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WINDOWS TO OPENA!

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**Next OPENA Meeting:
Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30 pm**

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**Next OPENA Community Meeting is coming up!
Join us for Crime Watch Program & Ice Cream Social:**



Program: Crime Watch & Ice Cream Social

Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Time: 6:30 to 8 pm

**Location: St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
at [1302 W Kiest Blvd, Dallas, TX 75224](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1302+W+Kiest+Blvd,+Dallas,+TX+75224)**

**Join us as for upcoming crime watch program, and enjoy
a cool and refreshing Ice Cream Social!**

Meet with your Neighborhood Patrol Officers.
Get information on crime stats in our neighborhoods.
Learn about the new Online Reporting System.

Meet and greet with your neighbors and have ice cream with
them on a hot summer night!

For more info, visit us at:

Website: www.opena.org

Facebook at: [Oak Park Estates Neighborhood](https://www.facebook.com/OakParkEstatesNeighborhood)

Email us at: OakParkEstates1@gmail.com

OPENA is OPEN to ALL!

The Elections are coming!!

OPENA Officer elections will be held at our upcoming Holiday Party on Saturday, November 18th. Nominations should be submitted by Wednesday, November 8th, 2023, and can be sent to Cynthia White, Nominations Chair, at: cmwopp@gmail.com.

Click on form below go to the online form that can be edited and emailed to Cynthia White, or paste: <http://www.opena.org/opena-leadership.html>



Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association

2024 Officer's Nomination Form

Deadline for returning nomination form is Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023

Floor Nominations will be accepted

Email form or nominations to:

Cynthia White at cmwopp@gmail.com

Vote on:

Saturday, November 18, 2023 - 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

IN ORDER TO VOTE:

You must be must be a voting member in good standing for the year 2023

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) _____

Important! City of Dallas Budget sessions:

Deputy Pro-Tem Mayor Carolyn King Arnold has invited you to [three \(3\) Budget Town Hall meetings](#) in August, to give residents the opportunity to learn about the budget planning process for next

year's budget and to give their feedback to the city officials who will be in attendance at these meetings.

The 3 scheduled sessions are available in different mediums: virtual, phone or in-person.

- **Thursday, August 10th, 2023 at 6:30pm** (Virtual WebEx)
- **Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 at 6:30pm** (Phone)
- **Thursday, August 17th, 2023 at 11:30am** (In Person, Hiawatha Williams Rec Center)

For more information, click on the image below for details of that session, or scan the QR Code. For the overview of all sessions, enter the following address in your browser:

<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/budget/financialtransparency/Pages/budget-town-halls.aspx>

VIRTUAL MEETING
BILINGUAL

BUDGET TOWN HALL

Share your input on the FY 2023-24 City of Dallas Budget

THURSDAY
August 10, 2023

6:30 p.m.

FIND DETAILS ON HOW TO JOIN BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR VISITING: bit.ly/dallasbudgettownhall

CITY OF DALLAS TEXAS

PHONE MEETING
BILINGUAL

BUDGET TOWN HALL

Share your input on the FY 2023-24 City of Dallas Budget

TUESDAY
August 15, 2023

6:30 p.m.

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CITY OF DALLAS TEXAS

Carolyn King Arnold
DEPUTY MAYOR PRO TEM
COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 4

IN-PERSON
BILINGUAL

BUDGET TOWN HALL

Share your input
on the FY 2023-24
City of Dallas Budget

THURSDAY
August 17, 2023

11:30 a.m.

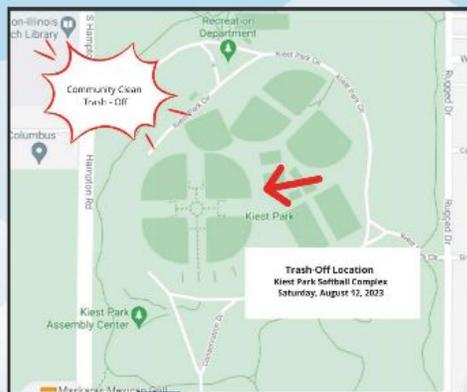
HIAWATHA WILLIAMS RECREATION CENTER
2976 Cummings St.
Dallas, TX 75216

COMMUNITY CLEAN TRASHOFF!

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN GET RID OF YOUR BULKY ITEMS FOR FREE

Saturday, August 12 | 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Kiest Park Softball Complex | 3080 Hampton Rd, Dallas, Texas 75224



✓ **Bulky Items:** furniture, rugs, mattresses, appliances, electronics, 10 tire limit. **Not for commercial use.**



✓ **Hazardous Waste:** batteries, water based paint only, oil, and antifreeze. **Not for commercial use.**



✓ **Document Shredding**



CODE COMPLIANCE

For more information, call Code Compliance at 214-670-5708

BOPA COMMUNITY TRASH OFF

Community Trashoff is at Kiest Park on August 12th, 2023, 8am - Noon!

Bring your bulky items, electronics, oil, hazardous chemicals (see list below) and documents that you need securely shredded. For more information, call Code Compliance at 214 670-5708. See you there!

