

Oak Meyer Gardens Homes Association

Neighbor *to* Neighbor

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What's better than a summer block party? A summer block party with \$100

Having a block party is a great way to catch up with existing neighbors or introduce yourself to the new ones. The Oak Meyer Gardens Homes Association will donate \$100 toward members' block parties to help purchase food and entertainment. Just bring a copy of your permit to OMG board president, Bill Blank. He can be reached at 363-3591. First, obtain a block party application from the Public Works Department at least three weeks prior to

your event by calling 513-2679 or go to the city's website at www.kcmo.org and click on "Block Party Permits" to download the form. After all the signatures are collected from the neighbors bordering the party site, forms must still be mailed to City Hall. Once they receive the form they will send you the permit and instructions for picking up the barricades. Shake things up a bit this year; make it a themed event, hold a talent show,

or play some games. The ideas are endless. The main point is to get to know your neighbors a little better. Don't forget to take pictures. The rest of Oak Meyer Gardens wants to know what your block is up to. (Call Christie Makar if you have photos to include in the next Neighbor to Neighbor at 361-7111.) Would you like the fire department to come? Call 784-9999. Questions, call the neighborhood Assistance Center at 513-3200.

Save the Date for More Summer Fun!

The Oak Meyer Gardens Homes Association Summer Social is scheduled for **Sunday, July 22** in Holmes Park from 1 to 5 p.m.

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

The board is busily working on other fun things for the family. Watch your mail for more detailed information later this summer.

Trash, Recycling and Bulky Items Clip & Save Resource List

Trash is picked up in our neighborhood weekly, each Thursday morning unless a city holiday has occurred during the week, in which case our trash pickup is usually the next day.

If you have more than two bags of trash, purchase tags for the extra bags at Westlake Hardware or Price Chopper.

You will want to remember some other local "rules of trash," and recycling however:

When do I set out my old fridge, broken desk chair, or torn-up carpet? **Oak Meyer Gardens is in an area of the city which 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.

These items can go in your recycling bin:

- Aluminum cans and other metal cans
- Plastic bottles with a neck (look for the #1 & #2 symbols), such as water and soda bottles, milk jugs

and detergent bottles

- Office paper, junk mail, newspapers, phone books, catalogues and magazines.
- Cardboard (thick corrugated and thin cereal box-type)

These items don't go in the bin:

- Glass
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Motor oil bottles and other automotive product bottles
- Egg cartons
- Paper towels, tissues or napkins, plates or cups
- Waxed containers, like milk cartons or juice boxes
- Gift wrap
- Shredded paper
- Plastic tubs, like yogurt tubs

Too much for the bin? Set extra recyclables in cardboard boxes, paper bags or plastic tubs next to the bin.

Glass recyclables: Drop these off glass at the site closest to our neighborhood: UMKC parking lot, 4745 Forest (one block east of 48th Street and Troost Avenue). Hours are Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

About Oak Meyer Gardens Homes Association (OMG)



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.

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.

Tips for Summertime Crime Prevention

During the summer months, theft becomes more of a problem as criminals find that it is easier for them to get into places you would normally close and lock during the winter months. While people are out enjoying the summer, criminals take full advantage. We hope these tips will help you have a crime-free summer.

- Make sure your windows and doors are closed and locked. Criminals wait for summer months knowing that people leave doors and windows open due to the heat.
- Advise the KCMO police department when you are on vacation. Have someone pick up your mail and newspapers. Use a timer during the evening hours. Ask a friend or a neighbor to watch your house while you are gone and report any suspicious activity.
- Use Drive-up ATMs if possible. If you have to use a walk up ATM, go with a friend and be aware of your surroundings at all times. Use an ATM in a store if possible.
- Lock up the car, put up the top, and roll up those windows. Al-

ways put valuable items in the trunk where they are hidden from view. Bad guys know where the crowds are and go to those places for easy targets.

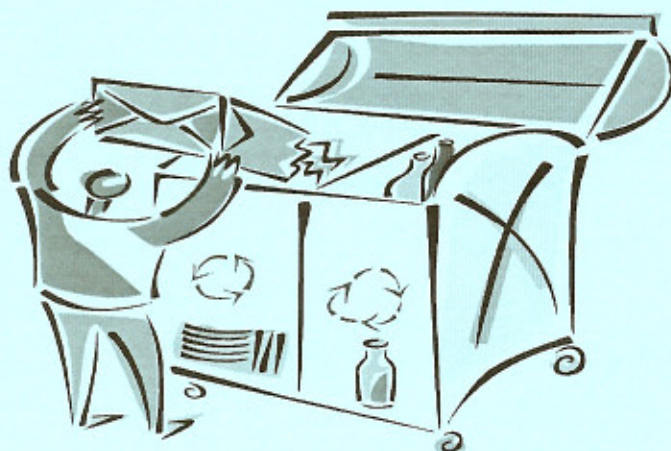
- Remember to close your garage door if you are not inside your garage. Try not to leave out bicycles, toys, or other valuables.....they might get stolen.



Second Annual OMG Dumpster Day!

Your spring cleaning chores just got a little bit easier with help from your homes association.

Mark the date of **Saturday, June**



16 cleaning out the garage, attic, basement, or the yard. That's when up to four dumpsters will be available for Oak Meyer Garden residents who wish to dispose of yard waste or bulky items. Tires will not

be accepted in the dumpster. Hazardous household waste such as paint, motor oil, or batteries may not be placed in the dumpster, but OMG board members will be collecting it and

dropping it off at the city environmental campus. Please bring hazardous waste in a sealed container. No propane containers or medical waste please.

The dumpster will be available from 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. June 16.

Hazardous waste drop off will be available until 1 p.m. Please be prepared to sign your name and address when dropping off waste.

Both the dumpster and waste drop off will be located behind St. Peters School at 6400 Charlotte.

Oak Meyer Gardens Dates to Note

June 16

**Dumpster Day & Hazardous
Waste Drop-off**

St. Peter's School parking lot

July 22

Summer Social
Holmes Park

October 14

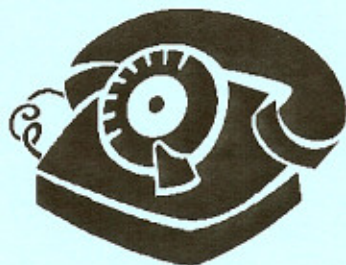
Fall Bonfire
Holmes Park

November 18

**Oak Meyer Gardens Annual
Meeting & Dinner**

January 7

Christmas Tree Pick-up



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 about the City, call 311. The City's Action Center is open between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m.—5 p.m. on Saturdays. You can leave a recorded message after office hours. You can also email them at action-center@kcmo.org.

Keep Porch Lights On, Flood Lights Adjusted

It seems like a small thing, but by leaving your porch lights on, you really do help deter crime in the neighborhood. Back and side yard security lights are a good idea as well, but make sure they are adjusted so they don't point into a neighbor's yard or window. Often you may not realize that your outdoor flood lights are lighting up your neighbor's bedroom too!

