



# Southern Oaks

## Homes Association Newsletter

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### SOHA SHOUT OUTS!



The board would like to thank the outgoing pool board members, Tom Antonopoulos and Dave and Mindi Salas, for their dedication and hard work.

Through their leadership, they were able to make great strides in securing the pool area and eliminating the needless vandalism, and we appreciate all of the work that they have done. We would also like to recognize the incoming pool board Katie Lord, Wade Kordonowy and Sharon Hammack, for their willingness to take the reins and get involved. Please join us in giving these outstanding individuals a “Shout Out” and thank them for their service.

The board would like to recognize another neighbor Alvin Beltramo, who owns and operates the Management Company that oversees our Neighborhood. Alvin is the unsung hero that “takes care of everything”, often before anyone notices. He maintains neighborhood files and contracts, sends the invoices for dues, even takes care of the banking and so much more. In fact, if you’ve ever had a complaint or question about the neighborhood, you probably spoke to Alvin. And like most people in the “Service Industry” it is easy to overlook the day to day contributions and accomplishments, so please join us in giving Alvin a “Shout Out” for his tireless efforts on our behalf.

And finally, please remember, that the more people that get involved with running our neighborhood, the better the neighborhood becomes.

### Spring Fun Around the Metro

Listed below are some places for springtime activities in the KC area. Click on a name to go directly to the location’s website.

- [KC Royals](#)
- [T-Bones](#)
- [First Fridays in KC Crossroads Art District](#)
- [Overland Park Arboretum](#)
- [Overland Park Golf Courses](#)
- [Overland Park Farmers Market](#)
- [Deanna Rose Children’s Farmstead](#)
- [Overland Park Trails](#)
- [Kansas City Zoo](#)
- [Powell Gardens](#)

## SPRING FIESTA



Let's get together as a neighborhood and kick off the summer with a fun-filled Fiesta! Please join us Sat., May 8 at 6 p.m. in the Hardy cul-de-sac (near the pool).

There will be a catered taco bar from Mi Ranchito and soda and water will be provided. Adults, don't forget to BYOB!

Come jump in a moonwalk, decorate flower pots for Mothers Day and break piñatas. Please note: Piñata activities will be at both 6:30 and 7:30.

## HELP NEEDED!

**We need you to get involved by becoming a member of the Architecture Committee for 2010. Please send an email to [manager@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com](mailto:manager@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com) for more information.**

## TREES



It looks like additional trees along 143rd Street will need to be removed because they are dying. We are waiting to see how the trees develop this spring before deciding on the next steps. In addition, at the recommendation of several landscape

companies, we plan to trim some of the existing trees to keep them healthy.

## SOHA GROUNDS

We are using the same company, Stadium Cuts, in 2010 as we did in 2009.

## SPRING GARAGE SALE



Start cleaning out your basements now for the annual SOHA Garage Sale, May 7 and May 8. Southern Oaks will advertise on Craig's List. The

large garage sale sign will be placed at the entrance to Southern Oaks along 143rd Street. Our sale is also the same weekend as Wakefield's.

## POOL SEASON

The neighborhood pool opens Saturday, May 29th. Please visit the [SOHA website](#) for a complete list of pool rules. If you are new resident in need of a pool key, email [manager@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com](mailto:manager@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com)

## NEW NEIGHBORS

Are you new to the neighborhood? Have you recently gotten married or had a baby? We'd like to know about it!

It is our goal to celebrate these events with you—especially by welcoming you or your new little one into the neighborhood. However, if we have somehow overlooked your special event, please let us know.

Please contact Rose Beltramo (814-9847) if we've missed you!

## SPRING EGG HUNT



Thank you for making the annual Spring Egg Hunt a big success. Over 800 eggs were found by the kids and kids at heart of the neighborhood.

## NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDERS



- **Smoke Alarms:** If you did not change your smoke alarm batteries on daylight savings, don't forget to do it now.

- **Trash:** If anyone has had issues with the Deffenbaugh trash cans, please contact Alvin Beltramo: 814-9847 or [manager@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com](mailto:manager@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com).

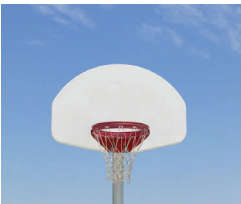
- **Street Lights:** If you notice a streetlight burned out, please contact Alvin Beltramo: 814-9847 or [manager@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com](mailto:manager@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com) and he will alert the city.

- **Bunco:** The SOHA bunco group needs a few subs for their monthly game. We play on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Contact Rose Beltramo at 814-9847 if interested.



- **Painting:** Spring is a great time to start thinking about repainting the exterior of your home. Before painting or making home improvements, remember to first fill out an [Architectural Form](#), which can be printed from the SOHA website, and wait for approval before beginning any work.

- **Basketball Goals:** Basketball is a great activity, and lots of fun when played in the safety of your driveway. Please remember, a new basketball goal must be approved by the Architectural Committee before it can be put to use. In addition, to ensure everyone's safety, all basketball goals must be kept in good working order, with fresh nets (no chains) and it should be located a safe distance from the sidewalk. The best practice is to keep the basketball goal no closer to the sidewalk than midway between the house and the sidewalk. Also, keep in mind that the backboard must be made from a clear material or it will need to be replaced. If you currently have a basketball goal, please take a moment to inspect it to make sure that it is made from a clear material, in good working order with a fresh net, otherwise it will need to be removed.



## RECYCLING DROP-OFF

There is a recycling drop off center at 11921 Hardy (near the Time Warner Cable office on 119th Street). Their hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They take newspapers, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office paper, glass containers, aluminum cans, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, corrugated cardboard, paperboard and more.



## 2010 BOARD and COMMITTEES

Please consider volunteering for one of the committees or boards so that our neighborhood can be a welcoming place to live. Please contact Paul Lynch if you are interested. Board elections are held each January at the SOHA annual meeting.

### 2010 Board of Directors

President: Paul Lynch, 322-7240, [president@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com](mailto:president@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com)

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## ARE YOU PLANNING TO MOVE?

Although we hate to see you go, a couple of things could help make the transition easier for the new families moving into our neighborhood. First, arrange to turn your pool key in to Alvin Beltramo, SOHA Manager. This will save the new owners the hassle of finding out how to get a key. Second, leave any neighborhood documents that might be helpful (SOHA directory, by-laws, newsletters, etc.)



Finally, if you would like copies of newsletters or other SOHA documents to help promote the selling of your house, please contact the SOHA Manager, [manager@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com](mailto:manager@SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com), to obtain copies.

[www.SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com](http://www.SouthernOaksHomesAssociation.com)

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