



Oak Meyer Gardens Homes Association Neighbor *to* Neighbor

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A MEMBER OF THE HOMES ASSOCIATIONS OF THE COUNTRY CLUB DISTRICT

TWO LEAF COLLECTION DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

The City of Kansas City, Mo., Public Works Department has announced that it is adding a second fall leaf and brush curbside collection this fall. Citizens are asked to place paper sacks and small bundles of brush at the curb by 7 a.m. on the Monday of their collection week.

The collection rules are:

- Paper lawn sacks only, no plastic bags
- Only masking tape may be used to seal paper lawn sacks
- Brush must be bundled not exceeding 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter
- Use twine for bundles, no wire
- Sacks and bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds each
- No more than 20 sacks/bundles per residence
- No grass clippings, no trash
- If wet weather is forecast, cover sacks/bundles with clear plastic.

Citizens may also use the City's two leaf and brush drop-off sites, which are open every Saturday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. through Jan. 15, 2007. The sites are at 4707 Deramus Ave., and south of Interstate 470 on Raytown Road.

OMG COLLECTION DATES

First Date:
Put your leaves
and brush out by
7 a.m. Monday,
Nov 13

Second Date:
Put your leaves
and brush out
by 7 a.m.
Monday,
Dec. 11



It's Annual Meeting Time

The annual Oak Meyer Gardens Neighborhood Association meeting will be called to order on the evening of November 12, 2006.

This year, residents will meet in the St. Peter's Legacy Center at the corner of Meyer and Rockhill, where the OMG Homes Association will provide supper for meeting attendees.

Carmen's will be catering, so don't miss this great

Italian food!

A half-hour meet-and-greet will begin at 5:30 p.m. (after the Chief's game) and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

Terry Leeds of the KCMO Water Services Department's Overflow Control Program will be our guest speaker, with Q & A to follow.

Agenda items will include voting to approve the 2007

association budget and nomination and voting on 2007 board members.

Oak Meyer Gardens
Annual Meeting



Sunday, Nov. 12
at St. Peter's
Legacy Center
815 E. Meyer Blvd.

5:30 p.m. meet & greet

6 p.m. meeting begins

Take Care When Choosing A Contractor *Rush on Roofing May Be Tempting to Con Artists*

With this summer's damaging hail storm, and subsequent rush on roofing services across Brookside, some neighbors have had unfortunate run-ins with less-than-honest people claiming to be roofing contractors.

With roofing, or any other home project for which you hire a contractor, consider visiting the local Better Business Bureau, to check for complaints on any company you might be considering for

work around your home.

The national Better Business

Bureau offers this article about a common type of home repair scam: "Con artists show up at your door offering a variety of products and services from

household cleaners to magazines, from tree trimming to roof repair. Some may offer to pave your driveway with leftover materials from a previous job, mow your lawn, or remodel your home for a very low price. Often-



times, these fly-by-night operators may drive vehicles with out-of-state license plates, or set up temporary offices from which they can move quickly once authorities start looking for them. Before you pay money to anyone who uses this type of approach, and especially before you allow any unknown individual into your home, the Better Business Bureau suggests that you do the following:

- Obtain the name and

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address of the company that person allegedly represents. If the person does not represent a known business and the circumstances suggest an itinerant contractor or sales representative, ask for references and contact each one.

- Get all details of the offer in writing and carefully review it. Make sure you understand everything in the contract. Any verbal promises should be included in the contract.
 - Make sure the salesperson has provided you with the proper "notice of cancellation" form as required under the FTC's "Three Day Cooling Off Rule" for contracts signed in the home.
 - Verify that the contractor is properly licensed, bonded and insured.
 - Determine how long the company has been in business and call your Better Business Bureau to determine the firm's customer experience record.
- If you have checked references and the company's reputation, and you decide to hire the company, make the check payable to the company and not to the salesperson or other individual's name. Do not pay in cash.

Remember, any legitimate company that wants your business will be more than willing to allow you the time to "check them out." Don't fall prey to high-pressure tactics such as "this is the only chance you have" or "by tomorrow the extra materials will be gone."

If you have an expensive repair, be especially cautious of these offers. Obtain bids from several companies. Don't always go for the lowest bid - in many cases, you will get exactly what you pay for."

The local BBB is online at www.kansascity.bbb.org. This and other helpful articles can be found at www.bbb.org/alerts/Home.asp

BONFIRE TIME

OMG Begins Fun Fall Tradition



Sunday, October 22 was cold and windy, but the OMG residents who came out to Holmes Park were warm and cozy around the bonfire. With hotdogs, 'smores, and hot apple cider, young and old alike enjoyed cooking over the open flame and socializing outdoors--despite the falling fall temperatures. Join us next year!

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