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Oak Highlands & Deer Valley Community

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Fireworks Not Allowed

Don't Get

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FIREWORKS ARE BANNED

Fireworks are illegal in Davidson County and not allowed in the subdivision.

Davidson County has a no-tolerance policy that bans shooting and selling fireworks inside the county limits. Residents must leave the county to shoot fireworks. Despite the law, there are always people that go ahead and shoot off fireworks inside our neighborhood every year. In 2018 the illegal use of fireworks caused about \$1,000 worth of damage at the walking trail. Thankfully it was not any worse. It would be such an avoidable crying shame, and a crime, if someone's home caught fire because of a wayward firework.



Every year, we get numerous complaints about neighbors violating the law. Residents that call are not upset because they don't want people to have fun and enjoy the holiday. They are validly concerned about everyone's safety. Fireworks can start fires and have started fires...in our community! Everybody thinks it won't happen to them. They're too smart for that. But, it happens.

For those that don't care about the law and are going to do it anyway, here are some important reminders from the National Council On Fireworks Safety:

- * Make sure to obey local Tennessee laws.
- * If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- * Never give fireworks to children.

For those that do care about the law and wish to report illegal firework use please call the Metro Police Non-Emergency number at (615)862-8600.

Do NOT set off fireworks in the subdivision or common areas. Fireworks are illegal and dangerous!



Actual Firework Damages 2018

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to the Yard of the Month Winners!



April: Juan & Adela Guzman
4905 Alexis Drive



May: Ricky & Deborah McLean
5245 Ridgefalls Way



June: Massood & Loren Ashayeri
1305 Napa Point East

- Yard of the Month winners are awarded with \$50.00!
 Things to consider if you want to win Yard of the Month:
1. Grass is neatly mowed & edged.
 2. Shrubs & bushes are well trimmed.
 3. Weeds have been removed from yard.
 4. Yard is clean, with no trash or debris.
 5. Property has colorful flowers and/or decorations.

Call us at (615) 838-2876 if there's a yard you want to nominate for this award, including your own!

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Exterior Changes

Exterior architectural changes must be approved before the desired change is made. For example, if you want to change the color of the front door, build a deck, install a fence, change the mailbox, or make an exterior change to the house or yard, prior written approval is required.

Go to www.oakhighlands.com/news.php?viewStory=6 to print a copy of the Architectural Improvement Application Form and view the guidelines. Fill out the form completely.



Attach a copy of the plans, drawings, or pictures to show what the change will look like when it has been completed. Then submit the request and images for review.

There are 2 ways to submit the Application:

Mail to: OH/DVHA, Inc. P.O. Box 455, Antioch, TN 37011-0455,

or email a scanned copy of the completed form & drawing to: management@oakhighlands.com

Architectural Improvement Application Forms are reviewed at the monthly HOA meeting held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please allow up to 30 days for approval.

Summer Lawn Care Tips

To ensure your turf looks terrific, give your lawn lots of TLC. Here are five tips for keeping your lawn looking lush during the summer.

- 1. Watch the Amount of Water.** Typically, a lawn requires 1 to 1½ inches (630 to 945 gallons per 1,000 square feet) of water each week. The average lawn size is about 10,000 square feet. Water deeply and infrequently, thoroughly moistening the soil to a depth of 4 to 6 inches. Do not irrigate again until the first symptoms of drought stress appear.
- 2. Set a Watering Schedule.** The best time to water the lawn is between 4 a.m. and 10 a.m. If you can't water in the morning during the week, the next best alternative would be to wait until the weekend and water the lawn then. Irrigating the lawn in the early morning reduces loss of water to daytime evaporation, and helps prevent moisture from lingering on the grass and causing lawn diseases caused by evening watering.
- 3. Look for Signs of Stress.** One clue that the lawn needs water is something called "footprinting." Lawns that are dehydrated don't bounce back quickly when someone walks on them. If footprints remain or disappear slowly, it may be time to irrigate.
- 4. Measure When You Mow.** Depending on the type of grass, the height of the lawn should be anywhere from half an inch to 3 inches once it's been mowed. Cutting the grass below the recommended height often leads to weak and weedy turf along with shallow roots. If the grass grows above the suggested height, the lawn can wind up puffy, soft and disease-prone. Here are the recommended inch counts:
 - Bermudagrass — ¾ to 1½
 - Centipede — 1 to 2
 - Zoysia — ½ to 1
 - Fine fescue — 1½ to 2½
 - Kentucky bluegrass — 1½ to 2½
 - Perennial ryegrass — 1½ to 2½
 - Tall fescue — 2 to 3
- 5. Try a New Pattern.** Alternate the direction of mowing to encourage grass to grow upright and to distribute mowing stress felt by the grass and soil.



