

Oak Meyer Gardens Homes Association

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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## Third Annual OMG Dumpster Day

Spring is here and it is time to clean out that clutter! Our popular "Dumpster Day" will take place on Saturday, June 21st from 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at St. Peter's School Parking lot (located at 6400 Charlotte.)

Dumpsters will be available for Oak Meyer Garden residents who wish to dispose of yard waste (items must be bagged or bundled), bulky items, and car tires. A separate collection of household hazardous waste (HHW) items will also be collected to be dropped of at the city's environmental campus. You will be required to sign your name and address when dropping off HHW items.

HHW items that can be collected include, paint, household cleaners, aerosols, pesticides, lawn and garden products, automotive fluids, used oil, fuels, car and household batteries, and essentially any household chemicals.

Items that cannot be accepted include, commercial or business waste, radioactive waste, medical waste, and propane or butane cylinders.

# Curbside Service: City's Spring Leaf and Brush Pickup Set for April 24th

On April 24th, the city will collect up to 20 bags or bundles of leaf and brush debris. This excludes grass clippings. The paper lawn debris bags (no plastic) and jute or twine bundled branches (not more

than 3 inches in diameter) must be at the curb by 7 a.m. Each bag or bundle may not exceed 40 pounds.

If waste is not collected on the scheduled day, please call the 311 Action center within 24 hours.

The city's leaf and brush drop off sites are now also open. They are located at 1815 N. Chouteau Trafficway and 10301 Raytown Road on Saturdays from 8 a.m.—6 p.m.

### Crime Prevention & Community Awareness Starts to Rebuild in OMG

Oak Meyer Gardens is still in the process of resurrecting a Crime Prevention Committiee. Several people have stepped up to volunteer as Block Watch Captains for their street.

Thank you to the following:

Mike Jones for the E. 600 block of 64th Terrace;

Lina Byrum for the E. 400 block of 65th Street;

Thearl Speck and Christie Makar for the E. 600 block of 65th Street:

Karrin Huhmann for the E. 600 block of E. 65th Terrace;

Katie McWilliams for the E. 600 block of 66th Street;

Marcia Tammeus for Kenwood;

Jill Adams for Oak Terrace;

Jane Cory for Locust North of Rockhill; and

And Jerry Rogers for Holmes Road South of Rockhill.

Please take a moment to see if your block is represented, and if not, consider this worthwhile activity.

It is our hope to meet in April with a city police officer for an informative seminar. Block watch captains are also being emailed a form that can be used to collect data for each block. This form will include name, any children living in the home, pets, address, email address, and pertinent phone numbers where they can be reached.

The OMG board will notify block captains when crime activity is reported in the area, and captains can then notify individuals on their block. If a neighbor witnesses suspicious activity, they should first call 911 and then follow up with a call to their block watch captain.

This system can also be used for lost pets and other neighborhood information that needs to be passed quickly to residents.

Neighbors watching out for neighbors is our best defense against crime (along with a few lights left on at night.) If you have any questions about the program, please contact Christie Makar at 361-7111.

A spring block party might be the motivation you need to get the process started. Don't forget, Oak Meyer Gardens will donate \$100 toward block party supplies. Just bring a copy of your block party permit and receipts to OMG President, Bill Blanck. He can be reached at 363-3591.



#### Recycling Drop-off Centers

Are you looking for somewhere to bring your recyclables that can't be picked up with our curbside service (glass, batteries, cell phones, etc.)? The closest one to our area is now located at 9051 Hill-crest Road in the Wal-Mart Super Center parking lot. Hours are Wed.—Friday from 11 a.m. –5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

#### Summer Fun with OMG

The Oak Meyer Gardens Summer Social is scheduled for Sunday, July 27th in Holmes Park from 1 to 4 p.m.

The OMG Homes Association will provide free food from Backyard Burgers, as well as free desert from a visiting ice cream truck.

There will also be fun activities for the kids. Plan on bringing a baseball mitt or kick ball for some team action.

This summer we are also teaming up with Armour Hills Homes Association for some free, family friendly movie nights at Arbor Villa Park (66th Terrace and Main Street.)
Watch for a postcard with movie times and features.
All you will need to bring is a blanket and few snacks to enjoy a movie under the stars.

# OMG Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, May 17th



# Southwest Early College Campus to Open at Site of Southwest High School

Get a head start toward college graduation by enrolling now at the new Southwest Early College Campus (SWECC), the Kansas City, Missouri School District's newest math and science school. SWECC will open in August 2008 with 6th and 9th graders. Students will take classes with master teachers and college professors, take academically rigorous

classes, participate in college activities and internships and take up to 60 hours of college credit in partnership with UMKC. The only cost is your time and dedication.

Applications are being accepted for grades 6 and 9 through April 4th. For more information visit www.kcmsd.net or call 816-418-7977.

# Kansas City School Board Candidate Forum

The public is invited to attend a forum to hear from the candidates running for the KCMO School Board. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rockhurst Community Center.

# Bulky Item Pickup Every Month

Oak Meyer Gardens is in an area of the city that offers monthly bulky item pickup. Our scheduled day is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month, or within three days thereafter. The city asks that residents set out the items for pickup no earlier than the evening before bulky item pickup is scheduled.

#### **311 Action Center**

The 3-1-1 Action Center is your central point of contact for all City Services. If you need information or have questions, call between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m.—5 p.m. on Saturdays.

#### **OMG Dates**

April 24
City Leaf and Brush
Pick-up

June 21st
Oak Meyer Gardens
Dumpster Day
St. Peter's School
8 a.m.—12 p.m.

July 27th Summer Social At Holmes Park I p.m.—4 p.m.

#### About the OMG Homes Association

The Oak Meyer Gardens (OMG) neighborhood is comprised of 485 homes located within an area bound by 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to the north, 69th Street to the south, Holmes on the east, and Oak on the west.

OMG is a member of the Homes Associations of the Country Club District (HACCD), an alliance of 40 homeowners associations in Kansas City, as well as some on the Kansas side of the metro area.

The OMG Homes Association is represented by a volunteer board made up of Oak Meyer residents voted in each year at the annual neighborhood meeting.

Professionals at the HACCD assist the Homes Association with its administrative requirements. The HACCD also handles complaints that neighbors may have about codes, noise, pets, or other potential violations.