

Oak Valley Homes Association Newsletter

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Hello Oak Valley -

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season. Many of us may have missed getting together with treasured family and friends, but my wish is that 2021 allows our way of life to open up for a few more visits and hugs (if safely possible).

In the mean time, please remember that we are a great community that helps each other with a thoughtful smile and wave across the driveway, or an errand ran for a neighbor in need, or simply by picking up our fur-baby's lawn gifts and keeping our sidewalks clear for everyone who is using them.

While the world has offered us many changes to become accustomed to, it is the way we respond to these changes that truly gives us the opportunity to come together. While we are genuinely strong, some days are harder. Please try to remember others may be struggling and find patience when possible. As always, you are the reason I am grateful everyday to live in Oak Valley.

Cul-De-Sac Statuary and Monument -

Great News!! Many of you may have noticed that all of the statues within our cul-de-sacs have been power-washed and cleaned!! If you haven't gotten a chance to see them, please make a point to drive through and see how great they all look. Thank you to Mike and Larry for having a company come out and take care of this for all of us. It's a great gift to us all!

Additionally, our main entrance monument is looking exceptionally well due to Mike and Bob's hard work. They've been adding bricks and touching up the entire monument from all the wear and tear all of these years has added. We even had a "Secret Santa" put a wreath on the monument for the Holiday season this year. Great job everyone!



Activities:

As mentioned earlier, I have high hopes that there may be a possibility to bring back a few activities in 2021. Any activities will only be brought back under all government and CDC guidelines. Please make sure to check out our website frequently to see what activities may be happening each month.

Previously, the activities that we have had were:

Monthly Wine Tastings - Generally the last Friday of the month, alternating between resident's homes

Block Parties - Usually one in the Spring and Fall

Driveway Gatherings/Pink Flamingo Fridays - A small gathering of neighbors (this socially distanced option started taking the place of Wine Tastings)

Decorating Contests - Halloween and Christmas

Annual Meeting - This is held once a year on the last Sunday in January



Annual Meeting:

The Oak Valley By-Laws state that the Board must set up an annual meeting once a year for all residents. This year's meeting will be a little different due to CDC and government guidelines. Instead of meeting in person, as we have always done in the past, we will be meeting virtually using video conferencing. While I understand that some of us use virtual meetings as a normal part of daily life, some of us may not feel comfortable with this at all.

For those of us who aren't very comfortable with video conferencing, the board will be setting up a "mock virtual meeting" a few days in advance for anyone who'd like to work out any technical kinks or simply practice. The Oak Valley Annual meeting is a very important meeting to all residents and we highly recommend everyone joining who is able. During this meeting, our annual dues are voted on, board members are voted on, any new policies are voted on and valuable information for all residents are discussed. Even though this meeting will not be held in person, this will not change the format. We will be tackling the Q&A session of the meeting a bit differently as well. All general Oak Valley questions will need to be submitted by residents in advance of the Annual Meeting date.

Please do not worry if you have a question that comes up during the meeting, there will be time allotted at the end of the meeting to answer these questions as well. Everyone will be receiving updates on the annual meeting through email as the date gets closer. For the time being, here are some important facts:

Date/Time - Sunday, January 31st at 5:00 pm

Link - The link will be provided to all residents through email as we get closer to the date

Mock Meeting - Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 pm (link will be provided as we get closer to the date)

Itinerary - This will be emailed at least one week before the annual meeting

Speakers - The Oak Valley Board

Deadline to submit general questions - All general neighborhood questions should be submitted by email no later than Wednesday, January 27th - ovhoa18@gmail.com

Meeting Platform - Zoom

Please continue to check your email and the Oak Valley Website (the address can be found at the top of the newsletter) for more updated information that will come your way throughout the month of January.



Updated Directories:

In 2020 Oak Valley began sending out it's directory in a digital format to each resident. Before this, a printed version was given to each resident every other year. This was very costly, time consuming, and not very healthy for the environment. Now that these issues have been eliminated, the directory can be sent out annually. The board will be sending an updated digital directory by email to all Oak Valley residents no later than February of 2021.

Please be conscious of the fact that this directory has resident's names and addresses in them and the directory is ONLY to be used for Oak Valley residents. We ask that no one shares the directories outside of Oak Valley in any fashion.

Your Ideas and Opinions Matter!

After the October Newsletter was released, I received an email from one of our residents pointing out that it should be mentioned that during snowy weather it's a very good idea for those of us who park on the street to move our vehicles so the snow plows and trash trucks can easily get through our neighborhood, and I couldn't agree more! I not only bring this up because it's a fabulous point, but I'd love to hear from more neighbors on other concerns they may have that could help out others in our community. Feel free to email your ideas and thoughts or post them to our Facebook page. I think many of us share common concerns that would make each others lives more comfortable and enjoyable. The Board is always looking to hear from all our residents on how we can make Oak Valley an even better place to live for us all.



Do You Know Who Your Board Members Are?

The Oak Valley board members are volunteers from your community that work diligently to help our residents. If you've never met or talked with your board members, always feel free to reach out with a question or a smile. Be sure to join our upcoming annual meeting to meet them as well. Your board members and their positions are:

Rick Vandenberg - President (7 yrs) - You can find Rick walking his adorable Golden Retriever around the neighborhood, while being followed by their cat :)

Manaj (Mike) Shah - Vice President (1 yr) - Mike is always walking all over our neighborhood and Lenexa

Bob LeVeau - Treasurer (14 yrs) - Bob will help you with trash service issues as well annual due payments

Anne Richardson - Secretary (1 yr but she's served on the board in prior years) - You can always find Anne working in her yard

Larry Rector - Architectural Control (8 yrs) - Reach out to Larry for remodeling questions and approvals

Mike Rzeszut - Landscaping (9 yrs) - Please wave when you see Mike planting at our monument

Cari Brinkman - Social/Communications (2 yrs) - I'm just an email away, feel free to reach out to me

Josh Fry - Member-At-Large (1 yr) - Josh helps our meetings with a level head

We also have:

Pat Wallace - Website Controller (1 yr) - Pat takes care of Oak Valley's Website

Joe Gibson - Social Shadow (1 yr) - Joe works with Cari on Activities

Welcome New Neighbors to Oak Valley!

We've seen some old friends go and new friends arrive in Oak Valley in 2020. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new arrivals this year -

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| The Draper's | 8504 Hallet St |
| The Lopez's | 8404 Widmer |
| The Berki's | 8407 Widmer |
| The Gibson's | 8432 Widmer |
| The Hanson's | 8343 Mullen |
| The Loveric's | 8512 Candlelight Lane |

