

Oak Meyer Gardens Homes Association **Neighbor *to* Neighbor**

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It's not too late to plan your fall block party

Neighborhood gatherings are a great way to forge relationships with the people that live closest to you. Getting together with your neighbors doesn't have to be a big production and doesn't always have to be done in the summertime. There are

countless ideas for any season, such as a pumpkin carving block party, a chili cook-off, or a holiday cookie exchange. We have had neighbors in the past turn the Chiefs game into a neighborhood affair by projecting the game on a screen that fills their garage.

Chairs are assembled in the driveway and a fire pit adds a little warmth when the weather turns cold. Neighbors stop by and the camaraderie builds.

Anyone on the block can plan the party. Once you pick a date, you will be ready to get a permit

Celebrate the change of seasons with the OMG Fall Bonfire!

Join your neighbors on Sunday, October 28th from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. for our annual Fall Bonfire at the Boy Scout fire pit at Holmes Park (located on the northeast corner). The Homes Association will provide hotdogs, water, and all the makings for s'mores. Just bring your family for a fun, fall afternoon. Parking will

be made available in the University Academy Charter School parking lot.



Crime Prevention & Awareness Committee is Forming in OMG

Oak Meyer Gardens is in the process of starting a Crime Prevention Committee. One of the first steps will be establishing block watch captains on each street. This position will not require a large time commitment and the rewards for our neighborhood will be great.

Block watch captains will be asked to collect the names of everyone on their street, along with their street address, email address, and phone numbers.

The OMG board will notify block captains when crime activity is reported in our area and captains in turn can notify individuals on their block. If a neighbor witnesses suspicious activity, they would call their block watch captain to report the occurrence (after dialing 911 of course.)

Please consider this worthwhile way to get involved in our neighborhood. Call Christie Makar at 361-7111 for more information.



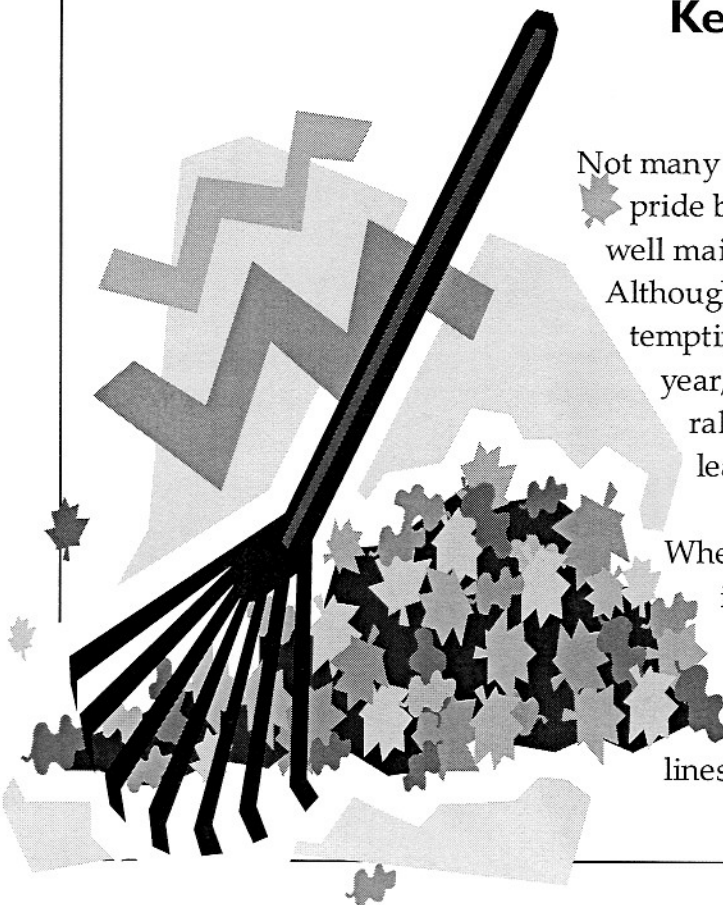
Keeping Your Yard Manicured— All the Way to the Curb

Not many things illustrate pride better than a well maintained yard. Although it is very tempting this time of year, please do not rake or blow your leaves into the streets.

