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Resident of Oak Hollow Park

FIRST RESPONDER DINNER A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all that either came out to help deliver or prepared food for the First Responder Lunch which occurred on 13 February. The fire fighters at San Antonio Fire Department Station #14 and police officers at our North Area Police Jones-Maltsberger Substation sure did appreciate your efforts!

Special thanks to: Sally Gonzalez who stepped up to lead the dinner this year, and all these folks that helped her out: the Lukefahrs,



Van Kirks, Ramirez, Kotlarzes, Guzmans, Lindons, Evans, Scalfs, Mendezes, Langhoffs, Earls, Duncans, Robbins, Floreses, Allens, Wests, Morreys, Ingrams, Montalvos, Buchhorns, Roundtrees, Collins, Lozanos, Finnelys and Sankeys (please forgive me for anyone I may have left out!)

—Kevin Jernigan

READINESS: A NEIGHBORHOOD APPROACH (CONTINUED)

A: This will not be end-of-the-world/societal collapse/"the coming civil war" prepping. The broad goals of an OHP readiness group will be:

- household preparedness for interruptions of essential Services,
- immediate, trained response to neighborhood-level incidents that could result in multiple injuries,
- neighbor-to-neighbor outreach - the traditional definition of "community,"
- and an ancillary initiative that focuses on our seniors, many of whom live alone

Q: "Is the OHPNA going to run this?"

A: While I am asking fellow board members to support neighborhood-wide readiness, communicate its importance to their neighbors, and consider training and serving as team members, "the Board" will not assume or exercise team oversight, direction or leadership. Board members who choose to train and serve will do so alongside other interested OHP residents. Ideally a readiness team will consist of Association members and non-members, training and working together side-by-side for a common good. So, no, the OHPNA will not run the team.

I anticipate hosting the first meeting the week following Spring Break. Interested OHP residents can contact me at: ohpna.2VP@gmail.com

-- Morgan Montalvo

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Bexar County Animal Control: 210-335-9000

Bexar County Public Works: 210-335-6700

CPS Energy: 210-353-2222

CPS Electric/Gas Emergency: 210-353-4357

SAWS: 210-704-7297



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Women's History Month

- Mar 1—Mardi Gras
- Mar 2—Ash Wednesday
- Mar 7—11 NEISD Spring Break
- Mar 12—Girl Scouts Day
- Mar 14—Bulk Pickup
- Mar 14—COPS Class
- Mar 14—National Pi Day
- Mar 17—St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19—Perimeter Cleanup
- Mar 20—First Day of Spring
- Mar 23—National Puppy Day



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OAK HOLLOW PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DISCUSSED MARCH 7th MEETING:

- Meet and Greet and Q&A session with our new SAFFE Officer Kretzer
- Les Earls led a discussion on disputing your property taxes

UP FOR DISCUSSION NEXT TIME:

- Morgan Montalvo will do a disaster preparedness presentation
- Vote on Website
- Vote on Annual Budget
- Discussion on By-Law Re-write
- Way-Ahead on Directory

NEXT MEETING will be April 4th, 7 P.M. at Taco Cabana (Thousand Oaks next to HEB). Or you can always watch us on Facebook Live!

-- Kevin, Robert, Morgan, Sally, Magda, Jason, Les, Alan, Virginia, Joel, Lisa and Roy (Your OHPNA)

GET INVOLVED IN OUR PROUD, PEACEFUL NEIGHBORHOOD!

CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- Welcome Committee
- Street Representatives
- First Responder's Dinner
- Fiesta Mixer
- 4th of July Party
- Garage Sale
- National Night Out
- Christmas Caroling
- Christmas Decoration Judges

THE OAK HOLLOW PARK PEBBLES



Oak Hollow Park NEIGHBORS OF THE MONTH

KENNETH & ELISE ALLEN

Kenneth and Elise are original owners who have been residents of Oak Hollow Park since 1984. As a special feature this month, Elise has written us a story of Oak Hollow Park in days gone by. Thank you Elise for these touching memories!

"MEMORIES OF LIVING IN OAK HOLLOW PARK" BY ELISE ALLEN

My family moved into Oak Hollow Park when it was called Pebble Forest Neighborhood in May of 1984. We are the original owners of our house. The subdivision wasn't complete when we moved in. My husband and I have two daughters who were ages 6 and 3 when we made this our home. Over the 37 years we have been

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MEET OUR NEW SAFFE OFFICER, SONNY KRETZER

Hopefully everyone was able to meet Officer Sonny Kretzer either in person at our last board meeting (or virtually via Facebook Live). Officer Kretzer is replacing our former SAFFE Officer Jack Bass, and started in January of this year. For those unfamiliar, SAFFE stands for San Antonio Fear Free Environment, a police unit whose officers are assigned to specific areas or neighborhoods within the city, and work closely with both residents and the district patrol officers.



No newcomer to the neighborhood, Officer Kretzer was assigned to our substation on Jones-Maltsberger for many years prior to assuming his current position. A military veteran, father of two, and with 10+ years on the SAPD, we're happy to have him looking after Oak Hollow Park.

-- Kevin Jernigan

IS YOUR INFORMATION CORRECT?

If you haven't and would like your information to appear in the 2021 Resident's Directory, please fill out the Directory Information Form in last month's Pebbles and mail to OHPNA, PO Box 700474, San Antonio TX 78232. This form is also available electronically on the OHP Facebook page. Please fill it out and email it to OHPNAsecretary@gmail.com

-- Sally Gonzalez

OHPNA SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

If you would like to apply for an OHP Scholarship please email OHPNA.2VP@gmail.com by March 31st!

