

The OAK LOG

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FROM OAK FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION



ALL VOLUNTEER!

OAK FOREST IS DEED RESTRICTED

OAK FOREST'S BEAUTIFUL HOME WINNER FOR FALL 2007

Because Oak Forest has long since surpassed its fiftieth birthday, many of its homes are in need of restoration. Enhancing the aesthetics of neighborhood homes and yards enhances the value of our neighborhood in addition to setting an inspiring example to the surrounding community.

In an effort to encourage the preservation of our historical community, the Oak Forest Homeowners Association awards the honor of "Beautiful Home" to owners who have done an outstanding job of beautifying their home.

We've selected the home at 1232 Thornton as this quarter's "Beautiful Home."

For future awards, we invite the community to submit your nomination for Beautiful Home. Send your nominations to andrea@ofha.org or call the hotline at 713-688-6342.

VIEW THIS MONTH'S BEAUTIFUL HOME ONLINE
www.ofha.org/beautifulhome

SIGN UP FOR

OAKIE ALERT!

We've had great success with residents sharing information using the forum at www.ofha.org and in an effort to continue improving, we are adding a new feature to the website.

Please go to www.ofha.org and add yourself to the email alert list. Be the first on your block to know what's going on in the neighborhood.

Oak Forest Homeowners Association will not share your email with outsiders and promises not to clutter your inbox with frivolous information. We believe this will be an invaluable tool to make communication faster and easier.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Oak Forest Homeowners Association meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Candlelight Community Center located at 1520 Candlelight Boulevard at 7 p.m.

Dates of upcoming meetings are:

- **Monday, November 12th** - *Nominations for the 2008 Board of Directors*
 The current board is term-limited and we need opinionated volunteers to commit a few hours each quarter.
- **Monday, December 10th** - *Holiday Party and Officer Election*
- **Monday, January 14th** - *Installation of Officers*

If you have a topic or suggested speaker, please share them with us at 713-688-OFHA or hotline@ofha.org

OFHA MISSION STATEMENT

The Oak Forest Homeowners Association is an IRS 501(C)(4) organization that is devoted to informing, improving, promoting, encouraging, developing, beautifying, protecting, and unifying the Oak Forest Community. We are comprised of Oak Forest residents who volunteer their time to create a better neighborhood for us all.

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Your home will be in competition with other homes in your neighborhood. It's a good idea to know the sales prices of homes in your neighborhood with a Competitive Market Analysis

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We have been sponsors of the "Movie in the Park", and we will continue to support the Oak Forest Homeowners Association any way we can.

98%

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Where do you want to live?

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS



The Beautification Committee would like to invite you to the next Beautification Saturday. That's when Oak Forest residents gather on the last Saturday of every month to beautify their neighborhood. Sign up to receive an email alerts & get times, dates and locations for upcoming events by going to:

www.ofha.org/beautification

RENEWAL OF YOUR "DO NOT CALL REGISTRY"

Telemarketers are eagerly waiting for June 2008 when millions of people's phone numbers begin dropping off the national Do Not Call list.

Numbers placed on the registry, begun in June 2003, are only valid for five years. For the millions of people who signed onto the list in its early days, their numbers will automatically drop off beginning next June if they do not enroll again.

People can register their home and cell phone numbers or file complaints at <http://www.donotcall.gov> or by calling 1-888-382-1222.

The registry prohibits telemarketers from calling phone numbers on the list. Companies face fines of up to \$11,000 for each violation.

Organizations engaged in charitable, political or survey work are exempt. Companies that have an established business relationship with a customer also may call for up to 18 months after the last purchase, payment or delivery.

In the first week of the program, people signed up 18 million numbers. The registry now has more than 149 million phone numbers.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION DAY

PARENTS LEARN. KIDS PLAY.



Join us to learn more about our early childhood center and accredited elementary school.

3-5 pm Sunday, June 25 or July 16
Parish Hall at 3600 Brinkman
RSVP 713-692-9123

Childcare provided

www.StRoseLima.org

HOT TOPICS ON THE FORUMS

Need to find a nanny, a maid,
dog groomer, place to eat or remodeling
contractor? Want to establish a
playgroup, monitor crime and find out
what's happening in Oak Forest?

