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# The ACORN

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## TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS: BIG CHANGES

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, while I was having coffee and a lovely scone at Heirloom Bakery (East 63rd & Oak Street) a rather curious thing occurred.

The well-dressed chap sitting next to me began a conversation with commonplace topics like the weather (it was warm that day) and the prospects that Patrick Mahomes and The Chiefs faced for the newly evolving NFL season (4 -0 so far and looking good).

Then things took a distinctly odd turn. His pleasant face changed, and he started to have a far-away look in his eyes.

"I have just returned from October 2021 – and I must warn you that the days between then and now are going to absolutely shock and amaze you. Odd things, good things, bad things and unbelievable things will occur.

"I don't know how to tell you to get ready – and I am sure you don't believe me. But, my friend, as Bette Davis once said in *All About Eve*: 'Fasten your seat belts, it's going to be a bumpy ride.'"

He was, as you might suppose, making me uncomfortable. As were the multiple cups of coffee I had consumed. So, I excused myself to use the lavatory – and when I returned, he was gone.

All that was left was a confused and disquieted me.

As should be obvious, that never happened. But my imaginary friend would have been disturbingly accurate with his "reporting."

Sitting here on October 1, 2021 – and looking ahead to what the 20/20 hindsight will tell us on October 1, 2023 – we can be assured that we are likely to be shocked, surprised, dismayed and sometimes elated.

But here is the point of all this chatter: There is one thing each of us can control: ourselves.

In a world where you can be anything Be Kind.

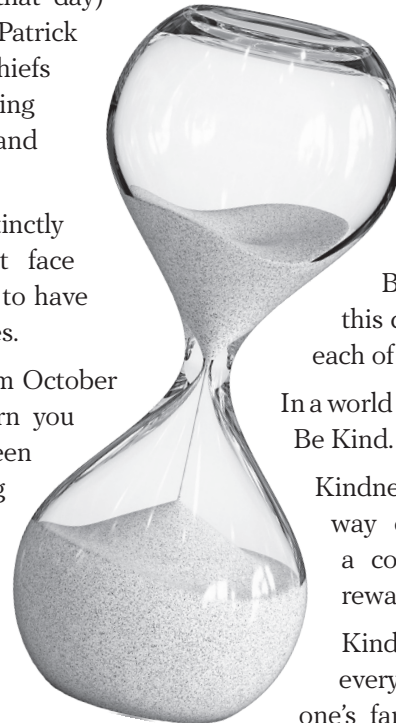
Kindness is a state of mind, a way of life, a daily practice, a conscious behavior, and a rewarding philosophy.

Kindness should be aimed in every direction: To oneself. To one's family. To one's neighbors. To one's community. To the Earth. To the larger society. To people we disagree with. To people we perceive as disliking us.

The opportunities to express it are constantly presented to us. Some are simple:

Keep your property tidy. Pick up after your dog. Shovel your snow, rake your leaves. Put the older neighbor's newspaper on their door step.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DEAR OMG NEIGHBORS,

This October newsletter marks both the ramping down of the calendar year and the beginning of the next Oak Meyer Gardens (OMG) Fiscal Year. Looking back, the Board is pleased with what we were able to accomplish, even within the constraints of the pandemic. The Social Activities Committee was able to plan its regular activities, and even introduced a new one – OMG Spirit Month – in April, providing safe, weekly activities for all the family. This included sponsoring a donut truck one Saturday morning for all to enjoy. Another new and popular activity was the corn hole competition combined with the Ice Cream Social In August. The reserve funds for masonry work were depleted the previous fiscal year, so the Beautification Committee focused on some new plantings around several of the corner end caps. (We are ever grateful to the volunteers who kept these flowers watered during this hot, dry summer.) The Committee Members continue to plan for improvements, and they are working with a professional landscaper to create multiple examples of new end cap designs to implement in the next growing season. This past year also saw the expansion of The Acorn Newsletter, and the Communications Committee is looking forward to adding Instagram to its toolbox of social media apps to help keep you informed. Finally, we have a new Security Committee up and running. We plan to bring you more information on this over the coming year as the Members establish their goals.

