


# NALL HILLS HOMES ASSOCIATION



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## 2022 Annual Meeting Summary

The 66th annual Nall Hills Homes Association meeting was held November 15, 2022, at Indian Woods Middle School. A quorum was present with 71 homes in attendance and 50 proxies received.

President Mark Sutton welcomed attendees and reviewed highlights of the past year including: NHHA's induction as a member of the Overland Park Neighborhood Executive Committee; summer social events at Pretzel Boy's and The Golden Scoop; NHHA-sponsored bulky item pickup; and over 80 NHHA properties sold.

Recording Secretary Erica Kurta read the 2021 minutes highlights, which were approved by those in attendance.

Officer Griffith with the Overland Park Police Department was a guest speaker who discussed Steadfast OP and what residents

can do to protect their properties from crime.

Treasurer Mark Able presented the 2022 projected financial results and 2023-2025 proposed budget, with a recommendation to increase 2023 dues to \$241 per home which was passed unanimously by those in attendance.

The Board discussed the upcoming request to increase the annual dues cap. The current cap of \$250 will be reached soon due to rising trash services costs. At least 2/3 majority of NHHA membership must approve to raise the cap and mail-in ballots were sent with the 2023 dues statement.

Thank you to the following door prize donors: Pretzel Boy's (2-\$20 gift cards); Honey Baked Ham (2-\$50 gift cards); NHHA (4-50% off 2023 dues and 1-2023 dues paid in full).

## New in the Neighborhood

**John Diemer Elementary:** Students started the spring semester at the new 74,000 square foot building following a community open house.

**Lifetime Fitness:** OP Council approved developer plan after integrating feedback from NHHA

residents for improved privacy fencing and restricted pickleball and trash pickup hours.

**Meadowbrook Park Inclusive Playground:** Phase 2 improvements in the northeast section of the park also included restrooms and a shelter.

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## President's Message

How about those CHIEFS?! Anybody who is a football fan has to love the product the KC Chiefs have put together for entertainment. No matter the challenges, KC seems to rise to the occasion and so does Nall Hills. With springtime upon us we have a lot to look forward to: warmer weather, trees and flowers blooming, green grass, outside activities and another round of school graduates, leading us into summer. We really do live in a wonderful neighborhood with two great schools, great people and active families (young and

mature), with many amenities to enjoy all around us. As you venture out this spring/summer, take the time to talk with your neighbors. The strength and security of our neighborhood is enhanced when we get to know each other and watch out for each other. Kindness is good for the soul; it is heart healthy and brings out the best in all of us. Stay safe and I hope to see you out and about in the neighborhood soon... or at one of our neighborhood social events this summer, which you can read more about inside this newsletter (and put it on your calendar, too!).

## "OP Moves" Sales Tax Vote

The City of Overland Park will hold a mail-in ballot election in June for a dedicated sales tax that would fund maintenance of the city's aging infrastructure and extend its useful life.

Overland Park residents will receive a mail ballot for a 3/8-cent sales tax, which will fund infrastructure improvements and traffic management programs.

### Timeline:

- Tuesday, May 23: Deadline to register to vote in order to automatically receive mail ballots.
- Thursday, June 22: Election day. Residents should return or mail all ballots no later than noon.

If voters approve the sales tax, it would take effect on April 1, 2024, after the expiration of the existing 1/8-cent sales tax.

## Save the Date: Summer Socials

NHHA invites you to celebrate the summer with your neighbors. Join us for the following events. All NHHA attendees will be entered into a gift card raffle!

Follow NHHA's Facebook page for updates.

**Pretzel Party at Pretzel Boy's**  
Saturday, June 17 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Ice Cream Social at The Golden Scoop**  
Friday, August 4 | 4-7 p.m.

## Community Cats in Nall Hills

Our Nall Hills neighborhood had a feral cat colony near 99th & Horton this past summer (54 including several babies). They were being fed, living in an uninhabitable house and property. A professional cat trapper invested 250 hours, 4 months of her volunteer time, and about \$500 of her own funds to get sick cats to vets and get all of them spayed/neutered. She recently trapped about 10 more feral cats in a second colony near 102nd & Horton. She got all of them spayed/neutered for \$280 she personally paid for.