Then check out the Forums at www.ofha.org!

Hundreds of neighbors and friends
post and respond to these topics and
hundreds more.



TO VIEW THE FORUMS, REGISTER,
OR POST, PLEASE VISIT:

www.ofha.org/forums

OCTOBER 13TH'S MOVIE IN THE PARK

Join friends and neighbors on October 13th for Oak Forest's Movie in the Park. The fun starts at 7:00 pm on a giant screen outdoors at Oak Forest Park, located at 2100 Judiway and the general public is invited to bring chairs, blankets and refreshments for a relaxing evening.

The free event is reminiscent of the old-fashioned local drive-in of the past, when people of all ages gathered together to watch box office hits under the light of the stars. It's the kind of event many of today's adults enjoyed when they were kids.

Oak Forest Homeowner's Association understands the importance of community bonding and has coordinated this event to bring friends and neighbors together. "Movie in the Park" promotes a strong sense of community that can lower crime statistics while also giving our residents an activity that encourages family time.

For more information about the Oak Forest Homeowners Association or "Movie in the Park," please visit our website at www.ofha.org and email us hotline@ofha.org or call OFHA Public Relations Co-chair, Andrea Warren at 713-385-7707.

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Did you know that full minutes from OFHA General Homeowners Meetings are available for viewing on the Forum? We began posting them there last year under the Monthly Meeting section. These minutes are now one of the most popular views on the website!

Minutes are posted monthly, after they have been approved at the following month's meeting, per parliamentary procedure.

Of course coming to the meetings is the best way to be "in the know" about what's going on in Oak Forest. But if you can't make a meeting, www.ofha.org/forums is a good alternative to find out (or talk) about it.

OFHA MEMBERSHIP

By Kathy Boulte

Membership in the OFHA is only \$20 annually and is voluntary. Your membership dues are payable each January and memberships are effective January 1st through December 31st. Take part in where you live. Send in our membership dues or join online using PayPal at www.ofha.org. Annual dues support neighborhood beautification projects, Movie in the Park, Citizen's Patrol, Quarterly edition of the Oak Log and other association activities. How else can \$20 go so far.

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APPLE AND SAUSAGE STUFFING

from Russell Sanders

- Chopped Onion
- Chopped celery
- 3 tbsp poultry seasoning
- stick of butter
- olive oil
- crumbled fried pork sausage
- 3 large Macintosh Apples, coarsely chopped
- large bag of dry cornbread dressing
- chopped pecans
- 2 beaten eggs
- 3 or 4 cups chicken broth

Heat olive oil and butter in skillet. Add onion and celery. Saute. Add apples and sausage. Saute a few minutes. Pour into baking dish. Add dry dressing, seasoning, eggs, and pecans. Moisten with chicken broth. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

CINNAMON-ORANGE CRANBERRY SAUCE

from Ty Warren

- 16-ounce bag fresh cranberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans, optional

Combine all ingredients except pecans in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until thickened, about 20 minutes. Stir in pecans, if desired. Place in an airtight container and refrigerate until ready to serve. Can be made ahead.

Makes 2 cups.

These recipes and others can be found in the limited edition Oak Forest Cookbook.

Delicious recipes were submitted by Mayor Bill White, Rep. Dwayne Bohac, Council Member Toni Lawrence, A Food Network TV star and local BBQ-pit maker David Klose.

Not to mention your neighbors and friends. Get one at the next meeting or an interested Oakie chef can contact Andrea Warren at 713-385-7707 or andrea@ofha.org. Cookbooks are only \$10 and Andrea can hand-deliver it to your house.

ESTABLISHING A CONSTABLE PROGRAM

in Oak Forest

HPD is short-handed...it takes forever for an officer to respond...crime is on the rise. Recently, women were being followed home from Kroger and assaulted in their front yards. I don't know about you, but I am tired of just taking it.

Our neighbors in Garden Oaks banded together and hired a constable to patrol their neighborhood 40 hours a week. If enough Oakies want to do the same, then we can also hire a constable for our neighborhood.

The Constable Program is designed to provide a highly visible and responsive neighborhood patrol. The main objectives are crime prevention and immediate police services to citizens in need. The Contract Deputy Program is not a security service employing part-time or off-duty officers.

