finished this week, according to Herculaneum public



works director Mark Johnson. Next, a contractor will bore under the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to hook the pipeline into No. 7's line in Horine.

The goal is to provide Stonewater a backup in case the Herculaneum water supply line is damaged or disabled. That line runs from Providence under the Joachim and the Stonewater lake dam.

The substation: Ameren UE

contractors are building a larger substation to supply the growing demand for electricity in Stonewater and Horine. The current substation along Market/Cherry at the Burlington Northern tracks will be replaced.



Once the substation is dismantled, Festus Special Road District plans to cut down the embankment along the road to allow better visibility for traffic approaching the railroad crossing. There are no plans at present to straighten the street.

Street repairs: Sweetens Concrete Services is preparing to do Stonewater's annual replacement of damaged street sections. This year, \$30,000 will be used to fix sections of Stonewater Drive from Festus Horine Road to near the first roundabout.



This is the oldest section of Stonewater streets and the most damaged. After nearly 20 years of wear from construction equipment, trucks and cars, it's time to have it replaced.

There are 20 or more homes to be built in Phase 3, but HOA trustees consulted with Coleman Sweetens, who said the pavement his company will create should not be affected by any further heavy traffic.

There is no timeframe yet for this year's street repairs. This is the third consecutive year Stonewater will have damaged surfaces replaced. Repairs are necessary for eventual dedication of the streets to the city of Herculaneum.

That process requires Herky officials to inspect the streets and provide a list of additional repairs before accepting the roadways for city maintenance.

Herculaneum is responsible for right-of-way maintenance on Festus-Horine Road within the city limits. The Festus Special Road District maintains the rest on either side of Stonewater. This includes brush and limb control and litter collection. If you see a problem, report it.

Do not litter: Under no circumstances should Stonewater common ground be a place where residents leave trash. If you fish along the pond or lake, follow the simple rule: Leave nothing behind that nature didn't put there.

This old firepit was placed along Watering Stone Court. Earlier at the same location, a slab of concrete was dumped, and it contained two metal spikes that could injure a person who fell on them walking along the retention pond banks.



Anyone caught littering on common ground will be fined. If you see anyone dumping trash on Stonewater common ground, report them.

The retention pond: So far, so good with the aeration pump, which is now set to operate during daylight hours. Algae and mosquito control chemicals are being applied. And thanks to residents, there are fish in the pond that are being caught.

Fishing is encouraged, with the emphasis on fun and outdoor sportsmanship. If you catch a fish and don't want to keep it, throw it back. Either remove the hook or cut the line. Get a hook removal tool and use it if practical.

Residents should not put aquarium fish into the pond or the lake.

Also, **residents are discouraged from wading or swimming in either body of water.** There is no way to tell what might be in the water, either in terms of chemical or waste runoff, or of aquatic animals such as snapping turtles or snakes. Small watercraft can be used in the lake with trolling motors. Use of the water is at one's own risk.

Trash hauler failure: Last week, a trash truck driver failed to pick up bins along several Stonewater streets. This is unacceptable. The error was reported to Herculaneum officials and to Waste Connections. A truck returned Monday and finished the job.

Waste Connections couldn't provide an answer as to why the full subdivision was not serviced during the regular Friday pickup. It was suggested that the hauler had to stop during his route to empty his truck, requiring a trip to the company dump in Richwoods, which is 45 minutes away and 15 miles west of De Soto in Washington County. Since the truck arrived in Stonewater about 3 p.m., a return to finish the route was not possible before the driver's shift ended. And the company didn't have a driver available on Saturday nor was willing to pay overtime for one.

About trash collection: Waste Connection's contract with Herculaneum is for bins only. Items left beside bins will not be removed. Neither will the hauler remove material not in bins on bi-weekly recycling collections.



Do not place construction materials at curbside for weekly trash collection. Such material requires a bulk pickup request.

Lawnmowers can be placed for bulk collection but must have gas and oil removed.

White goods, such as refrigerators and laundry machines, require a \$25 sticker fee and can be purchased by calling Waste Connections.

Yard waste will be picked up on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Grass clippings, leaves and limbs must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags (limit of 12 bags; no plastic bags) or a clearly marked bin.

Bulk items are collected on the first and third Fridays of each month. Call Waste Connections, **636-321-2100**, 24 hours in advance to schedule.

Last word

HOA dues are overdue and subject to late fees. To pay contact Ernst Management, **314-221-4380**; or go to <https://www.ernstmanagementservices.com/>

Building or rebuilding a deck or fence, or adding solar panels or a shed? Get permit information here: <http://www.stonewaterpevely.org/files/document/529269830>

Chain link fences are prohibited by Stonewater covenants, which govern all home purchasers since November 2011. **There are no exceptions.**

In the wake of last week's storms, it is strongly suggested homeowners anchor trampolines with metal or concrete in-ground footings.

Stonewater residents are reminded that trespassing is prohibited on lots in Phase 3 that are for sale or have homes under construction. Anyone caught damaging homes under construction or littering or driving on undeveloped lots will be prosecuted.

Stonewater continues to have a problem with a dog that gets loose from a nearby residence. City and county officials have been notified, and the dog's owner has been spoken to by county animal control officials. All pets must be kept on owners' property or under leash control. Vaccinations and licensing are required.