

The Oakbrook Quarterly 2023 Q2

President's Message

By Marci Meyer, HOA President

Hello -
As I write this note on the first day of summer I cannot help to think about how quickly time flies by. The ample rain has enhanced the natural beauty in our neighborhood. The trees, grass and flowers are all so vibrant and beautiful. We are excited for the 4th of July parade. We hope you can join us the morning of the 4th - bring your bikes, scooters, wagons, strollers, leashes and sneakers for a fun community morning! Your HOA has been working hard to update our policies in an effort to save money and streamline the process of dealing with complaints and other issues that arise. More information can be found on our website. We have been working on community events, food trucks, weed management and issue resolution. Your HOA board is comprised of volunteer homeowners, we are always looking for new volunteers. Please reach out if you think you may have interest in serving your neighborhood, we'd be happy to discuss open roles, responsibilities and time commitments. It is the volunteers that work hard to keep this neighborhood amazing and your home values high. Please consider donating some of your time. While on that topic... please pay your annual dues. They are low per household and go towards all of the above.

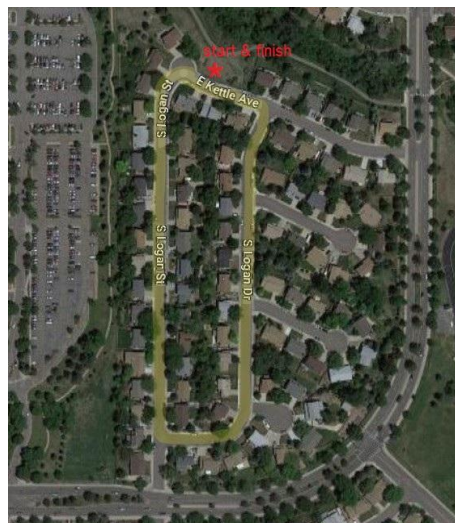
In addition, I would like to add that it is each of our responsibility to abide by the modest covenants. Most of the time the issue is easily resolved because the homeowner was unaware of the rule and quick to fix. However, there are some that push the limits. Your intentional disregard of the rules is a direct disrespect for your neighbors and the board. It wastes the board's time and is a complete waste of the HOA funds that could go to a much better use.

I send my best to each of you and hope that you have a lovely and fulfilled summer.
Marci

4th of July Parade

by Ellina Robischon, Communications Director

Kick your 4th of July off with your neighbors! The Oakbrook 4th of July parade will begin at 9:15 am (meet at 9am) on Tuesday July 4th. The start and finish will be at the green space west of 519 E Kettle Ave. The parade will head clockwise-west on E Kettle Ave, south and then east on S Logan Dr, and finally north on S Logan St, with popsicles for everyone at the finish line. Decorate your bikes, scooters, leashes, strollers, or whatever non-motorized mode of transportation you would like and join us on the route!



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Covenant Corner

By Joe Chalupa, HOA Vice-President & Covenant Committee Lead

This year has been quiet, as far as Homeowner concerns expressed for violations. Home improvement projects are keeping our Board members and Covenant Committee busy with approvals! Homeowners have been meticulous in assuring proper procedures are being followed. This, generally, allows for quick approval. As Vice President of our Oakbrook HOA, and on behalf of Covenant Committee, and HOA Board of Directors, I want to thank you for making our job easier!

At this point, I must say that it seems there are still a few that believe it is ok to leave their trash and/or trash containers stored visible from the street when not in use. This is against the Oakbrook covenants. The trash/garbage containers must be stored behind a security fence or other type of enclosure, or in the garage, assuring they are not visible from the street, or other neighboring lots. We see some stored improperly, with the justification that “other residents” have theirs out, next to the house, in front of the fence or some other such location, so it must be ok for me to do the same! IT IS NOT OK; IT IS STILL AGAINST COVENANTS! Those of us on the HOA Board of Directors, and covenant committee members are volunteers, and most of us work at full time employment, so we may not get courtesy/reminder letters out quickly to those that are in violation. So, we again ask, please take the lead in your neighborhood, and comply with the covenants. In this way, we can all benefit from a more appealing neighborhood, which in turn keeps our home values high!

We want to thank residents with Campers, and other types of trailers for keeping within the rules as far as “storage procedures”. Most of you have made every effort to follow the covenants. At this time, we have a camper consistently stored outside the approved covenants guidelines. These residents have been given every opportunity to correct these concerns, with courtesy letter sent.

Because of new regulations governing enforcement, as published in this newsletter, it has taken some time to assure we have the latest procedures in place. To those residents that have expressed concern as to why this year it seems to be taking longer to enforce covenants, please be assured we have not overlooked those that are in violation. Once these procedures are published, we can and will continue to enforce our covenants. We understand, when we accepted the nomination to run for office on the Oakbrook Board of Directors, we also accepted the responsibility to enforce Oakbrook Homeowner Association covenants to the best of our ability.

Again, thank you for keeping our community the best!

Oakbrook Covenant Committee

Classified

Babysitting- Georgia Jewell

My name is Georgia, I am 15 years old, I am looking for babysitting work in the Oakbrook area. I have prior babysitting experience and two younger siblings that I frequently look after. I'm available most evenings and weekends. A quick meet and greet required prior to scheduling babysitting.

