

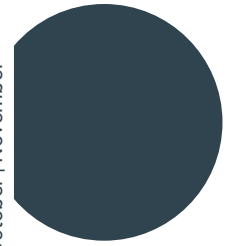


HARVEY OAKS NEWS

homeowners association

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Fall 2024
October | November



Harvey Oaks is definitely a Great Place to Live, and a Better Place to call Home!!!

HOHA Has a New Vice President

Dave Price has agreed to take on this position for HOHA. Dave will be assisting Luke Hawkins, current president, with various assigned tasks. Thanks, Dave, for accepting this position.

Join HOHA for 2025 Membership Drive is Currently Under Way

The cost of HOHA membership is \$50.00 per year for a family. This membership cost provides the benefits listed below.

All residents can go to the website (www.harveyoaks.com) and follow the prompts for membership, or send a check directly to the membership committee at 15209 Castelar Circle.

A Big Thank you!

Thank you to Carol Feelhaver for your years of dedication and service to the Harvey Oaks Community as HOHA Secretary! Your time and dedication to the neighborhood have been greatly appreciated by all members of the community and will leave a lasting impact on future generations of Harvey Oaks residents.

Let's also give a big welcome to Nicole Hebert who will be filling the role. HOHA and everything it does is made possible by volunteers

End of Summer Bash/Picnic Was a Success

Harvey Oaks End of Summer Bash/Picnic (EOSB) was held on Saturday, August 10. There were 498 adults and children that attended the event. The weather was perfect! This was the 46th EOSB that HOHA has sponsored.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the planning committee. This group of dedicated volunteers has been meeting since April and have over 500 hours in volunteer time to plan and organize this event.

- Carol Feelhaver-permits and administrative functions
- Nicole Hebert-activities and games
- Jerry Ndichafah-alcohol distribution
- Denny Schaeppi-silent auction, sponsorship, and vendors
- Traci Selby-registration and membership
- Donna Thompson-food trucks

Youth Emergency Services (YES) received a check for \$700.00 from the proceeds of the silent auction. YES's mission is to help homeless and at-risk youth in the Omaha area. All funds donated stay directly in the Omaha/Council Bluffs area.



Youth Emergency Services (YES) HOHA's Designated Charity

Youth Emergency Services received a \$700.00 check from the proceeds of the Silent Auction held at the End of Summer Bash/picnic. Below are examples of YES's outreach in the Omaha area.

Last year, 394 youth were served program-wide. Street Outreach served over 2,000 youth; 40% male and 60% female. 30% of the youth were from Douglas County. Youth from other states and counties in Nebraska were served. No one was turned away. Only 29% were identified as Caucasian. 27% of the youth reported having mental health issues. Average age of youth served was 21.

& About HOHA

HOHA's accomplishments are made possible by dedicated HOHA volunteers in your neighborhood. Please consider joining the Association so these programs and services can continue. The membership dues are \$50.00 per year and membership is based on a calendar year. (January 1-December 31)

There are several ways membership dues can be paid. Individuals can go to the website, www.harveyoaks.com and follow the prompts regarding membership. Residents can send a check directly to the Membership committee, 15209 Castelar Circle, Omaha, NE 68144.



HOHA News

Harvey Oaks Citizen Patrol

What is a Citizen Patrol? A Citizen Patrol is a trained group of residents organized to increase the safety of the neighborhood. They patrol the streets in their neighborhood to provide a presence and report any incidents and problems to the police. They are non-confrontational and coordinate their activities with the police. The Citizen Patrol is the next step beyond the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Purpose of the Citizen Patrol-The main purpose of the Citizen Patrol is to provide a visible presence on the streets in your neighborhood as a deterrent to any criminal activity. Having concerned residents on the street actively watching what is going on in their neighborhood sends a clear message to strangers in the neighborhood, that crime will not be tolerated. Thieves, vandals, and drug dealers do not wish to be observed, so the presence of law-abiding residents alone can help reduce crime.

