



OHEY Tribune

Being Social

By Craig Thomas

Can We Borrow 2 Cents?

The OEYNA is a volunteer group of Old East York residents interested in preserving, enhancing, and celebrating the unique qualities of our neighborhood.

We are always looking for new ideas that will help strengthen and complement the sense of community and togetherness that is the OEY experience.

Help us develop new activities and events that can make OEY an even greater place to live by attending an association meeting or e-mailing

info@oldeastyork.com and donating your 2 cents.

Festive Fridays

Many thanks to our April hosts, Betsy & Dave Dunkel, and May hostess, Jackie Hostler. A wonderful time was had by all.

June's Festive Friday will be hosted by Cheerlee & Jim Leavens poolside at 2209 E. Phila. St on the 22nd. Don't miss this great opportunity to socialize with your OEY neighbors.

Hosts are still needed for some 2007 Festive Fridays. Call Craig or Monica Thomas at 751-0691 to volunteer.

OEY Events

Festive Friday

Friday, May 25—7 pm
The Hostler's
16 N Keesey St.

Festive Friday

Friday, June 22—7 pm
The Leavens'
2209 E Phila. St.

OEY Garden Tour

Saturday, June 23
1-5 pm

Festive Friday

Friday, July 13—7 pm
Cookout!
37-45 N Findlay St

...more at
www.OldEastYork.com

Look What's Blooming Now!

OEY's Garden Tour Returns!

Saturday, June 23, 1-5 PM, \$10 per ticket
Rain Date, Sunday, June 24



Back by popular demand, OEY's 2007 Garden Tour is sure to be a hit! Come enjoy eight of OEY's finest gardens! Savor dazzling colors, a myriad of textures, and heavenly bouquets!

Among our many sponsors, generously providing great door prizes are Shiloh Nurseries,

Waltersdorf Lighting, Madison Bay Co., Simply Earth Studio, Collage and Hueters Nursery. Profits will benefit OEY preservation.

We need lots of volunteers to assist on the day of the tour and each will receive a free ticket. If you can help from 12:45 to 3:00 or 2:45 to 5:00, contact Jackie Hostler at 891-6187 or Kelly Elliott at 755-4794.

And, be sure to purchase tickets, available soon at Shiloh Nurseries, or by calling 755-1899. If you miss advance sales, tickets will be available the day of the tour at 101 N. Keesey.

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All Things OEY

OEY Property Values and “Flipping”

by Tom Schaefer

As stated last month, OEY's home values remain strong and in the foreseeable future, they should continue to rise. To track our property values, refer to the deed transfers in the York Sunday News real estate section. On-line, check InYork.com. Reputable agents will always give you accurate property assessments. Don't be afraid to interview three or four agents, just as you would before retaining any professional's service. After all, your home is likely your single-most valuable asset.



Flipping properties is a game of time and numbers. Flippers make the most money by acquiring a property at the low end of its value range, putting just the right dollar amount into its improvement as quickly as possible (some flippers have entire teams of contractors who rapidly move from property to property), then reselling it at its value range's high end. Where YOU can get stung is when an agent really “lowballs”, or undervalues, your property, then pressures you to “take the cash” without giving you the time to learn your property's true value. No matter what your personal situation when selling, you owe it to yourself not to get drawn into a deal that might cost you tens of thousands of dollars. Don't hesitate to ask a flipper what they expect to make on your property's resale.

Are all flippers out to cheat you? Certainly not. But, as in all professions, some folks are more reputable than others. Just ask around. By the way, rumors have circulated that this topic was introduced to refer to a particular real estate agent. Readers should consider those rumors not worth repeating.

Historic Preservation Celebrations

by Tom Schaefer

The National Trust for Historic Preservation sets aside a portion of each May to celebrate the preservation of America's historical resources. Unfortunately, for the past decade or so, there has been less and less to celebrate, for great numbers of irreplaceable historic properties continue to fall before the wrecking ball. Developers often say, “Well, we can't save everything.” Next time you hear that line, ask them, “Well, why don't you tell me what, if anything, you have saved?” For those of us in OEY, take the time this month to walk our streets, enjoy our greenery and gardens, and really soak in the beauty and detail of the varied architecture we have.

Perennial Exchange

by Monica Thomas

Are your plants proliferating? Exchanging divided perennials, ornamental grasses, herbs, bulbs and seed pods expands everyone's garden variety.



To offer plants and seeds to your neighbors, e-mail info@oldeastyork.com with a description of the offered product, convenient pick up times, and location.

Welcoming New Residents

by Dawn Lutz

Please help us welcome our new neighbors. 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.

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.

Recommended Contractors

by Jan Schaefer

A list of neighbor-recommended contractors is available on the OEYNA website, or by contacting Jan Schaefer. If you have someone you trust to do excellent work, fill out the on-line form, or send your recommendation, along with your experience, to Jan Schaefer at 138 N. Keesey.

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