



# OLCAA UPDATE

## FOR EAST OAK LANE NEIGHBORS

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### WELCOME TO BEAUTIFUL EAST OAK LANE!

BY KELLY MCSHAIN TYREE  
PRESIDENT, OLCAA

There's a flurry of activity in East Oak Lane and folks are starting to take notice. From the massive mailing of our newsletter (over 1700 households) to our new website (coming soon) and Hotline; from the highly successful East Oak Lane Jazz Concert to the Potluck Dinner Nov 16th; new businesses like Java Junction Café (opening soon) to the dozens of new trees planted around the community...the revitalization of our neighborhood has officially begun!

Improving "Quality of Life" is our most important collective goal. We're asking neighbors to take a pledge of personal responsibility: homeowners for their properties, parents & guardians for their children, landlords for their tenants and business owners for meeting the needs of East Oak Laners.

Raising the level of expectation of ourselves and our neighbors will bring us closer to the idyllic neighborhood East Oak Lane was designed to be. William Penn chose this neighborhood to be his first "Green Country Town." As proud Philadelphians, we must preserve that intention. We've been given the gift of great architecture from those who have come before us-let's work to sensitively preserve and restore our beautiful homes using quality stone-masons and historically accurate colors & materials.

We've been handed the legacy of maintaining our mature trees...trees that bring us life and shade, beauty and value to our neighborhood. Let's nurture the ones we have and continue to plant for the future. Green space in Philadelphia is at a premium. Let's teach our neighbors not to pave over their lawns and build walls, but to plant gardens and leave open space to encourage long walks and friendly conversation. Our neighborhood adage "A light on every porch" will deter most unwanted guests. "Quality of Life" is important to our children as well. The Philadelphia Inquirer has published many

commentaries by children lately asking us as adults to take a stronger stance in guiding them. They are "lost and confused" and need direction. Let's get back to "old fashioned values." Let's know where our children are and with whom they play.

We're all working hard to elevate our community to give ourselves a better sense of place and purpose. We need folks who love this neighborhood to join our committees! Please call the East Oak Lane Hotline (215-224-2777) to let us know how you'd like to contribute. We're looking for grant writers, gardeners, preservationists, artists, musicians, dancers, event planners, town watch patrollers, community activist, philanthropists, etc. Thank you for caring. Your contributions are so welcome. I look forward to our working joyfully together as we honor Penn's vision of a "Green Country Town" here in East Oak Lane.

### RECRUITING OLCAA BLOCK REPS! BY CARMEN JIMENEZ

As part of the revitalization of OLCAA, we would all like to revitalize the OLCAA Block Representatives for the entire East Oak Lane neighborhood. Not to be confused with the Block Captains sponsored by the Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee. **Duties include:**



- *Distributing newsletters and notices about the OLCAA annual meeting.*
- *Handing out flyers on upcoming events.*
- *Communicating your neighbors' concerns to the Board.*

Remember, it isn't only adults---our youth are welcome with open arms! This is a great way for East Oak Lane youth to start on the road of Community Service. This activity can be used as credit towards their school community service requirements. OLCAA will be happy to supply the necessary

documentation for their efforts. We need those young legs and strong bodies to make deliveries to our apartment houses and homes that have many steps.

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The OLCAA Board of Directors is your elected representation for East Oak Lane, but the OLCAA Block Reps are right on your street or around the corner for easy access to the community. So this is a cry for former and new Block Reps to join OLCAA to perform this very important task and make our neighborhood the envy of all of Philadelphia.

I know we are all proud of our homes and our neighborhood and we want to make it the best. Joining forces and working together will accomplish this goal. To volunteer please call our hotline at **215-224-2777** and leave your name and telephone number, and say, "I want to be an OLCAA Block Rep!"

