

Information provided by Marc Solomon, resident of Parkwood at Stoney Creek

On Tuesday 7/3/18, a 41st Street block party was hosted by the residence of 1505 SW 41st Street, see invitation on page 5 below. The fireworks were ignited by the resident at 1409 SW 41st Circle on the street and not on the resident's property, see photo on page 4 below. The next morning I went to retrieve my morning KC Star and found that my front steps were covered with shredded paper, chock in paperboard wrapping, inert orange granular material, and plastic tubes closed at one end. This material covered the area from the ignition site to my front steps, approximately 100 feet; from the ignition site to the furthest edge of my driveway, approximately 130 feet; the deck at the back of my home, approximately 150 feet, see photo below on page 3. Also, the white areas of the decks railing had a granular material on them (I moistened some of the grains with a drop of water and the drop dissolved the grains into an almost black liquid). I cleaned up the shredded paper, chock in paperboard wrapping, inert orange granular material, and plastic tubes. I retained some it for possible testing. Later in the day of the 4th, the fireworks shooter cleaned part of the area, they did not clean SW 41st Street or the sidewalk parallel to Stoney Creek Drive.

I called the LS Fire Department 816.969.1300 to determine if the granular material on my deck was toxic. They felt that it came from the smoke produced by the fireworks and I should use a hose to wash the rails, deck and deck furniture.

The City of Lee's Summit, MO I referenced is <http://cityofls.net/Fire/Permits-Inspections-and-Development/Fireworks>

Based on the summarized table of ordinances, there are a number of violations:

1. I have a 2.25 gallon gasoline container in my garage and spare butane tank on my deck; these are not more than 300 feet from the ignition point.
2. The description above relative to firework debris is a clear indicator that the fireworks were propelled in the direction of property not owned by the fireworks shooter.
3. The shooter used a public street to propel the fireworks and not their own property.

There is a document to "Please properly dispose of waste material in a safe manner.", clearly they did not do a complete job.

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Suggestions for changes to the rules:

