

Oak Valley Homes Association Newsletter

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HOW BOUT THEM CHIEEEFS!!!

What an awesome Super Bowl game! I know some of our neighborhood may not approve, but hearing all the hoots and fireworks going off after the game made the night even better! Another stellar season by our home team.

Speaking of a great team - we have a pretty incredible neighborhood team in Oak Valley. Our first major snow storm of the season saw many neighbors helping shovel and snow blow driveways and sidewalks for other residents. We're seeing a few more Ash trees being removed, and vehicles being cleared off the street for the snow plows to do their jobs. Yes, there's always room for improvement, but we all have to pitch in and make ourselves the example to do well.

So... thank you again, Oak Valley, for always stepping in when it matters the most!



Oak Valley's Annual Meeting and Dues Increase -

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 5th, 2023 at the Lenexa VFW. This meeting was given both in-person and online. Between both attendance rolls, we had a total of about 45-50 residents present. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

During this meeting, it was approved to raise our annual dues by \$10.00. Our 2023 annual dues are now \$245.00. Everyone will be receiving an emailed invoice with the option to pay their dues online or by mailing a check. If you choose to pay online, there will be an additional \$5.00 fee. If you choose to mail a check, the mailing address is the same: Oak Valley Homes Association, P O Box 14081, Lenexa, KS 66285.

If anyone is interested in reading the minutes from the annual meeting, they will be posted on the Oak Valley website in the next few days/weeks. The website address is at the top of this newsletter.

HOA Meeting



Oak Valley's HOA Board -

During the annual meeting, our long-time Treasurer, Bob LeVeau, announced his retirement from his position. Bob has been with the board for many years in different capacities and has always been a wonderful asset to us all. We will all miss him at our meetings offering a steady hand to our discussions. We do have another volunteer who has chosen to take the role of Treasurer, Mark Hink. He is no stranger to the Oak Valley board as he has served in years past. It's a comfort to know Mark will handle the role as our Oak Valley Treasurer with as much finesse as Bob.

All of the previous board members were voted to remain in their current roles. If you'd like to see the list of current board members, we are all listed on the website.

Trash Service - Bulky Item Pick Up Dates - 2023 -

Our trash service, KC Disposal, offers (4) one-item bulky pick-ups per year. Three of these dates are:

Thursday, March 30th

Thursday, June 29th

Thursday, October 26th

The fourth date is by request. You can call KC Disposal and set up your one-item bulky pick up during the year on any Thursday you choose, by appointment. 816-388-9739

Please remember that any trash or recyclable material that does not fit into the can provided to you, must have a KC Disposal sticker added to it. These can be ordered by calling KC Disposal.



Oak Valley Activities in 2023 -

I'm personally looking forward to warmer days for our neighborhood to get our outdoor activities going!

I have several activities planned this year, keep an eye on your email for more details:

Wine Tastings - We currently have hosts for March, April, May, and July. If you are interested in being a host, please reach out to me through email and I will get you the details.

Easter Egg Scramble - Saturday, April 1st from 3-4pm. Bring out the little ones (12 and under) to hunt for eggs, have some snacks with cider, and blow some bubbles.

Bourbon and Beer - We are working on putting together an adult night with "anything but wine".

Watch your emails for more details coming soon.

Block Parties - We are currently planning two block parties this year. The board will provide the protein and residents will supply the side dishes and desserts. We will send out sign-ups for these parties as we get closer.

Decorating Contests - We will continue having our Annual Halloween and Christmas decorating contests for everyone to enjoy.

I'm thinking that 2023 will be a great year for activities throughout Oak Valley. For those of us/you that also like to put on cul-de-sac or driveway get togethers - don't forget to invite some of our new residents. The more the merrier!



Gotta LOVE Nature!

Josh, the Vice President on our board, has found some interesting information about a new resident in Oak Valley. According to a few reports, we may actually have a beaver in our creek! So the next time you're walking the trails, look out for the signs: peeled branches, slides, and freshly cut trees. Josh sent over a few pictures of these signs and said he found them along the creek around the area where we have our Block parties.

Once Spring is here, our wildlife activity will increase. Please remember that the creek is an extremely important eco-system for our furry, feathered, reptilian, and amphibian friends. Please do not discard your trash or yard waste in or near the creek.

Another incredible sight to see along our walking trail this Spring are the daffodils! A Lenexa resident donated 12,000 daffodil bulbs to the City of Lenexa who planted them along the trail from 87th Street to 79th Street. They first bloomed last Spring and they were beautiful.

Ash Tree Removal -

We've seen several neighbors removing their Ash trees and we can't thank you enough! Right now is the best time of the year to have your trees removed. We have many Ash trees that have been destroyed due to the invasive Emerald Ash Borer. The signs of your tree having succumbed to this insect are; branches that do not bloom or leaves only coming in on the lower part of the trunk. You may also find "D" shaped holes in your bark. These trees can be treated but you must start treatments before signs of infestation begin and they are needed once a year to ensure the health of your Ash tree.



Give a Wave to Mike!

For those of you who don't know, our Landscaping board member is Mike Rzeszut. You will see him around our mailboxes, driveways, monument, cul-de-sacs, well... just about EVERYWHERE! Mike sprays our general areas for weeds and maintains both of our monuments in our neighborhood. He plants, trims, mulches, and maintains our sprinkler system at the main entrance monument. If you see him out beautifying Oak Valley, make sure to give him a wave or honk to thank him. If you have any questions about your Ash tree or lawn, feel free to stop and talk to him while he's working. Mike is always available with advice and a great smile.

Discuss Before You Construct -

Warmer weather means construction and updates. Please make sure you check out the Building Restrictions before you update anything to your fence, deck, painting, porch, or major yard changes. You can find these restrictions on our Website. You must also gain approval with our Architectural Board Member, Larry Rector. This includes everything listed above. We're a very easy going board, but we do want to maintain a beautiful neighborhood so ask that everyone comply with the very few rules that have been put in place. Two of our more stringent rules are that we do not allow any free-standing sheds or above ground pools in Oak Valley. As always, feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions about the By-Laws or Building Restrictions.

Oak Valley's Neighborhood Garage Sale -

Mark your calendars! This year's Neighborhood Garage Sale is planned for the weekend before Memorial Weekend, weather permitting. This will be on Friday and Saturday, May 19th & 20th. We will put up signs around the neighborhood along with a banner across the Oak Valley monument. We also place ads on Craigslist and Nextdoor.com. If a rain day is needed, it will be announced through email.

