



# OHEY Tribune

## Hosts Needed for 2007 Festive Fridays

*By Craig Thomas*

Many thanks to our January hosts, Lynn & Dave Johnson. A wonderful time was had by all.

Hosts are still needed for some 2007 Festive Fridays. Usually held on the last Friday of each month, Festive Fridays are informal gatherings open to all OEY residents 21 years of age and

older. To minimize the effort of the hosts, everyone is asked to bring a bottle of wine or other adult beverage and/or an appetizer to share with their neighbors.

E-mail us at [info@OldEastYork.com](mailto:info@OldEastYork.com) or call the Thomas family at 751-0691 to be added to the 2007 calendar.

### OEY Events

#### **Festive Friday**

Friday, Feb 23—7 pm  
The Williams's  
130 N Findlay St.

#### **Festive Friday**

Friday, Mar 23—7 pm  
The Avillo's  
27 N Russell St.

#### **Festive Friday**

Friday, Apr. 27—7 pm  
The Dunkel's  
1926 Wallace St.

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## Save This Date

### Neighborhood Yard Sale

*By Betsy Dunkel*

The OEY neighborhood yard sale will be held Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 9 am to 2 pm. The neighborhood association will pay for advertising the event in local newspapers. Homeowners are responsible for hosting their sale at their residence and for obtaining a yard

sale permit at the township office for a fee of \$2.

Many people are attracted to the Old East York neighborhood in pursuit of great finds, so clean out your closets, de-clutter your basement, and unearth hidden treasures in your garage — and make some money, too!

Call Betsy Dunkel (751-2181) with questions.

## 2006: A Very Good Year In Old East York

*By Jan Schaefer*

In a display of true community spirit, OEY residents participated in record numbers in 2006. We packed the Township's hall on numerous occasions, fighting to preserve the integrity of our neighborhood. Significant numbers braved blustery winds, picketing on North Hills Rd and Industrial Hwy, bringing our struggle with Rutter's to the public's attention. Our first garden tour was a tremendous success. Festive Fridays, several attended by more than 40, were hosted by first-timers as well as standbys. Oktoberfest games and crafts were enjoyed by our children, and German music and a blazing fire welcomed adults to the beer garden. Ticket sales for Holiday Spirits increased and brought many new faces.

I personally thank each of you for your participation in our

community. Although there isn't room for me to list all of the many people who contributed in a significant way, I would like to recognize several people who devoted countless resources to OEYNA: for planning our garden tour and generously opening her home on several occasions, Jackie Hostler; for being available on a moments notice to do whatever needed to be done, David Fernandez and Dawn Lutz; for stepping in to make the children's Oktoberfest a reality; Jen Campbell, Lizzie Leavens and Cheerlee Leavens; for making Holiday Spirits possible, Chris Cordell, Betty Borsello, Scott Smith, Duane Bell, and Jackie Hostler; for always coming through with whatever is needed, Pastor Jim and Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church. Finally, there have been several extremely liberal, financial contributions to the Rutter's cause which have made our fight possible; thank you for your generosity.

# The Community Action & Preservation Corner

By Tom Schaefer

## A H.A.R.B. Is Now More Important Than Ever

An Historical Architectural Review Board may be the only mechanism to save our neighborhood's Market St. corridor from becoming one long strip mall. Months ago we alerted you to the fact that the current plan to change the Market St. Office/Apartment zoning to Medium Density Commercial could have severe negative effects on our neighborhood.

In theory, this zoning change would allow developers to use the current buildings for shops, boutiques, coffee lounges, etc. that would enhance OEY's livability. While there might be little wrong with that, we have real concerns that the current plan would also allow a developer to tear down any and every Market St. property and rebuild to 75% of the building lot size rather than the 35% limit currently set.

Because both sides of Market are in OEY's National Register District, and because Federal and State legislation is in place to establish protective laws for structures in such districts, a H.A.R.B. and supporting preservation laws at the Twp. level would allow the first type of development but prevent the second kind.

We are currently assembling a neighborhood committee to

explore all aspects of H.A.R.B. districts, so if you'd like to help, please call Tom Schaefer at 755-1846.

## Rutter's Fight Stopped in Court

It is with great frustration that we must report that our appeal of the decision to allow Rutter's to build was thrown out of court on 2 January by Judge Richard Renn. He determined (by reviewing material selectively edited from the Twp. records by the Rutter's lawyers) that the Old East York Neighborhood Association itself had no legal standing to question the decision.

Our own attorney, Bill Hoffmeyer, was equally baffled by the judge's ruling. Hoffmeyer stated that while we could probably get back in the game by appealing Renn's decision, it would cost us LOT\$\$\$ to do so.

On the face of it, it would appear that Rutter's won this time; but that may not be the case as there remain other issues where they are rather weak. Watch for a meeting announcement of when we will relate this new information.

Meanwhile, keep those contributions coming in please, for we still need to cover our own legal fees. And keep up your spirits, because Rutter's expects us to roll over and quit this fight to protect our neighborhood.

**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.**

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