



# Olathe Link

City of Olathe  
Early Autumn 2007  
Special Edition  
Community Enhancement Division

## Community Enhancement Team is Dedicated to Olathe

The Community Enhancement Division is committed to providing residents with quality code enforcement that protects and preserves our neighborhoods. Code violations can occur throughout the community and many times residents do not know they are in violation of a particular ordinance. Information on many code requirements for neighborhoods is available on the City website at [www.olatheks.org](http://www.olatheks.org). Select Neighborhood and Human Services from the list of departments.

Because of the large areas community enhancement officers have to cover, they rely on citizens to report concerns. Concerns can be reported at 913-971-8580 or through the Citizen Request System available at [www.olatheks.org](http://www.olatheks.org). An inspection will be conducted the following business day. Different types of violations have different time frames in which they are required to be corrected. Some cases can take longer to reach compliance due to extenuating circumstances. If you have reported a concern and have noticed no progress, please contact the Community Enhancement Division at 913-971-8580 for the status of the case.

If you have received a notice about a code violation on your property and questions arise, it is important to promptly contact the community enhancement officer. If requests for compliance are disregarded, an owner/resident may be subject to fines and penalties.

Maintaining property values and desirable neighborhoods requires the participation of everyone. Communication is a key element in achieving these goals and preventing neighborhood decline. We ask each and every resident and property owner to help keep Olathe beautiful by keeping their homes and properties free of code violations.

Thank you for being a "good neighbor."

## Citizens Give Community Enhancement Response High Marks

To assist in improving the quality of the Community Enhancement Division enforcement activities, comment cards were provided to citizens who contacted the City with concerns about code violations during the first quarter of this year. Surveys were provided to the 108 citizens who provided contact information (not required).

Additional mailings will occur throughout the year. This feedback is valuable to help us continue to provide excellent customer service to the community.

### Overall Satisfaction with City Response to Reported Code Violations



- No Unsatisfied or Extremely Unsatisfied Responses Given
- 47 responses received

**Community Enhancement Division**  
100 E. Santa Fe 913-971-8580

# 2006 Fast Facts

Number of Code  
Violations Documented:  
4,674

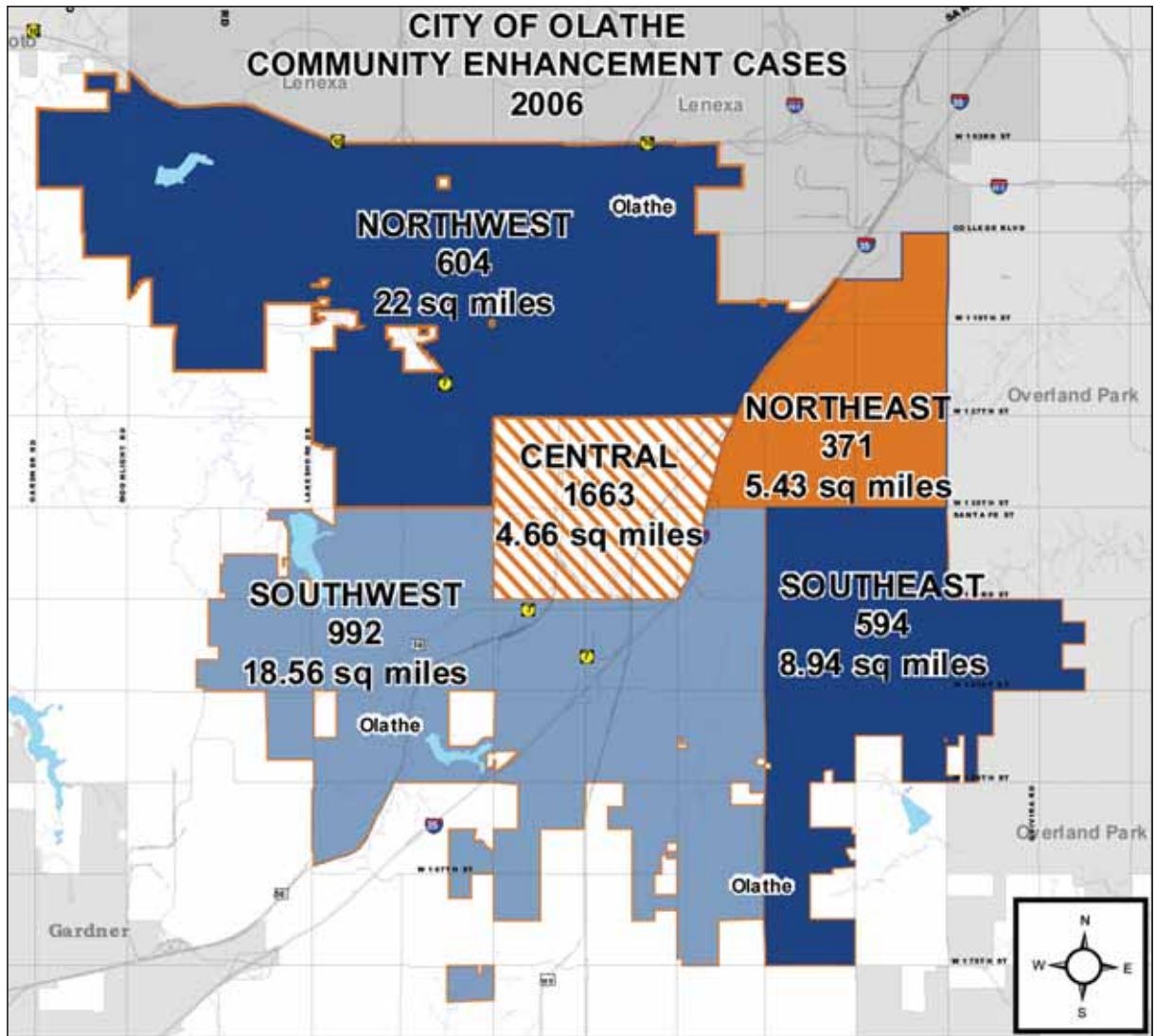
Number of Inspections  
Conducted by Officers:  
12,882

Reported Cases  
Inspected but not in  
Violation: 321

Cases Voluntarily  
Complied: 3,867

City Abated Cases: 210

Cases Referred to  
Court: 37



## Common Parking Code Violations

**Recreational Vehicles (including motor homes, camping trailers and boats) must be parked in the garage, side or rear yard if there is reasonable access.** If there is not reasonable access, which is determined by City code, they may be parked in a front driveway. If you have questions about where you can park these types of vehicles, contact the Community Enhancement Division at 913-971-8580 and always check first with your Homes Association if applicable. Those restrictions may be different.

**No oversized vehicles** may be parked or stored in a residential neighborhood, unless they are there to provide a service. A commercial-sized vehicle is one that exceeds 20 feet in length, eight feet in width, or seven feet in height and has a chassis rated at one ton or more.

**No hauling trailers** may be stored in a residential neighborhood if they exceed a total of 12 feet in length. This is measured from the rear of the trailer bed to the end of the tongue. If you have a trailer smaller than this, you must store it in the garage, side or rear yard.

Parking on the grass or blocking a sidewalk is prohibited.

