



Oak Meyer Gardens Homes Association

# Neighbor *to* Neighbor

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## OMG Summer Social-July 27th

The Oak Meyer Gardens Summer Social will take place, Sunday, July 27th from 1 p.m.—4 p.m. at Holmes Park (69th and Holmes Road.) The Association will provide free food from Backyard Burgers as well as free dessert from a visiting ice cream truck.

Bring your whole family and meet neighbors from adjoining streets.

The fire truck will stop by for a visit and to provide a little water fun so wear something you don't mind getting

wet. It might be best to leave your pets at home, but if you do bring them to the park, don't forget that city ordinance requires them to be on a leash. See you there!



*Scenes from last year's event—above and below: food from Backyard burgers was a crowd pleaser. Left: younger residents enjoyed "bouncing" the day away.*



## 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.

## Crime Prevention & Community Awareness

The summer season is in full swing and the OMG block watch program has made great strides. In May, we had Officer John Trainor from the Kansas City Police Department address residents about safety issues and what we could do to prevent crime in our area.

One of the most important things as residents that we can do is to report suspicious activity. If you believe the call warrants immediate attention, call 911. If you do not believe that it is life threatening but does require an officer to be dispatched,

call the *non-emergency number at 816-234-5111*. An example may be someone that doesn't belong on your street walking slowing (non-purposeful walking) that appears to "taking notes" on his or her surroundings.

Third, if you have witnessed something in the past that you did not act on but now you feel it may be relevant, call *Officer John Trainor at 816-349-6428*. He can also be emailed at [JTrainor@kcpd.org](mailto:JTrainor@kcpd.org).

Neighbors watching out for neighbors is our best

defense against crime (along with a few lights left on at night.)

Hopefully by now, someone on your block has contacted you about the crime prevention program on your own street. If you have not been contacted, your street may still be without a captain. If you are unsure whether your street has a captain or you are interested in volunteering, please contact Christie Makar at 361-7111 or email: [christied-makar@msn.com](mailto:christied-makar@msn.com).

## Summer Block Parties—After 39 Years, Life is Far from the Pits on Cherry

The folks on Cherry Street know how to throw a block party, especially since they have been doing it 1969! They select a Grand Marshall for the day chosen from the residents who have resided on Cherry Street the longest and begin with a bike and pet parade. There is a moonwalk for the kids as well as a visit from the fire and police departments. After all the prizes for Bingo have been won, the day affair culminates with a movie for the kids and a "washers" tournament for the grown-ups.

And of course since it is Cherry Street, they have to have a cherry pit spitting contest.

Now don't be discouraged, if your block doesn't throw a bash quite as polished as the neighbors on Cherry do, the real objective is to come together, enjoy the company of your neighbors and reflect upon what makes your block so great.

And, 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.

## Neighborhood Communication Established on Google

Doc Sade, one of the more tech-savvy of the OMG board, has established a “Google Group” in order to more effectively communicate with our neighborhood.

The intent is to use this-site as a quick means of disseminating news and events, as well as allowing our neighbors the opportunity to participate in ongoing discussions and concerns they may have.

You do not have to be a member of the site to view

any of the public information. However, if you wish to post news items or respond to discussion threads on the site, you will have to join the group.

It is our hope to post crime prevention communications as well current issues that are affecting our community.

If you have any questions about this site, please call Doc Sade at 333-4058 or email him at Doc\_sade@yahoo.com.

The URL for the site:

**(<http://groups.google.com/group/oak-meyers-gardens-news?hl=en>)**

## Dumpster Day is Big Success!

Over three pickup loads of hazardous wastes materials were collected at the OMG Dumpster Day. Two dumpsters were also filled with unwanted bulky items and lawn waste. A big thank you to Bill Blanck for making TWO trips out to the city’s drop off site.

## Trash/Bulky Item Pickup

To date, Oak Meyer Gardens is still in an area of the city that offers monthly bulky item pickup. *This may be changing due to shortages in the city budget* but until further notice, **our scheduled day is still 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.

Our scheduled trash and recycling day is every Thursday. Please try not to put out your trash until after 3 p.m. the day before pick up.

## OMG and Armour Hills Presents...

The movie “Hairspray” will be shown at Arbor Villa Park (Main Street and 66th Terrace) on Thursday, July 17th at dusk. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and watch a movie under the stars (a little bug repellent might also be a good idea.) For future showings, watch for posted banners on the Armour Hills’ tennis courts.

## 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 Hillcrest 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.

## OMG Dates

**July 27th**

**Summer Social**

Holmes Park

1 p.m.—4 p.m.

**October 19th**

**OMG Bonfire**

Holmes Park

4—6 p.m.

**November 16th**

**OMG Annual  
Board Meeting**

St. Peter's Legacy Center

5:30 p.m.

## OMG Markers

Many of you may have noticed that one of our larger neighborhood markers at Rockhill and Holmes was destroyed by a car early this month. As it turns out, we had already contracted some work on this monument so repairs should be complete by early August. In addition, all of our markers that identify "Oak Meyer Gardens" are in the process of being cleaned and restored by Patina Restorations.

We have several areas throughout our homes association that are marked by statuary and plantings.

Many of these are old and we are very fortunate to have such distinctive markers flanking our streets. If you live near one of these plantings and notice some of the flowers getting dry throughout the hot summer, it would be much appreciated if you could give these plants a few moments of your time and a few gallons of your water.

We believe these special touches add to the charm of our community and it is in all of our best interest to keep them looking their best. Thank you for your efforts.

Have a wonderful summer!



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