



STONE VALLEY

Homeowners Association Newsletter

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Traveling Safety Tips

Traveling for business? Or just taking a vacation? No matter what the reason, you can always make sure that you're traveling safely.

Here are some tips to help you out:



1. When it comes to securing your house, there are two main things to keep in mind: the doors and windows. Make sure all doors and windows are locked, including garage doors and back doors (which can be accessed from outside). Also make sure all windows have latches or bars in place to prevent them from being opened by intruders.
2. Turn off utilities: Before leaving town, make sure all utilities are turned off at the source—including water, gas and electricity.
3. Leave a light on.
4. Lock all doors and windows.
5. Keep your curtains closed and blinds drawn.
6. Don't leave valuables in plain sight, and don't leave cash or credit cards lying around the house when you're away.
7. If you're going out, tell someone where you are going, who you are with, and when you plan on returning home (and then actually follow through).
8. If you have a pet, it's best to find a friend or neighbor who can take care of them while you are away. If that's not possible, you might be able to board them at a local kennel. If neither of those options work for you, consider hiring a pet sitter for the duration of your trip.
9. While traveling, don't leave valuables in your car—they're easier to break into than they look!
10. When staying at an unfamiliar hotel, don't leave anything valuable in the room while you're gone—even if it's just for a few hours!

2024 SV Social Calendar

JULY 2024

July 4 - Independence Day

July 12 - Social - Trivia Night at the Pool

AUGUST 2024

August 9-11 - Tax Free Weekend

August TBD - Back-to-School
Popsicles at the Pool

**Dates subject to change due to schedule conflicts*



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STONE VALLEY HOA
BOARD CALENDAR

July 2024

4 - Office Closed for Independence Day
12 - Community Inspection
15 - Start Budget Draft
17 - Executive Summary
20 - Financial Package & Monthly Management Report Sent to BOD

August 2024

21 - Community Inspection
23 - Executive Summary
20 - Board Meeting
20 - Financial Package & Monthly Management Report Sent to BOD

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Keep Your Backyard Bug-Free...Naturally

by Neighborhood News

Summer is the time for barbecues and sleeping under the stars, but bothersome bugs can ruin outdoor fun. Many people spray themselves and their lawns with chemical repellants to get rid of these pests, but there are natural alternatives that are environmentally friendly to your home and our association. Here are a few tips to help you enjoy a bug-free summer. Get growing. Planting a simple garden can do wonders in keeping the bug count down. Plants like garlic, radishes, marigolds, nasturtium, oregano, sage, rosemary, cilantro and mint are easy to cultivate and can make the area in and around your garden uninviting to the creepy crawlers. Wet and wild. Eliminate stagnate or standing water in your yard; it provides breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Emptying used kiddie pools and fountains and refilling them with fresh water, cleaning gutters of leaves and other rain-blocking debris and filling in puddles with dirt are just some of the ways to reduce the buzzing bugs in your yard. Going to the birds. Setting up a few bird houses in your yard is not only a great way to enjoy the beauty of our feathered friends, but it also mitigates bug problems, since many birds love to dine on dragonflies, dung beetles and the ilk. Candle in the wind. When outdoors, ignite an all-natural bug repellant candle nearby to keep the bugs at bay, and enjoy the sweet smell of citronella, lavender, mint and other aromas that pests find repugnant. Light up the night. Many high-flying insects are drawn to light. So, why not install an elevated yellow bug light on your back porch or deck to attract those critters up and away from the ground (and you!) when you spend an evening outdoors.

KNOW YOUR DAY

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1	3	5	7	9

LAST DIGIT OF ADDRESS

WATER ONCE A WEEK

5 - 10 AM / 9 PM - MIDNIGHT

SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM NEWS (SAWS):

Several neighbors have noticed SAWS trucks driving the neighborhood quite frequently, including on back to back days, looking for residents who are not abiding by Stage 3 Watering rules.

Speaking of rules, as San Antonio is entering its fifth year in drought conditions, SAWS is looking to enact five new rules that could take effect as early as mid-July, pending City Council approval. The info and the chart below are taken from the following site: <https://www.saws.org/proposed-drought-rule-changes-top-5-things-you-need-to-know/>

1. SAWS Watering Hours: Proposed changes allow more time early in the morning and also shift the evening watering period past peak power demand.

