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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT WITH COUNCILWOMAN ARNOLD!

Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold is hosting **National Night Out festivities** on **Tuesday, October 5, from 5:00 pm until 8 pm.**

The event will be held at the **Beckley-Saner Recreation Center located at 114 Hobson Avenue, Dallas 75224.** This socially distanced event promises to be a great experience.

The Wingfield's truck will be serving free burgers, wings, and fries! There will also be a truck for La Cabanita Taquizas if you prefer tacos! Entertainment will be provided by a Live Jazz Band and Praise Dancers.

OPENA will set up a table with our National Night Out sign (see picture below). Please look for us and bring a lawn chair so we can also sit together and

enjoy the festivities. Bring your OPENA T-shirt to show your pride in Oak Park Estates/Druid Hills.

You will also be able to meet officers from the Dallas Police Department (DPD), Elected Officials (from the city, county, and state) and representatives from various city departments. The Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine will also be available for the unvaccinated. There will be a flyover at 7pm and much more!



OPENA Yard of the Month for October 2021

Selecting a Yard of the Month winner was a lot harder in October! We had three lovely yards that were nominated this month!

The Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA) has awarded Yard of the Month to Dr. Angela Spivey-Washington who lives at 1624 Champagne Drive. Angela's 1956 ranch style home features beautiful brick with shades of terra cotta, beige and tan. The porch is accented with love wrought ironwork painted in black. Angela has maintained the original foundation plantings, so they are always trimmed, healthy and a lustrous dark green color. The plantings are "draped" by chartreuse green potato ivy which spills out over the plantings and into the front yard by the walkway. She incorporated several plantings of Alocasia or Upright Elephant Ears in front of the brick planters. The Elephant Ears are gigantic and are the highlights of this garden! Beneath them are plantings of impatiens, begonias, lantana, caladiums, and wild inland sea oats! Her gardens are bordered by luscious green St. Augustine grass that is partially shaded in the hot summer months by a mid-size live oak tree.

Angela's gardening is a labor of love. Her neighbors on Champagne have been clamoring for her to be Yard of the Month! Now their wishes have become true! Angela's landscaping work is a welcome respite from her arduous duties as a schoolteacher. Angela also just earned her Doctorate degree, so please call her Dr. Spivey-Washington when you see her outside maintaining her beautiful landscape which is now the OPENA October Yard of the Month!



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP DRIVE

OPENA holds a fourth joint Clean-up Drive of 2021 with the Kiestwood HHA during the weekend of **Saturday October 16 and Sunday October 17**. Volunteers will pick up trash and litter from the streets in and around the Oak Park Estates, Druid Hills, St. Anne's Hills and Kiestwood neighborhoods. The event is held this weekend to clean up our streets in advance of the Passport Oak Cliff event which occurs on the following weekend!

Volunteers can come to our booth at the Kiestwood Village Shopping Center anytime between 7 am to 9 am on Saturday October 16 to pick up supplies and get street assignments. Each volunteer can then go out (either on your own or with a partner) anytime over the weekend to pick up trash and litter on the assigned streets. You can then bring the trash you collect to the designated drop off location in the shopping center parking lot.

Please let us know if you plan to volunteer by sending us an email at oakparkestates1@gmail.com. Thank you!



OPENA YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS TOUR ~ "PASSPORT OAK CLIFF"

Heritage Oak Cliff has asked the Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA) to participate in the PASSPORT OAK CLIFF event over the weekend of **October 23th and 24th**. Passport tickets holders would be able to visit events being held in each participating neighborhood.

OPENA is planning a Yard of the Month Winners Tour as our contribution to the Passport event. It will showcase eight previous Yard of the Month winners and highlight the attractiveness of Oak Park Estates and Druid Hills for both residents and visitors alike.

Passport holders would be able to visit any one or all eight yard during the hours of 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday, 10/23 and 10/24. *Residents of Oak Park Estates and Druid Hills can visit all the yards without Passport ticket that weekend.*

The yards on the OPENA tour include:

- Jim at 1532 Trailridge Dr.
- Christopher at 1635 Trailridge Dr.
- Jon and Apryl at 1642 Driftwood Dr.
- Brian and Kim at 3737 Cripple Creek
- Tom and Glen at 2115 Siesta Dr.
- Michael and Shiela at 2005 Vatican Lane
- Elia and Matthew at 3628 Holliday Court
- Gilbert and Indigo May 1627 Windchime Dr
- Dee's home at 3670 Cripple Creek

To see ALL the Oak Cliff attractions on the Passport event, you will need to buy Passport tickets. You can get more details on the Passport Oak Cliff event at this link: <https://heritageoakcliff.org/Passport-Oak-Cliff>



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 Sat., Nov. 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)



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 History

Our neighborhood's history is rich and diverse. Again, a big thanks to Pete Handley for photos and information.



This photo of the house at 2014 W. Five Mile Parkway was taken at Thanksgiving, in November, 1958. The visiting relatives' Cadillac is parked in front of the homeowner's Buick. The trees of our neighborhood were young, allowing visibility to the alley and neighboring backyards of Siesta Drive.



Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA)

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