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Message from the President Bernadette Tanksley, President

Greetings to my neighbors in East Oak Lane.

As the new president of the Oak Lane Community Action Association (OLCAA), I hope to maintain, build upon and expand the many initiatives that have become foundational elements of this neighborhood. I'd like to enrich our newsletter content to include more news you can use. Such as opportunities for civic engagement, personal growth and development, how to tips on household and garden maintenance, kitchen capers, health and wellness and other information to help us engage, connect and thrive as individuals and as a community.

Let's do our part to promote positivity in East Oak Lane. As residents we embrace diversity and cultivate good relationships and being responsible stewards of the environment, and recognize our responsibility for those in need. Ellwood Elementary School needs more community volunteerism and engagement from our residents and business owners; our Oak Lane Library is small, but the staff is excellent. The need for after school activities for youth should not be ignored.

OLCAA is a small volunteer neighborhood organization with a limited budget, trying to serve a neighborhood of working parents, retired seniors, and youth. We need to maximize our resources. We have a new website coming soon that will be updated with Board meeting minutes and activities.

Several initiatives are in the works: A community forum at Penn Asian Senior Services Inc., 6926 Old York Road on Monday, October 16, 2017 was held and the speakers were from Philadelphia Planning Commission, 311 Call Center and Licenses and Inspection. A Potluck dinner sometime in late October or early November to welcome the many individuals who have expressed interest in joining one of the OLCAAs' Committees, and of course there will be the "Snow Ball Event" on January 12, 2018.

As members of OLCAA, you have a stake in what we do. Call the OLCAA Hotline at 215-224-2777 or email us at eastoaklanecommunityaction@gmail.com to let us know what you want to see and what you can do to help make it happen! Get involved. Spread the word—join OLCAA.

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OLCAA Adopts the TAPS Principles by Vernita Hall

At our August retreat, the OLCAA Board adopted a set of overarching principles to use as general guidelines for all of our activities and those of our committees. We call them the TAPS Principles:

Transparency. Information about the organization, its operations, and activities shall be maintained in an organized fashion and be readily accessible by and communicated to the OLCAA Board and membership.

Accountability. Board members shall perform their volunteered roles conscientiously and make every effort to honor their commitments to the organization and community.

Professionalism. Board members shall represent the OLCAA membership and community with cordial, business-like conduct in their dealings with one another and external parties, as well as in their written correspondence and publications. They will strive to project a positive image for East Oak Lane.

Sound financial management. Board members shall responsibly and economically administer and report on financial collections and disbursements of the organization.

OLCAA was initially founded in 1970. Its Board remains committed to a mission of service to East Oak Lane. With your support, we continue to work to maintain and improve this beautiful, peaceful, and vibrant community we are privileged to call home.

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News from the Urban Forest by Charlie Philips

Oak Lane Tree Tenders planted 20 trees on April 22, 2017 at 8 locations.

The rain held off on the evening of July 17 for a pruning workshop outside the Oak Lane Library attended by Oak Lane Tree Tenders and others. Sally McCabe, our neighbor and Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Community Gardening leader, taught us the proper use of tools and when to cut.

We sold 140 chrysanthemums to neighbors for delivery in early September as a fundraiser. Thank you, neighbors, for bringing this over the top. We sold geraniums in the spring.



Tree Tenders will plant 6 trees on Saturday November 18, 2017, including a few at Ellwood Elementary School. You are invited to help plant these trees. We will assemble

at 6605 Lawnton Avenue at 9 A.M. A nice lunch follows the planting.

Get updates via email: cphilips@temple.edu. Support the planting of trees in Oak Lane. Send a check made out to "Oak Lane Tree Tenders" to: M. Gendron, OLTT, 6131 Fairhill St., Philadelphia, PA 19120.

Announcing Our New Website and Email Address By Vernita Hall

To improve our communications with the residents of East Oak Lane, OLCAA has redesigned and implemented a new website at www.OLCAA.org. Board meeting minutes will be promptly posted, news and upcoming coming events, scheduled meetings, The East Oak Lane Paper, membership forms, and OLCAA Policies and procedures. You can even send us an email to our new email address account olcaa.eol@gmail.com on the Contact page.

