



**WINDOWS TO OPENA!
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**Next OPENA Meeting:
Saturday, 11/20, 1:30pm**

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NOMINATIONS FOR 2022 OFFICERS

It is once again time to choose the leadership of our neighborhood association, Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA).

Nominations for elected positions are open until Sat., Nov. 6, 2021.

The election will be on Saturday, November 20, 2021.

We will take nominations from the floor on election day.

The elected offices are:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Eligibility to serve as an OPENA Officer is stated in Section 3.02 of our Bylaws:

"Section 3.02: ELIGIBILITY. Any paid member, in good standing with the association for at least one year (currently or in the past) and who is a resident, business or property owner in either Oak Park Estates or Druid Hills (as defined in Article II Section 2.01) can be considered to hold an elected office in the Association."

If you would like to serve, or to submit a nomination for someone, please email the enclosed or attached Officer's Nomination Form to me, Cynthia White, at cmwopp@gmail.com. The person who you nominate must meet this eligibility requirement and agree to have their name appear on the ballot. To vote, you must be a member in good standing. You may pay your dues at: <http://www.opena.org/join-us.html>.

The Roles and responsibilities for each position on the OPENA Leadership Team is available on our website at: <http://www.opena.org/opena-leadership.html>. If you are interested in serving on one of our many committees, let us know that as well.

Cynthia White
Nominating Committee Chair
Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA)

[For Downloadable Officer Nomination Form, click HERE](#)



Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association

Officer's Nomination Form

Deadline for returning nomination form is Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021
Floor Nominations will be accepted

Email form or nominations to:
Cynthia White at cmwopp@gmail.com

Vote on:

Saturday, November 20, 2021 - 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

IN ORDER TO VOTE:

You must be a member in good standing for the year 2021

I, Your (Name) _____

(Cell Phone #) _____, nominate the following
people:

Office of **President** (Name) _____

Office of **Vice-President** (Name) _____

Office of **Secretary** (Name) _____

Office of **Treasurer** (Name) _____

OPENA November Meeting
Saturday, 11/20, 1:30pm - 3:00pm

This will be an in-person, on-site meeting at:

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
1302 W. Kiest Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75224

The November meeting will address proper tree planting, since many residents will have picked up their Branch Out Dallas trees on November 6th. Fall is usually a great time to plant trees in Texas, as detailed in the October "Windows to OPENA!" Newsletter. OPENA will be donating a tree to the church and planting it on Saturday, as an example.

Also, this meeting will include a vote to be held for any 2022 offices that have more than one Nominee.

Make plans to attend this meeting, and re-connect with your neighbors before the Holidays! Much of the meeting will be held outdoors, but please be prepared to follow appropriate social distancing, or any safety rules, such as masking if requested by the church and/or local law guidelines.

PREVIOUS EVENTS:

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT

Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold hosted a socially distanced National Night Out festivities on Tuesday evening, October 5, at the Beckley-Saner Recreation Center, 114 Hobson Avenue, Dallas.

Food trucks served food from Wingfield's Burgers (D Best: 2006, 2008, 2013, 2016) and LaCabanita Taquizas, with entertainment provided by a live Jazz Band and Praise Dancers. Dallas Police Officers were there to meet with the community. Even Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine was available for those who still needed a vaccine.

Thanks to all who participated and provided a full evening for everyone there, strengthening our neighborhood ties.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP DRIVE

OPENA held a fourth joint Clean-up Drive of 2021 with the Kiestwood HHA over the weekend of **Saturday October 16 - Sunday October 17**. Our thanks to the volunteers that worked to make our neighborhood ready for visitors during the Passport Oak Cliff event which occurred on the next weekend.

"PASSPORT OAK CLIFF"

Heritage Oak Cliff has an annual fundraiser to provide funds to various Oak Cliff neighborhoods, so that we can preserve, beautify, and make our neighborhoods safer. Due to the challenging social nature of 2021, the annual Fall Oak Cliff Home Tour would not be practical. Instead, each participating neighborhood was requested to design an offering for the fund raiser, specifically an activity that would allow a unique glimpse into each neighborhood.

Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA) committee decided upon showcasing OPENA Yard of the Month Winners Tour as our contribution to the event. Our thanks to ALL who participated for both residents and visitors alike. A special thanks to the Yard Of the Month winners, below. While not all home owners were available for that weekend, we really appreciate everyone's efforts, which exemplify the pride we feel about our neighborhood.

