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Neighborhood Associations

Building Better Communities!



"Homeowner's across America are creating groups to preserve and improve the streets where they live". This should encourage us to continue working in our neighborhood. While some groups spend a lot of time protecting the historic nature of a community, most neighborhood groups are simply concerned with bringing people closer, either to unite and help in a common cause or to enjoy each other's company. Whichever the cause "It creates a true sense of community for those involved." With out question our Neighborhood Associations focus exist to give the residents a chance to take part in civic and social affairs. When neighbors talk and know who is living next door, there is a certain peace and protection. They know they are watching out for each other. That kind of closeness in a community builds a level of trust among residents. And studies have shown that when neighbors trust each other, they tend to be happier within the community. Neighborhood Associations add value to the neighborhood. They can make it healthier, safer, more beautiful, and green. People can learn to share resources and build a more cohesive community. Neighborhood groups are making a difference in the lives of the peoples within their communities. All across America we find Associations that have become powerful organizations helping to lobby for change to preserve and improve the conditions of the streets where they live.

Maintaining a Successful Organization

The success and survival of every neighborhood organization depends on Community involvement and dedicated leadership. One of the most critical issues facing any neighborhood organization, whether it is voluntary or mandatory property owners associations is how to maintain a strong committed leadership. It took a research project in the 1970's to discover just how successful neighborhood associations managed to sustain member involvement and support. At the end of the one study eight of the seventeen groups participating in the study had survived. The research revealed these points:

- The active associations sought energy and resources from outside organizations, such as church, public agencies, government departments and others. The leaders established networks and participated in other organizations where they could gain information, support and ideas to bring back to their community.
- Active associations operated within formal structures. They had bylaws that guided their organizations, and their members participated in decision-making and goal setting.
- Leaders of the successful organizations provided more opportunities for members to participate in the activities of the organization. By seeking out volunteers and delegating task, they obtained commitment to the organization. And at the same time, the members gained the good feeling that comes from making a positive contribution.
- The successful accomplish their goals.

Simply stated, it takes organization to keep and organization going. OTHA and members both share the responsibility for maintaining our NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. Good leaders truly hold the key to survival. If they call on outside resources, establish effective operating structures and produce activities that involve the membership, then there will be little chance for apathy to set in.



What's Up?

Dallas Code Compliance

Ignoring Code Compliance in the city of Dallas will cost you Money!

- ✓ Water restrictions are in place from June - September
- ✓ More than 2 garage sales in a 12 month period
- ✓ Posting signs on utility poles and trees in the city's right of way
- ✓ Peeling paint, leaking roofs and plumbing problems
- ✓ Trees and shrubbery that obstruct a city walk or alley
- ✓ Junk motor vehicles (cars parked on grass or on the streets for more than a 24 hour period)
- ✓ Illegal storage
- ✓ Animals not confined, barking dogs
- ✓ Hazardous fences
- ✓ Bulky trash out too early or late
- ✓ Trash and debris
- ✓ High weeds

Neighborhood Speed Hump is well underway!

Woodwick Drive will move forward with having speed Bumps Installed



After two years of planning and fundraising enough donations have come in to complete the Woodwick drive speed bump project Residents of Woodwick Drive hope to benefit in reduced traffic and cleaner, safer streets.

FRIENDS OF OAK CLIFF PARKS ANNOUNCE PROJECTS FOR 2006

The Friends of Oak Cliff Parks wish to announce four projects that are currently in progress for the year 2006 in the historic Oak Cliff Parks of their mandate.

1. Lighting of the Pergola and Lions' Club Monument at Oak Cliff Founders' Park is being installed this week.
2. The permanent installation of 2 benches at Founders' Park Monument Plaza to enable the public to enjoy the view over the Dallas Skyline or to rest after a walk or jog in the park.
3. The restoration of the topiary trees in Kiest Memorial Gardens is now in the planning stages to prepare for planting in March, 2006.
4. Preparation of a Butterfly Garden for Kidd Springs Park is in progress at this time. This garden is being placed in the meadow near the Canty Street side of the park in a sunny location as a joint effort of the Kidd Spring Neighborhood

OTHA "2006" Memberships

"Hello Good Neighbor" Become a member of the Oakland Terrace Homeowner Association. A \$25.00 per household membership is a small investment toward improvements for our neighborhood. New members receive a one time "Welcome Packet". All members become eligible for the "Garden of the Month Award."

Here's how you can contact us:



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Anyone interested in learning more about the Friends of Oak cliff Parks or to volunteer please consult our web site at;

www.friendsofoakcliffparks.org.

Oakland Terrace Homeowner Association

January 17, 2006

The meeting of Oakland Terrace Homeowner Association was called to order by Vice-President Rev. Charles Taylor at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: Rev. Charles Taylor opened the meeting with prayer.

Crime Watch Report: Police Officer Charles Jones from the Southwest Division was in attendance and said that a representative from his department would attend future meetings and bring crime reports.

Treasurer's Report: Statement Ending 12/20/05. Beginning Financial Balance was 2,269.57. Deposits \$313.04, withdrawals -\$397.32. Ending Account Balance \$2,185.29. Expenditures for this period were: Website -\$375.00, Newsletter - \$17.32 and Bank Service Fee: -\$5.00.

New Business: An invitation was extended to all OTHA members to attend the quarterly Crime Watch meeting at the Southwest Precinct Office on West Illinois to be held on January 24th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Police Chief Kunkle and Chief Goldbeck will both be present to inform residents on their crime fighting plans.

A special thank you was given to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Brown for the wonderful job they did during the Christmas Party. Thank you both once again.

Mr. Lawson Turner and Mr. Isaac Brown volunteered to help Mike Arredondo take down the sign-topper Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 21, 2006.

Old Business: Mr. Cedric King gave an up-date report on the shortfall in collections for the Woodwick Drive speed bump project. After a lengthy discussion, the remaining balance was donated by several generous OTHA members at January's meeting. Mr. King will now be able to proceed with the payment and completion of this project.

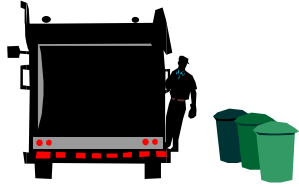
Garden of the month was awarded to David Klempin at 941 Golden Trophy Drive for winning First Place in the Christmas Decorating Contest. His lawn is immaculately maintained and the newly planted pansies are most colorful. Congratulations!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

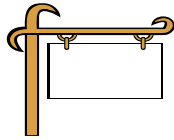
Tina Arredondo, Secretary



Bulk Trash Collection is the First Monday of each month!



Look for the Bulk Trash signs at the entrances as a reminder



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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Oakland Terrace Homeowner Association Meeting:

Tuesday February 21, 2006

@ 7:00pm

Polk-Wisdom Library Auditorium

Volunteer in 2006!

CODE CORNER

Illegal items can not be stored in the yards, or on the porches and patios.



Allowing trash and debris to accumulate on and around your property is a code violation



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