



**Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association
(OPENA) General Meeting & Program on
Advancing Equity in Dallas**

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

***St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
Jan. 18, 2019***

OPENA Purpose

- The general purpose of the Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association is to provide a forum and an active support group for the residents of the Oak Park Estates and Druid Hills neighborhoods in order 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 the Oak Park Estates (including all additions or revisions) and Druid Hills Neighborhoods is eligible for membership in the Association.
- 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
- Jim Hauck, Communications
- Brett Anderson, Block Captain
- Cynthia White, Community Planning and Development
- Corey Miles, Code Awareness & Crime Watch Chair

Ad hoc Committee Chairs:

- Judy Pollock, Grants & Resources
- Faye Williams, Programs
- James Fairchild, Social Events & Publications
- Carl Hays, Government Liaison
- Carla Ranger Hospitality
- Jack Dieckhoner, Beautification
- Lynn Witherspoon, Education Chair



Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Acknowledgements, Awards & Announcements
- Introduction of New Officers:
 - Kathy Biers, Membership
 - Corey Miles, Code & Crime Watch
 - Jack Dieckhoner, Beautification
- Committee Reports:
 - Adoption of Minutes by Richard Thomas, Secretary
 - Treasurer's Report by Beatrice Lovett, Treasurer
- City of Dallas Updates:
 - Abidur Kahn, Program Manager, Stormwater Management Dept. Report on Creek Erosion Project
 - Isaac Ellison, Noise Control Specialist, Aviation Dept.
- Program on "**Advancing Equity in Dallas**":
 - Victor Obaseki, Chief Equity Office for the City of Dallas



Acknowledgements

Volunteers Distributing 2020 Door Hangers:

Carrie Coy

Bert Rakowitz

Kent Hedman

Brett Anderson

Carl Hays

Patsy Brown

Mary Harrison

Jacqueline Peel

Rachel Harris

Faye Williams

Carol Jackson



Appreciation Awards

- Carol Jackson, Oak Park Estates
- Bert Rakowitz, Druid Hills
- Jim Hauck, Oak Park Estates

Operation Beautification in 2020

- Clean up trash & litter on major streets in O.P.E & Druid Hills
- 4 Dates Planned in 2020:
 - Sat. Feb. 8, 2020
 - Sat. May 9, 2020
 - Sat. Aug. 8, 2020
 - Sat. Nov. 7, 2020
- We meet up at 8:45 am
- In the JW Carpenter School Teachers Parking Log
- Work from 9 am to 11:30 pm
- Volunteers needed for each clean up day event!



OPENA Yard of the Month Program

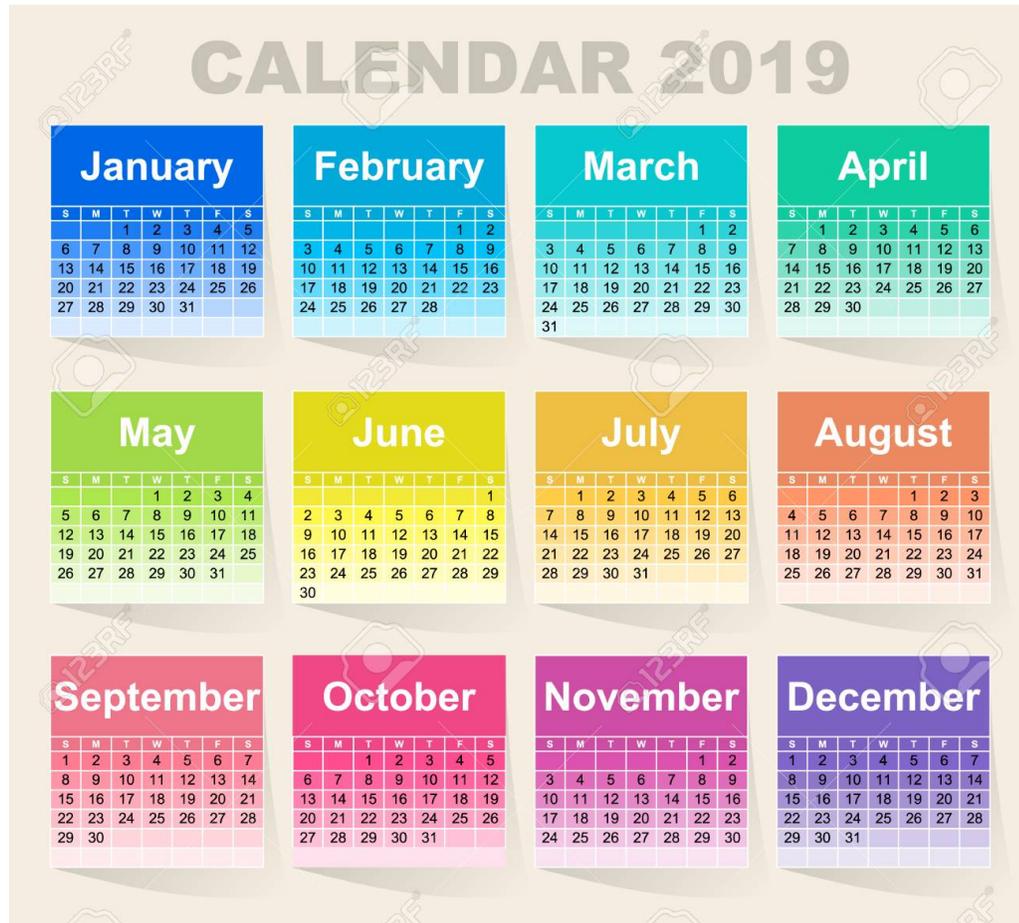
- 1st Award to Jim Hauck at 1532 Trailridge!
- 2nd Award to Michael Smith at Rugged & Vatican.
- Program details & nominations can be made at: <http://www.opena.org/yard-of-the-month.html>
- Criteria:
 - Nice foliage & Kept Yard
 - Focus on beautification, originality & creativity
 - Combo of lawns, borders and flower beds
 - It's visually appealing from the street!
 - Water-wise landscapes are also considered!
 - Be willing to have photos published