BOPA Mobile Collection



Batteries Oil Paint Antifreeze

There are some items in your home (e.g. cleaners, batteries, paint) that are hazardous and should never be placed in your roll cart. After they have been used, they become **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)**. The most common types of HHW are **Batteries, Oil, Paint and Antifreeze (BOPA)**.

Upcoming BOPA Events:

August 12, 2023 from 8am - 12pm: Kiest Park Softball Complex on 2200 W. Kiest Dallas TX, 75224

September 9, 2023 from 8am - 12pm: Harry Stone Recreation Center on 2403 Millmar Dr, Dallas, TX 75228

Branch Out Dallas 2023

Registration for the Branch Out Dallas program for a free tree will begin Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at [Dallas.gov/BranchoutDallas](https://dallas.gov/BranchoutDallas).

For more information, click on the graphics below to view the English or Spanish

flyers or email BranchOutDallas@dallas.gov.



REGISTER FOR A FREE TREE SEPT. 5 - SEPT. 30, 2023

The City of Dallas is proud to announce its fifth annual Branch Out Dallas program to provide residents with a **FREE 5-gallon tree**. Trees benefit the urban environment by reducing stormwater runoff to drainage systems, cooling temperatures, improving air quality and mitigating the heat island effect. Residents can register at dallas.gov/branchoutdallas from Sept. 5 to Sept. 30, while supplies last.

Residents will be able to choose from five types of Texas trees and six pick-up locations throughout Dallas. Residents who register for a free tree may collect it on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, from 9 a.m. to noon.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

- ✓ Must live within the Dallas city limits
- ✓ Must present a City of Dallas water bill or government-issued ID to verify residency
- ✓ Only one (1) tree per residence
- ✓ Tree delivery is not available; trees must be picked up during event hours



FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL
BranchOutDallas@dallas.gov



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Planting instructions can be found

at <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/waterutilities/DCH%20Documents/Proper%20Planting.pdf>

For more Branch Out Dallas program information, <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/waterutilities/Pages/branch-out-dallas.aspx#:~:text=Registration%20for%20the%20Branch%20Out,email%20BranchOutDallas%40dallas.gov>.

Two events coming to your OPENA neighborhood soon!



Next OPENA Quarterly Clean Up Drive is pending for September 2023, with date to be announced as soon as we have confirmation.

You can volunteer to help with the neighborhood clean up
Sign up on [FaceBook](#) Oak Park Estates
Or email us at oakparkestates1@gmail.com

More information to come out soon.
Plan to join us for a few hours on a Saturday
& show pride in our lovely neighborhood!



OPENA Walkers Club to be formed soon...

We are approaching a time with cooler weather. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and get your steps in. Stay tuned for the details!

OPENA History

Second Block Party in Druid Hills History?

A block party cookout was held on Saturday, May 20th, at 6:30PM in Druid Hills. Turns out there was at least one of the same event back in the past...It sounds like both the block party cookouts held in 2023, and the one that took place back in the early '60s were great successes!

There was one such event somewhere in the early 1960's for Druid Hills. The organizers were Dr. Kenneth Collings and his wife, Marie. They were at 2020 W Five Mile Pkwy, neighbors of Pete Handley's parents at 2014. Dr. Collings was Chairman of the Periodontics Department at Baylor Dental School in Dallas, and founder of the periodontics graduate program there. He, and his wife, Marie, had a tandem bicycle, and would take rides together, making the circle of Five Mile, Cloudcroft, Siesta, Holiday, then back.

Their original plan was to make it for the folks on Five Mile Parkway, from Holiday to Cloudcroft. At that time, Five Mile ended at a white fence, adjacent to 2008 Cloudcroft. Word got around, and it was then opened up to the folks on Cloudcroft and Siesta. The City Streets Department was contacted and put temporary barriers up for the day of the event. Families had kids move backyard picnic tables out in front of the Collings home, lined up, and there was a good turnout. Lots of neighbors already knew each other, but it was a chance to meet quite a few others and have a good time.

Fast forward to 2023, the recent event was equally successful, with around 50 neighbors from the three blocks (Five Mile Parkway, Cloudcroft, and Siesta) and others from the surrounding OPENA area, up to and including Kiestwood neighbors. It was a joyful gathering with a special appearance by Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn King Arnold, who spent time chatting with the group, but especially with the ladies.

Bill McKinney did an excellent job procuring the supplies and cooking on the grill. Cylena and Kelly Joe supplied tables, chairs and other necessities. Tom Forsyth and Bill McKinney set up canopies, tables, and music. A special thanks to Don and Susie for their electricity! Neighbors contributed by bringing sides, creating a delightful neighborhood feast.

It's heartwarming to see everyone come together for these events, fostering a sense of community and unity. The organizers encourage other neighborhoods to follow suit and set up their own local block parties, especially with the cooler weather coming up in the Fall, as it presents an excellent opportunity to bring neighbors together and celebrate the beauty of the neighborhood.







(If you want others invited to your block party, feel free send a notice to oakparkestates1@gmail.com and we can forward out to the OPENA neighborhood.)

A special thanks to Pete Handley for his great stories that give us historical record of our neighborhood back in it's early days!



Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA)
Serving Oak Park Estates, Druid Hills & St. Anne's Hills

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Join us at: <http://www.opena.org/join-us.html>

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