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DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

The first ever OMG Garden Tour was held Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. Four neighborhood gardeners hosted the event. About a dozen people visited each garden. Organizer (and gardener) Sarah Snodgrass looks forward to an even more successful event, next spring. Here's a quick list of the gardeners and their gardens:

Shawn Hire, Vegetable Garden

Marlin & Erica Bates, Vegetable garden spanning the width of the property, a "forest floor" around the rest of the back yard, an active compost bin and a bat house

James Trefz & Tony Moellman, Newly planted urban garden

Sarah & Clayton Snodgrass, Vegetable garden and four egg-laying chickens



SUMMER SOCIAL BEST EVER

The OMG Summer Social on Sunday, June 9 had it all: Good weather. Good company. Good food. Boulevard beer. And, fun for all ages.

This year's OMG Summer Social drew a record crowd. Events included a bouncy house, washers and pie eating competitions, a visit from Kansas City Sixth District Councilman John Sharp and much neighborly schmoozing.



DUMPSTER DAY DRAWS 100+

More than 100 neighbors participated in Dumpster Day, June 1, completely filling two dumpsters with trash and one with tree and yard waste. In addition, Bill Blank and Clayton Snodgrass hauled two truck loads of hazardous waste to Kansas City's Household Hazardous Waste facility located at the Environmental Campus, 4707 Deramus Ave.

There was also some dumpster diving as some neighbors' trash became other neighbors' treasures. Aaron Wright repurposed a wonderful old ladder as a garden trellis for his cucumbers.

Great help was delivered by Rich and Jamie Littrell and Paula Holmquist and son Robby.



DOG GONE



On June 21, the OMG Facebook lit up with photos of a found dog. Alert and responsive neighbors recognized the dog, connected the owner with the finder.

In short order, Simba was home and all was well.

The moral of this tale is: Keep your eyes on <https://www.facebook.com/oakmeyergardens/>

NEIGHBORLY NICETIES

- Try to keep up with your tree debris pick up and general landscaping.
- Keep your lawn cut and your weeds under control.
- Pick up after your pooch.
- Watch where you park your car: Don't block others' access.
- Sweep your walk.
- Don't put your trash out early nor leave your recycle bin out late.
- Get to know your neighbors. Be appropriately interested in their welfare and comings and goings.
- Pick up trash, even if it is not yours.
- Don't make too much noise, especially late into the night.
- Maintain your property.
- Be alert. If you see something odd or suspicious, say something.
- Remember: being a good neighbor is easy and pays dividends in returned kindness.

OMG & MR.K

After his employer rewarded his great success as a pharmaceutical salesman by cutting his territory, Ewing Kauffman bid them adieu and struck out on his own.



In those days, home based businesses were not as common as they are today. But, showing the determination that had led him to initial success, and that soon became evident as he pursued the entrepreneur's role, Kauffman started Marion Laboratories in the basement of his Oak Meyer Gardens home at 6705 Locust in June 1950.



The house is currently occupied by former Memphis resident, Michael Riker and his wife Amanda. Moving to

Kansas City in 2006, and living in apartment for several years, they joined our community in OMG with the purchase of the "old Kauffman place" in 2008.

Riker is an emergency physician at Children's Mercy Hospital and is on faculty as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City.

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OMG *by the* NUMBERS

A look at highlights of the population of Oak Meyer Gardens neighborhood: This data is drawn from the 2010 decennial census and the American Community Survey, which is also compiled by the U S Census Bureau. The data was supplied to The Acorn by The City Planning and Development Department of Kansas City, Missouri.



1200 *Residents*

52% *Female*

35.2 *Median Age*

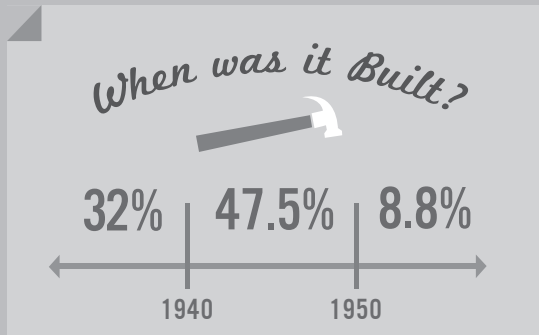
1 in 7 *School Age*

1 in 11 *Over 65*



552 *Housing Units*

Almost all are single family homes.



OMG *Employment*



2 of 3

Managerial & Professional



1 of 6

Technical, Sales, Admin. Support



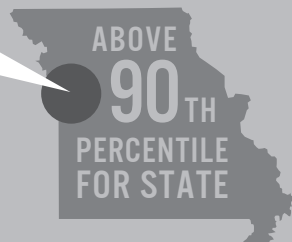
11%

Service Industries

OMG *House Values*

144%

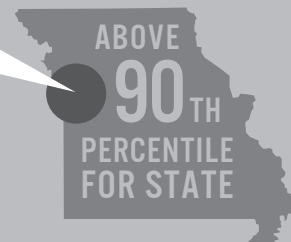
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OMG *Income*

185%

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4 of 5 *College Educated*



90% *Commute Alone*

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun Nov 10

OMG Annual Meeting
St. Peter's Legacy Center
Dinner 5:15p
Meeting 6:00p

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KNOW THY NEIGHBOR

Who are you and what do you do?

We are Jean, Marcia, Rosie, Woody (dog), Bronson (black cat), and Delilah (gold cat) Pasqualini. Jean teaches at Academie Lafayette, Marcia teaches psychology at Avila University, and Rosie will be starting 10th grade at Barstow.

Where did you grow up?

Jean: Toulon, France; Rosie: Portsmouth, England; Marcia, 65th Terrace here in OMG.

Where else have you lived?

Jean and Marcia met in Wuerzburg, Germany, and then moved to Portsmouth, where we lived for almost 9 years.

How long have you lived in Oak Meyer Gardens?

Since May 2004.

Best part about living here?

It's pretty, and calm. It's nice being near Brookside shopping center and the Plaza. And of course we have great neighbors!

Biggest downside of living here?

Lack of good public transportation and bike paths (with no cars) in Kansas City.

Notable personal achievements?

Rosie won the grand prize in poetry in Greenville College's first ever creative writing contest for high school students.

Hobbies/pastimes/passions?

Jean: building tube amps for guitars; Marcia: Royals & Chiefs; Rosie: philosophy & writing



The Pasqualini Family

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