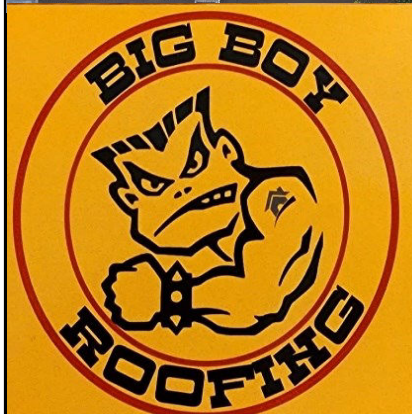


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OHPNA TREASURER'S REPORT (for Apr 24)

OPERATING FUNDS ACCOUNT

BALANCE FORWARD: \$7,827.75

INCOME:

Membership Dues (1@ \$40) +\$40.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS: +\$40.00

EXPENSES:

Perimeter Maintenance -\$325.00

Clean out flower beds -\$100.00

OHP Website -\$27.70

TOTAL EXPENSES: -\$452.70

BALANCE FORWARD: \$7,415.05

OHPNA SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

BALANCE FORWARD: \$4,315.85

Interest Paid +\$0.04

BALANCE FORWARD: \$4,315.89

OAK HOLLOW PARK BUDGET: \$11,730.94

- Chase Bank statements for all OHPNA accounts are on file with the Treasurer for inspection.

-- Kevin Jernigan

Publications Title: Pebbles

Issue Date: 6 May 24

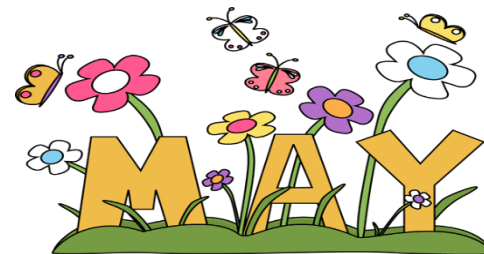
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**THE OAK
HOLLOW
PARK
PEBBLES**

Volume 24 Issue 5, May 2024



- May 2 - National Day of Prayer
- May 4 - Star Wars Day
- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo
- May 6 - National Nurse's Day
- May 12 - Mother's Day
- May 17 - Frites & Fries Food Truck
- May 18 - Armed Forces Day
- May 20-24 - Early Voting
- May 27 - Memorial Day
- May 28 - Primary Runoff Election
- May 30 - B. Daddy's Food Truck
- Jun 13 - Papa's Tacos Food Truck
- Jun 27 - David Andrews BBQ Company Food Truck



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**OAK HOLLOW PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

DISCUSSED LAST MEETING:

- President Kevin Jernigan presented the 2024 OHPNA Scholarship to Maddie Turner, with her parents Tom and Nicki in attendance. Pictures were taken by First Vice President Roy Valdez and shared on Facebook. Our other winner was Niekos Robbins, who could not attend due to a school function. Niekos was presented his award the day after. Congratulations to you both, and thanks to Secretary Suzanne Baumgartel for overseeing the scholarship program this year.

- We started our initial planning for 2024's Neighbors Together (aka National Night Out). Second Vice President Alan Langhoff will serve as this year's POC with Kevin assisting. This year's event will take place Tuesday, 1 October at the corner of Pebble Peak and Forest Spur.

- Kevin discussed membership numbers. We are currently at 156.

- The board voted on US flags for front yards to commemorate Memorial Day and Independence Day for OHPNA members (similar to what we did in summer 2022). The approximate cost of these flags is \$150. Flags will be distributed the

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**Oak Hollow Park
NEIGHBORS OF THE
MONTH**

**NIKOS ROBBINS &
MADDIE TURNER**

Congratulations to Niekos Robbins and Maddie Turner! They are this year's recipients of the OHPNA Scholarship! Niekos will be attending Texas A&M to study business and Maddie will be headed to University of Alabama at Huntsville to study astro-physics! Both had great essays on the merits of volunteerism in their communities (which I've enclosed in the interior).

