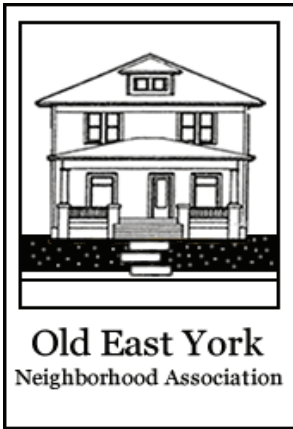


OHEY Tribune



OHEY Events

Oktoberfest!

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

Festive Friday

Friday, Oct 19 or 26
7 pm
Can you host?

Festive Friday

Friday, Nov 16—7 pm
The Johnson's
25 N Harlan St.

Holiday Spirits Open House

Friday, Dec 7th
8 to 11 pm
OEY's annual holiday
celebration. (see Social
Segment for more
information)

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serve the Old East
York community
in order to
preserve, enhance,
and celebrate the
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Old East York.**

OHEY Residents Concerned

By Jan & Tom Schaefer and Craig Thomas

A number of OEY residents have reported signs of drug dealing, increased pass-through traffic, poorly-maintained rental properties, and loitering in our neighborhood. These issues -- at least on the surface -- may possess the potential to harm our sense of home and community, the safety of our families and friends, and our property values.

In the past four years, our community has experienced the power of cooperation first-hand, by joining together to fight the proposed strip club and then Rutters. And we may now face more subtle, everyday threats to Old East York and our quality of life.

We attempted, in 2005, to solicit the township's assistance in setting up a Neighborhood Watch program. We were told the police department was not able to devote the energy or resources at that time. With our growing concerns about quality of life and crime, we re-

turned to the Township supervisors a few weeks ago and requested they reconsider our proposal.

We are also examining state and Federal grant programs that fund organizations that want to be proactive in their efforts to stave off crime.

We believe that if these potential threats are confronted, coming together to meet one another and to talk about the challenges we face as a neighborhood, our strength will propel us to viable solutions. We don't have to sit idly by as absentee landlords hold neglected properties, or crime gets a real foothold in OEY. Let's get together now to begin the discussion.

Please join your neighbors in this effort to protect and preserve Old East York by calling 755-1846 or e-mailing info@oldeastyork.com.

Together, we can make a difference.

PS—if you observe anything that appears suspicious, **CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY.**

The Social Segment

By Craig Thomas and Jan Schaefer

Many thanks to our August hosts, Katie Dolan & Steve Baker, and Oktoberfest hosts, Jan & Tom Schaefer. Great times were had by all who attended.

See the Events sidebar for more OEY events.

October's Festive Friday

October's hosts have had to cancel and we're interested in seeing if anyone can step in to host this month's Festive Friday.

If you can open your home — or back yard weather permitting — please e-mail us at info@oldeastyork.com or call Craig Thomas at

751-0691.

Holiday Spirits, December 7, 8 to 11 pm

Once again, OEYNA, brings you Holiday Spirits, an evening to enjoy the warmth of the holiday season with new neighbors and old neighborhood friends.

Our hosts, Jim and Cheerlee Leavens, Susan Robertson, and Steve Converse, will graciously open their homes, providing a variety of beverages and delectable fare.

Tickets, available in early November, will be \$15 or two for \$25 (buy one for a neighbor and save).

Visit us on-line at www.OldEastYork.com

The Association Corner

by Tom Schaefer, Dawn Lutz, and Craig Thomas

A Condensed History of OEY – Part I

While many might consider OEY's history to begin with its laying out in 1903, this series explores the influences that caused OEY to become one of York's first suburbs and notes some of the history that transpired on or near our neighborhood.

To do that, we need to go back far earlier than 1903. OEY's true origins can be found approximately 500 million years ago in the Ordovician Era; for it was then that the rock strata under our homes and streets were being bedded. And that was when this area was the sea floor of a vast body of water predating the current Atlantic Ocean and the formation of the Appalachians.

The rich, deep limestone soils that bed the York/Kreutz Creek Valley- in which OEY is located- and carry southwest to the Hanover Plain, created some of the finest farmland in the United States. Hence, the 18th and 19th century families fortunate enough to gain title to this fertile, easily tillable, abundantly-watered landscape were able to prosper; and by prospering, many proprietors retained large, open tracts of land long into the 20th century.

In future installments we'll develop how the issue of one particular large, open land tract influenced OEY, but for now, consider this: no rich limestone, then probably no OEY as we know it and where we know it. Next time, we'll explore how Native Americans also influenced OEY's placement.

Dates to Remember:

Trick or Treat Night:

31 October, 6-8pm

Leaf Collection:

24 October; 12 November; 3 December (final)

Welcoming New Residents

We have prepared a packet of helpful information about services available in this area as well as activities sponsored by OEYNA. Since Jan. 2, 2007, Earl & Bev Williams, David Fernandez, Tom & Jan Schaefer, Lauren Farah, Joan Gunning, Duane Bell and Dorcas Arigo have taken part in delivering 22 packets to our newest residents. I would like to thank everyone for their help

If you have a new neighbor, please let me know. If you would like to make a visit or two, that would be very helpful. Call me at 757-1343

Also, Thanks Go Out To...

David Fernandez, Lynn & Dave Johnson, the Leavens family, Dawn Lutz, Brenda Kreeger and Alicia Overmiller on their continued assistance in newsletter delivery. (If we've forgotten anyone, we apologize)

If you know of a neighbor who is *not* receiving this newsletter, please e-mail info@oldeastyork.com.

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