



Hello Fountain Grass Residents

You are part of the most awesome neighborhood! We are acquainted with some of the best folks who have chosen to make Fountain Grass their home! We are glad you are here. We hope you have reached out to the neighbors that live around you and are familiar with who lives there. That makes it safer for all of us if we watch out for each other.

We appreciate the volunteers who have been so helpful in the event activities, which included the *trail cleanup* in June, the *meet and greet* in July, the *back-to-school bash* in August, and the *dead tree clean* up happening in October.

Many of you also participated in nominating and voting for the yard of the month for July and August. Several volunteered to help save lives by donating blood in the blood drive.

The Property Owners Association (HOA)

What is it: Fountain Grass HOA is a not-for-profit organization that is **made up of lot owners known as "members"** and is put in place to protect home values as well as to enhance the look and feel of the community. All residents are governed by the Covenants which can be found on our website at <u>www.fountaingrasshoa.com</u>.

Why do we have it: The Association is an entity responsible for management, maintenance, operation and control of the common area "open spaces" in Fountain Grass. The Association also is the primary entity responsible for enforcement of Fountain Grass Governing Documents. The Association shall perform its functions in accordance with the Fountain Grass Governing Documents and the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

Who manages it: The Fountain Grass Board of Directors with the help of a contracted management company. Within this position there are four primary scopes of work.

1. Request and Receive HOA Landscape Bids: receive at least three competitive bids to maintain the common areas in Fountain Grass.

- 2. Enforce Community Covenants: a homeowner can fill out an HOA violation form found on the website at www.fountaingrass.com and send it to the Board of Directors. The board of directors will review the violation and attempt to resolve the issue.
- 3. Review Architectural Applications, receive and review lot modifications forms from homeowners making changes to their home and/or home site.
- 4. Collect HOA Dues: send out invoices and statements collecting HOA dues. This is how the HOA operates and pays for HOA expenses.

Who are board members: Board members are homeowners just like you, who volunteer their time to run the business of the HOA. Current board members are: Marlou Dexter – President Lucius Drawhorn – Lawncare and ARC Committee Matthew Ferguson – Treasurer Lori Cable – Secretary Carrie Curtis – Asst. Secretary and Event Coordinator Taylor Wise – Event Coordinator Treina Castleberry – Director Jacki Rasor, Asst. Treasurer

Upcoming Events

Halloween Decorating Contest. Details will be advertised on October 23 on the Fountain Grass Family Facebook Page. Voting will be from 10/24 – 10/26. Prizes will be Hobby Lobby gift cards. First place is \$75, second place is \$50 and third place is \$50.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest. We are having a pumpkin decorating contest for the kids (no carving, painting only). The pumpkin painting event will be October 28th from 10am to 11am at the playground. We will supply paint and brushes. You will need to bring your own pumpkin.

Neighborhood garage/craft sale. In November you are welcome to participate in a neighborhood garage/craft sale. You must obtain a garage sale permit from Oklahoma City. The web address to the city permit page can be found at https://www.okc.gov/departments/development-services/business-licensing/garage-sale-permit

Christmas Decorating Contest. To wrap up the year, there will be Christmas decorating contest a with prizes awarded. Details will post soon on the Fountain Grass Family Facebook Page.

We hope these events will be enjoyed by all.

Around the neighborhood

Lawn Maintenance - We want to shout out to all of our neighbors who have done a wonderful job of keeping their lawns cut and edged! Your yard may not have won the Yard of the Month, but please know your yard has been noticed and many were nominated. Your neighbor appreciates your hard work.

If you observe an un-kept lawn, you may check with the homeowner to see if everything is okay and or contact the OKC Action Center at 405-297-2535 and provide the address of concern.

We do know that sometimes for whatever reason, you may not be able to take care of your yard. We would ask that you reach out for help. You can send an email to fountaingrasshoa@gmail.com and let us know what is going on.

City ordinance defines grass to be in violation when it reaches a height of 12 inches. Property owners are also responsible for maintaining alleys and rights-of-way adjacent to their property. Municipal Code Chapter 35, Section 63.

For Fountain Grass homeowners that live on a corner they are responsible to maintain the areas along the sides of their homes. Back yards should also be kept cut. Otherwise, it will draw rodents and insects.

Parking – If a vehicle is illegally parked in the street, you may call 405-297-2535 OKC Action Center Parking Enforcement or the non-emergency OKC Police Dispatch at 405-231-2121. The vehicle must be properly tagged and in good operating condition. The vehicle must be parked with the flow of traffic. The vehicle must not be parked such as to present a hazard to normal traffic flow. The vehicle may not be leaking oil onto the street. Vehicles that are abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative, rusted, junked or in a partially dismantled condition are prohibited and declared a public nuisance if parked, stored or left on public or private property for more than 72 hours. Municipal Code Chapter 35, Section 37

Parking on an unpaved surface or on a city sidewalk or right-of-way is a violation. This includes boats, trailers and RV's. Municipal Code Chapter 59, Section 10250.8

Additionally, if you or someone is parked blocking a mailbox, the post office can choose not to deliver your mail. Please keep that in mind.

Lease Homes — If you are leasing your home and haven't registered your property with the Association and aren't using a qualified property manager to manage your property, you'll need to do so at your earliest convenience. Compliance and enforcements procedures are applicable if not registered. All of Fountain Grass is currently lease restricted for any new leases. Sales must be for owner-occupancy only.

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