

HOHA Family Picnic Update

Dear Harvey Oaks Neighbors,

Recently the HOHA picnic committee sent out a short survey to all active members asking: "Due to Covid-19 would you attend a modified picnic event?" We had 169 households fill out the survey with almost 73% of the respondents saying that they would not attend the event this year.

Based on the responses, we've made the difficult decision to cancel this year's annual neighborhood picnic which was scheduled for Saturday August, 15th.

Over the past several months we've watched the COVID-19 pandemic unfold. With all the uncertainty it holds for the near future, we could not in good conscience hold the picnic. As much as we all were hoping that the event could go on as planned, we recognize that we must put the health and safety of our neighbors, family, friends, vendors, and sponsors first.

We appreciate all of the positive feedback for and against holding the picnic. Thank you for being so thoughtful, considerate and caring with your responses.

I would like to thank all of our committee members, board members and all of our neighborhood volunteers that make this a great neighborhood. Thank you for all that you do.

We will miss everyone this year but look forward to bringing you a reimagined picnic event in 2021. Take care of yourselves. We'll continue to do everything we can to help our neighborhood stay safe, informed, and connected.

Shane Sullivan

HOHA Picnic Committee Chairman

A Message from the HOHA Social Committee

During these challenging and uncertain times, HOHA has been trying to create some degree of normalcy in the neighborhood. Through no fault of the committee, most social functions have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus' guidelines and restrictions.

However, HOHA has been active in the neighborhood and community. Financial contributions have been made to the following organizations/institutions.

- Youth Emergency Services (YES)-HOHA's designated charity for the year
- Harvey Oaks Elementary, and Millard North Middle and High Schools
- Boys and Girl Scout program associated with the above schools
- Renovations to the baseball practice diamond located at 151 and Shirley Street
- The updated holiday lights programs for the entrance islands

Hopefully, when things get back to normal, HOHA planned social activities can be held again. In the interim, HOHA is asking for your patience, understanding, and support. After all, "We are all in this together."

Thank You to These Volunteers

- John Brehmer, Reva, and John Neal for their work on the parking situation on Arbor Street.
- Carol and Mike Whetstine for their work on the entrance island at 114 and Harvey Oaks Avenue.
- Jim Grabenbauer and Tom Helm for their work and time dragging the ball diamond at 151 and Shirley Street.
- Marie Salistean for purchasing a Pet Waste Station for the Parks.
- John Brehmer and Avery Cavender for their work on the 148 entrance island.

THANK YOU ALL!





NO Parking Signs on the North Side of Arbor Street

Recently, signs have been placed along Arbor Street from 148 Street north to Castelar Circle restricting parking on the North side of Arbor Street. A petition was submitted to the City of Omaha requesting this no parking regulation.

The signs were placed as a safety measure. Currently with cars on both sides of Arbor Street, a fire engine would not be able to get down the street. If there was a fire, the property damage would be extensive.

Please observe these no parking signs allowing Harvey Oaks to be a safe neighborhood for residents.



Yards of the Month



2415 S 148th Street



14710 Frances Circle

Flags in the Neighborhood over the July 4 Holiday

The American flags in Harvey Oaks were placed by volunteers from Converge Church at 144 and Harvey Oaks Avenue. The flags helped make the neighborhood look festive during the recent holiday.

HOHA would like to thank the volunteers from Converge Church for their time and trouble making Harvey Oaks look patriotic.





15015 Martha Circle

Yards of the Month

Yard of the month will be awarded on the 15th of every month. Nominate your neighbor via Facebook, the Next door app, e-mail bltines@yahoo.com, or drop your nominations in the mailbox of 2105 South 153rd Street.

There are many beautiful lawns in Harvey Oaks, help HOHA recognize these homeowners.



Here are Seven Ways to Recognize Risky Situations When Dealing with COVID-19

1. You're finding it hard to stay 6 feet away from others.

A safe situation is one where you can maintain 6 feet of space between yourself and people you don't live with. Droplets produced by talking, coughing or sneezing generally carry approximately 6 feet.

