


Oakland Terrace
Homeowner Association
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This Year Will Be Our Finest Hour

Are you going to let transients or nature dictate the appearance of our neighborhood?

When the streets of Oakland Terrace are littered with tossed beer and liquor containers and discarded remnants of drug users, it is time to take charge and be a good neighbor by helping to keep our streets clean and our community beautiful.

Are you willing to allow our streets to return to the un-kept conditions of the year 2000 when we worked so hard to eliminate?

When the left over residue of the changing season is simply dismissed from view and allowed to remain on our streets from season to season we are rewinding the clock. It's time to return our attention to the lessons learned from the past ten years.

The City of Dallas provided street sweeping services in some communities back in the day. Many of you might even remember those sweepers on the Oakland Terrace streets. However those services will never be feasible again. But don't despair the city has replaced those services with an even greater plan: The Good Neighbor Plan. In this plan the home owner or the residing resident is responsible for keeping their property clean and free of trash and debris from the front curbside to the center of the alley at the rear of your property. History has proven a clean neighborhood with well maintained homes is the guiding principle for achieving a safer and more prosperous neighborhood.

- Pick up trash daily or whenever you see it, (that means year round).
- Rack and clean up those leaves from the curbside.
- Place bulk trash out no earlier than the first Monday of the month.
- Observe the new ONE DAY in Oakland Terrace. Only place trash containers and recycling bins out on the pick up day (THURSDAY) and remove them after the pick up service or at the end of the day.

We already know the benefits of a cohesive Neighborhood.

We understand the value of our homes.

We appreciate our neighborhood and community.

We find comfort in coming home to Oakland Terrace.

We have worked hard to make sure our properties are up to City code.

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Time to make another change in Oakland Terrace Beginning with Our Historic Street Light Project.



Pictured below, the original Pergola at Kiest Memorial Garden in 1934.



Rebuilding The Pergola At Kiest Park Memorial Garden

In the 1930's the city built as part of the Kiest Park Memorial Garden (in the south end of the park) a beautiful garden with a pergola. The pergola was taken down in the 1960's and never restored. The pergola was built in the style of the other structures throughout the park with the large stones and wood.

President **Barbara Barbee** addressed the League on 2/9/2010 about the potential re-allocation of bond funds away from a previously funded restoration project at **Kiest Park Memorial Gardens**.

Former Council members Dr. Elba Garcia and Ed Oakley allocated \$250,000.00 to restore/rebuild the historic WPA pergola at Kiest Park (pictured). Restoration of the pergola would allow for the application process to begin to place Kiest Park Memorial Gardens on the **National Register of Historic Landmarks**. Historic designation of Kiest Park would be a great honor for the Oak Cliff community and an asset to local residents and property owners. Future federal dollars might also be available after such a designation. Visit OOCCL.org



Historic Street Lights In Oakland Terrace

Other neighborhoods and communities have successfully installed these historic lighting fixtures as part of their beautification projects. Oakland Terrace can do the same. Your funds will help to get these lights installed as part of our 5 year beautification Project for Oakland Terrace. Be a contributor!

OOCCL Wins Reprieve for Church! Property for Sale for Six Months

The Old Oak Cliff Conservation League reached a settlement in mediation with DISD on Friday February 12th. The terms of the settlement allow for OOCCL to broker Oak Cliff Christian Church with an agent throughout the summer. If the property does not have a contract pending by mid-August, DISD may demolish the building.



Now we move to the next step... a positive resolution for this building that places it back in service and leaves it standing for generations to come. These structures are assets; they are not liabilities. They make us unique and who we are.

Read the full story @:
The Old Oak Cliff
Conservation League
Website

Oakland Terrace Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Meeting
February 9, 2010

The meeting was brought to order by President David Klempin at 7:06 p.m.

Invocation: Rev. Charles Taylor opened the meeting with special prayers.

Crime Watch Report: Senior Corporal Gerald Dickens from the Dallas Police Department South Central Division passed out handouts. Corporal Dickens reporting area 4349 offenses occurred from:

December 8 – January 12, 2010 =7 Total Offenses

Burglary – 5 Theft – 1 Robbery – 1

From January 12 –February 9, 2010 =5 Total Offenses

Burglary – 2 (Burglary of Motor Vehicle) Theft – 2 Other – 1 (Inj/Eld)

Call the South Central Crime Tip Line at 214 671-4499, to report Drug Houses or major Crimes.

Calls are needed from the public to help with any suspicious activity.

Columbus York, OTNA's South Central Neighborhood Representative reported that the Tire Store on Polk Street does have a Building Permit. Since there is always litter on their property, they need to receive a citation.

Across the street also on Polk Street, East Gate Church no longer has any progress on building their new Church. It needs to be checked on.

Mr. York also reported that as of February 1, 2010, all occupied rental property has to be registered with the City of Dallas in order to keep information up-dated.

Mr. York also did a sweep in OTNA's neighborhood and there were over 100 signs picked-up around the neighborhood. Mr. York will try to get a Representative from the Sanitation Department to come and speak to our group.

Update on the February meeting of the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League attended by Ruby Green and Tina Arredondo. The Oak Cliff Christian Church build in 1916 lot is valued at \$35,000. DISD paid \$450,000 for the property. It will cost \$650,000 to tear down this building to make space for the new Adamson High School being built for \$48 million. Old Oak Cliff Conservation League is trying to stop the demolition in order to preserve this beautiful old building.

The Friends of Oak Cliff want the \$600,000 on the 2006 Bond Package to be used for the Pergola Restoration at Kiest Memorial Garden just as the citizens voted, but the City Council will vote on February 24, on whether to move the Pergola funding to be used for something else.

Keep donating to the Historic Street Light Project. Keep in mind that individual donations are tax deductible.

Congratulations to the Christmas Decorating Contest entry winners:

First Place – Mike & Tina Arredondo at 910 Golden Trophy Drive

(Mike and Tina donated their \$50.00 winning gift to the historic street light project)

Second Place – Charles & Carolyn Greer at 6821 Woodwick Drive

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Arredondo

Oakland Terrace Announcement Board

Neighborhood meeting

Save the Date

March 9, 2010

Second Tuesday

7:00 to 8:00 PM

Polk Wisdom Library Auditorium



Memberships

\$25.00 PER HOUSEHOLD

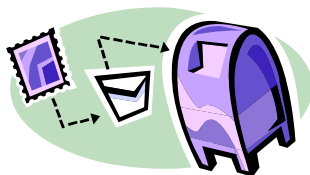
Give your support in 2010

**All Dues and Donations are
Tax Deductible and due by
January 30th**

Mail your check today

NEW P.O BOX NUMBER

Oakland Terrace Neighbor
P.O BOX 765196
Dallas, TX 75376-5196



**Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday
March 14, 2010**



**Oakland Terrace Neighborhood Association
2009-2010 Officers
And Volunteers**

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Block Captains

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	Jane Seibert	214/371-9867
Golden Trophy	Jackie Jones	214/375-1220
Highfall	Carol Greer	214/376-8543
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Member of the Dallas Homeowner League since 2001
Member Old Oak Cliff Conservation League since 2006