



Oakleigh Words

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Coming Events Mark these Dates!

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Subdivision Garage Sale:

May 14 and 17th from 8 am to 1:00 pm. Call Cindy Baker Henson at (636) 2223-2222 and request a sign to be placed in your yard.

Driveway Parties:

Scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in the months of May, June and July from 7-11 pm.

4th of July Parade:

Friday, July 4th @ 10:00 a.m. .

Ice Cream Social:

August. Date and Time to be determined.

Subdivision BBQ:

September 6th. Annual BBQ from 4-8 pm . RSVP by Sept. 1st – (636) 227-3849.

Progressive Dinner:

Sunday, December 7th 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Updates / Reminders

Driveway Parties are starting up again!!!! It's time to get out and enjoy the weather and the company of friends and neighbors. Bring your own food and drink. Our first driveway party is May 17th from 7 – 11:00 p.m. Currently we do not have a hostess for the driveway party. If you are interested, please call 636-230-3326.

Subdivision Garage Sale: Spring has sprung and it is time to clean house. If you have “stuff” that you no longer need that is in good shape, Cindy Baker Henson with Coldwell Banker is hosting an area garage sale. She will be posting the information in the local newspaper and handing out yard signs for the event. The event is scheduled for May 14 & May 17 from 8 to 10- a.m.

Trustee Corner

2008 Recap

The Oakleigh Woods Trustees were busy during the last year with several projects completed. Common ground space was cleared of honeysuckle, weeds, and poison ivy at the corner of Baxter and Forest Leaf Dr. At that time the weeds by the creek were also cut back in order to help pedestrians and cars see one another when crossing Forest Leaf at Oakleigh Woods Drive. With the help of Chris Nugent, the Ballwin City Arborist, we also obtained a batch of Missouri native bushes which were planted in place of honey suckle by the creek to promote new, controlled growth. In addition, based on feedback from Trustees and Oakleigh Woods residents, the City of Ballwin added a crosswalk on Forest Leaf to provide additional safety of our residents. Finally, the monuments and circles were recently given a much needed facelift provided by our lawn cutting and landscape service.

Future Planned Activities

This year the Trustees have additional plans to for more plantings of trees and Missouri native bushes to help beautify the neighborhood's common grounds and provide for more healthy forest areas. Chris Nugent and the Missouri Department of Conservation recommends that we remove all honey suckle in the common ground areas in the long term to promote the growth of new trees and appropriate bushes. We plan to continue the spot removal of honey suckle and replanting of new bushes over a period of time. Additionally, during 2008, the Trustees plan to add numerous new trees along Oakleigh Woods Drive and in the newly reclaimed common ground areas.

Trustee Commentary

Please welcome Jim Arnott as a new trustee. The trustees ask residents to help in the effort to continuously improve the neighborhood and common ground areas. The more residents that volunteer their time, the less work for those involved. Going forward, we would like to organize common ground "maintenance parties" twice each year involving more residents. We would also like to see a monument beatification committee in the neighborhood take charge of maintaining the bushes and flowers around the monuments. Finally, we want to remind everyone to help keep grass clippings and other trash out of the creek.

Trustees' Reminder:

1. No dumping of any kind in or around the creek or in the common ground areas. This includes yard waste and limbs.
2. We would like to hear your comments on how we could improve the common ground areas in our neighborhood i.e. monuments, circles, creeks, open common ground, etc. Please voice your comments through our neighborhood website. www.oakleighwoods.org
3. The next trustee meeting is scheduled for August 2008. See web site for exact date.
4. Please be considerate of your neighbors and bring your dog indoors if it barks excessively, particularly between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM.



Neighborhood Watch

Spring has come and more and more people are spending time outside. Just a few safety notes from our Ballwin Police:

- 1) Remember to keep your garage door closed, even when you are outside. It only takes a moment for someone to take something from your garage or enter your home.
- 2) If vacationing, don't invite would be thieves. Tall / un-kept grass, newspapers on the lawn, no lights on, are indicators that you are not at home. Helpful tips: have someone cut your yard, have your newspapers and mail stopped. Leave a several lights on inside. Ask a neighbor to check on things and give them a number you can be reached at if something comes up.
- 3) Be leery of sales persons and service persons who come un-expectedly to your home. Are they driving a company vehicle or have a uniform on? First of all, do not let them in your home. Ask for identification. Call the company to verify the visit. For more helpful hints, visit the Ballwin Police website at www.ballwin.mo.us

OW Homeowner's Assoc. Fee

We are accepting OW Homeowner's Association Fees for 2008. The OW activities are varied and are supported by the \$10 membership due. **This is a voluntary membership commitment and not to be confused with the mandatory neighborhood yearly assessment fee.** As a member, you receive a discount at select events, meeting minutes, voting rights, and a collective interest of neighborhood camaraderie and fun! If you are considering membership, please contact Margo Scanlon at 227-3849.

Neighbor to Neighbor Corner

There is nothing noted at this time from the Neighbor to Neighbor Corner.

(If you have any tidbits or recommendations, please forward for inclusion in the Neighbor to Neighbor Corner)