

Oak Highlands/Deer Valley Homeowners' Association

Fall 2026 Community Newsletter

Fall Brings Out the Hustle and Bustle of An Active Community!

The **quarterly brush pickup** window for our community **begins** on **Friday, September 11**. While we do not expect to see the trucks on that day, it marks the beginning of an indefinite span of days within which the trucks will come. If you have brush, limbs, or other yard waste of which to dispose, be sure to have it piled at the street in such a manner that does not obscure vehicular movement, nor blocks mailboxes, fire hydrants, or garbage cans.

Community Garage Sale Day is Saturday, September 19, from 8am to 3pm. We included some tips to make it a successful day for all in the Summer newsletter. Whether hosting a sale or not, we need each of you to promote this day among your local friends and family by word-of-mouth, social media, and other means.

Our **Annual HOA Meeting and Community Ice Cream Social** will take place on **Saturday, October 10, from 11am to 1pm** at the tennis court, with registration beginning at 10:30. All residents of Oak Highlands and Deer Valley should attend. Property owners who are currently paid up on HOA dues have voting rights for Board elections and other business. Minors should be accompanied by an adult. The Board plans to keep this meeting on track and productive and looks forward to sharing community updates and hearing from you about needs and concerns. Don't miss it! If you know you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please complete and turn in the enclosed proxy form. You can grant your voting power to a specific member or leave it undesignated which defaults to the Board Secretary.

Halloween is Saturday, October 31! Let's keep things fun and safe for our neighborhood kids and those visiting to trick-or-treat. Enjoy this "night of frolic, where children wear costumes and run amuck."



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Stand Up And Be Counted!



We can only fit so much in a 4-page newsletter. And sometimes there are things we need to share between them. Adding weblinks is nice too. For all this, we have a nifty community email list. Scan this QR code and fill out the simple "Contact" page. We won't flood your inbox.

Yard of the Month

July: 1000 Streamdale Point West



August: 4708 Aaron Drive



Congratulations to the latest Yards of the Month! We appreciate these residents for the hard work it takes to maintain their properties. It really uplifts the appearance of our entire community. You could be next!

Each "Yard of the Month" receives a gift card. Keep your lawn trimmed and green, flower beds weed-free, trees and bushes groomed, and home exterior clean. To nominate a neighbor, drop a line to ohdvcommunity@gmail.com with the address. Nominees must be current on HOA dues and cannot win more than once in a two-year period.

Be a connected, active, safe, and responsible neighbor!



We need all OHDV residents and property owners to visit our Homeowners Association website at www.ohdvcommunity.com and sign up for our community email list on the "Contact" page. This allows us to share updates that don't need to wait for a printed newsletter and show off residents who do cool things. On the website, you can also look up newsletters from the past three years and download the governing documents for Oak Highlands and Deer Valley.

Our property management company, Associa, provides the TownSq app to allow homeowners to stay connected with them 24/7. Download it and create an account to access associational information and alerts from Associa. It also equips you to report covenant violations, submit requests, and check your account and pay annual dues online.



Via the app, by calling 311, or by visiting <https://hub.nashville.gov>, you can submit numerous types of requests and reports across most Metro agencies. Some that are useful to our community include reporting parking and codes violations, citing abandoned vehicles, requesting a new trash/recycling cart, noting potholes, and more. Many things that are worth reporting to HOA management should still be reported to Metro. You should never assume that "someone else" reported something. Be that someone!

Ever need a reminder to put the trash cart at the street or if it's the correct week for recyclables to be collected? How about our quarterly brush pickup? Ever wish you could plan ahead for those? You need to download the free "Nashville Waste & Recycling" app. It's like an alarm clock for all forms of waste collection and provides info and updates on convenience centers and holiday schedules.



We don't want crime in our community, but we know that it will occur once in a while. Knowing when and where it happens helps us prepare and watch out for each other. At www.crimemapping.com, you can sign up for messages that alert you if crime has been reported within a certain radius of your address.

With so many forms of social media, it's nice to have one that connects based on locality and shared geography. Many OHDV neighbors participate in the Nextdoor website and/or app. We hope you find it useful to seek and share recommendations for good service providers that can make your life simpler and your property safer or more attractive. It gets the word out about lost pets and criminal activity. It's also a great way to promote Community Garage Sale Day! Just remember that it is not a communication avenue to or run by the HOA.