The second purpose of Citizen Patrol is to report suspicious or illegal activities to the police. We do not have enough police officers to patrol every street in Omaha, so the police rely on residents of the area to inform them about crime, incidents, and suspects. These patrols provide timely information to the police, which can help them apprehend criminals.

In addition, patrols provide an opportunity for citizens to participate in activities to improve their community and they can react to other threats to their neighborhoods.

Your help is needed-Harvey Oaks would like to reinstate this service in the neighborhood.



Citizen Patrol - Keeping Harvey Oaks Safe

Citizen Patrol Volunteer Requirements:

- New volunteers must attend a four hour evening training class conducted by the Omaha Police Department (OPD).
- The volunteer must pass a background check every two years processed by the OPD.
- There must be at least two adults (18 or older) in each vehicle while patrolling.
- Patrollers will use their own vehicles and provide their own fuel and insurance.
- All patrollers must carry a cell phone as a means to communication for contacting the police if necessary.
- Patrollers will wear the designated identification badge issued by the OPD when on patrol.

Citizen Patrol Responsibilities:

Each patroller should:

- Go out on assigned patrols.
- Observe and report. Never confront anyone verbally or physically and never attempt to detain anyone.
- Contact 911 when necessary.
- When on patrol, never carry anything that is or resembles a weapon (i.e. gun, knife, bat, etc.)
- Accept responsibility for damage to or loss of any equipment received from your Citizen Patrol.

If you are interested or would like more information on this program/service contact Luke Hawkins 402-714-3580 lucasmhawkins@gmail.com.

This program helps make Harvey Oaks a safe place to live.

HOHA Needs Volunteers for The Following Committees

If you are interested in volunteering for HOHA, please contact Luke Hawkins at 402-3680. Below are the committees needing help.

- End of Summer Bash/Picnic
- Citizen Patrol-(coordinator)
- Nominating
- Welcome

Job descriptions are available for all the committees listed above. HOHA is only as strong as its volunteers.



Happy Halloween!

- HOHA wishes all Harvey Oaks residents a happy, safe, and spook-tacular Halloween! Stay safe



End of Summer Bash Donors and Sponsors

The following individuals and businesses donated to the Silent Auction.

- Amazing Pizza Machine
- Anderson Convenient Markets
- Arby's
- Bellevue Berry Farm
- Boyd & Charlies
- Brownies Bar
- Car Stop
- Charleston's
- Charlies on the Lake
- CKO Kick Boxing & Fitness
- Controlled Rain
- Scott A. Daks-tennis pro
- Eileen's Cookies
- Family Fare
- Genesis Health Club
- Genji Steakhouse
- Dawn Grimshaw
- Hair Care Xtras
- Hectors
- Hollywood Nails
- I-Spa Nails and Lashes
- Jimmy Johns
- Dr. Nia Jones
- LaVista Toyota
- Loveland Nails and Spa
- MaMa's Pizza
- Mouth of the South
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Observatory Bar and Grill
- Old Vine Wine & Spirits
- Onyx BMW
- Oscar's Pizza
- Pacific Springs Golf Course
- Raising Canes Chicken Fingers
- Rental City
- ReThink Construction
- Rocket Car Wash
- Romeos Pizza
- Sean O'Casey's Pub
- Scheels
- Shirley's Diner
- Sign Popperz
- Smash Park
- Southwest YMCA
- Sports Clips
- Sugar Cone Treats
- Tap House
- Tickets for Less
- Tires Plus
- Vala's Pumpkin Patch
- Vidlaks
- Vetco Total Care
- Williamsburg Pizza



The following were vendors at the event

- Chili's Bar & Grill
- Dawn Grimshaw
- I-Spa Nails and Lashes
- Millard VFW
- Old Chicago
- Raising Canes Chicken Fingers
- ReThink Construction
- Rocket Car Wash
- Sign Popperz
- Sport Clips
- Vetco
- Youth Emergency Services

A tremendous thank you to all of the above companies and individuals for their support of the event.