**"Let's keep the positive momentum going strong"**

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### SWAP & SHOP BY MARLIESE JOHNSON

**One man's trash is another man's treasure??** Bring your gently used items to church to swap with others. Acceptable items include: clothes, toys, books, tools, artwork, fabric, craft supplies and small portable items. **ALL ITEMS WILL BE OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE.** *Continued page 2*

### \*\*\* No Large Furniture or Appliances \*\*\*

A bulletin board will be provided to post pictures and descriptions of large items available. Left over items will be donated to local charities. If you bring something, you must go home with something!

**OAK LANE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6637 N. 11TH STREET**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2005**  
**1:00 – 4:00 PM**

### MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Oak Lane Presbyterian Church, 11th & Oak Lane on dates noticed. Call OLCAA's Hotline 215-224-2777 for more info!

**Sat., December. 3, 2005**

**10:00 am - Noon.**

Calling All Youth – Ages 11-17. Education & Cultural Arts Committee of OLCAA invites you to their first Annual "Youth Meeting".

**Monday, Nov 28 2:00-8:00 PM**

Church Youth Group sponsoring Red Cross Blood Drive for their Hurricane Disaster Relief Project.

**Every Saturday- Sept–June, 2006**

**10:00-11:30 AM.** Troop 19 Boy Scouts of America meets. For info, Call: A. Mitchell, Scoutmaster at 215-927-0231.

**Every other Friday, 6:00-9:00 PM.**

**Dates: Nov 11, Dec 2 & 16.** Preserve Precious Photos at scrap-booking group. For info, Call: Marliese Johnson 215-424-2340.

### NEWS FROM URBAN FOREST !

**BY CHARLES PHILIPS**



The Jazz Concert was a memorable evening of great performances

enjoyed by about 80 people on Oct 14 at the Korean United Church. John Dulik's masterful piano variations of pop classics started the evening. Ruth Naomi Floyd charmed us with her voice and stage presence as she sang show tunes and spirituals. The guitar and banjo picking of Wanamaker Lewis

amazed and delighted us. The evening was over too soon but finished off with homemade deserts.

**November Tree Tenders meeting—Tuesday Nov 15 at the home of Jack Malley, 1203 W. Medary Ave at 7:30 pm.**



Agenda: Tree locations on Old York Road, workers for spring

planting, work with West Oak Lane Tree Tenders. Come join us, meet your neighbors. We need your help in planting trees and finding places for them.

Congratulations to West Oak Lane Tree Tenders, a new group which has just completed the training course given by the PA Horticultural Society and had their first meeting. Oak Lane resident Karyn Conway is head of that group of 7 members.

We're working on...

- Northern Gates at Broad St and 66th Ave which will include green plantings on three concrete islands—near the Oak Lane Diner, at
- Broad St and 66th Ave, and south of the Wedge Building where Old York Rd comes into Broad St. Planting will be in the spring.

A recent meeting with the Philadelphia Streets Dept and PennDOT at the offices of Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corp. (OARC) was very positive with the Streets Department taking on some of the planning.

We'll plant 50 trees next spring on Old York Road between Cheltenham Avenue and Oak Lane, providing a green entry into the city leading up to the planned Gateway. Come join in the planning. This is part of the **TreeVitalize Program of the PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources**. They recognized that tree cover is disappearing in the 5 southeast Pennsylvania counties and are trying to reverse that decline. We have signed on for 150 trees in two years. We need your help in finding places for trees and in digging!

The Wedge Medical Center has agreed to take 10 trees, and we are working with several other institutions. We are asking \$40

from homeowners and \$75 from businesses and institutions to help with planting costs. OARC has also asked for and received \$100,000 for planting trees largely in the commercial districts and along heavy traffic streets of West Oak Lane. Oak Lane Tree Tenders will work with the newly formed West Oak Lane Tree Tenders in placing those trees. Oak Lane Tree Tenders, is a committee of OLCAA., 6605 Lawnton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19126 215-924-1722.

