


Oakland Terrace
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**“All of us are stake holders in our community and in our "litter problem.”
It’s time for each of us to do our part!**

Litter accumulates in High Traffic and Everyday Locations such as fast food businesses and deli's, convenience stores, picnic grounds, park benches and other high pedestrian traffic areas. Every community has businesses selling consumable products that generate packaging waste. And, every community has benches in parks as well as seating at bus stops and picnic areas where people will eat their lunch from home or food, beverages or snacks just purchased. These spots need properly maintained ash/trash receptacles nearby that are easily identified. The receptacles need to be maintained and serviced regularly.

No matter where litter starts, it moves from streets and highways to parks and water ways. Wind and weather moves litter around a community, into the gutters, planted gardens, alleyways and parking areas. When illegal dumping occurs, days and sometimes weeks or months will pass before there is a cleanup. In the meantime, people, animals and wildlife are naturally attracted. Trash bags are opened and the trash is distributed on the ground. Once this happens, it is easily caught by the wind and becomes ... LITTER!

Littering is an individual behavioral problem or a business problem that can become a problem for your community. Changing a societal norm like littering begins with each of us. Each person must accept responsibility for their actions and influence the actions of others around them in their business, home, school and community. By modeling proper trash and waste disposal, you will cause others to consider their actions, too.

What Can YOU Do?

- ✓ Set an example for others by using receptacles and NOT littering.
- ✓ Carry a litterbag and portable ashtray in your car.
- ✓ Make sure your trash containers have lids that can be securely fastened.
- ✓ Secure loose trash and recyclables for curbside collections.
- ✓ Coordinate "adopt-a-spot" programs with local community organizations. (OTHA)
- ✓ Encourage smokers to be responsible for their cigarette litter.
- ✓ Be responsible for your pet and its actions. Always pick-up after your dog.



***Oakland Terrace
Volunteers***

Tina Arredondo, Jean Hensley, and Ruby Green are regular workers in the community. On this day they had just completed cleaning the entrance at Racine Drive. OTHA is in need of other volunteers

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"SPRING CLEANING"

The weekend of

April 28-30, 2006

Oakland Terrace Beautification Project

It's that time of year again when we want to see our neighborhood looking its best! Neighborhood clean-up days are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Homeowners are encouraged to spruce up their own property during this weekend.

Let's work Together to clean and beautify our homes, garages, Yards, and alleys!

Remember these basics

- Are weeds growing in the cracks of your sidewalks?
- Are your trees trimmed 15 feet above the sidewalks
- Is your roll cart being placed out and removed from the cube side on scheduled pickup dates
- Are you placing Bulk trash items out only on the first Monday of the month?
- Is there overgrowth and vegetation in the alley along your fence lines?
- Are you storing improper items outside your home, such as washing machines, TV's, refrigerators, etc.?
- Are you surveying your property and cube side for trash and debris

You haul it to the curbside the city will haul it to the dump!

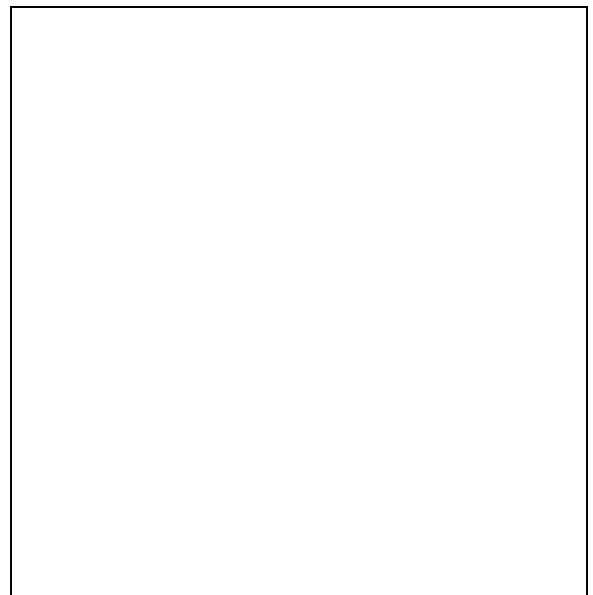
(City of Dallas Code Compliance and Sanitation Department)