2. People aren't wearing masks.

Masks serve two purposes:

They protect you from exposure

They also prevent you spreading the virus to others if you are asymptomatic or presymptomatic.

Any two or three-ply cotton mask that covers the nose and mouth will work. Wash your hands before you put on your mask and after you take off your mask. If you wear a reusable mask, wash it regularly.

If you are returning to work in a shared office space, wearing a mask is a good idea. If you are working in a private office, it's okay to take off the mask when you're alone in your office. Just be sure to wear it when using common spaces like bathrooms, hallways and break rooms. If you are wearing a mask, but others around you aren't, you're still in a risky situation, so be extra cautious.

3. You're inside.

Outdoor activities are generally safer than indoor activities. A study of more than 7,300 cases in China show that just one case was linked to outdoor transmission.

For example, playing golf in a small group outside is less risky than practicing yoga with a small group in an enclosed room. And eating inside a restaurant is much riskier than eating outside. If you are going to a restaurant, pick one with outdoor seating.

4. You're having contact with people you don't live with.

Sustained contact (more than 15 minutes) is a higher risk situation than brief contact. For example, stopping to talk to someone while you're out walking your dog is much riskier than just walking by and waving hello.

5. There are a lot of people around.

We are all craving social interaction, but please avoid large social gatherings. Try to restrict your circle to a small group of people you trust. If you absolutely must host a social gathering, take precautions to minimize risk:

- Limit your guest list to 10 people or less
- Hold gatherings outside
- Place chairs or tables 6 feet apart
- Ask guests to bring their own coolers with beverages and snacks
- Reserve a designated bathroom for guests
- Put out disposable paper towels rather than a cloth towel
- Have disinfectant wipes available to wipe area after use

6. People are yelling, laughing or singing without masks on.

Talking, yelling, exercising and singing can spread infected respiratory droplets. Any time inhaling and exhaling occur there is potential to spread the virus.

Singing and yelling aerosolize respiratory droplets, or convert them into a fine spray. Follow that with deep breathing, and you can start to understand how easy it is for tiny viral droplets to invade your lungs.

7. Food is laid out on tables and counters or isn't individually served.

People sharing food utensils and congregating around areas where food is laid out can pose a risk. Try to avoid buffet-style serving situations. And if you plan to attend a gathering where this is happening, consider eating before you go or bring your own snacks and drinks.

What about herd immunity?

You may have heard talk about herd immunity. Herd immunity is the idea that when most of a population becomes immune to an infectious disease, it gives indirect protection to people who aren't.

The problem is that we don't know if people generate long-term immunity after they've had COVID-19. Some viruses only cause temporary immunity or none at all. If the virus that causes COVID-19 doesn't generate a durable immune response inside the body, the concept of herd immunity won't work.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 70% or more of the population needs to have immunity to the coronavirus before herd immunity is achieved. Currently, it is estimated that Nebraska is well below this threshold. Even in the hardest hit areas, like New York City, studies indicate that only about 20% of residents have immunity.

Unfortunately, herd immunity isn't a realistic solution to the current pandemic. So it's up to all of us to choose safer activities over riskier ones, and take precautions in public.

Information taken from the University of Nebraska Medical Center's website, June 29, 2020



Tip Top Thrift Shop Supports Youth Emergency Services

Tip Top Thrift Shop, located at 5910 Maple, is the major fundraiser for Youth Emergency Services (YES). If anyone has items them would like to donate, they can be dropped off at the Shop

on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Homeless youth on the streets of Omaha and Southwest Iowa

can get services to help them through these difficult times. Tip Top's support allows these programs to continue. YES is HOHA's designated charity for the year.

HELP KEEP HARVEY OAKS BEAUTIFUL, JOIN THE TEAM!

Jim Grabenbauer and Tom Helm are looking for volunteers to help maintain the entrance islands at 144 and Harvey Oaks Avenue and 148 and Center. The current volunteers have been asked to be relieved of these responsibilities. This would be for an hour or two to rake entrance islands, mulch trees, trim shrubs or putting up next season's greatly improved holiday lights as a work team. Email Jim at JPGRABEN@gmail.com or text 402-680-8080 to be part of the Harvey Oaks Parks team.