To recap, OPENA's outstanding yards were:

- Jim Hauck at 1532 Trailridge Dr.
- Christopher Smith at 1635 Trailridge Dr.
- Jon and Apryl Dailey at 1642 Driftwood Dr.
- Brian Brown & Kim Seese at 3737 Cripple Creek
- Tom Forsyth and Glen Hawkins at 2115 Siesta Dr.
- Michael and Sheila Smith at 2005 Vatican Lane
- Elia Torres and Matthew Alexander at 3628 Holliday Court
- Gilbert and Indigo May at 1627 Windchime Dr
- Dee and Lisa's home at 3670 Cripple Creek

Also, a big thanks to the efforts of the OPENA Planning committee that coordinated the event, James Fairchild, Mary Harrison, Kelly Joe Williams, Kathy Birks and Corey Miles.



BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

What are some of the things you can do to be a good neighbor? Here are some ideas:

1. Maintain your yard. Keep your front lawn mowed. Don't let it become overgrown with tall weeds.
2. Keep your trees trimmed so they are safe and less likely to come down on your home or on the neighbor's property. Help to plant new trees to replace the older ones that have come down.
3. Pick up trash on your property and on the street near your home.
4. Be respectful of storm sewer drains. They are not a place for lawn clippings or unwanted trash. In the long run, that type of problem affects our water supply...and those increased costs are passed to all of us as the consumer.
5. Put your bulky trash out at the designated times. In our neighborhood, that is the Thursday evening before the 4th full week of the month. ("4th Monday" week). Dallas has recently increased the number of code enforcement inspectors and items placed out early may receive a citation.
6. Get to know your neighbors and be able to look out for suspicious activity.
7. Keep your alley free of dense vegetation that would block the city garbage trucks. If the trucks can't get by in your alley, then the city will start to make you put your trash bins in the street for trash pick-up or you may receive a citation.
8. Volunteer to help clean up your neighborhood. A clean neighborhood is more likely to be a safe one.
9. For dog walkers, please be sure to clean behind your pet. Not only is it courteous (because no one wants unexpected dog poop on their shoes!), but it's also the law.
10. Be part of your neighborhood association to get to know your neighbors and to be able to work together to promote change. Become a member, pay your dues, attend the meetings and be part of the solution, not part of the problem.
11. Use the 311/911 systems. If you see something that is currently happening, then call 911. If you want to report something that has already happened, call 311.
12. Be considerate of others, especially the elderly who may not be able physically or financially to take care of their homes and property. Lend them a helping hand. Visit them so they are not socially isolated and alone. Many of them have been the caretakers for the neighborhood for all of these previous years

These are the things that keep our neighborhood attractive and vital. No single individual can accomplish the same amount of progress as all of us together, pitching in when we can. Show your Neighborhood Pride!

Thanks to all of you who are doing these things already.

OPENA History... THE MOVIE!

Another tale from our neighborhood's history is rich and diverse history.

Big thanks to Pete Handley for the historical information and to Tom Forsyth for the YouTube link.



In the fall of 1963, a movie was filmed in the Oak Park Estates/Druid Hills neighborhood, mostly in the Kiest Park Conservation Area. "The Yesterday Machine", was a Sci-Fi Thriller, about Time Travel. On a few weeknights, the neighborhood kids saw them filming scenes with American Indians around a campfire (not used in the film), and Confederate soldiers.

One weekend, a group of kids went over to watch the crew film. The director told the boys that they could stay and watch, as long as they were quiet. Three of the boys climbed a nearby tree to get a better view, and shimmied out on a limb together, while the rest of the kids watched from the ground. The camera was on the tailgate of a Rambler station wagon, moving slowly ahead of the hero and his rescued girlfriend. Suddenly, there was the loud sound of a tree branch snapping, then one of the kids curse "\$#!%*", as all three of them fell to the ground! Immediately, all kids were kicked off the set! But the sight of those three ten year old's riding a tree branch in free-fall and cursing during the filming of a movie was hilarious.

Unfortunately, the film did not get critical acclaim, reviewed with phrases such as "Unintentionally Hilarious" and "I would only recommend the movie to true aficionados of mad scientist performances". It seems that the "Riders of the Broken Limb" moment may have been the highlight of this movie!

Below is the YouTube link to the movie:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjnsPu43ZD0&ab_channel=PizzaFlix



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