Gardening Tips

- ❖ Plant shade-tolerant annuals: coleus, caladiums, wax begonias or summer/fall flowering perennials: mums, salvias, or hardy hibiscus.
- ❖ Remove low-hanging branches from shade trees to allow sunlight to reach grass beneath.
- ❖ Prune new growth of shrubs and trees to maintain good form.
- ❖ All lawn grasses should be fed this month. Fertilize turf with high-nitrogen (3-1-2 or 4-1-2 ratio) or all-nitrogen lawn food, Preferably not including weed killer.

Remember to keep your sidewalk, curbside and alley free of trash, debris, weeds, etc.



942 Highfall Drive

Oakland Terrace Homeowner Association

March 21, 2006

The meeting of Oakland Terrace Homeowner Association was called to order by President David Klempin at 7:15 p.m.

Invocation: Mr. Lawson Turner opened the meeting with special prayer.

Crime Watch Report: Police Officer C. Thomas from the Dallas Police Department for the Southwest Division filled in for Officer Kisner. He will provide the stats for our area at the next meeting. He suggested that we call in any suspicious activity, even if it's somebody walking down the alley late at night; especially if any criminal activity is observed.

Treasurer's Report: Statement Ending 2/21/06. Beginning Financial Balance was \$2,423.51. Deposits \$0.00. Withdrawals-\$60.42. Ending Account Balance \$2,363.09. Activity: February newsletter \$55.42, \$5.00 monthly service fee.

New Business: Mr. Cedric King contacted the City of Dallas Streets Department about the Speed Bump Project for Woodwick Drive and informed them that the funds are collected and we are ready to move forward with the project. He will try to get a firm date to get the project started at the cost of \$2,100.00 from Woodwick residents and contributor. Ms. Ruby Green reported in Mr. King's absence.

Focus areas for OTHA Progress in 2006:

*Litter Control – If you see any trash/litter around your home or area, be a good neighbor and pick it up. (Cleanliness of Our Neighborhood)

* Maintenance of Our Homes- Paint or make any necessary repairs, etc.

* Beautification – Plan to improve our main entrances. YOU can make a difference by volunteering. Every little bit helps!

* Outreach – The \$100.00 Annual gift to Polk Wisdom Library will be put on hold due to lack of funds.

* In the future, we need to show support for our local elementary school, T. G. Terry.

Adoption of Medians- Plan to plant 15' high mature trees. Just need to commit to having the holes dug and watered for two years.

Upcoming Activities: Nominations for New officers for the year 2006-2007.

Honorary award for 2006-Last year was Good Earth for median maintenance. (Perhaps a good group to give an award to as this year's recipient for outstanding work in revitalizing our parks would be Friends of Oak Cliff Parks.)

Garden of the Month –It was awarded to Guadalupe Ruiz / Eleazor Martinez at 942 Highfall Drive. Congratulations! All your hard work is paying off.

Old Business: “We have only two more meetings before our summer recess.”
Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Tina Arredondo, Secretary



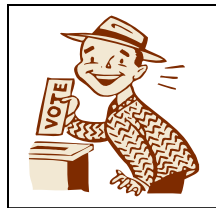
The City website has undergone a transformation with new Image and features, visit it at Dallascityhall.com



March 10 - April 17, 2006, 9am to 5pm daily

Dallas Blooms is a celebration of spring at the Dallas Arboretum, which is arguably one of top five floral display gardens in North America.

Your vote counts. Election of OTHA officers is this month



Grand Opening of the Dallas Executive Airport



April 27th

Bulk Trash Collection is the First Monday of each month!

Don't Forget To Recycle Each Friday

Place your blue recycle bags next to your roll cart. Free recycle bags can be picked up at your Dallas Public Library or Recreational Center.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Oakland Terrace Homeowner Association Meeting:

**Tuesday April 18, 2006
@ 7:00pm**

Polk-Wisdom Library Auditorium



Member of the Dallas Homeowner League since 2001