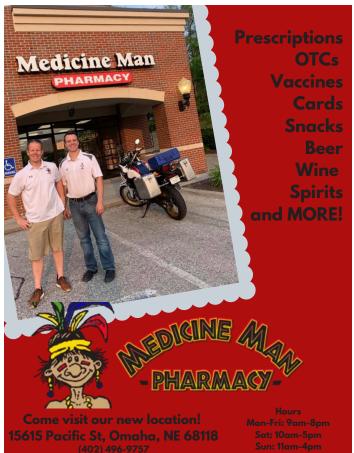
Reminder to Homeowners

Boats, campers, trailers, and RV's<u>over 20 feet in length</u> can't be parked or stored on residential property. If you are in violation, please take corrective actions. This is a City of Omaha zoning violation.





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The Citizen's Patrol Urgently Needs Volunteers

What is the Citizen's Patrol?

A trained group of residents organized to increase the security of the neighborhood. The Citizen's Patrol supplements the Neighborhood Watch Program. The Citizen's Patrol is recognized and supported by the City of Omaha (City) including the Omaha Police Department (OPD). Currently, there are Citizen Patrols in 35 neighborhoods in Omaha.

Purpose of Citizen Patrol

There are not enough police officers to patrol every street.

Police rely on residents of the area to inform them about incidents.

Deter vandalism or criminal activity by providing a visible presence on every street and cul-de-sac in Harvey Oaks each weekend. Non-confrontational presence. Suspicious or illegal activities are reported to the OPD.

Make courtesy contacts with homeowners about garage doors inadvertently left open late at night or car windows left open, etc. Opportunity for homeowners to participate in activities to improve Harvey Oaks.

Citizens Patrol Needs YOU

Qualifications to be a patroller are as follows:

• a current driver's license,

- ability to operate a car,
- availability once a quarter to patrol, (four times a year)
- interest in keeping your neighborhood and home safe.

The Citizen's Patrol has been instrumental in preventing crimes, and keeping the neighborhood safe. Husbands and wives can patrol as a team.

If you are interested or would like more information on this project, contact Rudy Padilla, 402-513-6015. Volunteers always go out with a partner in the car.



Happy Summer!

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HOHA MINUTES

Harvey Oaks Homeowners Association (HOHA) General Membership Meeting

Thursc	lay,	July	9, 201	9,	7:30 p.m.
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Zoom Meeting - Omaha, NE

The meeting was called to order by President Derek Menke.

Officers, Committee members, and Area Representatives present at the meeting were: Trent Bradshaw-Treasurer/Clean Up Day, John Brehmer-Area 17/Guideline/Nominating, Tom Davies-Area 8/Social, Carol Feelhaver-Secretary/Social/Nominating, Tim Glover-Nominating, Jim Grabenbauer-Parks, Kevin Hughes-Advertising/Ball diamond, Randy Mohr-Membership, Corey & Ashley Podwinski-Vice President, Web page content, and Denny Schaeppi-Advertising/Social. Also present at the meeting was Marie Salistean-Area 14.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Trent Bradshaw gave the following report.

- Trent reviewed the balance sheet and income statement through June 30, 2020.
- Anyone interested in a copy of these documents should contact Trent at trent_m_bradshaw@yahoo.com.

Membership Report

Randy Mohr gave the following report.

- There are 392 current Harvey Oaks households that have paid 2020 dues. This is out of 779 total homes.
- There were 431 members at this time last year.

Nominating Report

- A volunteer is needed to fill the position of Citizen Patrol chairperson. Rudy Padilla will stay in this position until a replacement is found.
- Becky Tines has resigned as co-chairman of the Membership

BRYAN O'HARA ^{Owner}

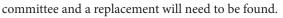


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Parks Report

Jim Grabenbauer gave the following report.

- A Pet Waste Station has been ordered and will be installed in the Middle park.
- HOHA will be accepting bids for maintenance and tree trimming on the entrance island at 148 and Center.
- The new trees in the parks have been watered.
- The question of liability was raised if someone gets hurt in the parks. Jim will contact HOHA's current insurance carrier to get more information on this topic.
- It was reported the use of the tennis courts for Pickle Ball has not been excessive.
- Marie Salistean has offered to purchase a Pet Waste Station to be placed in the North Park by the ball diamond.
- Volunteers are needed to help maintain the entrance islands at 144 and Harvey Oaks Avenue and 148 and Center Street.

