



Hello, neighbors.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas all around the subdivision. We've been busy elves on weekends with lights, displays and decorations from Santa to ... yeah, that's Darth Vader.



So where are your favorite displays? Remember, the Stonewater Homeowners Holiday Display Contest is underway. So vote for your favorite.

Two things to remember:

- **Everyone is entered.** No need to sign up; just put up your twinkle and sparkle.
- **You decide the winners** of the Clark

Griswold award for most lights, and the Martha Stewart award for most festive display.

Details at: <http://www.stonewaterpevely.org/files/document/529262808>

Cast your vote via phone at 314-221-4380; email at Renee@ErnstManagementServices.com; mail at Ernst Management Services, PO Box 515027, St. Louis, MO 63151. Voting ends on Friday, Dec. 18. Good luck!

Those darned pests!

We all hear them. There are coyotes in the area, and it's only natural. Coyotes live in wooded areas and follow deer along the river. Some good advice from the Department of Conservation.

The bulk of the coyote diet consists of small mammals, insects, carrion, and wild fruits. However, coyotes sometimes kill small animals, including pets. So keep your furry friends inside at night and in enclosed areas. For more check the department website:

<https://mdc.mo.gov/wildlife/nuisance-problem-species/nuisance-native-species/coyote-control>

While it is legal to trap coyotes with proper permit, it's easy to keep them at bay. Coyotes are frightened by loud noise. The City of Herculaneum points residents to the Bi-State Wildlife Hotline, which suggests beating pans, using air horns and other noise-making devices.

Stonewater trustees advise against more radical methods such as explosives and gunfire. Please don't. There are safer ways to frighten coyotes ... and your neighbors.

Wild animals were here long before the subdivision, and it's best to scare them away.

Reminder

Jefferson County property tax bills have been mailed. You should receive or have received personal property and real estate bills. If you haven't received yours by Dec. 1 contact the Jefferson County Collector's office regarding your tax status.

Phone: 636-797-5406 | Website: <https://www.jeffcomo.org/182/Collector>

Residents will receive annual HOA dues notification after the first of the year.

Let it snow!

December arrives with a chance of sloppy weather. Forecasts call for rain or snow Wednesday night into Thursday. Be prepared. In case of a couple inches of snow, please remove vehicles from the streets to make it easier for salting and/or plowing.

Thank you

Please continue to take any and all precautions against coronavirus. Social distancing and wearing masks will help keep you and your neighbors safe.

Final words

Trash is collected every Friday, recycling every other Monday (next pickup: Dec. 14). Christmas is on a Friday this year, so trash will be collected on Saturday, Dec. 26. Recycling collection after Christmas will be on Monday, Dec. 28.

Please remember to keep trash and recycling bin lids closed to avoid windblown refuse from your neighbors' yards.

Have a safe and comfortable holiday season.