

Oak Valley Homes Association Newsletter

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Happy Fall Oak Valley,

We hope everyone is ready for the changing seasons. We've had a crazy couple of years and seen many changes in the world, but one thing that seems to stay constant in our lives, Oak Valley looks out for each other and helps a neighbor in need. Please remember to continue this tradition as the nights grow colder and the snow starts to fall. Don't be afraid to check on your neighbor and don't hesitate to be the neighbor to ask for a little assistance. Now is the time to approach your neighbor with kids and see if they'd be willing to shovel your driveway for a little extra cash over the winter. Stay safe out there Oak Valley - you are the reason we live in a great community!

Ash Tree Removal -

I've seen several households having their dead ash trees removed recently.

This is a great time of the year to have this done as many tree trimmers are finishing up the Fall tree trimming and looking to keep busy during the winter. Reach out to tree trimmers and find out what their winter rates will be and have your dead Ash tree removed to help keep our community looking its best.

Please also remember that other trees may need trimming as well. As the snow settles on branches the extra weight can bring down, even the largest of branches, and any damage done to vehicles or passing pedestrians would be the homeowner's responsibility. This includes any resident's with walking paths or sidewalks along their property. It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep these paths clear of debris, overhanging branches, and snow.



Oak Valley Activities -

We have several activities coming up. If you have any ideas for activities you'd like to see in our neighborhood, feel free to reach out to me through email.

Save the Date:

October 28th	Wine Tasting
October 21-30	Open voting for the Halloween Decorating Contest
October 31st	Halloween Decorating Contest Winners announced
November 18th	Wine Tasting
December 12-24	Open voting for the Christmas Decorating Contest
December 25th	Christmas Decorating Contest Winners announced
January 27th	Wine Tasting
February 5th	HOA Annual Meeting - details coming soon
February 24th	Wine Tasting



Recycling Opportunity this Holiday Season -

One of our board members, Mark Hink, recently shared some information about a great recycling opportunity. There is a company in Kansas City, Kansas called ACH Foam Technologies. They manufacture styrofoam but they also recycle the material and have a truck trailer in their parking lot to recycle specific styrofoam. They take peanut styrofoam (which comes in many packaging boxes) and #6 styrofoam which is primarily used in packaging electronics (i.e.: computers, printers, TV's, stereos, etc.). This would be great to use during the holidays, or any time of the year. The company's website is: <http://kansasrecycles.org/programs/ach-foam-technologies-0>



Fall Leaf Removal -

We've had another resident pass on some great Fall leaf removal information. He uses a company named The Lawn Authority who will come to your home and use a giant hose to vacuum up all your leaves. There are a few requirements to have this service performed. You must rake all your leaves to the edge of the street of your front yard. You will need to give the company a 24 hour notice when your leaves will be ready to be removed. If you are interested in this service, you can contact Tim Meeker at 913-406-3237. When I spoke to him he said our area will be between \$40-\$50 per pick up.



Street Light Issues -

Now that our evenings are getting darker earlier, street lights are as important as ever. If you notice a street light that is broken or burnt out, please report this issue to the City of Lenexa. You can call them at 913-477-7500 or you can go to their website:

https://www.lenexa.com/government/departments___divisions/municipal_services/services/streets_traffic

The City of Lenexa website offers several ways to report issues. If you are experiencing parking issues with neighbors or businesses, the city website offers the ability to anonymously report the issue as well.

Oak Valley's Halloween Decorating Contest -

Our annual Halloween Decorating Contest is just around the corner! This involves our entire neighborhood as everyone gets to vote for their favorite decorations. Voting will open up to everyone starting Friday, October 21st and goes through Sunday, October 30th. The first prize winner will receive \$50; second prize is \$25; and third prize is honorable mention. Each household is allowed 2 votes. This can be 2 votes for one address or 1 vote for 2 different addresses. The winners of the contest will be announced on Monday, October 31st. Good luck to all of our decorators out there!!