We are always concerned about our neighborhood infrastructure. After

five years of letter writing and phone calls to our City's officials, we are happy to see that the residents on Locust, south of Rockhill, have finally convinced the City to resurface their street. What an accomplishment! We have also recently learned that the City has been able to increase their residential street resurfacing budget by \$80 million – probably thanks to Federal Covid Relief funds. And since



our City Council requested our input, we recommended to them that the streets in OMG with a rating of poor or less be resurfaced as well. This includes 75% of our streets. Hopefully, the City will come through for us on a few of them. Last but not least, we have requested Public Infrastructure Advisory Committee (PIAC) funds from the City to help us rebuild the gateway markers on either end of 63rd Terrace. We will know if we are successful by May of 2022.

Before having the Finance Committee determine the budget for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year, the Board met specifically to envision new possibilities for OMG. We decided to open the doors and throw out things that weren't working for us, as well as invite in desires from our wish lists as if we had no budget. It was a fun and fruitful exercise. Some of those wishes included printing the newsletter in color, providing true branding of the neighborhood with OMG banners outlining our boundaries, hiring a company to keep our Website fresh and up-to-date, and increasing our landscape contractor responsibilities so that we can have professional-looking, landscaped end caps on all of our corners.

Coming back down to reality, we did make two major changes to our existing budget from last year. The Board has decided that Members are more comfortable socializing within their own blocks rather than from all blocks, so we are eliminating the Summer Social and moving those funds to the Block Parties budget. This will allow us to increase the money that OMG contributes to each block party from \$100 to \$250 dollars. And because we have the income, we are increasing our Monument Maintenance budget to \$5,300 in order to continue the renovation of the remaining 31 smaller monuments and markers.

As for our budget exercise, you will hear more about a new vision for OMG early next year.

Valerie Schroer, President

## DAMPER TRICKS TO KEEP YOUR OLDER HOME COMFORTABLE

If you haven't turned on your furnace yet, you soon will. A little work in the basement to open/close the amount of air that goes to your room vents will heat or condition the house more evenly, make your home more comfortable and actually save you money. Hot air rises, so pinch down the system dampers in the basement to decrease the amount of air to your home's upper floors and open the dampers wide to the first floor in order to increase the amount of heated air that will flow to your living space. The warm air downstairs will rise and help to warm the second story.

When the air conditioning is on, do the opposite – open the dampers to the second story to allow the maximum amount of air to flow there and pinch down the dampers to the first floor. This will allow the cool air to fall from the second story down and help to condition the first floor.

Finally, for those beautiful days when you can open wide the windows and turn off the A/C, your system's fan can give a little boost to cooling down the house in the evening. Turning your thermostat to "fan only" will pull in cool air from outdoors. Just remember to turn the fan off when the temperature outdoors is higher than you want indoors.

## TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS: BIG CHANGES (CONT'D FROM PAGE 1)

Shovel their snow when you're done with yours.

Minimize your waste stream: reduce, reuse, recycle. Be conscious of the products you use and consume and their total cost – from creation to disposal.

Make sure you know the people who live around you – and be aware of any needs they might have – from routine to emergency interventions (calling first responders, perhaps).

Talk to people you don't know. Be

appropriately curious about them. Learn their names and the names of their children and dogs. Watch out for things that don't look quite right. If you see something, say something.

Learn people's special days – like birthdays and anniversaries. Help remember them and celebrate them.

Put your money where your heart is, support the arts and the many worthy causes that need help – not just the cash but the advocacy, the volunteer time, the attention to their causes.

Be a good neighbor. Be a good person. Be a good citizen.

Help keep your street, your neighborhood, OMG, Kansas City, our country and our world as good as it can be.

And, two years from now, we should all be able to feel like we've done our part.

End of sermon. But as a religious scholar once said: "Love thy neighbor as thyself. All the rest is commentary."

– By Jon Goodman

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## SAVE THE DATE OMG ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors would like to invite you to the Annual Members Meeting of Oak Meyer Gardens Homes Association. Barring any unforeseen, pandemic complications, the meeting will take place in person, the evening of Wednesday, November 17th and will be in the cafeteria (Garden Room) of St. Peter's School.

The Annual Members' Meeting is the time for everyone to gather and hear what the Board and Committees have accomplished over the past year. We also hope to hear about any of your ideas or concerns, and look forward to answering any questions you may have. A letter containing all the details will be mailed with your annual invoice in early October. We look forward to seeing everyone in person.

