Spring 2025



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# NALL HILLS HOMES ASSOCIATION

## Thank you to our Annual Meeting door prize donors

- Andy's Frozen Custard
- Big Biscuit
- BridgeFit
- Cinzetti's
- Honey Baked Ham
- Nall Hills Homes Association
- Nall Hills Liquor
- Sickies Garage Burgers & Brews
- Sprouts

Congratulations to the door prize winners!

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## **2024 Annual Meeting Summary**

The 68th annual Nall Hills Homes Association meeting was held Nov. 19, 2024. There was an increase in attendance this year, with 109 homes represented in person, plus 53 proxies submitted in advance. President Mark Sutton's opening remarks included introducing the board members and office administrator Erica Kurta, Board secretary Charlotte Lewin read highlights of the 2023 annual meeting minutes, which were then approved by those in attendance. President Sutton summarized the association's events and activities in and around our neighborhood since the 2023 annual meeting. Treasurer Mark Able presented the 2024 projected financial results

and the proposed budget for 2025, including his recommendation to increase 2025 dues to \$256. This increase is directly tied to the contractual increase in trash collection fees only. All other expenses are expected to remain static. A motion to approve the dues increase passed unanimously by those in attendance. New or existing Board members up for reelection for the 2025-2027 Board of Directors were also presented and approved. Overland Park City Councilman and Nall Hills resident Drew Mitrisin was the guest speaker, sharing updates from the city and engaging in an active Q&A. The evening concluded with door prizes.

## Volunteer at John Diemer Elem.

Message from the Principal - Britt Pumphrey

We work hard to create a rigorous learning environment where every student can thrive and contribute to our learning community. For the upcoming school year, we want to offer a new program for students during the school day (~8 a.m.-3 p.m.).

Here is the vision: We will set up times for volunteers to come to our new building and walk the halls. Teachers can designate students to walk a couple of laps with a volunteer, providing a movement break and some conversation that will help us in our goal of making sure that every student in our community knows they belong and that they matter to us! Think of this program as "mall walking" with mentorship.

If you would be a great fit, please email me and our school social worker, Rebecca Weidman, at *brittpumphrey@smsd.org* and *rebeccaweidman@smsd.org*. This is not a commitment; we want to gauge volunteer interest in the Nall Hills community. Thank you for supporting our kids!

### NHHA BOARD

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#### Office Administrator and Recording Secretary Erica Kurta

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Interested in joining the board? Two spots are open! Email nhha@att.net to learn more.

## **President's Message**

Well, was it cold enough this January and February? More snow than we ever wanted for sure. Don't get me wrong, I like the winter months and snow, growing up playing outdoor hockey and riding snowmobiles. But for the record, this winter was a little extreme and very inconvenient for many of us. Global warming? Ha ha, Mother Nature. I will see your global warming and raise you a cold artic blast, but maybe you can balance this out better? Your guess is good as any about what's next. As we look to the spring, summer and fall, there remains a lot of community growth activities all around our nice little Nall Hills neighborhood. Each year, we have

about 70-80 new homeowners in Nall Hills. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new members. If you've had someone move in close to you on your street or behind you, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome them to the neighborhood. Many years ago, this was a very common gesture to almost everyone who moved into any neighborhood. Many of you have told me how you love living in Nall Hills. It all begins with being neighborly, welcoming and getting to know your neighbors. As the weather warms up, let's all make an effort to be neighborly to both our young and mature families in our neighborhood.

## Nall Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale | June 18-21

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, social media and neighborhood entrance banners.

## When It Snows

We experienced record-breaking snowfalls earlier this year. Here are some good reminders from the City and our neighbors to keep our streets safe.

- Move vehicles from the street in advance of snow storms.
- Be patient. The City is clearing over 2,000 lane miles of streets.
- If your street has not been plowed within 48 hours, you can file an OPCares request.
- Clear sidewalks and driveways. Mail carriers and delivery workers need safe access, and many neighbors will eventually break their cabin fever to walk the dog or get the kids outside for fresh air.
- Be safe. If you need assistance, ask a neighbor, connect with a volunteer organization or hire a private service.