She encourages us with this responsibility about feral cats: **If you feed them, fix them.** The solution to feral cat colonies is not to stop feeding them, but to add sterilization. Females can become pregnant as young as four months, and can have four litters per year. TNR means "Trap, Neuter, Return", a humane and effective approach to reducing cat overpopulation and suffering. There are several low cost clinics to spay/neuter feral cats after they are humanely trapped and not fed the evening

before a surgical appointment. Once the surgery is over and they recover in a very quiet place in a kennel, they are released to their usual living location. Neighborhoods are their home, they know how to survive there; relocation is dangerous and cruel. TNR cats are readily identifiable by having the tip of one ear (usually left) cut off. TNR stops mating behaviors such as howling, fighting, urine marking and more kittens. A list of clinics that will alter feral cats can be found on our website [nallhills.org](http://nallhills.org).

To support volunteer feral cat trappers, donations can be made to Heart of America Humane Society (HAHS) and make a note it is a TNR donation. [heartofamericahs.org](http://heartofamericahs.org) This is tax deductible. HAHS budgets \$500 a month to TNR but that amount ONLY allows for about 12 cats to be funded each month. There are thousands of cats in the KC metro area that need TNR, especially in very low income regions where funding is desperately needed.

## Make a Difference and Volunteer

Volunteers change lives, make new friends and improve the quality of life for all of us. Find a new outlet for your skills, experience, and compassion.

- Shawnee Mission School District organizes the MVP (My Volunteer Pal) program in schools. Learn more at [smsd.org/families/volunteer-mvp](http://smsd.org/families/volunteer-mvp).
- The City of Overland Park has opportunities at Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead, Arboretum, Recycling Center and more. Learn more at [shorturl.at/IRTU3](http://shorturl.at/IRTU3).
- United Way of Greater Kansas City partners with nonprofits across the metro. Learn more at [unitedwaykc.org/volunteer](http://unitedwaykc.org/volunteer).

## CONNECT WITH THE CITY OF OVERLAND PARK

### Mayor

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### Ward 3 Councilmembers

Jim Kite  
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Find Councilmember contact information at [shorturl.at/mNT01](http://shorturl.at/mNT01).

## OPCARES

Submit a service request at [opcares.opkansas.org](http://opcares.opkansas.org).

Common requests include exterior property maintenance, street repairs, traffic signals, street lights, noise complaints and animal control.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

**John Diemer Elementary**  
9600 Lamar Ave.

**Trailwood Elementary**  
5101 W. 95th St.

**Indian Woods Middle**  
9700 Woodson Dr.

**Shawnee Mission South High**  
5800 W. 107th St.

## CONNECT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY

Register to vote, view your sample ballot and lookup your polling place. [jcoelection.org](http://jcoelection.org)

Visit a local library branch or checkout digital materials. [jcolibrary.org](http://jcolibrary.org)

Learn about parks in our area and register for activities and programming for all ages. [jcprd.com](http://jcprd.com)

## SPRING CLEANING DONATIONS

If you're spring cleaning and want to skip the landfill, consider these options to recycle.

**Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA Clothing Exchange:**  
[smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange](http://smac-pta.org/clothing-exchange)

**Buy Nothing Project:**  
Overland Park Central North Facebook Group

**Overland Park Recycling Extravaganza:** April 22 at Black & Veatch

**Local thrift stores:** Savers, Blessings Abound

## Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste Service Day Change

Republic Services **changed our service day to Thursday**, effective 4/3/23.

Please be sure to place all pickup bins at the curb by 7 a.m.

## Garage Sale: Jun. 21-24

NHHA will sponsor the annual neighborhood garage sale starting Wednesday, June 21, through Saturday, June 24. Registration is not required to participate. You may open and close your sale on the days and times convenient for you.

NHHA will provide advertising in the KC Star for the neighborhood sale dates.

Additionally, the Association will provide six large banners at major entrances into the neighborhood.

Feel free to place your own sign in your yard, but please do not place signs in your neighbors' yards without their permission. Remember to remove your signs following your sale.

## Emergency Preparedness

Have you noticed the changing weather patterns over the past few years? We might have friends or relatives who are mucking out a flooded home in California or digging out from under the latest in a series of deep snowfalls in the Northeast. The climate is changing. Higher windspeeds, more precipitation and warmer temperatures are increasing the intensity of storms. Who can stop a severe thunderstorm from blowing through Overland Park or keep water runoff from overflowing the banks of Indian Creek?

We cannot change the weather nor prevent most of the damage a straight-line wind or tornado can

do to houses, trees, or vehicles parked on the street. What can we do to reduce the impact of weather-related emergencies? We can prepare! But how?

The Overland Park Emergency Management Department has produced a **brief, informative video about how to plan with free resources:** [youtu.be/Th5goschp3g](https://youtu.be/Th5goschp3g).

You can also register to receive free mass notifications to keep you informed of emergencies and certain non-emergency events at [notifyjoco.org](http://notifyjoco.org).

Now is a great time to prepare before the next emergency!