### CRIME AND SAFETY NOTES BY VERNITA HALL

In a loud, hectic, stress-filled world, our beautiful East Oak Lane is an oasis of quiet civility. The serenade of bird song greets us in the morning; the chirping of crickets lulls us to sleep in the evening. Gardeners, joggers, bikers, and leisurely walkers cross paths with legions of scampering squirrels and even the occasional foraging rabbit or possum. Children's toys, garden furniture and tools are frequently left outside overnight and doors and cars may go unlocked.

According to Officer **Barbara Blackford, the 35th Police District's Crime Prevention Officer**, although the 35th is the busiest district in the city, EOL is the least crime-ridden section. Yet to maintain a high quality of life and a safe community, priorities for both Capt. Kelly and OLCAA, we must remain vigilant and informed, and in contact with our neighbors. We must help the police to help us. Some **DO'S AND DON'T'S**:

- ✓ Report crimes or attempted crimes. If there are no records, the incidents are invisible.
- ✓ Follow up with any statements. The police may ask you to come to the District to file.
- ✓ Very Important. Keep your property appropriately well-lit.
- ✓ Stay alert and question suspicious activities in your neighborhood.
- ✓ Inform your neighbors about problems, known or

suspected. They might be the next target.

- ✓ Report nuisance problems, such as too-loud music playing. More calls = higher priority with the police, and recurring offenders can be tracked.

*Music played on your property or in your car should not be audible beyond your property or car.* EOL is a quiet community, let's keep it that way.

- ✓ If you report a problem you can ask the 911 operator for their operator number. If you later need to verify whether your call was actually logged, call back, ask to speak to a supervisor, and give him/her the operator number and date/time of your call.
- ✓ Strongly secure garden sheds. There's been a recent rash of break-ins.

*60% of crime is committed by juveniles. Do you know where your kids are?*

### Town Watch

Organized blocks are strong and are the basis for healthy neighborhoods.

**"THERE ARE NO ACTIVE GROUPS AT PRESENT IN EOL", according to Police Community relations Officer Jennetta Lindsey. Town Watch Integrated Services Representative Jaasu Burgee states, "the key to starting up is for neighbors to get organized. The training is free; grant monies are available. Six persons are needed to form an "Eyes and Ears" group; twelve for a Patrol group".**

The 35th holds an open Town Watch meeting every first Sat of the month, open to anyone, at the Eye Institute from 10AM to Noon.

### Kudos...

To a brave and caring neighbor, **Ms. Jeanie Frisby of 11th Street.** She single-handedly confronted a man and a pair of teens, and foiled likely car vandalism and garage break-in attempts in two separate (and



possibly related) incidents. Thanks, Jeanie. Your new handle is "Deputy Dawg!"

### Contacts

P/O's Blackford (Crime Prevention) and Lindsey (Community Relations): 35th Police District, 5860 N. Broad St. Tel: 215-685-2854 Fax: 215-924-9560. Thanks to Capt. Kelly, P/O's Blackford and Lindsey, and to the men and women of the 35th, thanks for all you do.

### MY FIRST OLCAA MEETING BY REV. ALONZO JOHNSON

On the night of my first OLCAA meeting, I remember being quite excited. Much of my excitement was rooted in the fact that I, as new pastor of Oak Lane Presbyterian Church, would get this opportunity to serve as host for this meeting (or should I say reunion) of OLCAA.

By the time of the meeting, I heard many stories by members of our church about OLCAA and some of its many great accomplishments. In preparation for the OLCAA guests, I set 15 places at one of our large tables and made doggone sure my bowlful of fruits and snacks were complete.

At the start of the meeting there were a small handful of individuals from the community entering. It was at that time I remembered to get the six-pack of bottled water in the church kitchen refrigerator. Having returned from getting the water, I was in total awe to witness droves (what seemed like hundreds) of people from the community--and it was beautiful. The sheer number of people who attended that meeting was captivating. I was even more pleasantly surprised by the diversity. It was then, with great excitement I realized there was much I needed to learn about the East Oak Lane community. In a time where fear and paranoia seem to divide our communities along the lines of race and class, witnessing the many diverse members of the community that night was healing. I was profoundly reminded that even in a society where separation and division seem ubiquitous, unity and diversity is indeed still alive and well in our

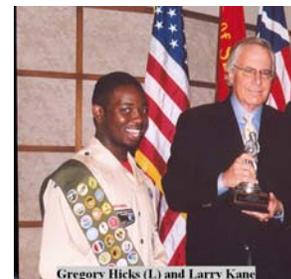
community. As pastor of the Oak Lane Presbyterian Church, a church that has been a longtime member of this diverse community, I feel that East Oak Lane is gifted beyond description. At the same time, I am very aware that keeping diverse communities together requires work.