Who Are the Teachers in Your Neighborhood?



With school back in session, we want to introduce you to some hard-working educators who live here in Oak Highlands-Deer Valley. We appreciate the work they do for those they serve!

Amy Maze is a 30-year veteran of the classroom who currently teaches K-5 Creative Writing at Mount View Elementary. Over the years, she has been a general education teacher in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grades as well.

Who inspired you to become an educator? My teachers inspired me to be a teacher! I had a great school experience and had wonderful teachers throughout Elementary, Middle, and High School. I have also always loved kids. So becoming a teacher was a natural fit.

Who has been the greatest supporter or cheerleader in your career? My mom and daughter are my biggest supports. They hear my daily stories and frustrations with my job and celebrate my successes. They see how hard I work and all the extra effort I put into my job. My daughter gives me inspiration to be creative and inspire my students to keep striving.

What has been the greatest challenge you faced along the way? The biggest challenge for teachers is the increased job demands and expectations we face each day. We have more meetings, less personal planning time, and more students who need help than ever. More students come to school unprepared to learn and that makes our day so much more difficult.

What do you wish the families you serve would better understand about your role? I want parents to know we are on your side! We have the same goal, to help your children learn and grow to be the best person they can be. I want parents to know teachers have a lot on us each day. Be patient and reach out when you have concerns.

*A husband and wife pair serving kids... **Jon Rosenthal** is a lifelong music educator who teaches Instrumental Music at Montessori Academy in Brentwood in addition to offering private music lessons for students of all ages. **Melissa Rosenthal** is a 20-year childcare veteran who has worked extensively with little ones and now serves as Health & Wellness Coordinator at the Maryland Farms Child Care Center.*

Who inspired you to become an educator?

Jon: The main person who inspired me to become a band director was my own high school band director. When I began teaching private lessons in late 2012, I drew upon what my own private piano teacher taught me.

Melissa: My mom was a teacher growing up and then took care of kids in our home.

Who has been the greatest supporter in your career?

Jon: That would be my family, of course, and my colleagues over at Montessori Academy. All of my private lesson families are quite supportive as well. It's a really good situation I'm in.

Melissa: The Directors and Assistants that I have worked under. They pushed me to apply for a promotion and also to sign up for a program for childcare educators.

What have you enjoyed the most about your work?

Jon: The times when my students get to perform and show off their skills after all their hard work practicing, learning the music, and so on.

Melissa: Being able to help parents maneuver life with a new baby and gain trust with them.

What has been the greatest challenge you faced along the way?

Jon: The greatest challenge is always dealing with behavior issues in the classroom (lol). Fortunately, I rarely deal with that in a private lesson situation. And even at MA, those issues are few and far between. But it hasn't always been that way.

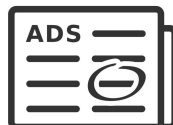
Melissa: Getting people to understand that Daycare providers are also teachers and we just don't sit around and "play" with kids all day.

Krista Grimes is a 20-year veteran educator who is currently in her fourth year as Special Populations Coordinator for the Nashville Collegiate Prep charter school where she serves K-11 students. Before that, she spent her career teaching Kindergarten, 1st, and 3rd Grades.

How would you describe your current role? I am still very involved with students. My work includes overseeing special education programming, developing and implementing IEPs and 504 plans, collaborating with teachers and service providers, supporting families, monitoring student progress, and helping ensure students receive the services and accommodations they need to be successful.

What inspired you to become an educator? I was drawn to education because I wanted to make a difference for students who may need someone to see their potential when it is not always immediately obvious. That became even more important to me as I moved into special education. I believe every child deserves someone in their corner who is willing to figure out what they need, advocate for them, and help them recognize what they are capable of accomplishing.

What have you enjoyed the most about your work? Watching students grow and helping them recognize their own strengths. In special education, progress does not always happen in huge leaps. Sometimes it is a student finally reading something independently, solving a problem they once avoided, or simply realizing, "I can do this." Those moments mean a great deal to me. I also enjoy working with teachers and families to find solutions. I love being able to take a situation that feels overwhelming and help create a plan that makes success feel possible for everyone involved.



