



# Oak Hill Association Newsletter



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After an uneventful summer we have been suddenly thrust into Fall. We have planned a few events: the ever-popular Halloween Parade, to be held on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> (to avoid a conflict with The Great Race), the Fall General Membership Meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, and a repeat of the Wine Party on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our hope is to bring together neighbors, build some community spirit and keep information flowing. It's a good thing to know what's going on in Oak Hill and to be aware of any events in the Township that might affect us.

Frankly, although we have a decent number of members, it continues to be disappointing that more Oak Hillers don't join—or that those who do join, don't participate more. We could be enjoying some good stuff together!

Due to lackluster attendance, we have had to eliminate some fun activities: the Summer Boat Ride on Pleasure Bay aboard the Great Gazeboat (a hoot in itself), the Holiday Party for adults and the latest to be thrown under the bus of indifference, the Holiday Family Brunch. Other non-starters have been a Bridge group, a walking group and even, for those of a more adventurous bent, a motorcycle group. Can't say we aren't trying!

Now we know there are a lot of new families in Oak Hill. What, you don't like to socialize? Have more friends than you can handle? Perhaps you have some better ideas.....and we'd love to hear them and help bring any to fruition.

Yes, it's a big neighborhood and it's chock full of really great people. The new Families are in hiding. If you have new neighbors, give them this newsletter or have them call an officer for more information. Help us move on from the "same old same old."

Vivian Breen, President

## FALL GENERAL MEETING

Place: United Methodist Church on Middletown-Lincroft Road

Date: Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:30pm

Speakers:

A Middletown police officer to address some of our concerns, including the maze at Dwight and Red Hill Roads.

Neil Coleman will give an update on the progress of The Taxpayers Association.

A slate of officers for the coming year will be introduced and voted on. If you'd like to be considered, just call one of the officers. You'd be most welcome.

## Food Collection

In an effort to give back to the community, we would like to start a food collection program that would run continuously throughout the year beginning in 2010. The first recipient of the collected food would be the Keyport Pantry, given that they are really low on their supplies and could benefit tremendously from our donation. You can learn more about them at

[www.keyportfoodpantry.org](http://www.keyportfoodpantry.org). The way it will work is as follows:

1. In the January 2010 newsletter, along with

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## WELCOME NEWCOMERS

78 Crawford Road - Michelle Scheappacasse and daughters Summer 7 and Brooke 2

Let us know of any new residents on your street so we can visit them. Helen Duthie 732-706-3486.

# EVENTS AND GROUPS

## WINE / MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS PARTY

This adult activity was so popular last year, with over 70 people in attendance that we are doing it again. It will be a Sunday-evening Cocktail (well, wine and beer) Party with a delicious spread of hors d'oeuvres provided by Oak Hill neighbors Joe and Marie Racioppi at their premier Red Bank restaurant.

**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2009

**Place:** Racioppi's Kitchen, 107 Oakland St., Red Bank

**Time:** 4:00 - 7:00 PM

**Cost:** \$15 for OHA members, \$25 for guests. Will be subsidized by the Association.



Reserve your spot today, by sending a check payable to OHA to Rita McKinney, 14 Lyon Rd. Then bring your appetite for what is guaranteed to be a wonderful evening of

fun and food with your neighbors. Questions? Vivian Breen, 671-4638.

## Halloween Parade

Our annual Halloween parade will be held on **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Come dressed in your favorite costume and follow the fire engine to the parade finish where the kids can climb aboard the fire truck, participate in some fun activities and enjoy the refreshments. Don't miss out on this most popular event.



**Date:** Sunday, October 25, 2009 (So as not to conflict with the Great Race on Saturday)

**Place:** Starts at Borden & Lionel, goes down Borden & cross over Pelican and finish on Borden

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. sharp

**Cost:** \$0

Any questions, please contact Laura Campbell at [dutchcampbells@yahoo.com](mailto:dutchcampbells@yahoo.com) or 732-275-1676.