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***East Oak Lane Neighborhood Watch can't Do it alone, become a member or let them know What is happening around and in East Oak Lane.**

**Call the OLCAA Hotline.
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Boy Scouts Of America East Oak Lane's Troop 19

Do you know that there is a boy scout Troop in East Oak Lane? Well there is, Troop 19

We welcome new boys ages 11 to 17 years old along with their parents/guardians to come out and join us. Our meeting time is each Saturday at 10:00 until 11:30 A.M. . at the Oak Lane Presbyterian

Church 6637 North 11th Street

Scouting is an adventure that will change a boy into a young man of purpose. Troop 19 has had a total of 9 young men to reach the rank of Eagle Scout; the highest rank there is in scouting.

Troop 19 is waiting for you! Come by or contact

the Scout Master Mr. Mitchell at 215-927-0231.



Oak Lane Community Action Association Committees

In order to keep East Oak Lane a beautiful, clean and a great place to live. We ask that you step up and join one of our many committees.

These committees work diligently throughout the year providing assistance to our neighbors to help maintain a great "Quality of Life", keeping the neighborhood safe, clean and informed.

Our Committees are: Beautification,

Communications, Crime & Safety, Development, Events, Fundraising, Housing and Zoning, Membership and Quality of Life.

If you are interested in becoming a more active stakeholder and would like more information. Please contact OLCAA at **215-224-2777** or email us at **eastoaklanecommunityaction@gmail.com**. We will give you information

to one of our committee chairpersons so you can attend our next meeting.

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**Tree Tenders to Plant Shrubs at Library
by Charlie Philips**

Oak Lane Tree Tenders, working closely with Friends of the Oak Lane Library and the Library staff, will plant shrubs and perennial flowers in a 30 foot plot at the front corner of the Library facing Oak Lane in October. Overgrown yews will be removed and replaced with shrubs 3 to 5 feet tall and perennial flowers. Recommendations were solicited from both groups and Library patrons.

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For the planting date please send an email cphilips@temple.edu. Contributions may be sent by check made out to "Friends of the Oak Lane Library" and mailed to D. Mora, 821 Oak Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19126.

East Oak Lane Community Resource Guide

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Anti-Graffiti Network	215-686-8686
Abandon Vehicle Unit	215-685-9500
Policing Team Philadelphia Recycling.....	215-686-5560
Redevelopment Authority	215-854-6500
Philadelphia Housing Authority	215-684-4000
PHDC Weatherization	215-448-2160
PHDC Basic Systems Repair Program	215-448-2160
LIHEAP	215-560-2970
Community Legal Services	215-981-3700
Utility Emergency Services Fund	215-972-5170
Save Your Home Philly	215-334-4663
Philadelphia Corporation for Aging	215-765-9040
Veterans Advisory Commission	215-686-3256
Day Camp Programs	215-683-3600
Child Care Information Services	888-461-5437
Philadelphia Department of Recreation	215-683-3601
School District of Philadelphia	215-400-4000
GED Hotline	215-751-8376
Department of Human Services	215-683-4347
Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233
North Central Victims Services	215-763-3281
Crisis Hotline/Community Behavioral Health	215-413-7171
Philadelphia Police 35th District	215-686-3350
City Council – 9th District Office	215-686-3454

OLCAA's 8th Annual Blood Drive

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017
3 – 8 pm**

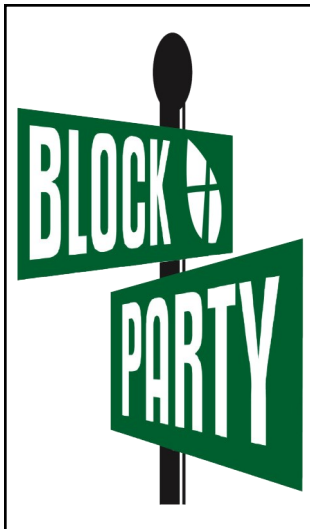
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6637 North 11th Street
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This drive is being held in December since blood donations are usually low during this season when people are busy with holiday preparations. As you have probably heard, blood donations are needed now to help victims of the hurricane and flooding in Texas. You can donate now and in December since you can safely donate blood every 56 days.

At the same time, we are holding a coat drive during these hours to collect gently worn coats, hats, scarves, etc. for needy families being serviced by the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. Any style, any size, adult or children can be donated. We have collected a minimum of 150 coats each year so we know we have made the holiday a little brighter for some of our neighbors.

The American Red Cross is attempting to make blood donation quicker and easier with its RapidPass program. New this year, donors can complete their pre-donation reading and health history questions on your mobile device as well as on your computer, at your convenience, on the day of donation. This activity will generate a pass you print out or send to your smart phone and bring along to the donation center. This shortens their donation process at the center.