## WELCOME

to everyone who chose to call  
Oak Meyer Gardens home in 2021!

**Douglas & Mariam Seacord**  
**Christopher & Grace Philpy**  
**Matthew & Sarah Christenson**  
**Jonny & Courtney Swift**  
**Jacob & Ashlyn Reed**  
**Holly Nichol**  
**Stephanie Gounder & Eric Thiessen**  
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**Chase Fearon**  
**Brendan & Adrienne Soucie**

## WARD & WARD FINE ART FRAMING AND GALLERY

Although the name and location has changed over time, Ward and Ward Fine Art Framing and Gallery has been in business for 66 years. Some may recall the business as Scott's Custom Picture Framing, which Paul and Marjorie Scott operated for 32 years. In 1978, Tim Ward, a young art student, was working for his mentor, Duard Marshall, who was a private art conservator. While bringing a painting for restoration, Paul Scott asked Marshall if he knew of anyone looking for a job. Marshall pointed to Ward. Although he had no intention of changing jobs, that is just what he did. The business was located at 1015 E. 75th Street when Tim Ward started working for the Scotts.

The business has certainly grown over the years. Although framing is the biggest part of their business, art brokerage as well as art and frame restoration has been added to their offerings. They also create beautiful shadow boxes. Items that are brought in for framing can range from a diploma, a historical document, needlepoint or personal artwork. Ward commented, "Framing is architecture in miniature."

In describing the business, Ward said, "Our mission is to produce high quality picture framing and provide fine art related services that meet or exceed our clients expectations. We are very vested in quality work."

Ward and Ward completes work for the Nelson-Atkins



Tim Ward with Anthony Angarola's 1928 Jacob Loose Park – The Old Country Club Golf Park.

Framed woks on display at Ward & Ward Fine Art Framing & Gallery.

In 1979, Ward graduated from UMKC with a degree in Studio Art. After working for the Scotts for about 1 1/2 years, they approached him about purchasing the business. Ward could be considered a reluctant businessman as he initially declined the offer. After some convincing, he agreed. Tim and Joyce, his new wife at the time, began buying shares of the company in 1981. Tim became president of the company in 1984. Joyce Ward, who is an International Student Advisor at UMKC is also the company's treasurer, handling the payroll for a total of nine employees. The couple completed the purchase in 1986.

In 1991, the business moved to 6213 Oak Street where they operated for about 22 years. Since 2013, they have been located at 521 East 63rd Street.

Museum of Art and Hallmark's photography department. They also have a long standing working relationship with the WWI Museum and Memorial. "It is a really interesting business, if you like variety," commented Ward.

Presently, their gallery has a variety show of different artists on display. They sell everything from contemporary to antique art work. The public is welcome to stop by and take a look at their gallery or bring that neglected art work in for framing. Ward & Ward is open Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00 and Saturdays from 9:00-3:00. You can also find them at [www.ward-wardframing.com](http://www.ward-wardframing.com).

— By Jon Goodman

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## OLDER HOUSE MADE NEW

In June of 2020, Brandon Scalf and husband Mike moved into a newly purchased home on Kenwood. They loved the house and found that most of what needed immediate attention was largely cosmetic. The new owners describe themselves as big fans of vintage homes but knew that eventually some spaces do need an update.

They knew they wanted to redo both baths and the kitchen but needed to develop a plan and find a company to help out.

### FOR THE KITCHEN:

“We needed to make the most out of a medium-sized galley kitchen space. We wanted it to feel fresh and updated but in-line with the feel of the house.



“New hardwood floors installed and blended to match the rest of the existing red oak. Charcoal grey lowers, and chalk-white upper cabinets, combined with all updated appliances, and touches of modern, like the concrete pendant lamp above the extra deep stainless-steel sink.

“One of the highlights is the new archway into the stairwell and living room that perfectly matches the existing arches from 1935. Our goal was updated but timeless.”

### IN THE BATH:

“The new Master Bath was completed in June of 2021. The original 1935 bath was still intact in the home, with existing pink and coral tile on all walls. While it’s always great to preserve vintage elements, when possible, some rooms eventually need an update.