As you may or may not know, we can only give out the scholarship each year with the contributions of neighbors like you! When you join the OHPNA later this year for 2025, please consider also donating to the OHPNA Scholarship fund!

—Kevin Jernigan

OHPNA MEETING MINUTES

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weekend of 18-19 May.

- Kevin also discussed a possible discount at Rainbow Gardens for OHPNA Membership Card holders. Kevin will discuss with owner Ronnie Grell in August for a possible new benefit for FY 2025 members.

- Director-at-Large Carlos Bennett has food trucks lined up for the coming months (dates on Page 1 and more info on our Facebook page). Treasurer Kristin Morrey will be putting a calendar on Facebook with food truck dates, plus other major events.

- The board also discussed possible money saving options: electronic vs. paper directories, etc. We will put polls on our Facebook page to ensure we take in all input from members before making a decision.

- Want to know more about your neighborhood? Meeting minutes, as well as a PDF version of the Pebbles, are always available at www.oakhollowpark.org. Click on Resources and then 2024 Archived Files.

UP FOR DISCUSSION NEXT TIME:

Street Reps, Welcome Committee, Food Trucks, & more!

OUR NEXT MEETING will be on Monday, June 3rd, 7 P.M. at our neighborhood Pizza Hut (right outside the Jones-Maltsberger entrance). Or you can always watch on Facebook Live!

— Kevin, Roy,
Alan, Suzanne,
Kristin,
Carlos, Morgan
and Kathy (Your
OHPNA)



A Commitment to Ethical Community Service

By Niekolas Robbins

When I first dipped my toes into the pool of community service, my motivations were shallow and lacking in genuine empathy. I went through the motions without feeling a real connection to the individuals I was supposed to be helping. It was more about ticking a box than making a meaningful difference. However, my perspective underwent a profound shift when I began volunteering consistently with the same organizations. Through this sustained engagement, I discovered the true essence and beauty of service. It wasn't just about fulfilling obligations; it was about making a real impact and forming genuine connections. I had the opportunity to witness firsthand the positive outcomes of my efforts, from helping struggling families rebuild their lives to simply lending an ear to those in need. These experiences fueled my passion for service and inspired me to continue giving back to my community. As I continued my journey in community service, I encountered various challenges that tested my resolve and deepened my understanding of the importance of perseverance. Whether it was overcoming logistical hurdles to ensure aid reached those in need or navigating cultural differences to establish trust within diverse communities, each obstacle served as a lesson in resilience and adaptability. These experiences not only reinforced my commitment to service but also highlighted the significance of empathy and open-mindedness in fostering meaningful connections. One of the most crucial values in ethical community service is transparency. Transparent practices ensure that individuals are serving for the right reasons and hold them accountable for their actions. When the outcomes of our work are clear and visible, it strengthens our connection to the community and reinforces our commitment to serving with integrity. Furthermore, with clear goals, those being helped can also entrust that volunteers are putting their best foot forward in terms of the quality and energy they put into their service. At its core, service should be driven by a genuine desire to help others, devoid of any expectation of personal gain or recognition. It's about selflessly giving to others, rather than seeking validation or rewards. When service becomes incentivized for the wrong reasons, it loses its authenticity and becomes a mere transaction. Incentives such as awards, accolades, or resume padding can distort the true purpose of service, leading individuals to prioritize their own interests over the needs of the community. Furthermore, when service is driven by personal gain, it can create a competitive atmosphere that undermines collaboration and solidarity within the volunteer community. Genuine altruism, on the other hand, fosters empathy, compassion, and a sense of shared purpose, laying the foundation for meaningful and sustainable change. In conclusion, my journey through community service has taught me invaluable lessons about empathy, integrity, and the true meaning of giving back. What began as a superficial obligation has evolved into a deeply fulfilling commitment fueled by a sincere desire to make a difference. Through transparency and dedication, I have come to understand the profound impact that service can have on both individuals and communities, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it.