Newsletter Report

Christina Muska wasn't present to give a report.

- The newsletter deadline for the August/September issue is July 15.
- The newsletter deadline for the October/November issue is September 15.

Website Report

There was no report given.

Advertising Report

Denny Schaeppi gave the following report.

- Renewals from newsletter advertisers will be coming in.
- Several new businesses are interested in advertising in the newsletter.

Guidelines Issues

John Brehmer gave the following report.

- A petition for no parking on the north side of Arbor Street between 148 Street and Castelar Circle has been approved. Signs have been posted to remind residents not to park on the north side of Arbor Street.
- Reva and John Neal did a great deal of work to get this parking situation accomplished.
- The no parking on Arbor Street is being done for safety reasons. If would be difficult to get a fire truck down the street with the current parking conditions.

Citizens Patrol Report

The following report was given.

• The Citizens Patrol is still on hold until there is a leveling off of the COVID-19 virus. Social distancing is a definite problem inside a car.

Social Committee Report

The following reports were given.



- The Annual HOHA Family Picnic-The picnic this year will not be in the same format as past years. This is due to the COVID-19 virus guidelines and regulations. The Picnic Planning committee will be meeting to research options and keep current on what regulations/guidelines will open up to allow the picnic to go forward.
- The annual Family Garage Sale-This event will be rescheduled to sometime in the fall.
- The annual Spring Candy Hunt-This event will be rescheduled to sometime in the fall.
- The Movies in the Park night-This event will be rescheduled to sometime in the fall.
- The Children's Patriotic Parade-This event will be rescheduled to sometime in the fall.
- The annual HOHA Fireworks Display-Drew Thompson has been unable to obtain a permit from the City of Omaha (City) to use the parks for the display. The City has cancelled all large gatherings in City owned parks during the month of July. HOHA's request to use the parks for the display has been forwarded to the Parks Director for review. Drew has agreed to put on a display later in the year, if the City allows large crowds to gather in public parks. It was noted many neighborhoods did have fireworks displays. These neighborhoods are using private property and are not subject to the City's regulations and restrictions. HOHA is committed to hosting the display. Unfortunately, the situation depends when the City will issue permits for large crowds to gather in City parks.

Ball Field Report

Kevin Hughes gave the following report.

- The ball field is being used on a regular basis.
- The field is being dragged weekly for maintenance purposes.
- Purchasing temporary/movable bases for the ball diamond will be researched and options presented at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

• There were two homes that changed hands during June in Harvey Oaks.

NEW BUSINESS

Reva and John Neal were thanked for their efforts getting parking restrictions on Arbor Street.

Marie Salistean was thanked for purchasing a Pet Waste Station for the park.

A HOHA General Membership 'Special Meeting' may be called in two weeks to review the research and recommendations of the Picnic Planning committee. Watch for information on this meeting

As there was no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. <u>The next meeting is Thursday, August</u> 13, 2020, 7:30 p.m., method or place to be determined.

Respectively submitted, Carol Feelhaver, HOHA Secretary

2020 Meeting Schedule

September 10, October 8, November 12, there is no December meeting. The meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Converge Church. (Or currently by Zoom conference call/meeting)





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HOHA Needs a Volunteer to be Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee

Becky Tines has asked to be relieved of these responsibilities. Becky has done a wonderful job and HOHA would like to thank her for the time and effort she has put into this position.

Below is a job description of the responsibilities of this position. Please read this over and contact Becky Tines at 402-238-5477 or Carol Feelhaver at 402-680-2842 if you have questions.