With that said, it is important for me to say that I believe that we at the Oak Lane Presbyterian Church are continuing to seek ways that we can be supportive to the needs of the Oak Lane community. Through partnerships, hosting, involvement in community events or just even spending time together, we at Oak Lane Presbyterian Church are here and eager to partner in upholding the gifts of unity and diversity that has made this community warm, vital and affirming throughout the years.

So I close in continuing to fondly remember that OLCAA meeting where I came face to face with hope and potentiality in the faces of our neighbors and to this I say, " East Oak Lane, it is surely a pleasure to meet you".

### TWO YOUNG MEN REACH RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT BY A. MITCHELL

Gregory Hicks and Justin Marcus Dunbar-Stevens reach the rank of Eagle Scout while in Troop 19 in



East Oak Lane. Gregory received the Richard Monetti

Scholarship from KYW News Study Program in 2004. He was featured in the Who's Who of America's High School Students in 2003-2004. He worked with pre-teens as a counselor through the Phila Youth Works Program. Upon graduation from Central High School he plans to attend college and major in communications.

Justin's activities with the Scouts have been Assistant, Patrol, and Senior Patrol Leader. He is now a Scribe. He was a Teen Library Aid and responsible for helping children after school with homework, reading and computer skills. He received the Good Citizenship Award from the Union League, placed second in the Sister Cities Art Competition (monetary award and free tuition for summer program at Moore College of Art) and placed on the National Honor Roll. Justin plans to major in Architecture/Graphic Design upon graduation. He is very active with St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church. Our hats are off to these two exceptional young men and continued success in their future lives!!!



Justin Marcus Dunbar-Stevens

**POOR BESSIE'S ALMANAC  
(THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW  
ABOUT EAST OAK LANE)  
BY JANET MCSHAIN... BESSIE'S  
GRANDDAUGHTER**

Back to School! Thinking about my school days, I remember feeling very secure. Grandmom Bessie lived next door to me in Washington D.C., the Elementary School was only 3 blocks away, and the Junior High only 1/2 a block. My world for those beginning 10 years was tight. I recall walking to school past "safeties" with their chalk white diagonal belts and shiny badges. They were the big kids in 6th grade, the boys and girls who had chosen to be so responsible and watch out for our crossing at every corner. It was a secure and fun walk through the piles of leaves wearing my new shoes and my mom's freshly sewn handmade outfits.

Children have been walking through the leaves going to school here in East Oak Lane for over 300

years feeling secure and well cared for. We have a strong legacy of educating our children. The oldest schoolhouse in Philadelphia, now "Ellwood," used to be known as the "Milestown School," an octagonal structure where the eight sides represented, "half way to heaven through education- man is the square and heaven the circle". Before that Milestown School, the children here were taught in homes and "Meeting Houses." In 1684, Frances D. Pastorius a famous lawyer and educator, wrote a letter quoting William Penn as insisting that, "all must dwell together in townships or towns...in this way children can be kept in schools and far more readily instructed to good purpose, neighbors also can offer one another the friendly helping hand..."

Pastorius had the best education in England and was associated with the early Quakers, Samuel Carpenter and his wife Hannah (a Quaker preacher), who owned 500 acres here from 1684 to 1695, west of "Bristol Street" (along the railroad line) and north of Godfrey Avenue. Carpenter promoted this new ideal of public schools and raised money for the cause. In 1697, he was responsible for seeing that Pastorius got paid "40 pounds each yearly" for the Quaker School in Philadelphia. Carpenter's own children were born while he owned property here in our neighborhood, and I'm picturing his children and others walking to and from school with their homemade new clothes and shoes, feeling safe in their "green country town."

