



Recipients of the 2018 OLCAA Community Service Awards

Deb Ahrens Branch Manager, Oak Lane Library

Deb contributes to our community as if she were the neighbor next door, making sure we have needed space for meetings and forums. She supports OLCAA in many ways, volunteering her time and resources to guarantee we get the word out about what's happening in East Oak Lane. Deb makes it a priority to bring us the latest information that impacts our community.

Judy Becker

When Judy isn't jet-setting (!), her continued service in our community in various ways has been exemplary. She is perhaps best known for her work each—and every—Oak Lane Day, rallying her arsenal of volunteers to donate and facilitate our famous dessert table. Thank you, Judy, for being a passionate, generous leader, always there for us.

Eric Brice Chair, Crime, Safety, & Security

Eric's leadership qualities are evident in each activity in which he participates. He is a passionate advocate for East Oak Lane and OLCAA, a tireless communicator, fundraiser, and vigilant neighborhood watchdog. His strength and enthusiasm are energizing forces; his wisdom and commitment to the betterment of our community are commendable. He inspires confidence. He stepped up to assume the presidency of OLCAA and took us to new levels. As he rotates off the Board after serving six consecutive years, it is fitting to recognize the force that he is in the work that we do.

Kelly McShain-Tyree Chair, Beautification

This lady doesn't mind getting her hands dirty to keep our community clean and tidy. She personally plants seasonal creations to beguile all who reside in and travel through East Oak Lane. When called upon for special OLCAA events, all you need to do is ask her once—she will be "Kelly on the spot" to make the event special. She often speaks of the "gems" in our community. It's time to acknowledge that Kelly is one of our gems, helping to make East Oak Lane sparkle.

Alvin & Earlene Mitchell Boy Scouts

Many of us have come to learn to pick the Mitchells first for our teams, because they are a must for a successful event. This power couple is a force to be reckoned with. They serve on the Membership committee and many other OLCAA committees, where their ingenuity and experience offer vital contributions. They spearheaded the Members-only Dinner. Al & Earlene also shepherd Boy Scout Troop #19. Al has served as the financial secretary for OLCAA for several years. The Mitchells are among the most generous and committed humanitarians in East Oak Lane.

Freida Williams Chair, Housing & Zoning

Housing & Zoning is one of our most impactful committees. Leading it requires tenacity, stamina, and the ability to understand and articulate the various codes of the City's Licensing & Inspections department. When our neighborhood is challenged with situations requiring prompt response, Freida sprints into action with her team to confront the issue from beginning to end. Before and after becoming a sitting Board member, she volunteered to help with many OLCAA events. Freida is one of those "Sheroes" we spoke about in the April 2018 OLCAA newsletter.