



OHEY Tribune

Being Social

By Craig Thomas

Festive Friday

Many thanks to our June hosts, Cheerlee & Jim Leavens. The lovely weather and great turn-out made this another successful Festive Friday.

Next up is a Festive Friday Cookout hosted by three OEY households, Adele Malloy, Jane & Don Riese, and Vicki Scheib. Located on the space between 37 & 45 N Findlay, this is an adults-only event and all are asked to bring wine, beer, an appetizer, and/or side dish to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Feel free to bring any other grillable meat. An extra lawn chair or two would also be appreciated.

Hosts are still needed for October and November. If you'd like to host a Festive Friday,

please e-mail info@oldeastyork.com.

OHEY's Garden Tour

OHEYNA extends its sincere thanks to the homeowners who graciously made our 2007 Garden Tour possible.

Participants enjoyed beautiful gardens at the homes of Deb Bixler, Ken Frigm, Jo Guiffrida, Erin and Nathan Hummel, Vicki Scheib, Monica and Craig Thomas, Annabelle and John Wenzke, and Advent Lutheran Church.

The tour would not have been possible without the devotion of our Garden Tour committee members – Jackie Hostler, Kelly Elliott, Linda Benyak, Nancy Youst, and Susan Robertson.

Your willingness to support your community is commendable and truly appreciated.

OHEY Events

Festive Friday

Friday, July 13 – 7 pm
Malloy, Riese & Scheib Cookout
37-45 N Findlay St

Festive Friday

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

Oktoberfest

Saturday, Sept 29th
The Schaefer's
138 N Keeseey St.

Community Matters

By Jan Schaefer

Community matters according to Experience Life Magazine.

Its June 2007 article of the same name, written by Jon Spayde, begins, "A strong sense of community adds real value to our lives. It not only helps us feel more connected to the world around us, it also makes a measurable difference in our happiness – and in our health." A variety of studies have shown that regular face-to-face helpfulness, including acts of volunteerism and neighborly goodwill, can contribute significantly to physical health and happiness.

Important to community, according to Experience Life, are the use of sidewalks and public areas for meeting, conversation and play; parks that are not just pristine green spaces to be admired, but places for use and enjoyment; not allowing auto traffic to dominate the neighborhood (having traffic calming devices like speed bumps in place where needed); and having ethnic, racial and generational diversity, and low levels of frenzy, anxiety, anger and fear.

I'm sure most of us recognize OEY as a great community and that is why we choose to live here. Please take the time to become involved and support OEY. Not only will you personally benefit, it will insure our neighborhood remains strong and one we can be proud of.

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The Association Corner

Neighborhood Focus Groups Planned by Tom Schaefer

In order for the OEYNA to get a better understanding for the needs and feelings of our community's residents, it has been suggested that we look into setting up a series of focus group meetings throughout the neighborhood. We are in the process of finalizing the themes and questions, and are also looking for folks who might be willing to host a small group of neighbors for an evening of informal chatting and opinion gathering. If you would be willing to have a few friends in, please contact Jan or Tom Schaefer at 755-1846.

Comprehensive Plan Update by Tom Schaefer

The Township is moving toward finalizing new zoning ordinances. There had been strong concern that some of these changes will negatively impact OEY, especially the strip of Market St. that had been zoned Office/Apartment. We were assured by both the Comp. Plan Committee and the Township authorities that Market St's character will not be allowed to change. Details of the how's and why's were not mentioned, and our concerns were not totally allayed, but at least these folks have taken a small bit of our input to heart. However, it has been made very clear that the Township is not willing to enact even a fraction of what Pennsylvania law does allow them to do in order to protect our historic streetscapes and our quality of life. We will have to look to other directions for our protection, and fortunately, we do have other options. Those who vote may want to keep this issue in mind as our Township Supervisors come up for reelection.

Caring For Our Community

Know of someone in need? Wish to make a difference in our community by helping others on occasion? Please contact Betsy Dunkel at 751-2181.

Welcoming New Residents by Dawn Lutz

OEYNA would like to personally welcome all new residents. In order to do this, we need your help. If you are aware of someone moving into OEY, please contact Dawn Lutz, 757-1343. If you have recently moved into the neighborhood and would like information on our community, please contact Dawn to receive our newcomer packet.

Recommended Contractors by Jan Schaefer

Our list of contractors who have been recommended by our neighbors is available on the OEYNA website, or by contacting Jan Schaefer. If you have someone you trust to the hilt to do excellent work, fill out the on-line form at www.oldeastyork.com, or send your recommendation, along with your experience, to Jan Schaefer at 138 N. Keesey. Please also report negative experiences with contractors on our list.

Interested in OEY's Quality of Life?

OEYNA was organized in 2003 to promote community connectedness, discuss and respond to issues and challenges affecting our neighborhood, plan for OEY's future, and develop new outlets to have fun along the way. The group is organized into teams covering communication, community action and preservation, community care, finance, and social. In order to carry out our mission, we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in serving on a team, contact the Schaeferes, Jim Herbert, or email info@oldeastyork.com.

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