By the year c. 1706, when Pastorius opened his own school in our area, the list of patrons included owners of property from our own neighborhood then called "Milestown" within "Old Bristol Township." These land owners were considered to be the most influential people of Philadelphia County and included: Jan Lucken, Jan Neus, Hans Neus, Richard Townsend, Jacob Schumaker, Peter Schumaker, Isaac Schumaker, Griffith Miles and Benjamin Armitage (more on these owners next issue). With such a wealth of families interested in sending their children to school, just as in the earlier development of the

"Milestown School" with neighbors "overseeing," we have continued the ideal of William Penn and Samuel Carpenter and Frances D. Pastorius of "offering the friendly helping hand," sending our own children "back to school." *To be continued...*

**A FEW WORDS FROM  
HOUSING AND ZONING  
COMMITTEE  
BY JAYE DIVINE**

Consider this an invitation to add your energy to the revitalized **Housing & Zoning Committee of OLCAA**. Please call the OLCAA hotline and volunteer at 215-224-2777. To create a win-win opportunity for everyone, we need your help in reaching out to area businesses, community organizations as well as other residents of EOL to build a coalition of friends and advocates.

Part of our new mission is to encourage neighborhood residents to participate in housing issues as they impact the quality of life in our neighborhood. What types of issues, you might ask? Enhancing the neighborhood property values, maintaining the character and integrity of the homes, cleanliness, adherence to city ordinances and just plain old good neighbor best practices. How do we expect to accomplish these lofty goals? By educating each other on homeownership topics, cultivating relationships and making use of the variety of services and resources available to us.

Therefore, every issue of our newsletter we plan to provide useful tidbits of information entitled **Housing News you can Use!** This week, the following info is compliments of Ms. Yvonne Tyler, a coalition member and EOL Rep of the Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee of the Streets Department. Call Yvonne (215) 685-3973 and organize your block!

Leaf and Recycling Schedule			
Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1
MON	TUES	WED	THUR
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> to Broad	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> to Broad
DEC 19	DEC 20	DEC 21	DEC 22
Godfrey to 65 <sup>th</sup> St		65 <sup>th</sup> to Cheltenham	

## THE FRIENDS OF THE OAK LANE LIBRARY

Start reading now! On Nov 2nd, the friends' book club will meet and discuss Walter Isaacson's biography of Benjamin Franklin. 7:00 pm at the library.



### WANTED:

A few good bulbs. Donate some bulbs to the Friends and we will plant them around the library. Drop your bulbs off at the library or at the home of Michael Poxon and Marita Krivda Poxon at 904 Oak Lane.

### WANTED:

A few good bulb planters to plant bulbs over Thanksgiving weekend, preferably while the turkey is roasting. Contact Michael Poxon at 215-549-6531 to join the event and get out of the kitchen.

The following EOL children won a \$25 gift certificate for their participation in the Friends'

### Summer Reading Contest:

- Aaron Lankford
- Abraham Musselman
- Gabriel Musselman
- Becky Searight
- Joel Kelly
- Lean Kelly
- Matt Kelly.

Next meeting is set for Nov. 16th, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the library. All are welcome.

To become a member, come by the Library during our meeting and we will be happy to sign you up!

## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S 300TH BIRTHDAY – READING PROGRAM

BY MARITA J. KRIVDA

The Friends of the Oak Lane Library will be hosting a **Reading Program to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin on January 17, 1706.**

Benjamin Franklin, one of Philadelphia's greatest citizens, arrived in Philadelphia nearly penniless and retired at age 42, rich enough to pursue his real passions, science & politics. Four books have been selected which we hope will reveal the prodigious skills, the industriousness, and the genius of this great Philadelphian.