“We expanded the footprint of the room into existing closets and creating a plant shelf knock-out above the stairs. The result is a much larger, luxurious room that feel light and airy, and spa-like, while still feeling in place in the vintage cottage. The modern marble hex floor tile is an over-the-top focal point. And along with the original archway above the shower, allows the room to feel classic yet modern.”

As experienced “house doctors”, the new owners have some advice to pass onto the neighbors:

“This is our third kitchen remodel in six years and each house was from a different era. I felt it was important to update these spaces while honoring the original aesthetic from the 1930s. We can still do a modern update but with details that nod to the rest of the house; cornice molding, 4” base trim, custom arch-ways, updated floor tile in vintage shapes.

“Also, don’t be afraid to add your personal touches based on your lifestyle or day-to-day needs. For instance, the kitchen has lots of storage for large appliances because we prefer clean and open countertops.

“Taking the time to find a contractor that will meet your needs may be the most important part of a large project like this. Even though the process seems intimidating, if you take your time, talk to contractors, get opinions from neighbors and friends, and trust



your gut, you should find the right fit. If you have any doubts, or are unsure, or intimidated by prospective contractors maybe it’s best to keep looking.”

Feel free to contact Brandon to chat more about his interior designs at:

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For more questions, please email [bradyk@universityacademy.org](mailto:bradyk@universityacademy.org) or text 913-674-9851.

*We look forward to connecting with you!*





## HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is an exciting time for everyone. As the festivities begin, concern about child safety should be foremost on your mind. Here are crime prevention tips to make your family's night FUN AND GHOULISH!

- Check your children's candy before they eat it! Send them out with safe "starter" candy.
- Remind children to NEVER enter anyone's home or car.
- Have all children trick or treat in groups.
- Set a time for trick or treaters to be home and remind them to call 911 if there is unlawful or suspicious activity.
- Have children carry a flashlight or glow sticks and use reflective tape on their costumes so they can be seen in the dark.
- Have adults walk the neighborhood to discourage malicious mischief and keep children safe.
- Remind children to stay in populated places and not use back alleys or fields.
- Avoid replica toy guns – They may be mistaken for the real thing!
- Children should obey all traffic signs and look before crossing the street. Never cross between parked cars, in the middle of a block or diagonally through intersections.
- Use Jack-O-Lanterns or high intensity glow sticks to light porch steps. Make sure trick or treaters are safe.
- Only give out commercially wrapped treats.
- Have an old fashioned neighborhood Halloween block party to get to know neighbors.
- Only trick or treat in neighborhoods where you know residents and at houses with porch lights on.
- Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager when they go door-to-door.
- Always carry a cell phone and make sure it is charged in case of an emergency.



For more information contact your local Community Interaction Office:  
Metro Patrol Division..... 816-581-0715

## STREET CRED

After a long series of attempts, requests, appeals – and possibly some prayer – the stretch of Locust from 69th Street on the south and Rockhill on the north was finally resurfaced.

The city hired J. M. Fahey of Grandview, a large construction company to handle the work.

Susan Marks Miller of the block – a longtime advocate of this work – was especially pleased to report on it on the OMG Facebook page.

The work crew was large and gave every appearance of working efficiently. The end result was what was arguably the worst block in OMG may now be the best.

Fahey's work crew included several women operating heavy equipment, including a machine to roll the voids out of the asphalt. (In earlier days it was called a "steam roller," but no steam is currently involved. Now they are just called road rollers.)