When leaves are left in the gutters they end up in the catch basins and sewer lines. This invites a

series of problems, including clogged lines and a magnet for unwanted pests.

If you have a clogged sewer or catch basin on your block, please call the city's Sewer Maintenance Division at 513-2180 and give an exact location of the problem. If you require yard waste pickup on a more frequent basis than the city provides, two area businesses may be able to help. You can try Lawn Corps at 761-3046 or Nature's Rubbish at 444-4050.



About the OMG Homes Association

The Oak Meyer Gardens (OMG) neighborhood is comprised of 485 homes located within an area bound by 63rd 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.

Annual Meeting Set for November 18th

Please join your neighbors for our Annual OMG Neighborhood Meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at the St. Peter's Legacy Center, located at 815 E. Meyer Boulevard.

Our guest speaker will be 4th District Council Person, Jan Marcason. Dinner will be provided by Carman's Catering beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 6 p.m.

Meet your neighbors, elect your OMG board, and enjoy some good Italian food!

Sidewalk Joined at Rockhill and Oak

If you are a walker or runner you have probably already noticed that the sidewalk that previously came to an abrupt stop on Rockhill and Oak now provides a continuous path. With this improvement however, we lost an Oak Meyer entrance marker. A decision is still pending whether a new sign will be installed in this vicinity. Do you have an opinion? Call OMG President, Bill Blanck at 363-3591.

Watch for the University Academy Food Drive Coming to Our Neighborhood, November 3 & 10

Watch your front steps for an opportunity to lend a hand to needy families in our area. The University Academy charter school will conduct its sixth annual food drive to benefit several faith-based food pantries around our neighborhood.

On Saturday, November 3, volunteers from University Academy, UMKC, and other institutions will distribute grocery sacks and fliers to as many households as

they can cover near the school's 68th and Holmes facility.

The following Saturday, volunteers will canvass the neighborhoods to collect donated food and personal care items placed on front porches.

At the school, donated items will be divided among the St. Francis Xavier, St. James United Methodist, and St. Therese Little Flower food pantries

Bulky Item pickup is Monthly Opportunity

Oak Meyer Gardens is in an area of the city that offers monthly bulky item pickup. Our day is scheduled for the 22nd 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.



OMG Dates

October 28

Fall Bonfire

At Holmes Park

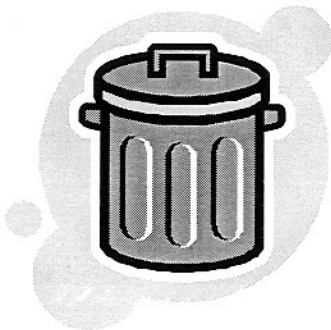
3 to 6 p.m.

November 18

**Oak Meyer Gardens
Annual Meeting and
Dinner**

January 7

**Christmas Tree
Pick-up**



Make Yourself Heard

Kansas City's Solid Waste Division is actively seeking opinions related to current services and future solutions for trash collection and disposal. If you would like to participate in a focus group as part of the City's Long-Term Solid Waste Management Planning effort, please contact the organizer at: rsnelson@janemobley.com or 816.472.1930.

Did You Know?

Ways to Access Your City

You can subscribe to any of a number of email lists to get city news on topics of interest.

From City Communications Department news releases, to downtown construction updates, there are several to choose from, and it appears there are more on the way.

Visit the Mayor's home page at www.kcmo.org, or go directly to <http://216.62.88.52/ColdFusionApps/listbot/index.cfm>.

And don't forget that the 3-1-1 Action Center is your point of contact for all city services.

Just dial 311 to request a service or report a problem.