

# Old Oaks News & Views

*From the Old Oaks Board of Directors*

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Welcome to the May 2014 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](mailto:info@myoldoaks.com). Please forward your email address to receive newsletters and mailings via email.

## **ANNUAL BOARD MEETING – APRIL 29, 2014**

The annual meeting of Old Oaks was held on April 29, 2014. As no other members of the community were interested in a seat, the board remains as follows:

Sharon Gomez – President, Amy Buteau – Secretary, Pam Haefner - Treasurer, Kim Pasch – Vice President

## **2014 ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY – MAY 10 @ 10:45 A.M.**

Each spring we hold an Annual Clean Up Day. We gather at 2544 Oak Tree to pick up trash bags and split up into groups to pick up the unsightly trash that blows through our neighborhood. We walk the entire pond area and along the woods on the odd side of the street. Please join us, even if you only clean the area around your building. Clean Up generally takes no more than an hour and a half. We meet back at 2544 and enjoy pizza, pop, water, beer and the fruits of our labor! The Association supplies everything but the beer! This year WE NEED YOU SO DON'T BE SHY!! Save the date and come on by! Rain date will be May 17, same time and place.

## **2014 GARAGE SALE – FRIDAY & SATURDAY: JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**CLEAN OUT THE CLOSETS AND HAUL OUT THE GOODS!**

The 2014 Garage Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is the **only** garage sale allowed in the community and all permits are paid for by the association. If you would like to participate in this year's sale, volunteer to pick up balloons or post signs please email [info@myoldoaks.com](mailto:info@myoldoaks.com). You must provide your name & address for the permit. The permit, signs, and balloons are paid for by the Association.

## **2014 BLOCK PARTY - AUGUST 16!!!**

Mark Your Calendar! The 2014 Block Party is planned for Saturday, August 16. We will ask owners in attendance to bring a desert or salad to share with the community. This year we are considering a Pig Roast (not set in stone) and our DJ is FREE! If you would like to help plan this year's Block Party please email [info@myoldoaks.com](mailto:info@myoldoaks.com) and we will put you in contact with committee members and volunteers. Without volunteers we can't have a party.

## PROPERTY GUIDELINE REMINDERS

Please! Remember to clean up after your pets even along the walking path. Your pet should not be defecating on your patios and sidewalks. You will receive a fine if this is noticed.

Please! Do Not Park your vehicles on the sidewalks!! We do not need the added expense of replacing concrete due to the extra weight. Street parking overnight is prohibited. Additionally, leaving unused vehicles in the guest parking is also prohibited.

Please! Take careful consideration of the close proximity to which we live. Running, jumping, slamming and screaming inside your unit, transfers to the neighbor next door. We have received several complaints regarding this. Having children is no excuse, they can be encouraged not to stomp the stairs and slam the doors.

Don't forget to submit an architectural change form for installation of patios, satellite dishes, and any exterior changes you plan to make. Without prior approval you risk being in conflict with the Declarations and could require immediate removal.

## 2014 PLANNED MAINTENANCE ITEMS

We have several maintenance items planned this year including:

- Mulching of the front yards which has been completed.
- Coming soon Certa Pro Painters has been contracted to paint the wood trim within Old Oaks. We will also paint the shutters, gas meters and the front doors!! This will be a two year project, completing half the community each year starting at Caton Farm. More information will be provided as to dates and times.
- Concrete replacements along the main walks. As most of you know, Old Oaks is responsible for the sidewalks and curbs which have begun to show some wear and sinking, especially along the Frontage area. If you have a service walk (area leading to front door) that is sinking or you would like the board to review, please email [info@myoldoaks.com](mailto:info@myoldoaks.com).
- Driveway Sealcoating which was approved for last year will be completed this year.
- Oak Tree Lane has begun to show some wear, especially after the harsh winter. Funds have been allocated for these repairs and we will work within the budget to complete as much as possible.
- Entry signs will be tuck-pointed, repaired, sealed and possibly painted.
- Tree replacements from the storms of 2013 will also be this year. Due to many communities removing Ash Trees and replacing with others, it is difficult to find a good sized tree that will fit within the community. Favorites are being depleted rapidly and costs are soaring. We will replace the trees within our budget.

## LAWN REPAIRS

Hartman and the Board have reviewed lawn areas within the community that are in need of repairs due to either snow damage, community pet damage, or individual pet damage. Residents whose front or rear areas are damaged specifically due to pet waste from their pets have been sent notice along with costs for repairs. We have received several comments inquiring as to why the association isn't making all the repairs since the homeowners are paying assessments. The reason for this is because if your pet did the damage in your area, NO ONE else should have to pay for it, especially non pet owners. The association's tab

comes to \$4000 plus to repair areas constantly urinated on by all dogs as well as thinned areas due to inadequate water or over use. Owners have been given the opportunity to contact management to dispute or make the repairs themselves. If your area is in obvious need of repair due to your pet, please address the areas for the benefit of your neighbors if not for yourselves.

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Be sure to check out our website for all your association documents, newsletters, budget information, insurance contact person, waste & recycling news, etc. on this site. The site has recently been reformatted by Alan Dean, a homeowner in Old Oaks. If you have any computer needs you can visit his website at [www.TeachMeAboutMyComputer.Com](http://www.TeachMeAboutMyComputer.Com)