The first book chosen is a current, best-selling biography: Walter Isaacson. **Benjamin Franklin: An American Life.** Simon & Schuster, 2003. (Hardcover & Paper)

- Discussion: November 2, 2005 Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
- Discussion Leader: Marita Krivda
- Library Community Room.

The book is long but rewarding because you get to know the complex personal story of this great founding father.

The second book is a book by Franklin himself: **The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin.** Dover Thrift Editions, 2005. (paper)

- Discussion: December 14, 2005
- Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
- Discussion Leader: Ella Schwartz,
- Library Community Room.

This book is Franklin's autobiography written as a letter of instruction to his son. It covers the first half of his incredible life.

The third book is about Franklin as a scientist: Philip Dray. **Stealing God's Thunder: Benjamin Franklin's Lightning Rod and the Invention of America.** Random House, 2005. (Hardcover & paper)

- Discussion: January 25, 2006
- Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
- Discussion Leader :Michael Poxo
- Library Community Room.

This book documents Franklin's invention of the lightning rod and discovery of electricity.

The fourth book is another book by Benjamin Franklin: **Benjamin Franklin. The Way to Wealth.** Dover Thrift Editions 2005.

- Discussion: March 8, 2005
- Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
- Discussion Leader: Shirley Philips
- Library Community Room.

This short book of 30 pages is filled with Franklin's wit. Copies of these books will be made available at the Oak Lane Library. Discussions are lively and open to the public. Please come join your neighbors and discuss this great Philadelphian.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

OLCAA could not have been able to get out the August 2005 nor this issue November 2005 Newsletter if it hadn't been for the hard work of two very special East Oak Lane Neighbors.

It is with great pleasure that we thank **David and Michael Gilliard** for volunteering to help place the mailing labels and stapling all the newsletters in order to get them ready for mailing. Each mailing consisted of over 1,700 newsletters and they did it willingly.

Thanks for the great job, **David and Michael**. OLCAA really counts and appreciates the generosity of people like you two.

## HER BEAUTY LIES WITHIN

The Beautification Committee is striving to promote our neighborhood as a jewel in the crown of Philadelphia. Every Gateway into East Oak Lane from Cheltenham Avenue to Godfrey, from Broad Street to N. 5th St. should reflect the beautiful richness of architecture and greenery that lies within. Our major thoroughfares such as 66th Avenue, Oak Lane and N. 11th St. should say to travelers that this is a neighborhood that values 'Beauty, Historic Preservation, and Quality of Life.' We are seeking dynamic members who share passions for gardening, who love design and architecture, who think and live creatively and artistically. Please call the East Oak Lane Hotline at: 215-224-2777... we'd love for you to join us.

## OAK LANE DAY 2006

A committee will be formed to work on Oak Lane Day 2006. For those of you who have lived in East Oak Lane for several years remember the great Oak Lane Day's of the past. We want to bring this back and make it even better for 2006. If you are interested in joining this committee, call and leave us your name and number on our Hotline

215-224-2777. We will contact you about the meeting date and time.

Let's make this the biggest and best Oak Lane Day ever!!

## HISTORY BUFFS - THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE!

We have 325 years of settlement here in East Oak Lane, William Penn's first "Green Country Town." Let's embrace our heritage by the study of this area and by promoting the preservation of our great points of interest. We will be developing and placing Historical Markers, sanctioned by the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, throughout this neighborhood. They will highlight where, when, and how East Oak Lane came to be, and who was instrumental in developing our collective history.

Come join our preservation movement. We have become the custodians of great architecture and green space- let us preserve the richness of these great gifts we've been given. We've lost many of our great landmarks due to development- now is our opportunity to honor our past and create a wonderful legacy for future generations to share.

We'd love to hear from you! Call the Historic Preservation Committee on our Hotline at: 215-224-2777.

