



OHEY Tribune

The Social Segment

By Craig Thomas

Many thanks to our June hosts, Cheerlee & Jim Leavens. The drink, food, and company were all wonderful. Also many thanks go out to Adele Malloy, Vicky Scheib, and Jane & Don Reise for hosting July's cookout. Everyone had a lovely time.

Next up is a Festive Friday on August 24th hosted by the Dolan/Baker's at 2252 Dixie Dr. Be sure not to miss it; they will be featuring local wines. As always, bring an appetizer and/or adult beverage to share.

See the Events sidebar and our website for more OEY events.

Oktoberfest Will Soon be Here

Pull on your Lederhosen and cinch up your Dirndls (guys, sexist as it may sound, and as fetching as they may be, Dirndls are for the gals only, please!) and join us at the Schaefer home, 138 N. Keeseey, for our second annual OEY Oktoberfest, Sat, 29 September, 7 pm -?

German food and drink will be featured, so please bring along one of your favorites to add to the mix.

While OEY is certainly not Bavaria, for this occasion, we'll try to alter the ambience as best we can!

OEY Events

Festive Friday

Friday, Aug. 24—7 pm
The Dolan/Baker's
2252 Dixie Dr.

Oktoberfest!

Saturday, Sep 29—7 pm
The Schaefer's
138 N Keeseey St.

"Souper"

Festive Friday

Friday, Oct 19—7 pm
The Amspacher's
120 N Rockburn St.

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The Old East York Neighborhood Association exists to serve the Old East York community in order to preserve, enhance, and celebrate the unique qualities of Old East York.

Feral/Stray Cat Population: Is Your Cat Safe?

By Craig Thomas

Some OEY residents have reported a growth in the population of stray or feral cats wandering our streets. These residents are challenged with identifying which cats are strays and which cats are simply household pets who are allowed to run loose in our neighborhood.

Many people assume their animals will survive when they move away and leave them behind. Contrary to popular belief, domestic animals do not automatically return to their "natural" instincts and cannot fend for themselves.

Studies have proven that the humane "trap-neuter-release" approach is the single most successful method of stabilizing and maintaining healthy feral cat colonies with the least possible cost to local governments and residents, while providing the best life for the animals themselves.

Spaying/neutering homeless cats:

- Stabilizes the population at manageable levels
- Eliminates annoying behaviors associated with mating
- Is humane to the animals and fosters compassion in the neighborhoods
- Is more effective and less costly than repeated attempts at other, less humane, methods

How can you be a part of the solution?

First, if your cat roams free, ensure your family pet is spayed or neutered and is wearing a collar and tag so it is not mistaken for a stray. Second, contact the Feral Cat Coalition at hssmdpets@aol.com or call 717-845-3797 to report a feral cat colony or for more information on how to help.

The Association Corner

Who's Been Marking Up My Street?

By Tom Schaefer

Curious OEYer's have been wanting to know. The semi-official answer, gleaned by asking one of the workers doing the markings is: the gas and water lines are being located in anticipation of them being replaced. The worker had no idea when, but mentioned that this neighborhood is being scheduled for line replacement. He also stated the replacement method will be as minimally intrusive as possible. This maintenance work may cause (whenever it actually happens) some dirt, disruption, and parking hassles, but it should be a good thing, considering some of OEY's older utility lines are over 100 years old. Let us not forget the recent "mystery explosions" in York City's West End, and the house explosion on S. Albemarle St. in the not-too-distant past. Ultimately, the replacement will be good for your property value.

And Speaking of Changes in the Offing

By Tom Schaefer

According to recent legal notices, the authorities have decided to change the traffic patterns at S. Kershaw and Eastern Blvd. The E-W stop signs are being changed to N-S (on Kershaw); but this will be replaced by a "rotary" intersection, i.e., a traffic circle or, in proper English, a "roundabout." We surmise this will help traffic calming while still allowing a faster E-W flow. Could these measures be used in OEY? Probably not, and this is simply because our intersections are far narrower. Remember, most of our streets were laid out at the tail end of the horse and carriage days when autos in York County were counted in dozens rather than by the hundred thousands.

New History Series to Start In Autumn

By Tom Schaefer

Most know that OEY is a special place. Soon, we'll explain how that has come to be, and why so much of our atmosphere is actually rooted in a pretty interesting set of historical developments; and some of these originate far further in the past than one might realize. Our desire is that residents will concretely understand why our neighborhood is so worth preserving and maintaining.

Welcoming New Residents

by Dawn Lutz

Please help us welcome out new neighbors. We have prepared information about our community and about the OEYNA. If you know of someone who has recently moved in near you, please let us know and we'll get a New Neighbor Packet to them.

If you would enjoy making our new neighbors feel welcome, please call Dawn Lutz at 757-1343.

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