It is a respected law enforcement program provided by the Harris County Constable's office. The Constable Program employs only qualified, professional peace officers who work forty hours a week, providing police services in their assigned area of responsibility.

The Constable Program will not replace the Citizen's Patrol. Citizen's patrol is not designed to confront criminal activity, only report it, while the Deputy Constable on duty is empowered to enforce the law and to make arrests when necessary. We need both programs working together to keep our neighborhood as safe as possible.

Do not send money. We will contact the residents in the section(s) and request payment only if we have enough commitments.



We need every home to complete the survey below and return to us by **November 1st** so we can know if we have the support in each section to move forward. Mail to **OFHA, P. O. BOX 920561 HOUSTON TX 77292-0561**

PLEASE COMPLETE

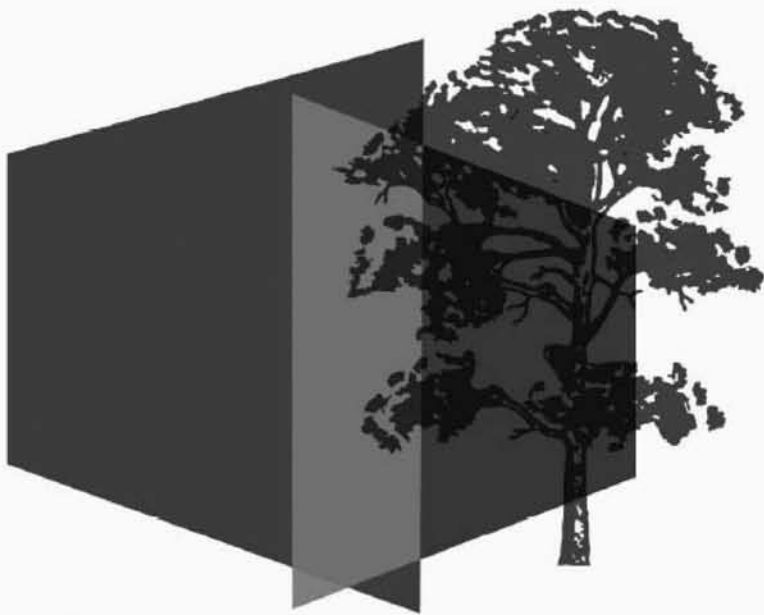
Circle your section below:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Section 1 (581 Homes) | Section 10 (201 Homes) |
| Section 2 (277 Homes) | Section 11 (165 Homes) |
| Section 3 (522 Homes) | Section 12 (142 Homes) |
| Section 4 (125 Homes) | Section 13 (374 Homes) |
| Section 5 (56 Homes) | Section 14 (278 Homes) |
| Section 6 (488 Homes) | Section 15 (431 Homes) |
| Section 7 (29 Homes) | Section 16 (634 Homes) |
| Section 8 (204 Homes) | Section 17 (520 Homes) |
| Section 9 (215 Homes) | Section 18 (224 Homes) |

Yes, I will contribute approximately \$200 for a constable patrol officer to patrol my section for one year.

My address: _____

- No**, I am not interested because:
- I can not afford the annual fee
 - I don't think it is necessary
 - I'll let my neighbors pay for the service.
 - Other: _____



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1323 Chippendale—\$525,000



1339 Ebony—\$539,000



1307 Wakefield—\$549,000



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1331 Woodcrest



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1122 Kinley

These are just some of the Oak Forest homes we participated in the sale of in 2007, thank you for an outstanding year! If you're looking to buy or sell a home let us show you the difference The Reyna Group makes.

TAKE PART IN WHERE YOU LIVE!

Coming to our monthly meetings gives you an opportunity to find out what's going on and helps us to know your problems and concerns. Join us on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Candlelight Park, 1520 Candlelight Boulevard, at the intersection of Oak Forest and Candlelight. If you have not already paid your voluntary dues for this year, please send your check for \$20 to: OFHA INC., P.O. Box 920561, Houston, TX 77292-0561.

DETACH AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Email: _____

Additional donation enclosed for:

\$ _____ Beautification Committee \$ _____ Oak Forest Movie in the Park

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