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Do you own a business or run an organization that could benefit from advertising across our community? Let us know! Special rates available for homeowners and residents to connect neighbors with your product, service, or activity.

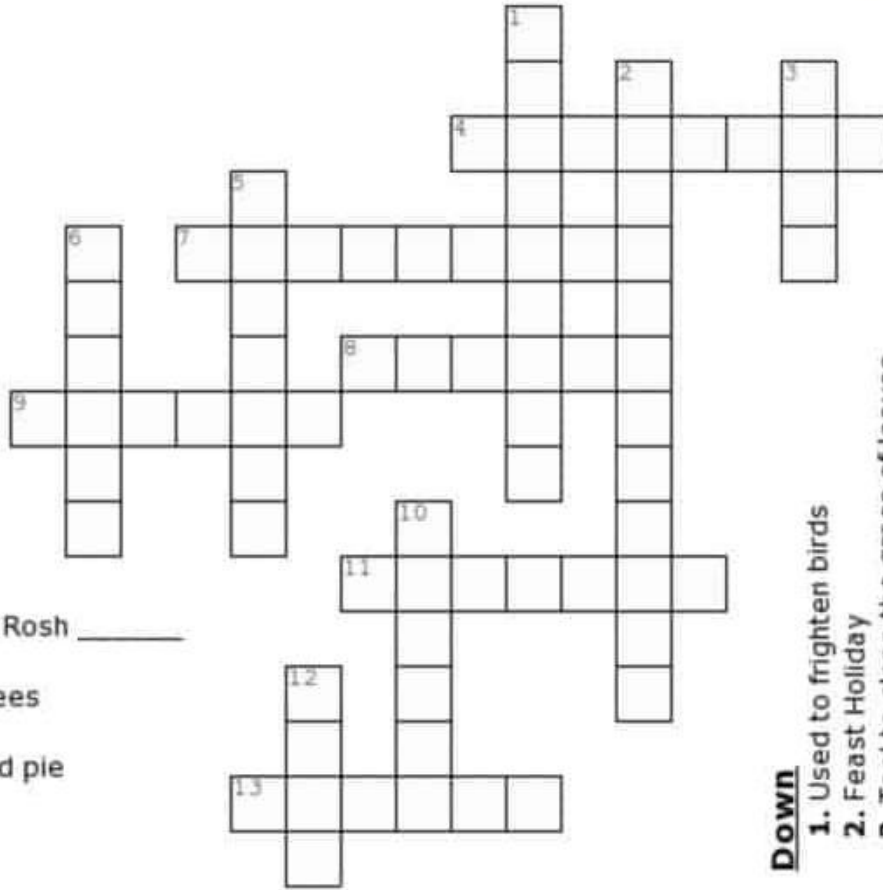
Friday, Sept. 11 - Brush pickup window begins for OHDV

Saturday, Sept. 19 - Community Garage Sale Day (Spread the word!)



Saturday, Oct. 10, 11am - HOA Annual Meeting and Ice Cream Social at the Tennis Court (Remind your neighbors!)

Fall Crossword



Across

- 4. Jewish Holiday, Rosh _____
- 7. Scary Holiday
- 8. Fall from oak trees
- 9. Change colors
- 11. For carving and pie
- 13. Color

Down

- 1. Used to frighten birds
- 2. Feast Holiday
- 3. Tool to clean the grass of leaves
- 5. Marks the end of the growing season
- 6. Squirrel
- 10. Another name for Fall
- 12. Grows on stalks

Visit our website at www.ohdvcommunity.com to sign up for emails, review past newsletters, and download our governing documents.

October 31st will be a Saturday this year. With Halloween again on a weekend, count on lots of children roaming about and fun to be had. Remember this...

If you are trick-or-treating: Don't go alone! Young kids should be with an adult or responsible older kid. If a costume is dark, find a way to add some brightness for visibility. Walk along the side of the street. These are still public streets, and vehicles must be able to navigate them at will. When you are treated, be sure to say "THANK YOU!"



If you take trick-or-treaters: Keep a light on to let kids know that they are welcome. Keep all pets secure. Please give individually wrapped treats that limit suspicion of tampering. Remember that some visitors may not speak your language, and those with special needs have other communication barriers. A smile is universal!