- Be a current member of HOHA.
- Attend monthly meetings (second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.) or communicate information if unable to attend.
- Update the existing dues reminder letter and send to the printer. (originals available electronically)
- Make sure articles are placed in the newsletter and social media on the "membership drive thru".
- Coordinate all material for the printing of the annual HOHA directory.
- Contact all Area Representatives and remind them of the follow-up calls to all non-paying area residents during the annual membership drive. After the calls/contacts report the information obtained to the Membership co-chairperson.
- Make preparations for the "check-in" procedure at the annual HOHA Family Picnic. Recruit volunteers to work at the "check-in". Train any new volunteers. Update the existing script for table volunteers. Set up the "check-in" area the day of the picnic.
- Borrow cash boxes from the Harvey Oaks School and make sure change is available for the picnic "check-in" volunteers. Work a shift at the annual HOHA Family Picnic.
- Recruit volunteers to proofread the directory before it goes to print.
- Help find replacements when their term of office is concluded.



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Citizen's Patrol Coordinator Needed

The Harvey Oaks Citizen's Patrol is looking for a volunteer to be the Patrol coordinator. The current coordinator has asked to be relieved of these responsibilities. Because of the Patrol's efforts, Harvey Oaks has been able to stop many criminal incidents. Below are the responsibilities of the coordinator.

Recruit new patrollers as needed with HOHA's help. Establish annual patrol schedules. Send patrol reminders each week to the next patrollers. Recruit volunteer patrollers for special events. (first and last days of school, Halloween, etc) Attend monthly HOHA General Membership meetings. Report each month to patrollers and HOHA on the crimes in Harvey Oaks. Maintain equipment bags, repair or purchases lights, signs, etc. See that patrollers fill out patrol forms and compile statistics quarterly. Attend at least one Southwest Precinct meeting (PAC) each quarter of the calendar year. (Meetings are run by the precinct Captain)

Omaha Coalition of Citizen Patrols (OCCP)Duties.

Comply with OCCP operating guidelines and safety procedures. Attend at least one OCCP meeting each quarter of the calendar year. Provide patrol statistics on a semi-annual basis for the miles driven and the number of patroller hours. Participate in 2 of 4 precinct/city joint efforts. Submit to HOHA for payment the annual OCCP dues established by the OCCP Board of Directors. Schedule member patrollers for required training as and when it is provided by OCCP. When the patrol has radio equipment, submit any bills for maintenance to HOHA.

Anyone interested in this position please contact Carol Feelhaver at feelhaver@centurylink.net or 402-680-2842.



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HOHA Trivia

- 1. Harvey Oaks has the Douglas County Sheriff living in the neighborhood. What is this person's name?
- 2. How much money has HOHA donated to Youth Emergency Services (YES) during the last four years?
- 3. What is the latest renovation project HOHA has done in the neighborhood?
- 4. What year were the tennis courts renovations completed?
- 5. There is currently a resident in Harvey Oaks on the Millard School Board. What is the name of this person?
- 6. Who was the first principal of Harvey Oaks Elementary School?
- 7. A former Millard North Principal lives in Harvey Oaks. What is the name of this person?
- 8. How much money does HOHA budget yearly as donations to Harvey Oaks Elementary, Millard North Junior and Senior High Schools?
- 9. Does the City of Omaha maintains the three Harvey Oaks entrance islands and makes improvements when necessary?
- 10. How many homes are located in Harvey Oaks?

Answers

- 1. Tim Dunning
- 2. \$1900.00
- 3. Practice ball field at 151 and Shirley. (April 2020)
- 4. The courts were completed in 2017.
- 5. Stacy Jolley
- 6. Jerry Denkinger-1979
- 7. Ike Pane
- 8. \$300.00 total
- 9. No. Harvey Oaks is part of the City of Omaha. However, the entrance islands are maintained and financially supported by HOHA.
- 10. 779







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New Recycling Schedule for Harvey Oaks

The City of Omaha will be picking recycling every other week. Please note the new pick up dates and make sure your recycling bins are out at the curb by 6:30 a.m.

Additional recycling bins can be picked up from Under the Sink, located at 4001 So. 120 Street, 402-444-7465.

New Schedule is as follows.

July 14 and 28 August 11, 25 September 9*, 22 October 6, 20 November 3, 17 December 1, 15, 29

*Labor Day Holiday is September 7, trash is pushed forward one day.



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