



The REAPER



Newsletter of the Old Brook Farm Association –October 2026

As the calendar has moved to October it brings thoughts of colorful leaves, firepits and hot chocolate. As we move into the last three months of the year the Board of Directors would like to share a few reminders with you.

Leaf Pick-up



The official dates for pick-up of leaves have not been posted yet. Watch the OBFA website and Facebook accounts for updates. Please remember to rake your leaves into the park strip and not into the street. Putting them in the street can cause drainage problems when it rains. No leaves should go in your trash container or be burned in an open fire. You can bag the leaves and call 311 for pick-up.



Snow Removal

Snow is not something we want to think about just yet, but contracts must be in place for the 2026-27 winter. President Kenneth Ramsey and Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Wesley met with Crosby Excavating to discuss the problems that have occurred the last two winters. New equipment and new scheduling are in place for this new year. Phone numbers were exchanged to be sure that communication is in place should a problem occur. A plan to request salting/sanding was also arranged.

Covenants Review



Are you aware of the covenants of the OBFA? Please take the time to look over the covenants for your section at www.oldbrookfarm.org. Please submit any suggestions you have for changes to Kenneth Ramsey at president@oldbrookfarm.org or Lisa Wesley at sec-treas@oldbrookfarm.org. The Board is moving forward with improving the covenants.



Trash Collection Reminders

Just a couple of reminders from the city on trash collection:

- Do not set your bins at the curb before **noon** on the day before collection and remove the bins from the curb by **noon** the day after collection.
- Anything that will not fit in your bin will require a call to 311 for a special pick-up.
- In a holiday week, if the holiday occurs before the scheduled pick-up, pick-up will be delayed one day.

Parking Reminders



Our streets become rather narrow when there are cars parked on both sides of the street. Please be sure to park in such a way that trash trucks, busses and larger vehicles can pass with ease. Avoid parking on corners, in front of fire hydrants and mailboxes, and in the wrong direction. Inoperable vehicles should not be left on the street indefinitely or used as a trash can. City ordinances state that a car cannot be parked in the same spot for more than 24 hours. For our walkers, please avoid parking over the sidewalk. Please be aware that a ticket can be issued for parking in the same spot for more than 24 hours and for parking over the sidewalk.



Clover



The Board has made arrangements with PNC Bank for online payment through Clover. Above is the OR code that can be used for online payment. If you still owe your Maintenance Fees for 2026, please take advantage of this or send a check to OBFA at PO Box 15764, Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5764.

Words from the Fire Chief



Please do not have open burning within 25 feet of your house. Fire pits are acceptable, but no open bon fires. Be sure to check your smoke alarms and CO2 detectors. If you do not have either, contact the fire department and they can supply them for you. All homes should have at least an ABC Fire Extinguisher.



Georgetown Library

The Georgetown library will close the end of the year for the construction of the addition and improvements. When official dates become available, they will be posted on the OBFA website and Facebook page.

Contact Information

Please use the following email addresses to contact the Board:

- sec-treas@oldbrookfarm.org – questions on maintenance fees
- info-help@oldbrookfarm.org – questions or concerns in the neighborhood
- projects@oldbrookfarm.org – to submit building projects
- site-admin@oldbrookfarm.org – questions on the website

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