2. Non-Compliance Charges: Instead of issuing court citations, a non-compliance charge will appear on the customer's bill. The first charge will be \$137 which can be waived by taking a one-hour course online.

3. Stage 3 and 4 Surcharge: In deeper stages of drought, a surcharge encourages very high use customers to conserve. This will only affect the top 5% of water users.

4. Drip Irrigation: Revised rules for drip will help save water by better aligning the scheduled watering hours with the severity of the drought stage.

5. Irrigation Inspections: SAWS will begin reviewing irrigation plans prior to construction and also inspecting the installed system before it is approved.

The new rules and charges are expected to take effect in July.

Drought Stage	Edwards Aquifer *	Watering Days	Watering Times	Water Waste Enforcement	Drought Surcharge
Year Round	Above 660 ft.	Any day	midnight - 10 a.m. 9 p.m. - midnight		-
Stage 1	660 ft.	Once a week on your day	midnight - 10 a.m. 9 p.m. - midnight	Non-compliance charge for water waste violation - all stages	-
Stage 2	650 ft.	Once a week on your day	5-10 a.m. 9 p.m. - midnight		-
Stage 3	640 ft.	Once a week on your day	5-10 a.m. 9 p.m. - midnight		High use surcharge 20,000 gallons or more
Stage 4	630 ft. or as needed	Once EVERY OTHER week on your day	5-10 a.m. 9 p.m. - midnight		High use surcharge 12,000 gallons or more

* 10-day rolling average

YOUR BILL AND THE NEW DROUGHT RULE CHARGES

While the proposed drought rule changes are designed to encourage compliance and stewardship of our supplies, exactly how much your own bill might change will depend on your household's water use and other factors.

The charts in this link <https://wateringrules.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/05MayWaterNews.pdf> show how the proposed rates may affect customer bills in different stages of drought. To learn more about how your own bill could be affected by the new charges, visit wateringrules.com.

WATER STAGE

KNOW THE NEW WATERING HOURS

STAGE 3

CHECK THE TIME

5-10 AM

9 PM-MIDNIGHT

KNOW YOUR DAY

0 2 4 6 8

1 3 5 7 9

LAST DIGIT OF ADDRESS

WATER ONCE A WEEK

TRASH AND RECYCLE BINS

The curb appeal of the community is very important. No one wants to come home to a street littered with trash containers and debris scattered around. One way to keep the community looking beautiful is to put away your trash and recycle bins promptly after pick up and store out of view from the front of your house.

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Architectural Review Process

Did you know – You have to obtain approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) before making exterior home improvements or modifications?

Here are some examples of exterior home improvements:

- Storage Sheds
- Patios & Patio Covers
- Exterior Painting
- Driveway Extensions
- Pools
- Roof Replacement
- Solar Panels (location must be approved)

Please refer to your DCCRs for a full look at improvements which require ACC approval. You can download the ACC Application at www.fsresidential.com and send your complete plans to ACCsatx@fsresidential.com for approval before any work begins.



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Recipe Corner

CLASSIC POTATO SALAD

Ingredients for 8 servings:

- 3 pounds russet, Yukon Gold or Idaho potatoes, peels and cut into 1-inch cubes
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup sweet relish
- 1 tbsp. mustard
- 1 tsp. granulated onion or onion powder
- 6 hard-boiled eggs, peeled and diced small
- 2 celery stalks (optional)
- Sweet paprika, for garnish



Preparation:

Put the potatoes in a large pot; add 1 tablespoon of salt and cover with cold water 1 inch higher than the potatoes. Set over high heat and cook just until fork-tender, about 15-20 minutes. Drain potatoes and set aside to cool.

As potatoes cool, make the dressing. To a large bowl, add mayo, relish, mustard, and onion. Whisk to combine.

Add potatoes to the dressing, along with the diced eggs and celery if using. Stir gently to combine. Taste and season with salt and black pepper as needed.

Chill at least two hours, up to overnight. Finish with a sprinkle of paprika. Salad will keep four days in the refrigerator in an airtight container.



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Residents can submit service requests reports for the following services:

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| • Aggressive Animal | • Damaged Garbage Cart |
| • Dead Animal Pick Up | • Garbage/Recycle No Pick Up |
| • Graffiti in Parks | • Traffic Sign Missing/Down |
| • Graffiti Public Property | • Trapped/Confined Animal |
| • Graffiti Private Property | • Injured Animal |
| • Junk Vehicle | |
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