The following individuals went the 'extra mile' and helped make the event successful.

- Ashley Doherty-developed the event flyer
- Dan Fisher-provided barricades for the street
- Jim Grabenbauer-mowed the park and worked most of the day
- Gates & Marie Salistean-provided water for the foam party
- The 30 students from various Omaha High Schools who helped with the games and activities
- Tim Glover, Tara Helm, Dave Price, and Jim Small they all came early and stayed late
- Judy Zucker-helping with prizes
- Kelly Jefferson posted information on social media
- All the Area Representatives for delivering flyers to the homes in Harvey Oaks
- The Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Omaha Police Department
- The City of Omaha-various departments
- Warren Curry-newsletter support
- Three residents who sponsored the cost of the Foam Party
- The final thank you goes to the many un-named volunteers and residents who helped with the event. They are so appreciated.

The EOSB/Picnic planning committee can always use interested individuals to help with the planning and organizing for the event. If you are interested contact Nicole Hebert, 402-415-7865. You can help make the 47th EOSB something to remember.

Thank You!!
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POSTING SIGNS IN ENTRANCE ISLANDS

Residents and businesses are requested NOT to post signs in the entrance islands. The signs break the landscaping fabric and allows weeds to grow in the islands.

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HOHA Minutes

MINUTES

Harvey Oaks Homeowners Association (HOHA) General Membership Meeting Thursday, September 19, 2024

Converge Church, 14515 Harvey Oaks Avenue-Omaha, NE 68144



Officers, Area Representatives, and Committee members present include: Trent Bradshaw-Treasurer, Golf Classic, John Brehmer-Guidelines, Neighborhood Clean-up, Area 17, Nicole Hebert-Secretary, Area 7, Social, Jim Grabenbauer-Parks, Corey Podwinski-Fireworks Display, Golf Classic, Dave Price-Vice-President, Denny Schaeppi-Golf Classic, Social, and Traci Selby-Membership, Social, Area 25, Ashley Doherty, Webmaster, Jim Small, Advertising, Tom Helm, Parks and Guests Marie and Gates Salistean.

President order of business – Carol Feelhaver resignation from all positions regarding HOHA. Vote for Nicole Hebert to take over as secretary. All in favor – yes.

Citizens' patrol vacancy – a person has reached out and Luke gave a description. There is money in the budget.

Committee Reports:

Nominating-the following report was given

- HOHA needs volunteers for the following positions.
- Treasurer
- Citizens Patrol Chairperson
- Welcome
- Social Media

Membership Report-Traci Selby wasn't present to give a report.

- Ideas such as offering membership for new neighbors in new development and also talking to renters

Parks Report-Jim Grabenbauer gave the following report.

- Neighborhood is all picked up, the parks are still in the works.
- Baseball needs calcite clay for sliding – vote to have done sooner rather than later – all approved – needs 1 more drag and addressing the 1st baseline side run-off, also killing weeds

Newsletter-Warren Curry wasn't present to give a report.

- The newsletter deadline for the December/January issue is November 15th.

Webpage-Ashley Doherty stated there was no report.

Advertising Report-Jim Small gave the following report.

- 2 due this month, falling short \$470.

Citizens Patrol Report-No report was given.

Social Committee Report-The following report(s) were given.

- **EOSB/Picnic-**
 - Event hit budget.
 - Foam party a huge success – suggestion to have on grass and have an adult volunteer to help kids in and out.
 - Denny discussed a couple taking over his position for the silent auction.
- **Golf**
 - Discussion to expand committee, Trent Bradshaw will continue to help
 - Jim and Denny will help more as well..
- **Neighborhood Clean-Up Day-**
 - Not happening in our neighborhood this year. Closest neighborhood would be Piedmont/Wycliff on Oct. 26th.
 - John Brehmer discussed the rocks at the church and needs to get finish getting these moved.
 - John also discussed a bid on the mulch for the island on 144th.

Ball field Committee-Kevin Hughes wasn't present to give a report.