## **Neighborhood Cats and Dogs**

We love safe, healthy and happy pets in Nall Hills.

### Don't forget:

- Register or renew your pet license with the City. A special permit may be required depending on your circumstances.
- Keep your dog on a leash. Overland Park has a leash law that requires dogs to be on a leash when not confined to a cage, residence or backyard.

## **Trash Service Update**

The board was recently notified that Republic sold off their residential services (excluding Prairie Village) on the Kansas side to **KC Disposal**.

Effective April 1, our **trash pickup day is Tuesday and bins must be at the curb by 6 a.m.** Additional information is posted to our website under "Trash Service."

### What to expect with KC Disposal:

• Microchip your pet and add a

collar with contact information. If your pet is lost, contact Great

Plains SPCA or Overland Park

• Control excessive dog barking or howling. The City has a noise

ordinance and a fine could be

• Respect your neighbor's yard

and clean up after your pet.

Animal Control.

assessed.

- Place bins on your driveway, not the grass.
- Bins must be at least 4' apart. They must also be at least 12' from any vehicles parked on the street.
- All trash in the bin must be bagged and the lid must be at or near closed.

## **Chip Seal Headed to Our Streets**

The Overland Park City Council recently approved bid tabulations for chip seal treatment on several streets in Nall Hills in 2025.

#### What to expect:

- The City will notify neighbors before chip seal work begins on your street.
- The street is first cleaned with a sweeper; expect dust.
- Chip sealing adds a thin layer

of liquid asphalt to the road, followed by small rock "chips" compacted to the asphalt. This process is cheaper than other street preservation methods and extends the street's useful life.

- Loose rock is common after installation; drive slowly.
- View the 2025 chip seal map @ tinyurl.com/yc2yxmtf.

### CONNECT WITH THE CITY OF OVERLAND PARK

#### Mayor Curt Skoog mayor@opkansas.org

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#### Ward 3 Councilmembers Richard Borlaza

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### **OPCARES**

Submit a service request at **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 School 5800 W. 107th St.

## CONNECT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY

Visit a local library branch or checkout digital materials. **jocolibrary.org** 

Explore parks in our area and register for activities and programming for all ages. **jcprd.com** 

Make an appointment to dispose of hazardous materials and learn about recycling programs. jocogov.org/department/ environment

Get prepared for severe weather and sign up for emergency alerts. jocogov.org/department/ emergency-management

### **988 LIFELINE**

Life's challenges can be difficult. If you need to talk, the 988 Lifeline is here. Johnson County Mental Health Center answers local calls and your conversations are free and confidential. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, **help is available.** 

You are not alone.

Call or text 988 - 24/7/365.

## **Enjoy the Arts Around Town**

There's a lot of talent in our city! Check out a performance, art exhibition or concert around town.

### Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center

jcprd.com/1835/Arts-Heritage-Center 8788 Metcalf Ave.

Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art nermanmuseum.org 12345 College Blvd on Johnson County Community College Campus

**New Theatre & Restaurant** *newtheatre.com* 9229 Foster St. **Overland Park Orchestra** *oporchestra.org* 

**Overland Park Civic Band** *opcivicband.org* 

Public Art in Overland Park tinyurl.com/yc7vuztj

**Theatre in the Park** theatreinthepark.org Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center and Shawnee Mission Park.

**The White Theatre at The J** *thejkc.org/white-theatre 5801 W 115th St.* 

## Watch Out for Scams

Thousands of Kansans are victims of fraud, identity theft and other scams every year. The Federal Trade Commission offers these tips.

#### What to look for:

- Scammers pretend to be from an organization you know like the IRS or your bank and use technology to change the number you see on your caller ID.
- Scammers say there's a problem or a prize (e.g. you owe money or a family member is in an emergency).
- Scammers pressure you to act immediately and might threaten major consequences like arrest, litigation or deportation.

• Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way like cryptocurrency, payment app or gift cards.

#### What you can do:

- Block unwanted calls and text messages.
- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Honest organizations will not ask for your social security, bank account or credit card numbers.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately.
- Stop and talk to someone you trust.

Report scams to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.