## A DELIGHTFUL EVENING AT THE EAST OAK LANE JAZZ CONCERT

Rain did not stop over 100 music lovers from gathering to hear the sultry sounds of Jazz on Friday, October 14th at The Korean United Church. Warm spirits filled the cozy venue as Jazz pianist, John Dulik, tickled the ivory keys. Ruth Naomi Floyd accompanied by pianist, Aaron Graves, sang to the church rafters with a mixture of Jazz Standards and cleverly arranged Spirituals. And finally, Wanamaker Lewis himself, East Oak Lane's own, regaled us with amazing chord progressions and his sublime musical talents on guitar and banjo.

A benefit for The Friends of the Oak Lane Library as well as The Oak Lane Tree Tenders, this concert marked the second successful musical event for the two organizations. Classical was the theme of last year's concert featuring East Oak Lane's talented Kovach Family of musicians, as well as the esteemed Opera Singer, Sheryl Olson, who was also gracious enough to help organize this year's event. Many East Oak Laners donated delectable desserts, Elizabeth McGusty provided beautiful flowers, and Michael Poxon brought humor as the evening's M.C.

A warm thank you to George Choe and The Korean United Church for hosting this event!

## CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Did you ever have the greatest idea and you just had no one to tell? Well now you've got an ear! The East Oak Lane Hotline is your connection to the world around you. Call us up when you have a question, a comment or you just want to connect with neighbors around you. Each Committee is represented with their own individual voicemail. Exciting 'Events' are listed such as our musical concerts, potluck dinners, and days of planting trees and flowers. 'Safety and Crime' relies on your calls for our monthly report as we meet each month with The 35th District to express our concerns. 'Housing and Zoning' depends on your eyes and ears to ensure neighborhood policy is being upheld. 'Communications' welcomes news and articles for consideration in our monthly newsletter...Call us and we'll respond. Each question or comment is reported to the monthly Board Meeting and the appropriate Committee responds. We look forward to hearing from you.

**REMEMBER, TO  
CONTINUE TO RECEIVE  
THIS NEWSLETTER YOU  
MUST BECOME A  
MEMBER!!**

**Friends of the Oak Lane Branch  
of the Free Library of Philadelphia Membership Form**

c/o Joanne Balitsky, 6342 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Phila, PA 19126

**Membership**     New     Renewal

Individual \$10.00     Family \$12.00     Senior/Student \$7.00     Patron \$25.00

Business/Institution \$50.00

Additional Contribution      Amount: \_\_\_\_\_      Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please contact:

Complete form and return with your check payable to Friends of Oak Lane Library

Joanne Balitsky - Membership

6342 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Philadelphia, PA 19126

**OLCAA MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Your membership is crucial to our activities, publications and events. Join us now and  
Show your support for East Oak Lane!

**Membership**     New     Renewal

(If you have questions, please contact us at 215-224-2777)

Individual \$10.00     Family \$15.00     Supporting \$20.00     Patron \$20.00     Senior \$6.00

Low Income \$3.00     Business/Institution \$25.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in joining the activities of the following committee:

Oak Lane Tree Tenders, 6605 Lawnton Ave, Phila, PA 19126 215-924-1722

Communications     Education & Culture     Beautification     Civic Action

Safety & Crime     Historic Preservation     Community Housing & Zoning     Hospitality & Membership

Complete form and return with your check payable to Oak Lane Community Action Assn.

P. O. Box 2926 Philadelphia, PA 19126

# POT LUCK DINNER

REMINDER!

Doors  
will open at  
6:00 pm  
for  
early drop-offs only  
(and of course volunteers).

Monetary Donations  
are also accepted!

Calling all East Oak Laners!  
OLCAA'S Pot Luck Dinner  
on

**Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005,**  
**7:00–10:00pm**  
at the  
Oak Lane Presbyterian  
Church  
11<sup>th</sup> Street & Oak Lane

Call OLCAA's hotline 215-224-2777, Mailbox #5. Let us know if you will be bringing an entree, pasta, salad, dessert, or need suggestions or any other potluck info. We suggest you bring your favorite dish in disposable containers (or make sure your containers are labeled). Your specialty dish should serve ten people or more.



OAK LANE COMMUNITY  
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