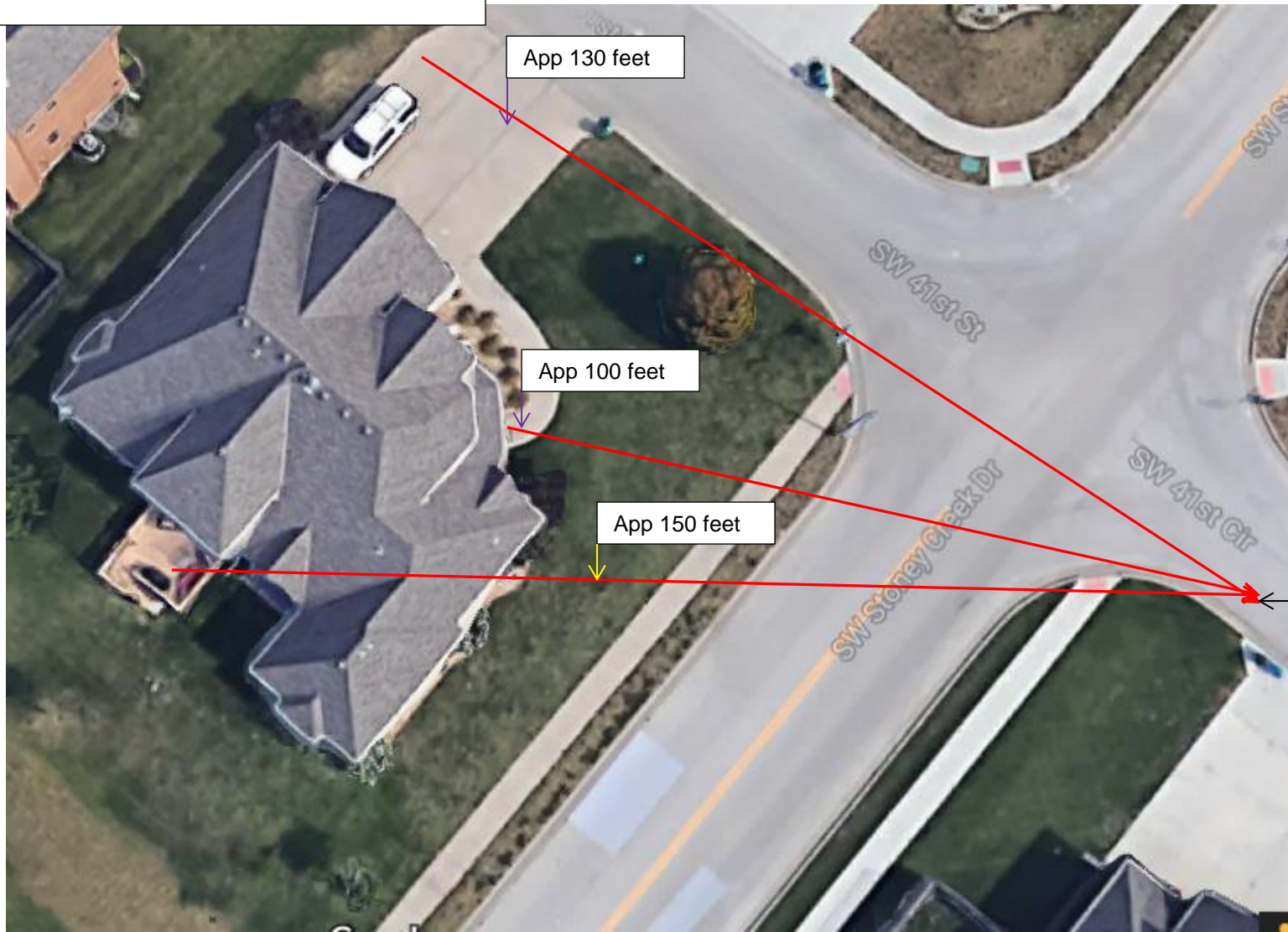
- A. Is it appropriate for a block party to need fireworks that go aerial one or two stories above a two story roof? I don't think so, since last year's fireworks were very tame and adequate compared to this year. I did not have to clean up after the show.
- B. Why is it necessary for fireworks to be fired prior to sunset? July 2 and 3 should be 7 pm to 10pm and July 4, 7 pm to 11 pm. This will allow residents to get uninterrupted sleep with no loud noises. We had neighbors firing what sound like mortars all day; I had to take down delicate glass on two walls to prevent damage to them.
- C. List products that are allowed, which would limit annual updates. For example:

The following are allowed, all other fireworks are banned for home resident use:

- Sparklers
 - Colored Torches
 - Colored Fire Cones & Boxes
 - Nonpoisonous Snakes
 - Colored Smoke Items Without Report
 - Cones & Fountains.
 - Pinwheels, Spinners & Spinner Wheels
 - Snappers
 - Caps (as used in toy cap guns)
 - Confetti Type Poppers
- D. The rules should include the LSPD non-emergency number, 816.969.7390, to report non-compliance to the ordinances.

Arial Photo of my Home at 1501 SW 41st Street, Lee's Summit, MO

resident of Parkwood at Stoney Creek



Approximate ignition location. See Photo on Page 4.

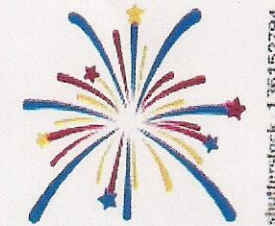
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The waste boxes are in the same location as when fireworks were ignited.





Join Us for a Block Party!



Tuesday 7/3 @ 7:00 pm

1505 SW 41st St Street

We will have food, fireworks, music, beverages for all, bounce house, games and more!!! Fireworks display will be lit for all. Please leave your own fireworks at home for the safety of kids and others. We are providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and summer sides. Bring a side dish if you like, but it is not required.

Fireworks will be at sundown.

Please bring folding chairs for your family.

*41st street will be blocked off at Stoney Creek Drive from around 6:30-10pm

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