


Oak Highlands/Deer Valley Homeowners' Association

Spring 2024 Community Newsletter

Spring Cleaning - Inside and Out

It is time for all of us to get to work - on our lawns and on our homes. If you haven't already mowed the lawn this season, it's time! To maintain a healthy and attractive community appearance, we all need to give our yards the attention they deserve. This includes keeping lawns trimmed and edged, weeds pulled, bushes groomed, and flowers looking their best. If you have a fence, it needs attention too. Clean it up and check for needed repairs. Those with a wooden fence in particular may need to consider replacing boards, sections, or the entire fence. A fence is a major factor in the overall appearance of a property. There is also work to be done on the outside of the house structure. Most homes in our subdivision experience a light growth of algae or other fungus. To keep brick or siding from developing a greenish hue, most of us should either arrange a regular house-washing by professionals or do it ourselves. Many stores carry a variety of home exterior cleaning products that are easy to use. Please look into these options as we "spring forward" with the season.

Inside, we can also dive into Spring cleaning for a purpose. Comfortable temperatures make it easier and even enjoyable to rummage through the attic or garage and find stuff that needs a new home. If you choose to do that, turn some of that stuff into cash! Our next **Community Garage Sale Day will be Saturday, May 4**. While residents can host a garage sale on their property anytime, these organized days bring more buyers into our neighborhood and are advertised by the HOA. The Board only plans to hold a Spring Garage Sale Day this year. Buying or selling, be ready for a great day in our community!



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>>>> HOA Dues Reminder <<<<

The deadline for each homeowner to pay the year's HOA dues is May 15. This year's dues are \$212.50 per home. To avoid any late fees after that date, you **MUST** either pay the dues or establish a payment plan with Associa before the deadline! Thank you.

New Development Coming!

As Nashville is constantly growing and changing, our Cane Ridge community is no different. As one of the few areas in Davidson County with any open and undeveloped land, there are always landowners and businesses planning for another round of development and construction. Recently, a couple of discussions were held with a developer who owns the land at the end of Skyglen Trace that goes to the corner of Pettus Road and Old Hickory Boulevard. He is currently open to input from those nearby as he plans to develop the land in the relatively near future. It is very important that residents of our subdivision (particularly southern Deer Valley) and those who live near the land participate in future discussions. Please email chuck.grimes@att.net to be added to the contact list specific to these development discussions.

Mailbox Alert!

In recent months, we have noticed several mailboxes that need attention. Some have been vandalized or hit by vehicles, some have fallen victim to rough weather, some have peeling paint or missing numbers, and some are original boxes from the early years of the neighborhood that are finally showing their age and extra rust. Whatever the case, please spend some of your cleanup time this season to check and address issues with your mailbox and its surroundings. A securely functioning box can keep items from being easily stolen and keep them dry in the rain. An attractive box and surrounding plants can give a property the right kind of "pop" when friends stop by. If you need to

replace a box, some great options are out there with features to enhance the security of your mail.



Spring Word Search

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BIRD
BUD
EGG
FLOWER

LAMB
NET
RAIN
SPRING



May 4: Community Garage Sale Day

Check out the deals and
meet your neighbors!



Yard of the Month

As the Board of Directors does not award a “Yard of the Month” from January to March, your first chance to earn the distinction (and the prize!) will be April. Will it be your lawn? We’ll find out soon!

Did you know?...



Pets absolutely must be attended if outside a home (even if you claim to have an invisible fence) and on a leash if off one’s own property. Even leaving a dog in a fenced backyard for long should not occur, as they cause a nuisance by making loud noises that can be heard several houses away. When a pet creates solid waste (this is the poop part!), you must clean up after them, per Metro ordinance.

