



**Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association
(OPENA) July 2020 General Meeting &
Crime Watch Program**

**Serving Oak Park Estates & Druid Hills
*Better Together!***

Virtual Meeting on Zoom!

July 21, 2020

Welcome to OPENA!

- A forum & active support group for the residents of the Oak Park Estates/Druid Hills neighborhoods
- OPENA works to make the area a safer, more attractive and a better place to live.
- Any current resident of, or owner of property or a business, in a neighborhood of Oak Cliff and who has an interest in advancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods is eligible for membership.
- Join OPENA at <http://www.opena.org/join-us.html>

OPENA Leadership Team:

Officers:

- Tom Forsyth, President
- Mary Harrison, Vice President
- Beatrice Lovett, Treasurer
- Richard Thomas, Secretary
- Lucy Livingston, Past President

Standing Committee Chairs:

- Kathy Biers, Membership
- Brett Anderson, Communications
- Cynthia White, Community Development
- Corey Miles, Code & Crime Watch Chair
- Block Captain Chairs:
 - Jacquelyn Peel, OPE North
 - Raquel Fuentes, OPE Southwest/Druid Hills

Ad hoc Committee Chairs:

- Judy Pollock, Grants & Resources
- Faye Williams, Programs
- Carl Hays, Government Liaison
- Lynn Witherspoon, Education Chair
- Bernie Tjarks, Hospitality
- **Alex Hernandez, Beautification Chair**

Vacant Chairs:

- Publications Chair
- Social Events Chair
- OPE SE Block Captain Chair

***New Officers
in Red Type!***



AGENDA - July 2020 Meeting & Crime Watch Program

- Welcome
- Introduction of Guests including D4 Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold
- Announcements
- Crime Watch Program:
 - Chief Jesse Reyes, Chief of Police, DPD Southcentral & Southwest Divisions
 - Officer Brian Martinez, NPO Officer, Southwest Division
 - Crime Watch Chair Corey Miles on Volunteers in Patrol
- Fabian Ramirez, Neighborhood Code Representative on the Illegal Dumping at 3744 Legendary
- Crystal Ross, Assistant ED, Dallas Parks & Rec Dept. on the Vandalism at Kiest Park
- Committee Reports:
 - Adoption of Minutes by Richard Thomas, Secretary
 - Treasurer's Report by Beatrice Lovett, Treasurer
 - Membership by Kathy Birks
 - Grants by Judy Pollock
- Vote on Motion to Purchase Phase 2 Sign Toppers for Druid Hills
- Adjourn



New OPENA Meeting Yard Signs!

- 42 New Yard Signs were put out for this meeting!
- Special thanks to Jacquelyn Peel, Raquel Fuentes and residents!



Operation Beautification in the time of Covid

- Pick up trash & litter on your own!
- Pick up your supplies & block assignment on Fri. 08/07 or Sat. 8/7
- Go out on your own (or with a friend) on Sat. 08/08 & Sun 08-09
- Return filled bags to same location after completing your area
- Central Location: JW Carpenter Teachers Parking lot
- Volunteer & get more details from Alex Hernandez!



Yard of the Month – June/July 2020

- Dee & Lisa's Home on Cripple Creek Dr. at Trailridge



OPENA Yard of the Month Program

- Program details & nominations can be made at: <http://www.opena.org/yard-of-the-month.html>
- Criteria:
 - Nice foliage & well-maintained Yard
 - Focus on beautification, originality & creativity
 - Combo of lawns, borders and flower beds
 - It's visually appealing from the street!
 - Water-wise landscapes with Texas Native Plants are a huge plus!
 - Must be willing to have photos published!



Oak Park Estates/Druid Hills T Shirts!



- **T Shirt Cost: \$ 15.00 for Sizes S-XL**
- Each size up from XL: \$3.00 Extra
- We have 25 orders so far!
- We will place the order by Aug. 1
- Get your orders in now!
- Show your pride in Oak Park Estates/Druid Hills!

