
OAKMONT II HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President

Kathy Kennedy

The mailbox project discussed at the Annual Meeting was completed in June. To keep the mailboxes and their posts looking their best, residents should rinse off any bird droppings that our feathered friends leave behind. Cleaning with clear water will keep the finish looking newer much longer.

In early summer, the Board turned its attention to the Park common area. We started with tree maintenance, thinning and elevating the tree branches. Opening the tree canopies allows more sunlight to the grass below. Over the years we have tried various methods to improve the grass area, but success has been limited. We are looking for solutions, and the Board believes smart investments in this area will benefit all residents.

PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Many of us have pets. We love them, but sometimes we thoughtlessly allow them to relieve their bodily functions outside of our own property. Be a good neighbor by keeping your eyes on your pets. In many rural areas, pets roam freely. Here in the city pets are supposed to be on a leash. The responsible party for picking up after the pet is on the opposite end of the leash. In case you haven't guessed, it isn't the dog. Please remember to take a bag with you on walks for pet cleanup.

Please contact the Board with any questions or comments via the Contact tab on the website at <http://www.oakmont2hoa.com> or direct written comments to Oakmont Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 165, Collierville, TN 38027-0165.

Have a great summer. Thanks for all you do to keep our neighborhood looking beautiful.

Communication Tools

Our website has been updated to enhance our communication tools. You can contact the Board through the website <http://www.oakmont2hoa.com>. We will keep updated news as current as possible and include helpful tips for DIYer's on topics of interest.

New Traffic Signal at Market Boulevard and Civic Center Drive Intersection Improves Safety and Traffic Flow



Drivers now see a new four-way signal at the intersection of Market Boulevard and Civic Center Drive in Collierville activated the week of May 15th. The new traffic signal installed at a busy area near Malco Collierville Town Cinema and Lowes Home Improvement, was initially planned as a three-way signal, but revised to a four-way signal that will eventually connect Civic Center Drive to Maynard Way. The need for a traffic signal at this intersection was realized when Lowe's Home Improvement opened just over four years ago. "The road is so heavily traveled; it made making a left hand turn onto Market Boulevard increasingly difficult," one resident stated.

Town Engineer, Dale Perryman noted the primary goal of the traffic light is to attain the safest and most efficient traffic flow feasible. Perryman attributes much of this efficiency to smart technology. Designed to detect traffic moving toward the intersection, the traffic light can adjust its signal timing to match traffic volumes.

Camera based vehicle detection is used to increase the traffic handling capacity. Without detection capabilities unnecessary delays would be inevitable. Properly timed traffic signals are valuable devices for improving the safety and efficiency of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Traffic signal timing plans have been calculated based on traffic studies performed by local engineers. Timing can be adjusted remotely, via a fiber optic network, to allow for special instances that create an irregular influx of traffic. Emergency beacons installed on the traffic light can detect an approaching emergency vehicle, such as an ambulance or fire truck, giving the emergency vehicle priority through the intersection. It also gives extended greenlight time ahead of the emergency vehicle, to allow traffic in front of the emergency vehicle time to safely move out of the way.

Neighborhood Watch

Homeowners on Warwick Oaks Lane East had four vehicles broken into recently. Thieves took a variety of items from the vehicles. ***Please see the tips from the Collierville Police to help prevent car burglaries.*** Please keep watch and notify police and our Neighborhood Watch coordinators, if you see any suspicious activities.

Barbara McCain and Ina Walker are the coordinators for the Oakmont II Neighborhood Watch established in connection with the Collierville Police Department. We have 15 unit captains assigned to our homeowners. If there is an emergency or needed information in Collierville, the CPD will call our contact and they pass the information on to their assigned homeowners. You are encouraged to contact them if there is suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Make sure they have your correct contact information.

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Collierville Police Offer Tips to Help Prevent Car Burglaries

On the night of April 22, 2015, the Collierville Police Department responded to several calls where automobiles had been burglarized. Their initial investigation revealed that in just about every incident, the vehicle was left unlocked. These incidents occurred in the neighborhoods close to the areas of Byhalia and Powell Roads. Although Collierville is one of the safest communities in Tennessee, residents still need to employ common sense approaches to protecting their vehicles and valuables. Following these simple suggestions could mean the difference in you being a victim or not.

Lock ALL the doors on your vehicles!

Even if you plan to be away from your vehicle for only a brief time, lock your doors. Every year, there are items stolen from unlocked vehicles where the owner was only going to be gone "just for a second." It only takes seconds for a thief to break in to a car, especially if it is unlocked. It's not at all uncommon for thieves to walk down a row of parked vehicles and check vehicle doors to see if they are unlocked. Don't leave any window open or even cracked open, including vent/wind windows and sunroofs.

Don't leave valuables in your car.

If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place those items out of sight before reaching your destination if possible.

Leave no trace.

Don't leave any "**sign**" that there might be valuables "out of sight" in your vehicle, such as docking stations or connector cables. Leave nothing in "**plain sight**" that might make your vehicle worth "**investigating**" by a thief; not even loose coins or a CD.

Try to park in busy, well-lighted areas.

Try to park in well-traveled areas. Large anonymous lots are hit by thieves much more often than parking immediately adjacent to residential housing or other occupied buildings. Auto-burglars prefer breaking into cars where they will not be observed or attract attention, and choose their targets accordingly.

Collierville Police Offer Tips to Help Prevent Car Burglaries (continued)

Set any alarm or anti-theft device.

If you have one, use it! Many people believe that car-alarms no longer make a difference, but they can be an effective deterrent to an auto-burglar, who most often chooses the easiest target. If they have two cars to choose from, one with an alarm and one without, they will likely burglarize the one without (unless you've left out valuables just too good to ignore!)

What to do if something is stolen out of your car.

As soon as you notice something's stolen (or that your car has been broken into) do not touch/adjust anything in, on, or around the car. As soon as possible, call the Collierville Police Department at (901) 853-3207.

If anyone has any information regarding these auto burglaries, please call Collierville Crime Stoppers at (901) 457-CASH or submit an anonymous tip via text message by texting CPDTIP and your tip to 847411.

Home Improvements

The Architectural Review Committee ***must approve all improvements*** to your home per Articles VII and Article VIII of the Covenants.

Replacement Roof Color – During the Annual Meeting a motion was made and carried that if you plan to replace your roof, the replacement roofing material must be as close as possible to the original color of ***oxford gray***. Please remember to submit your roof replacement plans to the ARC ***prior to construction***.

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Oakmont II Ladies Luncheon

Each month, on the second Friday of the month, a Ladies Luncheon is held for all interested women. Each month plans are made to meet at a local restaurant. Contact Terry Laux for information at 901-316-5536.

Collierville News

You can receive information regarding town events by sending your email address and a request to feedback@ci.collierville.tn.us.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Meeting of the HOA on **Monday, March 7, 2016**. Meeting details will be communicated as the date nears.