

Old Oaks News & Views

From the Old Oaks Board of Directors

SUMMER EDITION

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Welcome to the summer edition of the Old Oaks News & Views. This newsletter is brought to you by the Old Oaks Board of Directors and is meant to give you the latest news, updates, and information from around the community. If you would like to contribute to future newsletters please email the board at info@myoldoaks.com or send your written contribution to Eagle Rock.

WEBSITE ADDITIONS

Please take a look at the website: www.myoldoaks.com We are trying to keep it updated with new information. If you need forms or wish to view the Declarations or Rules you can find them on the website. Our website is currently being updated by a resident homeowner, Alan Dean. If you have any computer needs you can visit his website at www.TeachMeAboutMyComputer.com. You will find his contact information there.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

As a reminder to everyone, nothing is to be attached or drilled into the exterior of the building and specifically the siding. The Association spent hundreds of thousands of dollars replacing siding due to the buildings rotting from lack of vapor barrier. We would like the property to remain attractive without all the wires entering the units from different sides and floors. Additionally, you must complete and submit an architectural change form to install or change anything on your unit.

You may plant perennials in existing flower beds as long as you maintain them. The landscaping company will not be responsible for pulling plants that are not marked with some type of vinyl colored marker. You can call Eagle Rock Management to obtain them.

Malibu type light fixtures are to be placed in an existing garden bed and may not line the edge of the driveway. They should be placed in the interior of the bed and not along the edge. Owners are responsible for these items and the landscape company cannot be held responsible for damage to any fixtures added by owners.

If you are planning on building a patio or deck, please complete an architectural change form and submit it to either a Board member, the above email address or Eagle Rock for approval. Approval usually takes only a few days. As a reminder to all owners, a design review process exists in our community and you are required to submit an Arch form when adding or changing anything to the exterior of your unit, including landscaping, lighting, windows, doors, etc.

Old Oaks allows owners to mulch their own landscape beds. If you wish to use volcanic rock or any other material you must complete and architectural change form and wait for approval. We do not allow white colored rock to be used in the front landscape beds. If you use it you will be required to remove it at your expense.

PROPERTY GUIDELINE REMINDERS

Please remember to clean up after your pets, and remember that not all the residents at Old Oaks appreciate your pet urinating on any part of their yards. This attracts other animals and soon begins to kill the lawn.

A few years ago the board determined that we would allow the screen covers for the fronts of the garages. That said, the screens must be rolled up when the garage door is down. Leaving the screen down is very unattractive to many of the neighbors. Please roll up your screen material before receiving a violation notice.

You may purchase and use gazebo type screen enclosures on your patio. You may not attach them to the building. You must remove the cover material before October 15. The color choices must be neutral – dark green, beige, etc. No circus tents allowed!

Owners and their tenants are required to store all trash containers inside your garages. Garbage containers may be placed at the curb after 4:00 p.m. on Monday and all containers and garbage must be removed by the end of day Tuesday. Large items can be placed at the curb for special a pick-up after contacting Waste Management and following their guidelines. It is the owner's responsibility to remove all items left at the curb after garbage pick-up.

Please! Do Not Park your vehicles on the sidewalks!! We do not need the added expense of replacing concrete due to the extra weight.

WILDLIFE

Please drive slowly through the community! Deer regularly cross the street from the woods to the pond area. You may even catch a glimpse of a fawn or two. Please be careful so we can all enjoy the little bit of country in our city lives.

Some owners are feeding the raccoons regularly with piles of cat or dog food on their decks. These curiously destructive animals can find their way under your deck or inside your attic and cause a great deal of damage – at your expense! Please think twice before feeding them.

BLOCK PARTY

Would you like to have a block party this year? We have two interested members of our community who are willing to work on organizing and planning a get together. If you would like to help please email info@myoldoaks.com and we will put you in contact with those committee members.

2011 GARAGE SALE

Garage sale plans are in the works! This year's Community Garage Sale will be held the last weekend in July – 29 & 30. If you would like to participate please leave your contact information with Eagle Rock so you can be added to the permit. You may also email info@myoldoaks.com.

2011 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Our next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday July 21, 2011.

Additional board meetings will be held on September 22 and the budget meeting will be November 10th.

Board meetings are held at @ 7:00 p.m. @ Eagle Rock Management: 4300 Enterprise Drive Suite A, Joliet, IL. Phone: 815-729-9290

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Assessments are due on the first day of the month and considered late after the 15th. Eagle Rock Management has chosen to do business with Alliance Bank and will be switching our Assessment account soon. You will be notified and new coupon books along with a new mailing address will be forwarded to owners this fall. For those owners who bank on line, please remember to change the mailing address. More information will be sent when we get closer to the switch.