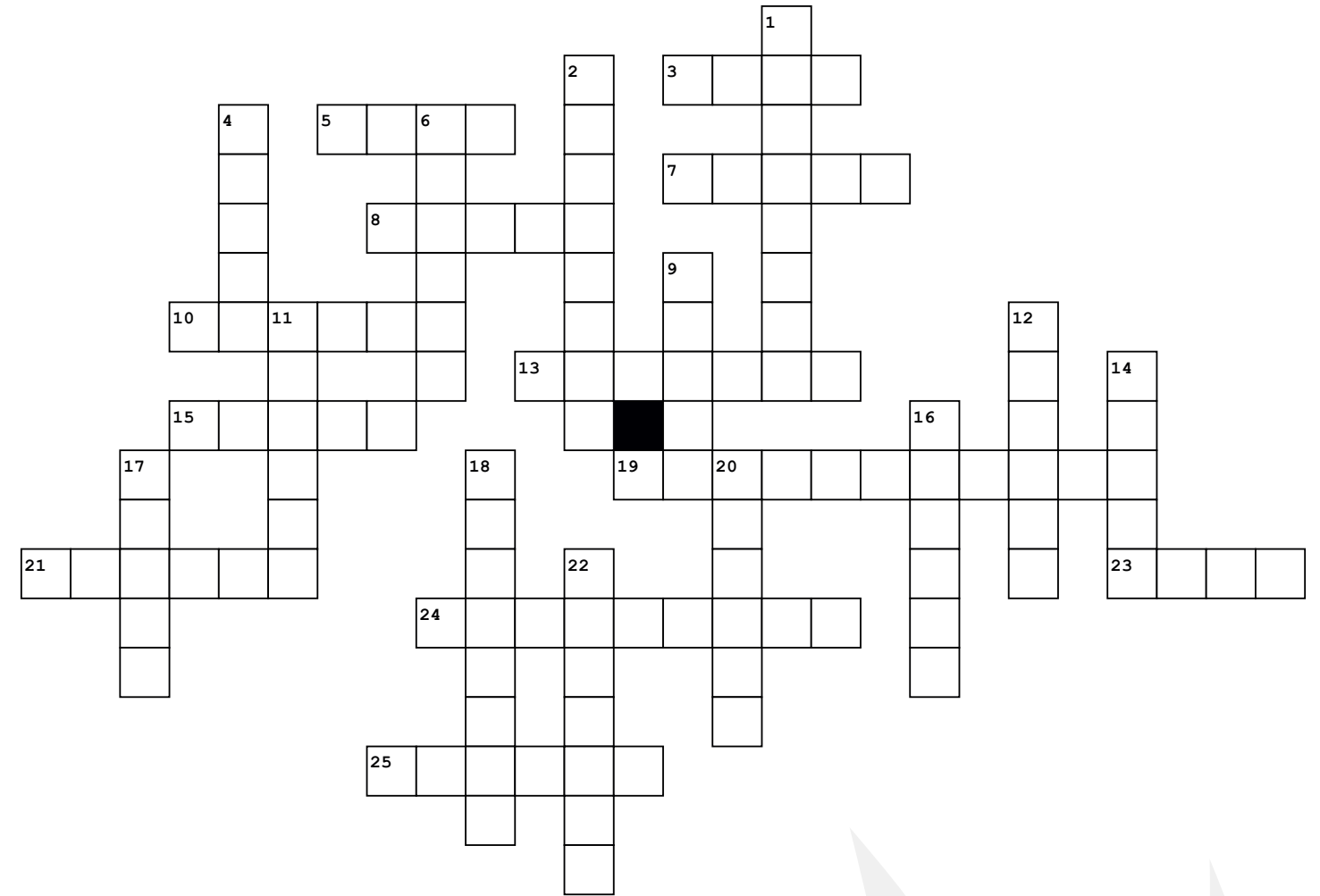
A little to the north of this project, the block of 65th Street between Cherry and Holmes is currently all torn up.

There are new sidewalks, curbs and gutters being installed – which will be a nice upgrade to the block – but, unfortunately, some trees have to be sacrificed to accommodate the new sidewalks.

65th St. resident Mike Ardis supplied the photos.



## OMG CROSSWORD



### Across

3. What neighbors often stop and do when they meet on the street
5. Hottest month on average in Kansas City
7. Architectural style common to OMG
8. 'The \_\_\_\_\_' (you're reading it)
10. Easternmost road of our neighborhood
13. Commonly seen two-wheeled conveyance in OMG
15. What many OMG side-by-side neighbors do with their driveways
19. Neighborhood immediately to our west
21. Something challenging for OMG students at the end of the school year
23. Sign seen at 65th St. and Oak St.
24. Kind of plant that comes back every year
25. Tall tree you're very likely to see on your walks around OMG

### Down

1. Colorful bird that chirps quite loudly!
2. One of the first trees to bloom in the Spring, whose name is associated with the state of Mississippi
4. Where's this neighborhood? A bit south of OMG!
6. OMG street that's either a tree or an insect
9. Widest street in OMG
11. They're all over the ground in the fall
12. Kind of house where two families can live, each in a separate part of the building
14. Neighborhood monuments that can be filled with plants
16. Name of OMG street that's also a fruit
17. Cute name for a long-eared furry creature commonly seen in OMG
18. Place to go in your house if you hear a loud siren
20. Necessary activity for people with lawns
22. Oak Street and Oak \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes get confused by the mail carrier!