The Importance of Youth in Volunteering and Public Service

By Madison Turner

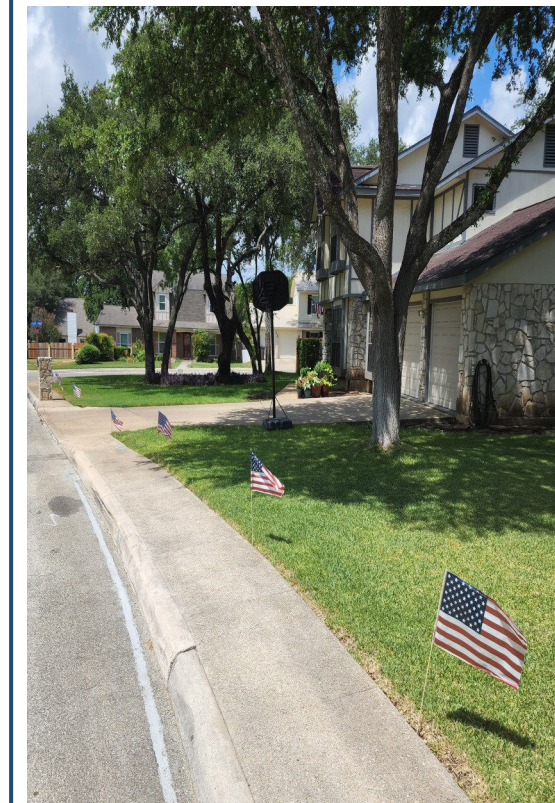
"Do some selfless service for the people who are in need. Consider the whole picture, not just our little selves." Throughout my educational experience, Nina Hagen's quote on selfless service and volunteering has never been more prominent as I reflect on my experiences in high school. Volunteering for my community has arguably been the most influential experience I have had in my young adult life. Through my time in the National Honor Society, JROTC, and MacArthur Debate, I have been able to volunteer for over 200 hours in my high school career. Through this experience, I have also seen the impact of volunteering on my peers. Volunteering is imperative for young people to be involved in because of the personal impact and the impact on those around them. Young people need to volunteer to understand the different backgrounds of their peers and that of whom they are serving, and to improve their confidence. First, volunteering is important for young people to be involved in understanding the different backgrounds of their peers and those that they serve. As our nation grows more divided, we must take steps to unify with those around us. One of the most affluent experiences I have had through volunteering was serving homeless veterans Thanksgiving dinner. Entering into this experience, I had heard many misconceptions about the local homeless population. By meeting those I was assisting, I learned about their stories and their deep care for their families and community. This experience taught me that while others do not come from the same economic status, they hold the same values that I, and many of my peers, hold. After volunteering for this event, I became a vigorous advocate for volunteering within the MacArthur JROTC Battalion. I promote volunteering and embracing the diverse viewpoints of my peers. Volunteering enables young people to engage with diverse cultures, backgrounds, and political beliefs, fostering a shared commitment to community service. When young people volunteer, they create an environment to reach out to others and encourage unity with their peers, regardless of politics, economic status, or cultural differences. Second, when young people volunteer, it encourages them to improve their confidence. My experience in JROTC has taught me that to volunteer, you must have confidence in yourself and your community to improve it. When we push young people to volunteer, it fosters the spirit of change and innovation within. This spirit boosts their confidence, resulting in more articulate young adults and well-equipped youth to navigate their environment. It also fosters the belief that change is attainable through volunteering and taking action. Service is key to our nation. Action through volunteering showcases that we, as a community and as a nation, can unify to help those around us. Young people volunteering is the frontline of change within our community. Not only does volunteering help young people to understand the different backgrounds of their peers and that of whom they are serving, and to improve their confidence, it shows them the value of giving back to their community. Reflecting on the quote from Nina Hagen, when we take in the whole picture, we allow ourselves and our community to unify and change for the better.



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FLAGS COMING SOON!

We appreciate our OHPNA members, so as a thank you to YOU, and your continued support, soon you'll be receiving American flags in your front yard to commemorate our Memorial Day and Independence Day holidays. These flags are yours to keep so you can show your patriotism whenever you like!



— Kevin Jernigan