If you have any questions or want to schedule an appointment to donate blood, please call Peggy Runde Weston at 215-224-4547. You can also go on line to sign up: redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: 14915 or zip code 19126.



A Low- Tech Block Party in East Oak Lane By Bernadette Tanksley

On August 26, 2017 the 6700-6800 Block of North 11th St held what is likely its first ever Block Party. Seventeen households with very busy schedules held a series of impromptu meetings and made this party happen. Adults and children shared soft drinks, pretzels & hot dogs. Prizes included hand carved wood items, a hand crocheted

blanket, hand soaps, lotions and other goodies. There was an egg hunt, a ring toss with water ice for the winners, a moon bounce and face painting. There were games of Musical Chairs for kids and adults and a Scavenger Hunt. A surprise production by a quartet of professional recording artists kept our spirits high and our mood

mellow. Several neighbors took turns doing karaoke. There was a 3 point basketball shoot with male & female participation. People strolled, visited, chatted and shared. It was a day of low tech, high participation, relaxed, fun in the neighborhood. Our 11th Street neighbors are bound to do this again.



Potluck with a Purpose

Watch for details about an upcoming potluck tentatively planned for late October. People who have expressed an interest in OLCAA committees will be invited to participate in a "Potluck with a purpose". This will be an opportunity for committee chairpersons to in-

troduce themselves to East Oak Lane residents who have expressed interest in the various OLCAA committees. The gathering will be an opportunity to develop connections, share interests, and hopefully structure committees so that arrangements for meet-

ings and communication will allow Chairpersons and committee members to form a more collaborate and inclusive working group.



OLCAA's Annual General Membership Meeting Update

On May 17, 2017 the Oak Lane Community Action Association held its Annual General Membership meeting at the Oak Lane Presbyterian Church. Each year the organization is required by our bylaws to inform the membership of the progress that was made in the com-

munity and the financial health of the organization.

Also this is the time that our membership votes in our new Board of Directors. This year there were eight openings for Board of Directors, seven of the eight openings were for the

full two year term and one opening for a one year term to replace a previous board member that could no longer serve. The OLCAA membership who were in attendance elected the following candidates;

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OLCAA's Annual General Membership Meeting Update

Tie Bradford, Frieda Williams, Thurgood Matthews, Vernita Hall, Bernadette Tanksley, Iris Brunson, Martha Lewis and Rosa Reyes.

After the election of the new Board of Directors the Financial report was given for the past year and the status of our membership. In 2016 to 2017 our membership grew to a total of 232 members. There were thirty-nine (39) Individual members, sixty-six (66) Household memberships, six (6) Business memberships, fifty-four (54) Senior memberships,

and one (1) Associate membership. for a copy of the actual report you can contact Catherine Smith, Treasurer via email at eastoaklane-communityaction@gmail.com.

The meeting continued with information from SEPTA pertaining to work that will be done on the train tracks that goes through the neighborhood. Congress passed the Federal Transit Administration Disaster Relief Appropriation Act which SEPTA received funds for Resiliency project for rehabilitation of rock

cuts between the 66th Avenue bridge and Elkins Park Stations in Jenkintown. The work time line will be between June 2017 to December 2017 four days per week at night from 8 P.M. to 5 A.M.

At the June 2017 OLCAA Board meeting our new Board elected the following Board members as the Executive Officers for 2017-18. Bernadette Tanksley, President; Archie Joe Cruz, Vice President; Tangela Garrison, Secretary; Catherine Smith Treasurer.



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Penn Asian Senior Services, Inc Mural Art Dedication and Autumn Festival

On October 4, 2017 Penn Asian Senior Services, Inc.(PASSi) hosted a dedication ceremony for its new Mural. Working closely with Mural Arts Philadelphia for several years to create a beautiful mural along with the help of the staff and clients of PASSi; the mural was completed and installed on October 4th. Many of our city and state officials were on hand for this dedication ceremony

which included speeches from City Council members and representatives from Philadelphia Cooperation for the Aging.

October 4th was also the full moon harvest festival in Korean culture and so the event was both a dedication ceremony for the mural and a fun-filled autumn festival. Located in PASSi's parking lot, the event will kick off with the unveiling of the mu-

ral followed by talented cultural performances. There was a \$1 food bazaar where you can taste a variety of authentic Asian delicacies, as well as lots of free games, activities, live performances, and prizes!

We welcome and encourage our East Oak Lane neighbors to come and enjoy join the mural.



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