



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

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**The New Oak Meyer Gardens  
 'Home of the Month' Award**

Starting this spring, our homes association will recognize some of our neighbors with the presentation of the new **Home of the Month** award. The award will be presented monthly, April through October, and will recognize residents who take exceptional pride in the outward appearance of their homes and property. Monthly winners will be announced in future newsletters and on our website, [www.oakmeyergardens.org](http://www.oakmeyergardens.org). Along with neighborhood recognition, award winners in 2011 will be presented with a \$25 gift card donated by our award sponsor, **Euston Hardware**, located at 126 W. 75th St.



Maurice and Jane Carey are recipients of the April, 2011 Home of the Month Award

Our inaugural Home of the Month award goes to Maurice and Jane Carey at 600 East 65th Terrace. Jane has lived in the home for over 30 years, and we appreciate the effort she and Maurice have made over the years maintaining their home and property.

Would you like to nominate someone for Home of the Month? Contact Oak Meyer Gardens board member Christie Makar at (816) 361-7111 to make a suggestion.

## Spring 2011 Curbside Brush & Leaf Pickup

**Thursday, April 28th** is the date for spring brush and leaf pickup in our neighborhood. The city collects up to 20 sacks or bundles of leaves and brush (excluding grass clippings) from residences during this scheduled curbside collection. This is the only collection scheduled for this spring, so please make an effort to take advantage of this city service. For more information on curbside pickup, including a list of guidelines, visit the city's website at [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org).

On a related note, *please help to keep our neighborhood drain basins clear of leaves and debris*. It is important that our streets drain properly and efficiently.

## OMG Dumpster Day Saturday June 18th

Oak Meyer Gardens Dumpster Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th in the St. Peter's parking lot (accessed from Charlotte Street). From 9am - 12 noon, we will accept household items, yard waste, and labelled hazardous household items like paint. Regarding lawn waste, please note that we will cannot accept grass clippings, and that brush should be tied into manageable bundles.

**We need volunteers.** If you can take some time to help out that morning, please contact OMG President, Clayton Snodgrass, at (816) 268-6288. Access to a pickup truck would be very helpful as well.

## OMG Will Donate \$100 Towards Your Block Party

Safe neighborhoods start with strong bonds between neighbors, and block parties are a great way to strengthen those bonds. Get together with your block and plan a party this summer. To close off your block for a party, remember that you must first apply for a block party permit at [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org).

As an incentive, Oak Meyer Gardens will donate \$100 toward block party supplies. Just bring a copy of your block permit and receipts to OMG president, Clayton Snodgrass. He can be reached at (816) 268-6288 or [mistersnodgrass@gmail.com](mailto:mistersnodgrass@gmail.com).

## New Wednesday Farmers' Market in Waldo

A new farmers' market in Waldo is slated to begin on May 4th. The market will run from 3pm - 7pm each Wednesday, May 4th - August 31st. Waldo Habitat ReStore will host the market in the front parking lot of their store at 303 East 79th Street (formerly Marbeck Appliance). The market will feature organic and sustainably grown vegetables, herbs, fruit, meats, eggs, flowers, nuts, bedding plants, honey and jams grown or produced primarily within the Kansas City metro area. For more information, visit [www.wholesomewaldowednesdays.org](http://www.wholesomewaldowednesdays.org).

**Stay informed - join the Oak Meyer Gardens email list at [www.OakMeyerGardens.org](http://www.OakMeyerGardens.org)**

## Tower Group Kicks Off Campaign to Restore Landmark

A group called the Waldo Tower Historical Society is raising money to restore the iconic Waldo water tower. The structure, located in Tower Park at the corner of 75th & Holmes, was built in 1920. It served the city with clean water until decommissioned in 1957. In 1975, the tower was designated as Missouri's first American Water Works Association landmark.

Today, the Tower is structurally sound, but has lost some of its grandeur to decades of decay. A study funded by the city of Kansas City (which still owns the structure and has passed administration of its care from the Water Department to the Parks Department) reveals that the Tower needs a great deal of repair to reclaim its appearance.

The Waldo Tower Historic Society has taken as its mission saving the Tower by publicizing its plight and helping fund the recommendations of the study.

"This is an enormous project, and one that will take at least \$900,000 and several years to complete," said Kurtis Marinez, president of the Waldo Tower Historic Society, who also noted that over 10% of that estimate is already in the bank through funds committed by the city and private donations.

"With the help of the Kansas City business community, grants, and personal tax deductible donations, this project can and will be completed," he said.

To learn more, or to get involved, visit [www.waldotower.org](http://www.waldotower.org) or call Mr. Marinez directly, at (816) 268-0656.



The Waldo Tower was built in 1920.

## Street Sign Vandalism & the 311 Action Center

Our neighborhood has recently experienced a rash of graffiti "tags" on street signs, perpetrated by an extremely bored individual. Thanks to the coating on modern street signs, many of these tags can be wiped away rather effortlessly with a rag and light cleaning agent.

If you see a tagged sign, take a minute to see if you can wipe it off. If the tag cannot be removed, report the graffiti to the city's 3-1-1 Action Center by dialing 311 from a touch-tone phone. The line is available between 7am and 8pm on weekdays, and from 8am - 5pm on Saturdays. In addition to the 311 hotline, graffiti can also be reported on the city's website at [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org).

## Important Dates

**Sat April 23**  
Brookside Farmer's  
Market Opens

**Thu April 28**  
Curbside Brush &  
Leaf Pickup (7am)

**April 29 - May 1**  
Brookside Art Annual

**Wed May 4**  
Waldo Farmer's  
Market Opens

**Sat May 21**  
OMG Neighborhood  
Garage Sale

**Sat June 18**  
OMG Dumpster Day



## Oak Meyer Gardens Garage Sale

The annual Oak Meyer Gardens neighborhood garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 21st. This is the same day that Armour Hills and other nearby neighborhoods are holding their garage sales, and we hope to create some synergy with promotion and traffic. Good luck treasure hunting and / or selling.

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