## OAK HILL JOINS THE DIGITAL AGE

Don't forget to browse the attractive and informative Oak Hill Association web site, maintained by Ana Santos, where we also post late-breaking information:

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/oak-hill> OR

<http://home.comcast.net/~oak-hill>

This will be the last paper distribution of the OHA newsletter for 2009. We also plan to distribute the Winter 2010 newsletter by mail to all 1200 Oak Hill homes. The high cost of paper distribution is directing us to use electronic distribution where it makes sense. Subsequently in 2010, we plan to use electronic newsletter distribution to all members who have provided an email address, instead of paper copy by Postal Service.

Steve Miller, Secretary, Oak Hill Association

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## HELP WANTED

Help wanted - to help out  
not an onerous task

## NEW BLOOD

.....to lead, to help out  
.....not an onerous task

Meet the local characters  
who labor to run this or-  
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# NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

## Don't Forget the DeFelice Farm Market

Our neighbors provide a charming and bucolic entrance to Oak Hill.

And we'd like to support their efforts!



### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

From time to time, we hear stories of strangers in the area, either on foot or in strange cars / trucks. Recently a few people appeared at the front doors of a few homes about 8 pm on the same night asking for directions. This is a method some burglars use to case a home and/or see if anyone is at home. We strongly encourage our residents to always be alert to strange activity in Oak Hill and report it to our Middletown Police Dept. by calling 911. Under no circumstances should we get personally involved. Checking out strange activity is a job for the police. It is further recommended that we keep our doors and windows locked at all times and keep inside and outside lighting set on timers all year.

### Tips for Good Neighbors

We families of Oak Hill all decided to live here because of its desirability and high quality of life. We are fortunate to reside in a beautiful area, heavily wooded with rolling hills, buffered from major commercial areas, convenient to excellent road and rail systems and within a short distance of some of the finest beaches in New Jersey. Here are a few things we can all do to keep our neighborhood safe and attractive.

- Take down the lawn signs. There is a town ordinance banning all but real estate for sale signs.
- Leave the trees up, except when they threaten damage.
- Drivers: keep your speed down to 25, full stop at all stop signs, and put the cell phones away.
- Pedestrians: watch out for the drivers, wear bright clothing, walk on the sidewalk or near the curb, carry a walking stick or cane to protect yourself from hostile pets.
- Pet owners: carry your pooper-scooper and use it, ditto the walking stick to protect your pet from other more hostile pets.
- Garbage cans out ONLY the night before pickup and bring them in promptly.
- Brush and leaves should be placed out at curb ONLY days before pickup. (Or deliver to Kaness Lane.) Keep it out of the road - it is a hazard to drivers and pedestrians.
- Arrange with your trash company for pickup of bulk items.
- Remove snow from sidewalks promptly.

### INTERSECTION OF RED HILL – DWIGHT ROADS

Either you love it, or you hate it. Many of the people who drive through the new intersection are now used to it, although it is still an adventure. If you only drive through it once in a while, it brings back the memory of the old "dodgem" cars in Asbury Park. The new intersection has problems with line of sight, signage, traffic light timing, left turn lanes too short, vanishing painted lane lines, and others that have caused numerous accidents and near accidents. One has to wonder what the designers were thinking. The intersection is especially troublesome when the weather is bad or traffic volume is heavy.

We will discuss this intersection and what can be done to improve it at the next meeting of the Oak Hill Association on October 13. Please plan to attend. We would also appreciate receiving your comments about the intersection both pro and con to Bill Butler at telephone (732) 671 - 3438 or email [butler377@verizon.net](mailto:butler377@verizon.net).

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**OR CURRENT RESIDENT****TIME VALUE DATED MATERIAL**

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**Food Collection, Continued from page 1**

1. membership renewal information we will have a box for you to check if you want to participate in the food drive.
2. If you do want to participate, then we would drop off a recyclable grocery bag at your house.
3. Once a month (let's say last weekend of the month) we would collect the food and bring it to the food pantry.

To learn more or if you or your child is interested in helping out, please contact Rita McKinney, [rdas@comcast.net](mailto:rdas@comcast.net). Note, this is a great opportunity for children who need community service hours for their school or organization.

**Association Officers And Committee Heads**

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