Check the solution at [oakmeyergardens.org/puzzlesolution](http://oakmeyergardens.org/puzzlesolution)



## DOUBLING DOWN ON OMG

All of us have made the decision to move into Oak Meyer Gardens. Some, however, have made that decision more than once. Here are three cases of people who have lived in more than one home in OMG.

### MEGAN SMITH ON HER FAMILY'S EXPERIENCE:

"We initially moved to OMG in 2014. We were a family of four, soon to be five and wanted a home we could grow into. We had been renting in Armour Hills but found the location of OMG and the price point of the homes to be perfect for us!

"We are currently living on 65th Terrace but are moving to a home with even more space to grow on E 64th Terrace. The reason we are staying in OMG is primarily the people! We love the community of OMG. It is diverse and communal, and we have always loved that.

"During the pandemic our kids got comfortable running over to neighbors' homes and playing with other kids. It kept us sane! We have had friends who live in other parts of KC who have reminded us that is not the case everywhere.

"As we began to do an initial home search, we kept feeling the need for more space but never had the desire to leave the neighborhood. We were so grateful when we found a home within OMG that fit our needs!

"Jerry is a data strategist at American Academy of Family Physicians and Megan is a nurse at Research. Our kids attend Académie Lafayette. Jerry is originally from Omaha and Megan is from South Dakota. After a handful of years in Dallas pursuing a masters and beginning our careers, we have found Kansas City to be home. We enjoy camping and road tripping together as a family and staying active

in our church. Jerry enjoys cycling and Megan enjoys running, though our current hobby will be making our new house a home!"

### THE SNODGRASS FAMILY

Clayton and Sarah Snodgrass – and their two sons, Bobby (age 7), and J.R. (age 3) were longtime residents of OMG. Clayton was not a casual resident: he served as Homes Association president for several terms. Sarah is a real estate agent who also got heavily involved in the neighborhood.



The growing family necessitated a move. In the first instance, they planned to move to Romanelli West – not far from their original home on 66th Terrace.

Fate, however, intervened. They didn't end up moving there. By the time that became clear, they already had a contract to sell the OMG house. With nowhere to go, they ended up temporarily at Clayton's mother's place, in Stilwell – a long way from the heart of the city. As they lived in "the burbs", they searched for a new house.

Sarah explains: "When we decided to move, we weren't sure quite where to

go. We knew we loved Brookside but weren't sure we could find or afford a larger home in this area. We thought about moving to the Kansas side like so many others. We considered many locations, schools, and I even thought about getting chickens again and moving somewhere on the outskirts of town with land. Living in Stilwell with its country/suburb feel, gave us clarity. We missed Brookside, OMG, and just wanted to come back to what felt like home. We missed the neighbors, charm, walkability, community, and culture. We feel so lucky that we found a house back in OMG – it's the best."

Happily, they found the perfect place – right back in OMG. They now have moved back to "the motherland" and live on 65th Street. With four bedrooms and two and a half baths, they finally have a place large enough for their family. And, it is less than one quarter mile from where they started.

OMG residents are in all stages of life. The Smith and Snodgrass families needed space for their children. Jan Long on Kenwood moved back into the community to further her grandparenting:

### JAN LONG'S STORY:

"I originally moved into Oak Meyer Gardens in 1987. My partner and I landed at 6843 Oak Terrace in 1987 and we lived there until 1998. Those were powerful years; during that time, we brought children into our family through international adoption – three daughters, three different countries. So, I guess it's no surprise that OMG is "home" to me.

"In 1998 (for complicated reasons), we built a house in southern Douglas County and moved to the "country". I lived there until 2004; then, I moved to Lawrence, spent a couple of summers [Cont'd on next page]



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[Cont'd from previous page] in other places (New York City, Chicago), and came back to Kansas City in 2008. I am retired from a career in education, primarily special education – working with children who have special needs, grades kindergarten through six.

