

Dougherty Lake News

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Trustees Needed for 2005

Do you want to help make Dougherty Lake a great community? Please consider serving as a subdivision trustee. It's a great way to meet other residents, and work for the betterment of the neighborhood. Results of the trustees' work are visible in the appearance of the common grounds and the lake. Terms are three years in the length. Trustees meet approximately six times a year, and each member takes responsibility for a functional area such as landscaping, maintenance, communications and treasurer. For more information, please contact 2004 trustees chair Rich Dugge at 821-5377.

Dougherty Lake Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickups in Dougherty Lake Subdivision will be provided during the weeks of October 25 and November 15. Please collect your leaves on the easement between the street and the sidewalk. Please do not pile leaves in the street. To help keep our subdivision clean during the pickup, please do not put your leaves at the curb more than a week prior to pickup, and if your leaves begin to blow away, please re-rake them. Our leaf survey indicated some complaints about messes created by leaf piles blowing around or being placed in the street. This is just the second year that pickup is being provided; trustees will evaluate the pickup again after this year.

Subdivision Picnic October 24

The annual Dougherty Lake picnic will be held on Sunday, October 24 at 4 p.m. at the playground. There will be fun activities for persons of all ages. Carve or decorate a pumpkin and bring it to the picnic; pumpkins will be lit up at dark. Brats, hot dogs and lemonade will be provided. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Teen volunteers are needed to help with activities. Adult volunteers are needed to cook brats and hot dogs. For questions or to volunteer, please call Angie Ganninger at 821-2264.

Annual Meeting November 16

Plan on attending the Dougherty Lake annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16 in the council chamber at Des Peres City Hall. Help elect new trustees for 2005 and hear reports on subdivision activities in 2004. This also is a time to discuss your suggestions and ideas.

Garden Club Removing Invasive Honeysuckle in Common Ground

Work off the turkey and dressing while you help make Dougherty Lake a more attractive place to all native species, including homo sapiens! On Saturday morning, November 27, the Dougherty Lake Garden Club is seeking volunteers to help remove invasive bush honeysuckle in the woodland border of the common ground. For more information, or to volunteer, call Betty Struckhoff at 966-8404.

Many Landscaping Projects Completed

Common grounds around Dougherty Lake are looking better than ever. Here's a summary of work done this year:

- **Playground Area** – Old mulch dug out and replaced. Playground equipment power-washed and stained. Tarp and swings replaced. Park bench relocated. Dying maple tree removed. Dead wood in trees near playground cut and removed. Garden Club continues to maintain the Garden by the Lake.
- **Entrance** – Plantings have been updated throughout the year.
- **City Tree Removal and Replacement** – The City of Des Peres removed a dying tree in the easement next to the lake and will be replacing it. Also, a dying tree was removed in the easement along Des Peres Road (north of the entrance). They will be adding three new trees to this easement in the fall.
- **Park Benches** – Replacement boards have been ordered.
- **Cul-de-sac** – Dead trees were removed. New tree planted.
- **Des Peres Road Easement** – An overgrown area filled with non-native invasive plants has been cleared by the City of Des Peres at the request of the subdivision. This area is located south of the subdivision entrance above a retaining wall. Remaining work to be done includes grinding out stumps and mulching the area for the winter. The subdivision will replant the area in 200

Des Peres Crime Prevention Safety Network

The Des Peres Police Department has an e-mail service notifying residents of crime-related concerns. To sign up for this service, visit www.desperesmo.org, and go to the "Public Safety" section where you will see a notice about the Crime Prevention Safety Network.