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WINDOWS TO OPENA!
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Reminder:

OPENA May Meeting on 5/16/23, 6:30pm!

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OPENA Yard of the Month for May 2023

OPENA's Yard of the Month selection for May 2023 is the home of Katie and Brett Anderson at 1647 Trailridge Drive in Oak Park Estates. Katie and Brett's home is in the original Oak Park Estates section that was platted in 1954. We know it as the north block of our neighborhood today! The Anderson's home was built in 1957 and they have owned the property since 2019.

Katie and Brett started the landscaping project last year. It has transformed their landscape into a beautiful and welcoming place! The Andersons have turned their entire front yard into a native plant oasis that is bordered with limestone rock that is indigenous to Oak Cliff.

The garden is tiered to conform with the hillside terrain of their property. The work was done in 2022. Already the perennial plants have sprung back to life and are now in full bloom making for a breathtaking display! The Andersons selected water-wise plants for the garden such as Salvia, Caryopteris (Bluebeard or blue mist spirea), Dwarf wax myrtle, Iceplant, Lemon Ball Stonecrop (a sedum with brilliant golden yellow foliage), Nepeta cat's meow (catmint), Gaura Beleza Dark Pink (Beeblossom), Gulf muhly grass and Juncus inflexus (Hard

Rush or Blue Rush).

This lovely garden features plants that are drought tolerant and that will get even bigger and more beautiful with each new year! This type of landscape will save the Andersons both water and time. Once established native plants can survive largely off of existing rainfall. Plus, they don't have to mow an expansive green lawn!

The next time you are walking along Rugged in the north section of our neighborhood, make sure to turn on to Trailridge Drive and walk three houses down to enjoy this special garden which magnificently achieves Katie and Brett's desire for a native and drought tolerant landscape!



Don't Forget!
Mark your calendars now!!

OPENA May 2023 Meeting is on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:30 to 8 pm at the St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

The scheduled speaker, LaKebra Mahomes, is the Social Services Coordinator at the Dallas Community Courts. Join us to hear more about this valuable program that allows individuals to give back to the community.

We will have light refreshments and, as always, some good times with our fellow neighbors - join us for lots of fun!

OPENA Neighborhood Clean Up

Set aside a few hours to join your neighbors as we do our clean up drive for Oak Park Estates, Druid Hills, and St Annes Neighborhoods on Saturday, June 3rd.

We meet between 8am to noon to hand out assignments and supplies. City of Dallas Code Enforcement and Sanitation will assist with the trash disposal. We provide gloves, safety vests, trash bags, bag rings (with handles), and pickers available for you to use. Let's make our Neighborhood sparkle this spring!!

Let us know if you can volunteer to help with the neighborhood clean up -

Sign up on [FaceBook](https://www.facebook.com/events/3084783818496085/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%5B%5D) - https://www.facebook.com/events/3084783818496085/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%5B%5D

Or email us at oakparkestates1@gmail.com.



WHERE?

Kiest Park Rec Center
3801 S Hampton
Dallas, TX 75224

JOIN US

WHEN?

June 3rd 2023
8am-12pm

OPENA Clean-Up Drive

Meet at our booth at Kiest Park
Recreation Center between 8a-9a

Email:

oakparkestates1@gmail.com



Coming up! Druid Hills Block Party is coming!!

The neighbors on Siesta Drive and Cloudcroft Circle are throwing a party! Come join us as we cook out and have some early summer fun. Drop by "the Circle" at Cloudcroft Circle for dinner, games, or even just to say "Hi". We would love to see you!

You can RSVP to info in the flyer, so we will know how much food is needed. If you have any dietary needs, ie, vegetarian, let us know and we will try to accommodate. If you like, bring a side dish to share, or a game to play. We want to take time to get better acquainted - bring your art, your music, whatever makes you *distinctly you!*



We encourage other neighborhoods to feel free to set up your local block parties, too! *Contact us at oakparkestates1@gmail.com for more information and assistance.*



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