"I now identify primarily as "Grandma Jan". My oldest daughter moved back to KC in 2019. She is a single mom, and I am the "childcare provider" for her two young children. The second-floor midtown condo (though it was rich with the Southmoreland neighborhood experience) was no longer a fit. I needed to be on the ground, have a small yard...

"So, early this year, I began the search. I can only attribute to good luck the fact that I found my perfect 2 bedroom/1 bath house on Kenwood Street in Oak Meyer Gardens. Yes, it does feel like a return to home."

OMG is apparently a hard habit to break.

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You may notice another change to the newsletter – ads. We are now including ads to help defray the cost of the newsletter. If you would like to promote your business to an educated and interesting group of people, please consider posting an ad in The Acorn. It is currently published three times a year.

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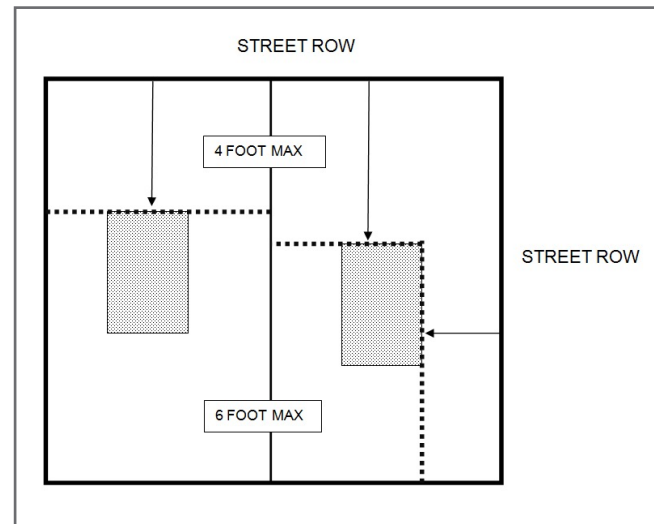
# KCMO FENCE CODES

## GOOD INFORMATION TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BUILD

*"Good fences make good neighbors" – Robert Frost*

As neighbors have been giving more attention to their homes during the pandemic, new fences have begun to spring up here and there. Since the City of Kansas City does not require permits to build a fence, not all contractors are aware of the Code requirements. Chapter 27 of the City's Code of Ordinances details the rules surrounding residential fences. Here is a short summary pertaining to neighborhood fences that may help you avoid possible problems with the City in the future.

In residential areas, fences located in the front yard or even with the front of the house cannot be higher than four feet tall. For residences on corner lots, fences along the street side of the yard must not be higher than four feet either. All other side and back fences may be up to six feet high, but no higher. For residences that are not located on the corner, all inside side and back fences may be up to six feet tall.



Should a residence have a swimming pool, the pool must be completely enclosed by a fence at least four feet in height. Openings in the fence shall not permit the passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere. Gates in the fence shall be self-closing and self-latching; and shall be maintained locked when the pool is not tended by a responsible person.

Under the Property Maintenance Codes, Chapter 56, Code of Ordinances, it is stated that fences must not encroach on public right-of-way, and they must be maintained in a manner that will protect it from deterioration, or loss of structural integrity. If you have any questions with regard to public right-of-way in your yard, or about fencing height requirements in general, feel free to contact the Kansas City, Missouri Code Question Line at (816) 513-1511.

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# FLEAS, TICKS, AND HEARTWORM! OH MY!

## PARASITE PREVENTION FOR PETS IN THE FALL

As the weather cools and the leaves start falling, it is common for pet owners to make the assumption their dog or cat doesn't need their flea, tick and heartworm prevention. However, this is not the case. The leaves on the ground give a great place for your pet to pick up fleas and ticks.

Fall is the worst time of the year for fleas. Flea eggs fall off flea infested wildlife that come through our yards into the leaf litter. When pets walk through piles of leaves the flea eggs will hatch and adult fleas jump onto them. Fleas can cause severe itching and discomfort leading to hair loss and skin infections, they can also carry parasites like tapeworms.

Ticks also thrive in leaf litter. When a tick senses movement they can jump onto a pet. After they attach they can transmit diseases like Ehrlichia, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Anaplasma and Lyme disease.