-- Morgan Montalvo

IF YOU MISSED IT

The Property Tax Protest presentation was recorded into a video. Watch the replay now. Use your cell phone or your computer.

The link is <https://lesearls.com/protest/>

OHPNA TREASURER'S REPORT (for Feb 22)

OPERATING FUNDS ACCOUNT

BALANCE FORWARD: \$9,237.90

INCOME:

Memberships paid (x1 @ \$40) \$40.00

First Responder Donations (x2 @ \$50) \$100.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS: \$140.00

EXPENSES:

Perimeter Maintenance \$275.00

First Responder's Dinner \$265.41

Feb/Mar Pebbles printing \$292.28

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$832.69

BALANCE FORWARD: \$8,545.21

OHPNA SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

BALANCE FORWARD: \$5,050.00

OHPNA CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

BALANCE FORWARD: \$6,693.83

Interest Paid Thru Feb 28, 2022 \$0.05

BALANCE FORWARD: \$6,693.88

OAK HOLLOW PARK BUDGET: \$20,289.09

-- Magda Earls

FOLLOW US ON



"Oak Hollow Park Families"

Publications Title: Pebbles

Issue Date: 7 Mar 22

Issue Number: 22-3

Organization: Oak Hollow Park Neighborhood Association

READINESS:

A NEIGHBORHOOD APPROACH

It's the question that arises every time heavy weather or other conditions threaten to interrupt essential municipal services: "Do we have everything we need?"

Readiness is a simple but often overlooked household responsibility. A few extra dollars wisely spent and notes on a calendar can prevent an inconvenient extended utility outage - the most common "emergency" in the U.S. - from turning into a personal/family disaster.

There's no one-size-fits-all approach to emergency planning and preparation, but there are elements common to most household scenarios. The American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and local governments all offer advice, ideas and resources for effective, tailored and affordable individual and family readiness.

There are times, however, when readiness involves relationships and reliance: knowing and trusting our neighbors, and cooperatively planning for the next natural or man-made emergency.

For several years I've been promoting the idea of a neighborhood-wide readiness team, and as a disaster planner I'm currently working with multiple agencies to develop new readiness models that incorporate lessons from the COVID pandemic.

Starting in March I'll host a series of meetings to gauge interest in establishing an Oak Hollow Park readiness group or team. **ALL OHP residents - Association members and non-members - are invited to attend.** Given sufficient interest in a readiness group, training & activities could begin as early as April/May.

The most effective readiness strategies rely upon a timely local response based upon preparedness and resilience. Training as little as 8-10 percent of OHP households to a common readiness standard would pay major dividends should a major incident strike, interrupt services and overwhelm our municipal response agencies.

Now to address a couple of questions that people have asked me:

Q: "What kind of preparedness are you talking about?"

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"MEMORIES OF LIVING IN OAK HOLLOW PARK" BY ELISE ALLEN (CONTINUED)

here, all of our original neighbors have moved on.

We live at the top of Pebble Peak and when we moved in, the subdivision (Palladium Villas) which is now behind us, was not here and there was no fence, so our daughters and the neighbor kids played in the woods and even built a treehouse behind us where they would play and fight occasionally over who built it! We watched deer roam in the back of our house, not in our front yards the way they do today. Two weeks after we moved in, I stepped on a piece of barbed wire in our undeveloped backyard and had to get tetanus shots.

There were no fences around the entire neighborhood to begin with. Many of the homeowners whose houses backed up to 1000 Oaks or Jones-Maltsberger had their own privacy fences installed. I don't remember how many years ago, but the homeowner's association priced out the masonry walls we have now and those same homeowners were asked to pay for the fence. All of us in the neighborhood were asked to chip in and help and many did.

The surrounding neighborhood was different then, too, of course. HEB was in the strip center where Thrift Town now is. The other part of the strip mall and houses around had not been built yet. After the new HEB was built, a terrified, lost deer walked in and had to be herded out. Restaurants and other businesses were few and far between. Loop 1604 was not the bustling highway it is now.

One of my special memories of those early days was the record setting snow on January 15, 1985. Over 13 inches of snow fell and it was then and now known as "The Big Snow." As we were outside playing with our daughters in the snow, one of my husband's friends who had been in the Marines and who lived in the subdivision across 1000 Oaks from us, came jogging up the street. It was fun to throw snowballs at each other!

Another event that happened on just Forest Spur (our house looks like it's on Forest Spur) was that a couple in the center of the street would host get togethers for the neighbors on Forest Spur. We would all bring food and it was a fun time.

On the fourth of July, we used to have a bicycle parade for the kids. Anyone in the neighborhood could participate. Some kids and grownups would dress in costumes of the Statue of Liberty and Uncle Sam.

Pebble Bow was always a showcase at Christmas. First, everyone who lived there got plastic, gallon milk containers, cut the tops off, put sand in the bottom of them, and then put candles inside on the sand. Every night all the residents would light those candles, and it was beautiful to walk down or ride down and see the glittering lights. After a few years, the milk cartons gave way to white paper bags that still had to be filled with sand and the candles lit every night. Of course, this caused a fire or two of the paper bags, plus if it rained, the bags were hard to redo and the milk containers had to be totally redone. Lots of work but it was a lovely sight!

Finally, one of the things my husband and I especially love about Oak Hollow Park is that it is such an easy, pretty, and safe place to walk. Over the years, I'm sure we've walked around the perimeter of the subdivision, hundreds if not thousands of times. Since we are enclosed subdivision, there is not a lot of traffic speeding through, other walkers and joggers are so friendly and houses and landscapes are just lovely. Oak Hollow Park has been and will continue to be a special place to live.