

Social Events

Labor Day Pool Party

The Board is looking at ideas for an end of the summer cookout to be held on Labor Day, Monday Sept 1, 2008. If you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to volunteer, please forward your information to Kim Trull at Kimtrull4213@msn.com. Some of you may remember a few years back- we had locally owned businesses donate gift certificates and/or prizes for giveaways. If your business or your employer would like to make a donation please let us know. Special recognition to all the businesses that participate will be displayed in our following newsletter.

Ballroom Dancing Lessons

So you think you can dance? Or at least want to learn? Oak Park will be offering a group lesson with Alfredo Azpurua, from Columbia South America, which means his specialty is the Salsa and Mambo! If you are interested or have questions, please send an email to RSVPOakPark@aol.com by August 14, 2008. Please include in the email your name, who you will be attending with and your preference for Friday or Saturday night. Singles are welcome and we will do our best to pair you with someone.

Once we have an idea of the interest we will set a date and time for the lesson. If all goes well and the interest is high we may offer additional lessons at a later date.

Poker Night

On Saturday September 13, 2008 6Pm there will be a "No Limit - Texas Hold'em" poker tournament held at our clubhouse. No cash needed just show up and see if lady luck is on your side! Play will continue until there is a winner and 1st place will receive a yet to be determined prize! Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be served but you can BYOB. Please send an email to RSVPOakPark@aol.com by Sept 6, 2008 if you plan to participate. Rules and prize will be posted on our website one week before the tournament.

So What Happens If You Don't Pay Your Dues?

At times, residents don't pay their annual assessment dues on a timely basis. There can be multiple reasons for this, but usually they fall into 2 broad categories: the resident forgets, or there is a financial burden that prevents them from being able to make the payments. The dues that our residents pay annually make it possible for the community to enjoy tennis and basketball courts, the pools and clubhouse, the playground, and all of the other common areas of the community, among other things. The dues are the sole funding for our community's annual budget.

When a resident falls behind on their payments, they will receive a letter from the Management company reminding them of their financial responsibility. If payment is not received within a period of time, collection activities will escalate. Those collection activities can include, but are not limited to, revocation of pool and clubhouse privileges, requests for personal meetings with the board, and fines and sanctions. In rare circumstances, it may even be necessary to initiate foreclosure activities.

But please understand that all of those dire consequences are the last thing that the Association wants to have happen. We are all neighbors and as such we need to do what we can to support each other. The association wants to work with you to find a way to a mutually agreeable solution. If you find yourself in a personal circumstance that makes it difficult or impossible to meet your financial responsibilities, please do not ignore the situation. It will not go away by itself - it will not be forgotten or forgiven. Please - we encourage you to contact the Management company or one of the association board members. Discuss the situation, let us know what's happening. And together, lets try to find a way to solve the problem.

Volunteers - Oak Park Needs You!

Ever thought about how you can become active in your community?

There are several committees in Oak Park that you can volunteer for and require a minimum time commitment. We have openings for the following committees: Social, Neighborhood Watch, Pool and Architectural Review. Contact any Board member for more information!