

Twin Oaks at Stone Ride



August 2026

Newsletter

Important Maintenance Reminders

Please be sure you are including enough info on your maintenance request so that staff knows some basic details about your issue before responding to your home.

Examples::

Poor Request: AC Broke

Helpful Request: The AC is not cooling. Thermostat set at 75 but won't get below 80.

Poor Request: Garbage Disposal

Why is this a poor request? Is the Garbage disposal leaking, seized up, did you drop something you shouldn't in the garbage disposal? By knowing a few more details, the maintenance staff can bring the proper tool and supplies on the 1st trip to your apartment.

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It is very important that you tie your trash bags before sending them down the trash chute or placing in the trash bin in the trash room.

Freezer Reminder

Overcrowding your freezer blocks air flow, raises your electric bill, and causes uneven temperatures. Experts recommend keeping a freezer filled to about 75% to 80% capacity rather than packing it to the absolute brim. Avoid blocking the vent(s) because stacking items directly against or in front of the cooling vents stops cold air from circulating.

Missing Table in Common Area

We have been missing an end table from the second floor common area for awhile. If you know anything about this missing table or borrowed it and forgot to return it, please contact the leasing office.

Cleaning your Dishwasher



- Did you know that you should clean the filter in your dishwasher approx 1 time a month? Did you know your dishwasher even has a filter!!
- If you are a tenant that rarely uses the dishwasher, please run the appliance at least 1 time per month to avoid dryrot or the gaskets drying out and becoming damaged.
- A recommended product to use for cleaning your dishwasher is Glisten Dishwasher Cleaner. It can be purchased for nominal cost at Amazon, Walmart, Rural King, Lowes, etc. This product disinfects, removes limescale, rust, grease, and build up and takes no elbow grease to use!

Missouri Tax Free Weekend

August 7th - 9th

Tax free weekend includes:

Clothing \$100 or less

School Supplies \$50 or less

Computers - \$1500 or less

Software -\$350 or less

These apply to anyone shopping, so if you want some new clothes or computer, pencils or any other school like supplies you can buy those items tax free.

Tax Free Weekend is a great time to pick up school supplies for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Stores are running sales plus no tax makes it an affordable time to tuck away a few items.

What the fLock!

American Goldfinch

Found year round in Missouri the Goldfinch is always fun to see! The male has canary yellow feathers that stand out and demand to be recognized. With a black forehead, wings and tail, he is easy to recognize. The female goldfinch has dull olive- yellow plumage, brown wings and lacks a black forehead. Measuring about 5 inches, the Goldfinch often travels in small flocks of up to 20 birds moving around to find food. Goldfinch feed on seeds and insects. They will visit backyard feeders and really enjoy Nyjer seeds in feeders. The female produces only 1 brood a year, laying 4-6 pale blue eggs in a nest lined with silky down from wild thistle. Both the male and female will feed the young. With an incubation period of 10-12 days, and a fledging stage of just 11-17 days, from start to finish young goldfinch are laid, hatched, and taught to survive on their own in just 21-29 days! After that mom is free for another year! The typical lifespan of a Goldfinch is 3-6 years, but some will live up to 10 years. Common predators include cats, weasels, hawks, snakes and blue jays, but squirrels will also go after the fledglings. Keep a look out! These birds are really fun to see!



Male



Female



August Birthdays!

Sylvia Burns

08/21

Ralph Herndon

08/29

Sunflowers

Sunflowers. How can you not be happy when looking at a sunflower? Bright cheery and just plain fun!

Commonly yellow, Sunflowers come in a variety of colors: Orange, red, pink, brown, bicolor, and even white.

Sunflowers follow the sun. The young sunflowers will move to face the sun throughout the day. A process known as heliotropism. Once mature they face east to keep nice and warm where bees will be happy all day.

Sunflowers are a food source not only for birds and bees but for humans as well. Their seeds can be ground into flour, eaten raw, toasted, and even made into SunButter, a yummy peanut butter substitute really great for those with peanut allergies. Their oil can be used for cooking. Did you know can even grill a whole sunflower head!

Most sunflowers grow 6-12 ft, but there are also dwarf and giant varieties. The tallest sunflower on record was a whopping 30 ft 1 inch tall!

Sunflowers are native to North America and were historically used for medicine, food, and yellow dye.

They have an incredible ability to clean soil, removing lead, arsenic and uranium from contaminated soils. What a wonderful plant Sunflowers are!



*Sunflowers from
our patio
flower garden!*

