

Dear Stonegate 2C Residents,

At a recent meeting of the Stonegate 2C Architectural Committee, we welcomed new member William McDonald. Our discussion opened with how a neighborhood is at its prime when it's newly finished and how the appearance can diminish over time when neglect and apathy set in.

We came up with some maintenance and enhancement tips you may find helpful to keep the appearance and value of our 26-home neighborhood at it's best.

1. Landscaping - There's nothing like a rich green lawn to increase a home's appeal. It's that time of the year when a late winter fertilizing will optimize your lawn's health going into the Spring growing season. The snow damage seems to be resolving on it's own but thatching may be necessary for extreme cases.

2. Street trees - Our trees have been in for about three years and it's time to prune the suckers, cross branches and open up their structure to enhance their future long-term appearance and health. Now is the perfect time, before they "leaf out". Check with your landscaper or call Rafael Landscaping at 541-210-3652 for a special price.

3. Vehicles - Appraisers will tell you that streets lined with vehicles affect property values . . . they can also present a safety issue. With that in mind, consider making room in your driveway or garage to park your vehicles. Doing so will protect them from the ever-present risk of vandalism or theft.

4. Internet - The Hunter Company has completed their internet installation and you can finally remove those unsightly red and yellow flag markers from your yard.

5. Trash - To enhance the appearance of the neighborhood, consider putting your trash and recycle containers out late on Tuesday . . . or better yet . . . with the new trash pickup schedule there's plenty of time to do so on Wednesday morning. This will reduce the likelihood of them being blown over by the nighttime wind. Also, Rogue Disposal recommends putting containers out only when full . . . but not over-filled to prevent them from being blown over.

6. Safety - Fire officials recommend keeping a fire extinguisher in both the garage and the kitchen where most house fires start. They also say having a fire blanket in the kitchen is a good idea for stove fires. Our friends at The home Depot in Phoenix have donated six extinguishers and six fire blankets for free. Please contact Neal Hribar if you'd like one.

7. Cell Phone Reception - Cell phone service can be spotty in our area. FYI - You can buy a "range extender" from your provider or online and it will vastly improve your signal, ensuring you never lose another call.

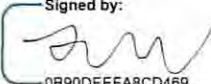
8. Dryer vents - There have been reports that dryer vents are collecting lint . . . particularly those that go out through the roof . . . and not out the side of the house. You may want to have your vent inspected to reduce fire risk and improve your dryer performance.

9. Garden hoses hanging from an entry hose bib detracts from the beauty of our homes. A hose pot or one of those hose roll-up boxes is a better looking idea.

Finally, to learn more about our CC&Rs feel free to review them at stonegate2c.com. Also, if you'd like to be added to our owner roster, you'll find the form at the stonegate2c.com web site.

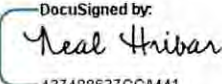
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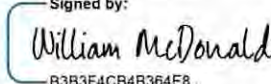
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