

THE OAK HOLLOW PARK PEBBLES



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- Mar 4: Fat Tuesday
- Mar 9: Daylight Savings
- Mar 10-14: NEISD Spring Break
- Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20: 1st Day of Spring

OHPNA E-MAIL ADDRESS

Have a question, comment or concern? E-mail ohpna.questions@gmail.com to get into direct contact with the OHPNA Board.



MEETING MINUTES

The neighborhood association picked up 7 new members which brings our total to 119. We are still down from last year so please consider joining.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. We received close to 90 responses! A summary of the responses is included on page 2.

It is neighborhood scholarship application time. Information on how to apply is listed on page 3. Please be aware that your family's history of membership in the neighborhood association does matter.

The Board is considering a bit of an update or "rebrand" and we are collecting creative ideas for a new neighborhood logo. We're looking for creative individuals (adults, teens and kids) to submit a proposed design. Stay tuned for more information.

The Board did some research and learned the process to get speed bumps installed in the neighborhood. Please refer to the survey results section on Page 2 for more information.

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FIRST RESPONDERS' DINNER

Thank you to all of our wonderful neighbors who donated food and money to the First Responders' Dinner. The event was a huge success! Both the Fire and Police Departments were very grateful for all of the food we dropped off. Attendees also got a chance to learn more about some of the fire truck equipment.



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OHPNA NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY RESULTS

OHPNA SCHOLARSHIP

MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D FROM PG 1)

The Board was very pleased with the number of surveys that were turned in. Thank you for taking the time to fill them out. Here are some of the results and findings gathered.

Pebbles:
The majority of the neighborhood does not want a printed copy of the monthly Pebbles, therefore we will not be printing out a copy for every home.

If you would like a copy **emailed** to you, please send the Board an email with your name, address and email address to ohpna.questions@gmail.com.

If you would like a **printed** copy and do not currently receive one, please email us or send us a message on Facebook. You must be a paid neighborhood association member to receive a printed copy.

An **electronic** copy of the Pebbles will continue to be posted on both the website (www.oakhollowpark.org) and Facebook (Oak Hollow Park Families).

Street Lights:
Adding street lights throughout the neighborhood has been addressed a couple of times over the last several years. The procedure for this includes the city identifying areas that need additional lighting. The house where the light would be placed and the adjacent houses all receive a letter from the city asking for approval. If even one neighbor says "no", the city will not install a light. All of this is done anonymously to the Board. To date, a group of neighbors have not come to an agreement to receive a street light anywhere in the neighborhood.

Website:
The question was raised on whether or not the website is used enough to warrant paying for it monthly. This is a great question. Thank you for helping us consider where we can cut costs. We looked at the analytics of the website and it is being used a significant number of times a month. In addition, there is also a city rule that all neighborhood associations must have a website.

Speed bumps:
This topic has been brought up in the past few years. In order to get speed bumps added to any street in the neighborhood, 51% of the homeowners on that street have to agree to the installation. The city has provided the Board with an official paper to gather signatures. If you would like a speed bump on your street, email the Board requesting a copy of the official paper. Once you receive the number of necessary signatures, the Board will submit the paperwork to the city. Please note that street parking might be removed where the speed bumps are installed.

Yard maintenance:
Although the Board does not have the authority to enforce yard maintenance, we know that this is very important to many neighbors. Maintaining a clean yard is not only aesthetically pleasing to the eye, but it also increases property value and deters rodents. Thank you to the neighbors that have already begun cleaning up their yards for the Spring season. We encourage more to follow suit. If you need assistance in yard maintenance, please email the Board at ohpna.questions@gmail.com and we will get you in contact with fellow neighbors who might be able to help.

Perimeter maintenance:
The survey showed that this is clearly a high value to the majority of neighbors. The Board is re-evaluating our current contract and will look into sprucing up the entrances for Spring. Please contact the Board via email or Facebook if you are interested in helping with the entrances. Stay tuned for more information.

Activities:
The #1 requested activity was a block party. If you decided to hold a block party, let us know and we will be happy to help promote your event.

Other activities mentioned were Bunco, a walking group and an Easter event. If you are interested in starting a group, please post on Facebook and the Board will help facilitate the event. Stay tuned for more information.

Apply now for the Oak Hollow Park Scholarship!

Criteria:
-The applicant must be a high school senior graduating in 2025 (or adult seeking their first certificate or degree) and planning to attend college, professional school or trade school.

-Parents or guardians must be members of the OHP Neighborhood Association in 2024-2025, as well as having a history of membership; adults must have a history of membership and be OHP Neighborhood Association members in 2024-2025.

-Applicant must submit a completed application.

-Applicant must have two reference letters.

-Applicant must write a 500-700 word essay on the importance of volunteering.

-Applicant must have a GPA no lower than 3.0.

-Applicant must have participated as a volunteer in community, church or civic activities. This also include OHPNA service opportunities.

-Applicant should include a copy of their acceptance institution.

-If you are planning on taking a gap year, you can still apply for this year's scholarship.

-Winners will be announced at the May OHPNA Board Meeting.

-The selection committee is composed of three teachers from nearby schools that do not serve OHP students and a current OHPNA board member who will serve as a non-voting OHP Scholarship coordinator.

As always, numbers and amounts awarded are determined by donations to the scholarship fund. If you have any questions or would like to request an application, please contact me at 210-885-9472.

The deadline for the May 2025 award is March 31st.

-Suzanne Baumgartel

The Board has been looking into the possibility of an outing to a Spurs Game. Carlos is looking into the possibility of getting discounted tickets.

Food truck season is coming and Carlos is working on scheduling some for the summer. The month of May will likely be the first time we can get one on the calendar.

Sprucing up the neighborhood entrances was discussed. If you are willing to help with the flower beds, have plants that need splitting or extra mulch from your Spring yard updates, let us know!

Fall Creek subdivision reached out to ask when we are having our neighborhood garage sale because they would like to piggyback the same weekend in the hopes of bringing more traffic to both sales. Our sale is scheduled for September 27th.

The next OHNPA Board meeting will be held on April 7th, 6:30pm at Bush's Chicken.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OHPNA TREASURER'S REPORT (for Feb 28)	
OPERATING FUNDS ACCOUNT	
<u>BEGINNING BALANCE:</u>	\$6225.44
<u>INCOME:</u>	
Memberships (7 x \$40)	\$280.00
Memberships not accounted for in January (9 x 40)	360.00
Donation for First Responders Dinner	45.00
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS:</u>	<u>\$685.00</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Perimeter Maintenance	-\$325.00
OHP Website (Monthly) not billed	\$00.00
First Responders Dinner – Kathy Nickeson	\$151.85
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES:</u>	<u>\$476.85</u>
<u>ENDING BALANCE:</u>	<u>\$6,433.59</u>
SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT	
<u>BEGINNING BALANCE:</u>	\$3,441.12
Scholarship Donations	30.00
Interest Earned	\$0.00
<u>ENDING BALANCE:</u>	<u>\$3,471.12</u>
<u>TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:</u>	<u>\$9,904.71</u>
- Chase Bank statements for all OHPNA accounts are on file with the Treasurer for inspection.	

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KIDS' KORNER!

Joke of the day:
Why did the toddler toss the butter out the window?

Answer:
So she could see a butter-fly!