Garbage and recycling cans should be kept out of general sight, except on our designated pickup days (typically Thursdays), which is the only time they should be at the street. We don’t always think about it but, in addition to being a matter of the appearance of our homes and community, this is also a smart safety move. When trash carts sit at the street beyond the time that other neighbors have moved theirs back, it creates the assumption that you are away from home. That could make you or your vehicle an appetizing target for vandals and thieves. By

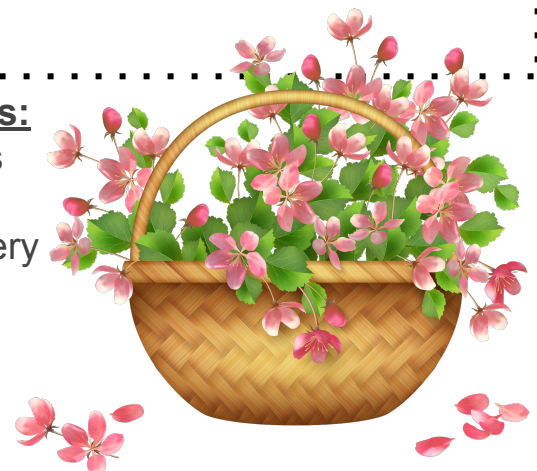
Thursday night and until the following Wednesday evening, they should stay behind your house or beside it in such a way that they are not boldly visible from the street. Some residents build enclosures to give their trash carts a level place to sit along a side of the house, especially if they feel it must be toward the front.

The **Exterior Alteration Request form** should be submitted for any change you wish to make to the exterior of your property (color changes; major landscaping features; change of fixtures; construction of new deck, trash can enclosure, or fence; etc.) that is not a direct like-for-like replacement in style, color, and material. The Board of Directors will review and either approve or deny your project within 30 days of receipt. Contact our management company if you have questions or need the form to submit.



Easy ways to make your May 4th Garage Sale a success:

- Start now! Sort items a little at a time and mark prices as you go so as not to work so hard at the last minute.
- Post on Nextdoor, Facebook, and other social media every few days to remind others.
- Invite your friends to sell too! More items at one house makes for more visual appeal from customers, and it makes it more of a social occasion.



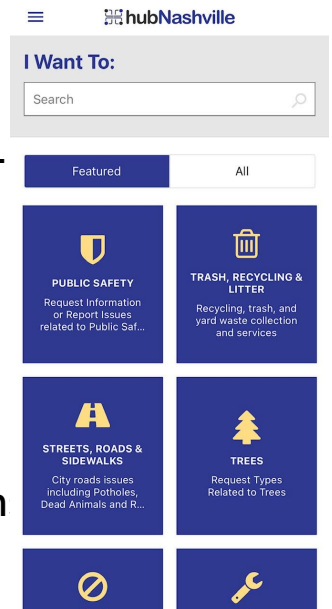
Hey Bub! Get on the Hub!

You've heard about it for a few years and have read about it in nearly every newsletter and e-mail put out by the HOA, but have YOU ever put HubNashville to use? If you haven't, you should! Connecting with the Hub is easy. From a smartphone, you can download the HubNashville app and access all the features with a few clicks. The website at

<https://hub.nashville.gov> is easy to search and use, as well.

And, on any phone, you can call 311 and submit your request with a live operator during their business hours. There are ton of functions, features, and request types to submit. Here are some of the most popular and useful:

- Request a new garbage or recycling cart if yours gets broken or lost,
- Report street lights needing replacement bulbs,
- Report abandoned vehicles parked on public streets,
- Submit codes violations for over-occupied or neglected properties,
- Report parking violations on city streets that do not necessarily constitute an immediate danger or traffic obstruction,
- Request litter pickup along messy city streets,
- Submit public records requests to Metro Government.



At their January meeting, your HOA Board of Directors elected officers for the year. They are:

President - **Tom Orman**

Vice President - **Mary Canavan**

Secretary/Treasurer - **Cindi Groomes**

They join Board Members

Yirga Belachew, Claudia Black, James Wall, and Jonathan Youse.



Know the best ways to connect with your HOA

- Download and familiarize yourself with Associa's app, called TownSq. It includes convenient resources to submit requests and communicate with the management company 24/7.
- You can directly contact our Association Manager, Debra Willis, at 615-775-9027 or dwillis@associatenennessee.com.

Coming Soon...

- A new and improved community email system (those residents formerly receiving messages will be included).
- A new OHDV Homeowners Association website!

