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Spooky Spokes Glow Ride and Food Drive

October 24, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Grab your bike, string some lights, and get ready to ride. Stonegate North Villages is hosting a Halloween bike ride.

Families will roll out together from the Community Center, all decked out in lights and Halloween spirit. Decorate your bike, wear your costume, and pedal through the neighborhood as the sun goes down.

The route is one-way and marked with directional flags, so keep moving forward — no doubling back. Candy waits for our spooky riders at the finish line, packed into mini pumpkins, sized to hook right onto your handlebars.

We've also partnered with the Parker Task Force to collect food for neighbors in need. So, please bring a non-perishable item to donate. The Task Force stocks food pantries and provides limited financial assistance to prevent eviction and utility shut-offs for families in Parker, Franktown and Elizabeth.

No registration required. Just show up ready to ride and have fun!



THE DETAILS

- **Who:** Open to all residents of Stonegate Villages
- **Check-in:** 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. at the Community Center (9540 Stonegate Pkwy) — gather with your neighbors and grab glow sticks here if your bike needs extra light
- **Ride starts:** 6:15 p.m.
- **Where:** A one-way loop through Stonegate North's park paths
- **Bring:** A decorated, lit-up bike (rope lights, flashlights, or glow sticks) and your best costume, and a non-perishable food item
- **Rules:** Pedal bikes and legal e-bikes only, no motorized bikes; no pets; stay on the marked route, no doubling back, helmets required for safety
- **Parking:** The Community Center lot closes at 4 p.m. to clear space for bikes — plan to park elsewhere or ride in

NOTE: The Adult Pool & Spa will also close at 4:00 on Oct. 24 to accommodate the event.

We're Looking for Volunteers!

Want to help make it happen? We're looking for volunteers to staff stations along the route and help keep kids and families safe crossing the streets. Email contact@stonegatenorthvillages.org to volunteer.





The Water-Wise Shift: A Q&A on the District's Native Landscaping

Stonegate North Villages continued converting select turf areas to native landscaping this season. The goal is straightforward: use less water, lower long-term maintenance costs, and build a beautiful long-term landscape suited to Colorado's climate.

But the conversion isn't a quick fix. Residents may notice some converted areas looking thin or uneven as the project takes root. That's a normal part of the establishment process.

To help residents understand what's happening and why, we sat down with the district's landscaping team for a Q&A on the native grass conversion.

Why is the metro district converting turf areas to native landscaping?

"The primary reason is water conservation and reducing long-term water costs. Stonegate North Villages is required to follow drought restrictions and watering requirements established by the water district, which can significantly limit the amount of water available for landscaping during drought conditions. Because water is not an unlimited resource and drought conditions are expected to continue, we're looking for ways to reduce overall water demand. Converting appropriate turf areas to native landscaping allows the district to use less water in those areas and prioritize its available water allocation for higher-priority landscaping, trees, and other plant material. It also supports the broader water conservation efforts being asked of residents throughout the community."

What are the benefits of native landscaping compared with traditional turf?

"Native landscaping uses significantly less water once

established, requires less mowing, can reduce long-term maintenance costs, and supports greater biodiversity and a healthier ecosystem. Aesthetically, however, it will look different from the traditional manicured turf residents may be accustomed to."

What will the area look like during the first year compared with once it is fully established?

"The first year can look weedy, thin, patchy, and uneven. Converting turf to native requires disturbing the existing soil, which can expose dormant weed seeds and roots that have been in the soil for years. Weed control is particularly challenging while new native seed is germinating because broad chemical applications can also damage the new grass. Hand-pulling, selective mowing, and carefully timed spot treatments may be necessary during establishment."

How long does it take for a native area to become fully established?

"Depending on the seed mix and site conditions, full establishment can take up to three years and may require additional seeding along the way. An area is generally considered successfully established when approximately 70% of the area has native grass coverage."

How often will native areas be mowed or maintained once established?

"Once established, native areas may generally be mowed approximately twice per year, typically in the spring and fall, although additional maintenance may be necessary for weed control."

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