2020 Calendar



Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA) Calendar for 2020



Date:	Time:	Event Type:
General Meetings: *		
Saturday January 18	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	General Meeting
Saturday March 21	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	General Meeting
Tuesday May 19	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	General Meeting
Tuesday July 21	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	General Meeting
Tuesday September 15	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	General Meeting
Thursday October 1	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	National Night Out Event **
Saturday November 21	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Gen'l Meeting/Holiday Party

*All General Meetings are held at the St. Augustine's Episcopal Church located at 1302 W. Kiest Blvd., Dallas, 75224,

** NNO Event is generally held at Kiest Park every year but this may change. Please look for updates on this event!

Board Meetings: *		
Saturday February 15	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	
Saturday April 18	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	
Saturday June 20	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	
Saturday August 15	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	
Saturday October 24	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	
Saturday, Dec. 12	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	

*Board meeting locations will be announced 30 days in advance of the meeting date.

Adoption of Minutes – Richard Thomas, Secty.

- General Meeting on Nov. 16, 2019



Nov. 2019 General
Meeting Minutes

- Board Meeting on Dec. 7, 2019



Dec. 2019 Board
Meeting Minutes

Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA)

Minutes of GENERAL MEETING on November 16, 2019

The general meeting and holiday party took place on November 16th, 2019 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

President Tom Forsyth called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm and introduced Lynn Witherspoon a member of both OPENA and the St. Augustine's Church who welcomed everyone on behalf of the church.

Door prizes provided by area businesses were given away via a drawing. The residents in attendance certainly enjoyed winning the prizes. OPENA would like to acknowledge the following area businesses and their owners for the prizes they donated:

- Cynde Kelcher, Manager at Delta Charlies Restaurant gave 5 BOGO Gift Certificates.
- Pedro Capistan, Veracruz Restaurant donated a \$40 Gift Certificate.
- Eloy Trevino, a co-owner of Green Pet, gave a gift bag with \$90 in store merchandise.
- Elijah Salazar, owner of Peaberry Coffee, provided 10 free coffee/iced coffee gift certificates.

Tom provided these announcements of interest to the residents:

Treasurer's Report – Beatrice Lovett

Period from 11/17/2019 to
01/17/2020



OPENA Treasurers
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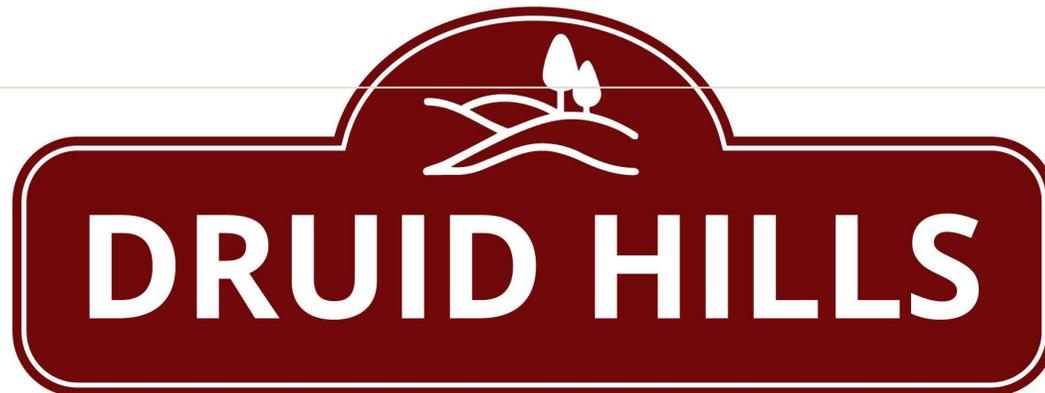


Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA) - Treasurer's Report				
Report Date:				
	From:	1/3/2020	To:	
Period:	11/16/2019		1/3/2020	
Bank Account:	ORIGIN BANK			
	Amount:			
Beginning Balance:	\$2,004.81			
Income:				
Date:	Description:	Entity/Person	Trans. Type	Amount (+):
11/19/2019	Deposit	Dues, Donations, Ads	Deposit	\$1,069.00
11/22/2019	ACH Credit - PayPal Transfer	Dues, Ads	Deposit	\$439.68
12/17/2019	Deposit	HOC	Deposit	\$465.58
Total Income (+):				\$1,974.26
Expenses:				
Date:	Description:	Entity/Person	Trans. Type	Amount (-):
11/19/2019	Facilities Use	St. Aug. Oak Cliff Church	Check 1066	\$ (35.00)
11/29/2019	Sign Topper/T Shirt Designs	Daniel Forsyth	Check 1065	\$ (75.00)
11/29/2019	Sign Toppers	SA/SO of Arlington, TX	ATM Debit	\$ (775.98)
12/10/2019	Web Site Fee	GODADDY	Merchant Purchase	\$ (15.98)
12/16/2019	Ad Reimbursement	Cythnia White	Check 1067	\$ (100.00)
12/23/2019	2020 Door Hangers	Davenport Printing	ATM Debit	\$ (246.81)
1/2/2020	Install Sign Toppers	City of Dallas - Sign Division	Check 1068	\$ (525.00)
Total Expense (-):				\$ (1,773.77)
Net Difference (income over expenses):				\$200.49
Total Balance:	In Origin Bank			\$2,205.30
PayPal Account 1 (Original):				\$0.00
* New PayPal Account 2 Funds:				\$0.00
Total PayPal Income (+):				\$0.00
PayFunds Funds Transfer				\$ -
Ending Balance (PayPal)				\$0.00
Total OPENA Funds				\$2,205.30

Report Prepared on 01/03/2020 by Beatrice Lovett, Treasurer

Druid Hills Sign Topper Update

- First 15 Sign Toppers for Druid Hills.
- Signs have been paid for.
- HOC has reimbursed us for them.
- City Streets Dept. is preparing to install them.
- Neighborhood Vitality Grant request for \$1,541 submitted for an add'l 15 for the Druid Hills Addition.



Membership Report – Alex & Kathy

- Membership Report (As of 12/10/2019):

- 2020 Member Total 25
- 2020 New Member Total 6
- 2019 Members Renewed 2020 19
- 2018 Members Still to Renew 42
- Member Attendance 1/19 27
- Member Attendance 3/16 24
- Member Attendance 5/21 34
- Member Attendance 7/16 31
- Member Attendance 9/17 31
- Member Attendance 11/16/19 22



- 6 new member signups
- 2 new member signups
- 6 new member signups
- 6 new member signups
- 1 new member signup
- 3 new member signups

Neighborhood Handbook & Directory – James Fairchild

- 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



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!

Upcoming Meeting Reminders:

- **OPENA Neighborhood Clean up Drive on Sat. Feb. 8 at 8:45 am**
 - Location: JW Carpenter Elementary School Teachers Parking Lot
- **OPENA Board Meeting on Sat. Feb. 15 at 1:30 pm**
 - Location: Hampton-Illinois Branch Library Study Hall
- **DPD Listening Session – District 4 Community Meeting with Chief Renee Hall, DPD and Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold**
 - Thursday, February 20 (6pm – 8pm)
 - Location: Beckley-Saner Recreation Center, 114 W Hobson Ave
- **Next OPENA General Meeting on Sat. March 21 at 1:30 pm!**
 - Program on Healthy Food Choices by Anga Sanders!
 - Location: St. Augustine's Episcopal Church



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Questions?
Please email us at:
crimewatch@opena.org

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