For more information visit: www.lawnstarter.com/blog/category/tennessee/nashville-tn/

StopLitter

TENNESSEE'S HAD ENOUGH

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Litter is punishable under this law using the following definitions:

- 1. Commercial Purpose:** litter discarded by a business, corporation, association, partnership, sole proprietorship, or any other entity conducting business for economic gain, or by an employee or agent of the entity.
- 2. Garbage:** perishable animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.
- 3. Litter:** garbage, refuse, rubbish and all other waste materials, including tobacco products and any other item primarily designed to hold or filter a tobacco product while it is being smoked.
- 4. Refuse:** all perishable and nonperishable solid waste
- 5. Rubbish:** perishable solid waste consisting of both combustible and non-combustible waste.

Littering, whether knowingly or negligently, is punishable under the law.

Mitigated Criminal Littering is five pounds of trash or less; 7.5 cubic feet or less, and is a Class C Misdemeanor. If convicted, pay **\$50 fine**, court cost and shall do public service pickup for up to 40 hours and may do work in recycling center up to eight hours.

Criminal Littering is between five and 10 pounds and is a Class B misdemeanor. If convicted, pay **\$500 fine**, court cost and shall do public service pickup for up to 80 hours; may do work in recycling center up to eight hours; and may do up to six months jail time

Aggravated Criminal Littering is 10 pounds or more; 15 cubic feet or more; and is a Class A Misdemeanor. If convicted, pay up to **\$2,500 fine**, court cost and shall do public service pickup for up to 160 hours; may do work in recycling center up to eight hours; may be required to clean/restore damaged property; and may be required to do up to 11 months 29 days in jail.



No Dumping

OHDV RULE 1.01 - DUMPING IN THE COMMON AREA DRAINAGE DITCHES PROHIBITED.

No "person" may dump, discard or deposit any garbage, refuse, rubbish, debris, building materials, waste material, sewage, toxic chemicals, motor oil, grass clippings, leaves, bushes, limbs, straw or the like in, or immediately adjacent to, the water drainage ditches that run through the Oak Highlands Common Areas. Lot owners who wish to develop, restore, alter or fortify drainage ditches on, or immediately adjacent to, their own Lot, must first submit a plan and receive express, written permission from the Board of Directors of the Oak Highlands Homeowners Association before beginning any such project to avoid violating this Rule. "Person" includes, without limitation, any Lot owner, any member of the Lot owner's family, or anyone acting on their behalf.

Violation of this Rule shall subject the person and the Lot owner involved to a penalty not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) payable to the Oak Highlands Homeowners Association and/or suspension of the Lot owner's recreational facilities rights for a period not greater than sixty (60) days. In addition, the person and Lot owner shall be responsible for all actual damages caused by the dumping, including all costs of clean-up and removal of the material dumped.



Neighborhood Watch

Your community needs you! We all need each other in order to help keep each other safe. It's free! It's easy and it feels good to be a good neighbor. All you have to do is watch out for your neighbor. If you would like to serve the community as a Block Captain, or conducting walking or driving patrols through the neighborhood, please call the Neighborhood Watch Director at (615) 424-9639.



Please pay attention to what's going on outside. If you hear an unusual noise, look outside. If you see something suspicious, call **Metro Police Non-Emergency: (615) 862-8600**.

However, if you see something seriously wrong, like a fire, a car accident with life threatening injuries, call 911. After calling the authorities first, when its safe to do so, please call Neighborhood Watch at (615) 424-9639 and let us know what happened.

Please PARK SMART - Remove guns and valuables from vehicles parked outside.

In addition to "Parking Smart", here are some useful tips to help prevent home burglaries:

- Don't leave a "hidden key" outside under the doormat or in a flowerpot, etc
- Keep bushes neatly trimmed, especially near windows and doors.
- Don't leave ladders outside.
- Always turn on the burglar alarm when you have to leave, even if its only for a few minutes.
- Use a generic alarm sign instead of a specific company's sign. Burglars can't get diagrams of your system to disable it if they don't know which one you have.

Important Reminders: The speed limit is 25 mph inside the entire neighborhood.

Vehicles parked on the street with **expired tags are recorded and reported to Metro Police** and Codes and Administration for immediate action.

Financial Resources

For homeowners that may be experiencing job loss or financial hardship right now, here are some **resources that may be able to provide some needed assistance:**

www.needlink.org

www.nashvilleresponsefund.com

www.tn.gov/e cd/covid-19-small-business-resources

www.asafenashville.org/need-assistance/

We hope you all stay safe and well. We will get through this...together!

We Want to Hear from You

We welcome your suggestions, feedback or concerns. Any complaints received against other residents will remain anonymous. Complaints will be investigated and appropriate action taken based on the situation.

For the time being the Monthly Board meetings will be conducted via email. If you would like to get involved, please let us know by contacting the Board of Directors at: boardmembers@oakhighlands.com or call management at (615) 838-2876. We would love to hear from you!



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