



Hello, neighbors.

As we all hope we've seen the last snowfall of the spring (at least it was pretty and disappeared quickly), getting outdoors again is foremost on the minds of Stonewater residents. If you garden, want to plant a few flowers or get a hanging basket or two, it's good to know the last expected frost date has arrived. So let it grow.

Getting outside means walking comfortably in seasonal warmth. It's great to see neighbors on the streets with family, friends and pets. One good thing about Stonewater is its flat streets. No hills to negotiate on a stroll or bike.



Once the Joachim returns to its banks, sunshine and warmth will make the lake trail accessible as well. Foot traffic is welcome once the ground dries.

**Reminder:** Motor vehicles are not allowed. Signs including the one pictured here are posted at both trailheads. **This applies to all residents.** HOA covenants also prohibit ATVs on all Stonewater streets.

There was a recent incident of vehicles on the western end of the trail. It was not the first instance.

Please make it the last.

## About our streets

Estimates are being reviewed for street repairs. Those repairs will include replacement of damaged concrete and sealing of cracks and voids to prevent future damage.

With Phase 1 nearly complete -- the final lots have been sold and foundations laid -- heavy equipment traffic will be reduced. Some of those streets have been used for a decade or more.

And they show it. Damage will require replacement of complete slabs in some places, partial replacement in others. Annual dues will be used to pay for these repairs.

The worst damage will be repaired first. When sealing begins, work should take a day or two. Once replacement work begins, sections of streets will be closed. Residents will be notified well in advance of replacement work. Yes, there will be inconvenience, but the goal is to keep access limits to a minimum.

Phase 2 streets should not need repairs for several years.

By the way, nearly all Phase 2 lots have been sold. Living Stone, Water Stone and the new section of Rolling Stone will continue to see construction equipment until all homes are built.

## Phase 3

It's likely work in the final section of Stonewater will begin this summer. Residents will be provided details on when lot development, and street and home building will begin. As a reminder, lots under construction are not open to public access.

## Common area maintenance

Issues are being addressed in roundabouts and cul-de-sacs, and on trailhead access areas. A contractor was hired to cut common areas and improve turf quality. That includes weed and feed products. Your HOA dues are paying for this work. Residents should leave maintenance work to the contractor. Contact HOA service provider [Ernst Management Services](#) with issues, questions and concerns.



## About the lake

If you like to fish, wet a line at the lake. Residents have access via the trail, and there are a variety of species to be caught. One benefit of Joachim flooding? It brings into the lake fish that remain after the river falls. In addition to catfish like the fiddler at left, panfish and bass, residents have landed carp and other non-game fish. One resident even landed a paddlefish. Now that was a surprise.

Please follow [Missouri Department of Conservation regulations](#) regarding [species](#). And please dispose of Asian and bighead carp.

Motorboats are not allowed in the lake, but residents are free to use kayaks and canoes. Those vessels must be carried to the lake. Share your fish stories. Whoppers are encouraged. After all, what's fishing without them?

See you around, neighbors.