Neighborhood Handbook & Directory

- Mission of the Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association
- Overview and History of Oak Park Estates & Druid Hills Neighborhoods
- Meeting Schedule
- Membership, Contact Us, OPENA Officers
- City of Dallas Resources
- Education Resources
- Elected Officials
- Local Business & Services Directory
- Neighborhood Residents Directory



DPD Officers

- Chief Jesse Reyes, Chief of Police for the South Central and Southwest Patrol Divisions
- Officer Brian Martinez, Southwest NPO Office



Crime Watch Program

- Neighborhood Patrol Office (NPO) Unit is located at 4230 W. Illinois Ave.
- The office # is 214-670-6795.
- Sr. Corp. Brian Martinez is our NPO officer.
- Zachary Wohlwend is Brian's partner in the NPO Office.
- Most of O.P.E. is in Beat 454.
- Druid Hills & O.P.E. SW is in Beat 455.
- Rugged is the dividing line on the beats!
- See OPENA Crime Watch page for more details:
<http://www.opena.org/crime-watch.html>

NPO Officer Update

- Crime statistics in our neighborhoods.
- Crime prevention methods.
- Recognizing & reporting suspicious activity.
- Understanding 9-1-1 and 3-1-1.
- Volunteers in Patrol (VIP) Program.
- New online incident reporting at www.dallaspolice.net.
- What can you do to help?



What you do to help prevent crime?

- See Something, Say Something
- Call 911 or 311 to report suspicious activity
- Get a security system and cameras
- Get a dog!
- Get to know your neighbors!



DPD Public Data

Dallas Police Public Data

Dallas Police

Dallas Open Data Portal

Open Records Request Form



New RMS System

On June 1, 2014, the Dallas Police Department launched its new Records Management System which is used to house offense and arrest records. This website represents a filtered version of the data contained within that application for the purpose of the sharing of non-sensitive data with the citizens of Dallas. This data should not be used for statistical purposes as it only represents data that is releasable to the General Public.



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Dallas Police Department
Active Calls



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Dallas Crime Mapping
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5/21/19 to 06/20/19

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List of Active Calls

www.dallaspolicewatch.com/southwest.html



The calls listed here are only those where the assigned officer(s) have arrived and are currently working the call. It does not include any calls for service, whether currently being worked or not, that are not releasable due to privacy laws.



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Active Calls for Southwest Division / Dallas Police Department

Nature of Call	Date/Time	Respo...	Block	Location	Beat
40 - Other	06/20/2019 03:41:00 PM	C436	9500	- 9516 TIMBERBLUFF CIR	436
11R - Burg of Res	06/20/2019 03:38:00 PM	B456	600	W 9th St	417
24 - Abandoned Property	06/20/2019 03:35:00 PM	C416	3400	Marvin D Love Fwy Sb	453
40 - Other	06/20/2019 03:31:00 PM	C452	2200	W Jefferson Blvd	444
6X - Major Dist (Violence)	06/20/2019 03:25:00 PM	C456	700	Wynnewood Plz	446
12R - Residential Alarm	06/20/2019 03:18:00 PM	D410	900	Sam Dealey Dr	412
6X - Major Dist (Violence)	06/20/2019 03:01:00 PM	C491	5300	Preakness Ln	431
24 - Abandoned Property	06/20/2019 09:40:00 AM	B455	3400	S Polk St	454

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www.dallaspolicewatch.com/southwest.html

The screenshot shows the Nextdoor.com interface for the neighborhood "Oak Park Estates / Druid Hills". At the top, there is a green navigation bar with a search bar, a home icon, and notification icons (a bell, a speech bubble, and a plus sign with a red "100" badge). Below the navigation bar is a sidebar menu with options: Home, Oak Park Estates / Druid Hills (selected), Map, Neighborhood, Recommendations, For Sale & Free, Offers (with a "New" badge), Events, Real Estate, Crime & Safety, Lost & Found, Documents, and General.

The main content area is titled "Oak Park Estates / Druid Hills" and includes an "Add new" button. It features two tabs: "Updates" (selected) and "About". Under "Updates", there is a post by Adam Munoz, Oak Park Estates / Druid Hills, titled "Adam Munoz joined Oak Park Estates / Druid Hills" with the address "Holliday Rd". The post is dated "12 hr ago" and includes a "Welcome" message and a "Reply" button. It has 3 likes and 1 reply. Below this is a post by Mary Harrison, Oak Park Estates / Druid Hills, dated "6 hr ago", with the message "Welcome to Next Door! :-)" and a "Thank" button. At the bottom of the post area is a text input field labeled "Add a reply...".

On the right side, there is an "About Oak Park Estates / Druid Hills" section. It states: "Nextdoor Neighborhood 'Oak Park Estates / Druid Hills' is at the confluence of Crow Creek and Five-Mile Creek in Dallas County, Texas, spanning areas known as Kiest Park, Druid Hills, Oak Park... See more". It also mentions "Maintained by Oak Park Estates / Druid Hills leads".