Heartworms are also a parasite we need to be concerned with year round. Heartworms are carried by mosquitoes and can cause potentially deadly heart failure in both dogs and cats. Hopefully, we will see fewer mosquitoes now the weather has cooled, but on the random warm days we have throughout the fall and winter it is possible for mosquitoes to reemerge. It is also important to remember that monthly heartworm prevention does

not prevent heartworm infection from a possible mosquito bite in the upcoming month; heartworm prevention kills baby heartworms from a mosquito bite in the previous month, before they are able to grow into adult heartworms. Heartworm disease is treatable in dogs, however it is an expensive treatment that requires about 4 months of cage rest. There is no treatment for heartworm disease in cats.

Talk to your veterinarian about year round parasite prevention for your pets. There are many options available to fit you and your pets' needs.

– By Molly Melling, DVM



Dr. Molly Melling is a Lifelong Kansas Citian. She attended Shawnee Mission East High School, and got her undergraduate degree at The University of Kansas. She then got her doctorate in Veterinary Medicine at Kansas.

Dr. Melling is very passionate about the human animal bond, and she understands how important each of her patients is to their families. She is Fear Free Certified, which means that she works very hard to minimize any stress and anxiety that her patients have while at the veterinarian. She is very interested in wellness and prevention of disease, as well

finding solutions to behavioral issues. She is very passionate about dentistry because she sees the way relieving dental pain can improve a pet's quality of life. Dr. Melling is also certified in Acupuncture which she uses as a complement to western medicine to treat many different problems such as orthopedic pain, neurologic disease, as well as other conditions.

Away from the clinic, Dr. Melling enjoys spending time with her friends and family and three orange cats, Thorny, Leon, and Glitch.



# CORN HOLE (AND ICE CREAM) A BIG SUCCESS

Sunday, August 15th was the special day that marked the first ever OMG Cornhole Tournament, organized by Zach and Kala Elkinton and held outside their home at 6700 Locust Street. The street was blocked off from 66th Terrace to 68th Street during the tournament.

Non-Corn Hole enthusiasts were also pleased to come gather for the annual OMG Ice Cream Social, with Dave's Frosty Treats providing the frozen goodies.

Winners on the day were:



1st – Kala Elkinton & James Price



2nd – Robin Shook & Joel 'Jello' Steinkamp

Robin also won the bag raffle!



3rd – Jake Reed & Stuart Wieland

Locust Street neighbor Carol Cowles posted a fitting tribute to the day – and what it represents to the OMG Spirit:

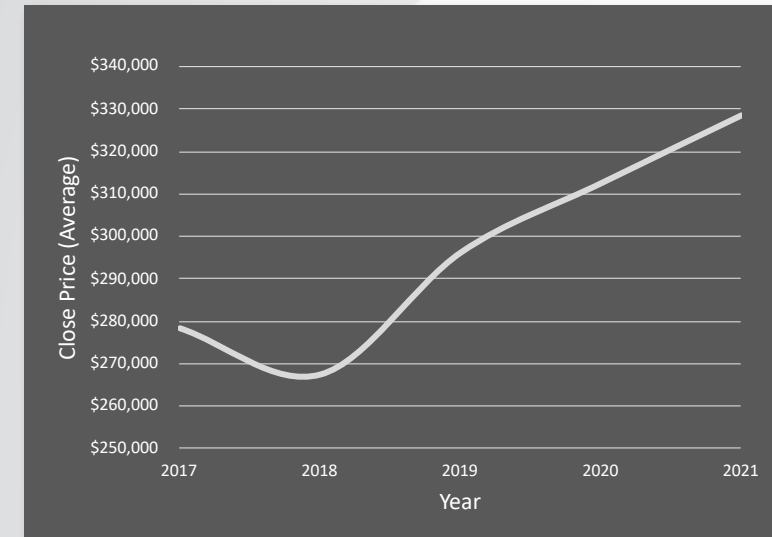
*"We are so fortunate to live in a neighborhood where we don't all share religion, race, sexual orientation, age... or much of anything except appreciation of each other and a willingness to come to the street for some social time and neighborliness!"*



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Leave your bags out the night before

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Annual Meeting  
6:30-8 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

City Autumn Bag and Bundle  
Pickup of Yard Waste  
Leave your bags out the night before

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

OMG 2nd Leaf & Brush Pickup  
Leave your bags out the night before

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

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Leave your tree out the night before

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