Treasurer's Report-Trent Bradshaw gave the following reports.

- Trent also presented the 2024-2025 budget. Put on hold until the end of new business
- Anyone wanting a copy of these documents can contact Trent at trent_m_bradshaw@yahoo.com

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Corey Podwinski reported there will be increased building activity in Heartwood Preserve. Single family homes and apartments are coming along. Sidewalk around the preserve runs right up to our tennis court and maybe contact the city to get a sidewalk from Shirley to connect with the preserve.
- There is no new information available on the proposed apartment complex behind the Harvey Oaks shopping center.
- Special shout out to Dan and Sally Frei for their amazing help cleaning up the South Park area and entry. Your work does not go unnoticed.
- Budget approval discussion. Trent Bradshaw went over line item by item in his reasoning for the adjustments to some areas. Wanting to make our budget more responsive to our community needs. Increase to Fireworks budget to include closing off parking on one side of the street. Charitable donations to Harvey Oaks Elementary, Cub Scouts, and Girls Scouts, as well as donating to MNHS After Prom will be maintained in the budget the reflect our values to support our neighborhood community efforts. Focus on membership dues would allow allocation to budget expenses where budgets were dropped. Corey Podwinski moved to approve the budget. Jim Small seconded the motion. All approved.



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As there was no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. by HOHA President, Luke Hawkins. The next regular meeting is Thursday, October 10, 2024, 7:30 p.m. at Sean O'Casey's Pub, 2523 South 140 Avenue, in the back party room.

2024 HOHA Meeting Schedule-Second Thursday of each month-7:30 p.m.
October 10, November 14. There is no December meeting.

There is no December meeting as there will be a Holiday Volunteer Event at the Observatory Lounge on December 5th. Details and time still in the works.

Respectively submitted,
Nicole Hebert - Secretary

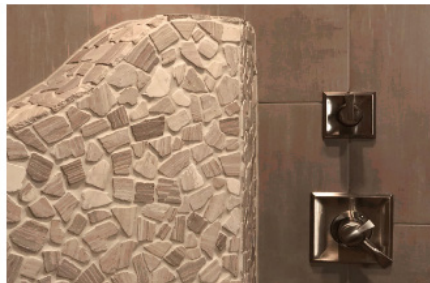


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Residents are Reminded—Lock Your Cars

If you park your car outside on the street or in your driveway, please remember to lock your car. Unfortunately, there has been a lot of vandalism to unlocked cars in the neighborhood.

Catalytic converters are being stolen off vehicles and sold. Make sure your car is parked in a well lit area to avoid this from happening.



Tennis Court Etiquette

There is no reservation schedule for the area tennis courts. It is on a first come basis.

The light on the courts will only work until 10:00 pm daily. All City of Omaha parks close at 11:00 pm. The neighbors backing up to the tennis courts have requested the lights be turned off by 10:00 pm.

Cars Parked on Area Streets for Extended Periods of Time

According to the City of Omaha's Code of Ordinance, section 36-161, cars can't be parked on residential streets without movement for 48 hours.

Section 36-161 reads as follows. No person shall park a vehicle continuously in one place in the same block for a period in excess of 48 hours on any street, and any vehicle parked in violation of this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Vehicle owners will be ticketed and asked to move the vehicle.

If cars are parked for extended period of time, this causes traffic problems. To report this violation, call the Mayor's Hotline, 402-444-5555.

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Speed limit on area Streets

Residents are reminded the speed limit on area streets is 25 mph. Please observe this speed limit as you travel in and out of the addition. This becomes especially important as school has started in and more children will be outside walking to and from school. Chances are they may not be watching for you, so please watch for them.

Complaints have also been received that motorists are NOT stopping at area stop signs. These signs were put in these locations for a purpose, and need to be observed. Please observe these restrictions for the safety of everyone.

Notice to Residents

Boats, campers, and RV's over 20 feet in length can't be parked in the front/side of the home. This is a City of Omaha code violation and can result in a fine to the homeowner.

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