Submitting 311 Requests



- **By Phone**
 - Simply call 3-1-1 when inside Dallas' city limits.
 - You may also access Dallas 3-1-1 by calling (214) 670-3111 from any location.
- **Online**
 - Visit - <https://dallascrm.force.com/public/servicetypes>
- **Mobile Application**
 - Access your phone's app store
 - Download the **OurDallas** mobile app
- **City Hall On-the-Go – let us come to you!**
 - Create a "[City Hall on the Go](#)" service request.



Code Update – Fabian Ramirez

- Illegal Dumping at 3744 Legendary Lane
- New Bulk Trash Restrictions beginning in July 2020.
- Other code concerns? Questions?
- How to reach Fabian:
 - Phone: 469-515-0970 or
 - Email: fabian.ramirez@dallascityhall.com

Kiest Park Vandalism

- Break-ins at all Kiest Park facilities over 3 days on weekend of July 4th.
- Here to talk with us about the vandalism and recovery efforts:

Crystal Ross, Assistant Director of City of Dallas Parks & Recreation Dept.

Updates on Neighborhood Issues

- Creek Erosion Project at Five Mile and Holliday Rd in Druid Hills

- Bids have been received
- Council award in Sept.
- Project begins in Oct. or Nov.
- Duration: 4-6 months



Erosion Control
Project

- Traffic Calming Measures on Rugged Drive

- City to install Arrow Direction Signage showing Curve Ahead
- New larger speed limit signs that you can see at night.
- Enhanced school zone signage
- Reach out to Councilwoman Arnold if you feel more should be done here!

Meeting Minutes Richard Thomas, OPENA Secretary

- General Meeting on May 18, 2020



OPENA May 2020
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- Board Meeting, June 2020



OPENA June 2020
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OAK PARK ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2020 GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 19, 2020

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was held virtually via the Zoom platform. There were 66 attendees in attendance according to the Zoom participants count.

President Tom Forsyth thanked everyone for signing on and expressed our appreciation to Faye Williams for facilitating all aspects related to the meeting.

The meeting started at 6:30 pm with sixty-six people signed on. Mother Emily Hylden, Vicar of St. Augustine Episcopal Church gave an opening prayer. This was followed by Carl Hayes leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Roles

President Tom Forsyth then shared that our neighborhood association had undergone a reorganization that includes three additional block captains. They are:

- Jacquelyn Peel, Oak Park Estates North (the area north of Pentagon and east of Rugged)
- Patsy Brown, Oak Park Estates Southeast & St. Anne's Hills (the area south of Five Mile and east of Rugged)
- Raquel Fuentes, Oak Park Estates Southwest & Druid Hills (the area south of Five Mile and west of Rugged)

Tom thanked the members for volunteering for these assignments. He shared that this reorganization reduces the load on current block captains. Additionally, two committee chairs were filled:

- Publications Chair, Carol Jackson
- Hospitality Chair, Bernie Tjarks

Announcements

Tom informed the members that our Vice President, Mary Harrison, lost her daughter and will be stepping back from meetings for the next few months. Our neighborhood organization sent a card expressing our condolences to Mary and her family. Tom then led the members of the meeting in 10 seconds of silence in observance of this tragedy.

Other announcements were:

1. The beautification cleanup, postponed from May 19th, will now take place on August 8th
2. A grant was submitted to Heritage Oak Cliff for fifteen (15) additional toppers for Druid Hills. This represents phase-two of the Druid Hills project.
3. Organization T-shirts will be available for \$15.00. The T-shirts will be green with white lettering and will be on sale at the July meeting. Residents used the chat feature of Zoom to ask about the availability of vee-necked t-shirts.
The topic for July's meeting will be Crime Watch.

OPENA Treasurer's Reports - Beatrice Lovett

Reports from 05/20/2020 to 07/21/2020

Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA) - Treasurer's Report				
Report Date:				6/20/2020
Period:	From:	TO:		
	4/19/2020	6/20/2020		
Bank Account:	ORIGIN BANK			
Beginning Balance:	Amount:			\$2,578.88
Income:				
Date:	Description:	Entity/Person	Trans. Type	Amount (+):
5/11/2020	Grant	HOD	Deposit	\$290.38
5/19/2020	Memberships	PayPal	ACH	\$167.79
Total Income (+):				\$458.17
Expenses:				
Date:	Description:	Entity/Person	Trans. Type	Amount (-):
5/11/2020	Web Site Fee	GODADDY		(\$15.98)
5/18/2020	Donation	The Harrison Family	Check # 1070	(\$100.00)
6/10/2020	Web Site Fee	GODADDY		(\$15.98)
Total Expense (-):				(\$131.96)
Net Difference (income over expenses):				\$326.21
Total Balance:	In Origin Bank			\$2,905.09
PayPal Account 1 (Original):				\$0.00
* New PayPal Account 2 Funds:				\$0.00
Total PayPal Income (+):	Memberships			\$167.79
PayFunds Funds Transfer	ACH Transfer to Bank Account			\$167.79
Ending Balance (PayPal)				\$0.00
Total OPENA Funds				\$2,905.09

Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA) - Treasurer's Report				
Report Date:				6/20/2020
Period:	From:	TO:		
	6/20/2020	7/21/2020		
Bank Account:	ORIGIN BANK			
Beginning Balance:	Amount:			\$2,905.09
Income:				
Date:	Description:	Entity/Person	Trans. Type	Amount (+):
6/29/2020	ACH Credit - PayPal Transfer	Dues, Ads	Deposit	\$158.70
7/13/2020	ACH Credit - PayPal Transfer	Tee Shirts, Ads	Deposit	\$170.36
7/17/2020	Checking Deposit (Members)	Tee Shirts	Deposit	\$140.00
Total Income (+):				\$469.06
Expenses:				
Date:	Description:	Entity/Person	Trans. Type	Amount (-):
6/10/2020	Web Site Fee	GODADDY		(\$15.98)
7/1/2020	OPENA Signs	POSITIVE MARKETING		(\$324.75)
7/3/2020	Stakes for signs	USA SIGN FRAME STAKE		(\$04.43)
7/10/2020	Web Site Fee	GODADDY		(\$15.98)
Total Expense (-):				\$340.73
Net Difference (income over expenses):				\$128.33
Total Balance:	In Origin Bank			\$2,968.99
PayPal Account 1 (Original):				\$0.00
* New PayPal Account 2 Funds:				\$0.00
Total PayPal Income (+):	Memberships			\$158.70
	Memberships	Christopher Smith		\$25
	Memberships	Alexis Hernandez		\$25
	Memberships	Kathy Birks		\$15
	Ad	Kimberley Cortina		\$50
	Ad	S W Construction		\$50
	Tee Shirts			\$170.36
	Tee Shirts	Thomas Forsyth		\$15.00
	Tee Shirts	Carol Jackson		\$18
	Tee Shirts	Clay Freeman		\$30
	Tee Shirts	Mollie Belt		\$30
	Tee Shirts	Kimberley Cortina		84
PayFunds Funds Transfer	ACH Transfer to Bank Account			\$158.70
	ACH Transfer to Bank Account			\$170.36
Ending Balance (PayPal)				\$0.00
Total OPENA Funds				\$2,968.99
Report Prepared on 07/20/2020 by Beatrice Lovett, Treasurer				

Membership Report – Kathy Birks

- Membership Report (As of 7/21/2020):
 - 2020 Member Total 49
 - 2020 New Member Total 15
 - 2019 Members Renewed in 2020 34
 - 2018/19 Members Still to Renew 34



Six (6) New & Renewing Members in June/July!

- Dwight Ausbrooks
- Michael & Sheila Smith
- S & W Construction
- Blanche Walker

- Yolanda Nolan
- Lillian James

HOC Grant Application – Judy Pollock

- Submitted on 05/15/2020
- Four projects:
 - Phase 2 of the Druid Hills Sign Toppers Project
 - Becoming a 501 C3 or C4 Entity with Tax Exempt Status
 - Marketing of OPENA
 - Special Member Engagement Social Event
- Total Amount of Grants: \$ 4,427.62
- HOC Reimbursement Amount: \$ 2,656.57
- OPENA Cost: \$ 1,771.05

Druid Hills Sign Toppers

- Ph. 1: 15 Sign Toppers installed in Feb. 2020.
- Ph. 2: 15 more signs for Druid Hills Addition.
- The total cost for Phase 2 is: \$1,302.73
- HOC Grant Funds 60% of cost or \$ 781.64
- OPENA to pay for balance or \$ 521.09



Upcoming Meeting Reminders:

- **OPENA Board Meeting: Sat. Aug. 15 at 1:30 pm**
 - Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting
- **Next OPENA Gen'l Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 pm**
 - Program: Where's the Food!
 - Presenter: Anga Sanders
 - Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Special Thanks to our Sponsors!

- Melissa Flanagan with Li'l Rhythms
- Elijah Salazar with Peaberry Coffee
- Ryan Munchrath with Ann's Health Foods
- James Fairchild with Ebby Holliday Realty
- Cynthia White of W& W Business Services!



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Questions?

Please email us at:

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