Contact me at: (303) 798-4372

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Advertising in the Oakbrook HOA newsletter is available as a free service to all Oakbrook residents. You may advertise or request products or services, pending available space. All ads will run for a period of one year, at which time all ads will be deleted or updated. To place an ad or to make changes, contact Ellina, our Communications Director, at ohoa1980@gmail.com, subject line ***Oakbrook Classifieds***.



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The Treasury

By Joanne Johnson, HOA Treasurer

The annual dues drive is in full swing, with just over \$5000 received so far. Remember, the neighborhood dues fund our operations for the year. Our covenants and the supporting dues benefit every house in the subdivision and keep our home values higher than unprotected neighboring developments, so please do your part and contribute your \$35/year – it costs less than a single Starbucks every month! You can pay via check or Paypal with the QR code.

Our mid-year financial updates will be available about halfway through July. Please watch our website at www.oakbrookhoa.com/financial-statements/.

Finally, my term is up at the end of this year and due to moving out of the neighborhood last year, I will not be running for re-election. We are looking for a volunteer to help me out for the rest of this year and learn the ropes before the election in the fall – however, I will still be able to assist the next Treasurer into 2024.

If you have any questions about our neighborhood finances or the role of the Treasurer, please reach out at ohoa1980@gmail.com!

-Joanne Johnson

Community Calendar

Summer Food Trucks at Puma Park

5pm-7:30pm

Monday, July 10

Monday, August 14

South Suburban Parks & Recreation

Music on the Patio: The Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel and the South Suburban Golf Course host weekend Music on the Patio during the summer. Enjoy music from popular local bands along with food and beverage specials all summer long. These events are free, but space is limited. Tables available on a first-come, first-served basis. [View dates and band schedules here.](#)

Goodson TRYathlon (Sunday, June 25): Swim, bike, run for fun! This is the perfect starting point to try a tri! This event is designed for those interested in a recreational/beginning triathlon experience regardless of athletic ability. More information is available at ssprd.org.

Yoga in the Park (June 27, July 25, Aug. 29): Join us, in partnership with RidgeGate, for FREE Yoga in the Park. No registration required, just show up and bring your yoga mat. Come enjoy the outdoors and get your zen on! [Learn more here.](#)

B.A.R.K. Rangers (Sunday, July 2 Sterne Park 12-2 pm & Monday, July 17 South Platte Park 4-6 pm): South Suburban is looking for canine ambassadors to become B.A.R.K. Rangers! If you and your best friend are interested, stop by one of our pop-up ranger booths to take the pledge. Your dog will get a certificate, as well as a badge to identify as a B.A.R.K. Ranger. Learn more at ssprd.org/Park-Rangers.

Summer Beats Concert Series (Thursday, July 20 6-8 pm): Bring your lawn chairs and get ready to jam at the RidgeGate Summer Beats concert series! Enjoy a free concert by 6 Million Dollar Band at Prairie Sky Park. Food trucks and activities start at 5 pm, and the band will hit the stage at 6 pm.

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Legal Brief

By Ashley Hudson, HOA Secretary

Hello Neighbors,

We hope you are having a wonderful Spring/Summer so far! The Board wanted to take the time to share with you a few updates. In 2022 and now in 2023, there has been a lot of new legislation surrounding HOAs. For instance, an HOA Task Force is to be appointed at the state level to examine issues regarding homeowners' rights and to perform other duties as noted in the new law, which is set to meet starting August 1, 2023. While our HOA doesn't have to comply with a lot of that due to having mandatory covenants but voluntary dues, we felt that some of the legislation would be a benefit to our Association. One of our goals for 2023 is achieving more transparency and improving ways of running the Oakbrook HOA. As such, we have implemented three new policies for Oakbrook HOA, effective immediately. We also plan to continue evaluating and adding new policies as new legislation is passed that is in line with our Association and our neighborhood, one of which is the new Water-Wise Landscaping Requirements of Senate Bill 178.

A short summary of each policy:

Dispute Resolution

This policy will help to outline a better process for disputes between homeowners and Oakbrook HOA, as well as between neighbors to support in resolving issues prior to them escalating.

Covenant Enforcement

This policy provides a more transparent way that the Association and the Covenants Committee will enforce any covenant violations, to include notices of alleged violations, the ability to request a hearing, as well as the ability to enforce the covenants and legal actions that the Association is able to take. This is in line with new legislation that passed in August 2022 - HB 22-1137

Records Inspection

This policy clarifies what records are available upon homeowner request as well as the duration of time that the Association is required to maintain records.

The policies have been added to our website at <https://oakbrookhoa.com/> under the "Governing Documents" tab for further review. If any questions come up, we would be more than happy to either converse via email at ohoa1980@gmail.com or we can schedule a discussion at one of our monthly Board meetings.

We appreciate your feedback as well as your understanding that we are your neighbors and volunteers who hope to make our neighborhood a more desirable place to live.

Sincerely,

The Oakbrook HOA Board

Have a great summer!

