



# THE EAST OAK LANE PAPER

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## Malt Beverage Sales in Our Neighborhood

Everyone in the neighborhood should be aware that **K's Market located at 6349 N Broad Street**

(near the intersection of Broad Street & Cheltenham Avenue, across from St Mark's Church) was originally denied permission to sell malt or brewed beverages for consumption off the premises. On September 24, 2007 The City of Philadelphia Malt & Brewed Beverage Hearing Board "decided that the request for approval of a permit for the take out sale of malt or brewed beverages in the City of Philadelphia is disapproved. The Board determined that a permit would adversely affect the welfare, health, peace and morals of the City or the **residents.**" This decision was to go into affect in September 2007.

Unfortunately, K's Market appealed the suspension on October 25 and WON. OLCAA is on top of this situation and will alert you when the next hearing is

scheduled.

The most recent location seeking Malt Beverage License #D3941 is located at **6835 Old York Road.** It is imperative that the near neighbors, schools, religious establishments, and all residents come together to take action. We must work together to ensure that the sale of malt or brewed beverages on or off premises does not destroy the quality of life that we have worked hard to create and have come to expect.

Saul High School and LaSalle University students planted 54 trees in Oak Lane on Friday and Saturday November 9 and 10 and a few afternoons later. **See Pg. 3**

### Important Agency Numbers:

- Streets Department **215-686-5560** (for repaving of our streets)
- Dumpster Violations **215-686-4279** (for Apt Buildings and Businesses)
- Air & Noise Pollution **215-685-7580** (for loud music, etc.)
- The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Enforcement State Police, 6901 Woodland Ave. **215- 726-6200**
- 35th Police District, Broad & Champlost **215-686-3350**

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## Block Task Force

The Block Task Force continues and needs your help to keep the quality of life and low crime we have enjoyed for years . **See Pg. 4**

## Leaf Collection

Mechanical leaf collection Schedule. **See Pg. 2**

## Survey

Please complete the Survey on **pages 5 & 6** to help the Block Task Force and OLCAA meet your needs!

## Ghost Walk

OLCAA's 2nd Ghost Walk was a great success. Read on to find out the ghostly story. **See Pg. 2**

## STILL SEARCHING

OLCAA is in need of a place to store our supplies. If you have a secured, dry storage space to donate for OLCAA's use, please call the **OLCAA Hotline at 215-224-2777.**

## New Trees

A good time was had planting all the new trees.

Rain or Shine —  
Mechanical Leaf  
Collections 2007

AREA 5 - Oak Lane  
Cheltenham Avenue  
to Godfrey Avenue  
and Broad Street to  
65th Avenue

**Week 3**—Dec 3-7, 2007

**Week 6**—Dec. 24-28,2007

**Monday, Dec. 3, 2007**

3rd to 8th Streets, from  
Godfrey Ave to 65th Ave

**Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007**

8th St to Broad Street,  
from Godfrey Ave to 65<sup>th</sup>  
Ave

**Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007**

3rd to 8th Streets, from  
65th to Cheltenham Aves

**Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007**

8th Street to Broad Street,  
from 65th to Cheltenham  
Aves

**Monday, Dec 24, 2007**

3rd Street to Broad Street,  
from Godfrey to 65th  
Aves

**Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007**

Holiday - Christmas

**Wed. , Dec. 26, 2007**

3rd to 8th Streets, from  
65th Avenue to Chelten-  
ham Ave

**Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007**

8th Street to Broad Street,  
from 65th Ave to Chelten-  
ham Ave

Residents in mechanical  
leaf collection areas  
should follow these tips:

- All leaves should be raked and ready for collection by 7:00 AM Monday for each week of mechanical collection. Leaves should be raked into the street by the curb's edge (piling is not necessary).
- If possible, move your vehicle to an off-street parking location on your scheduled collection day, so crews can remove leaves along the curb line.
- Residents in mechanical areas can also set out bagged leaves.
- After the mechanical collection, please sweep and bag any remaining leaves and place them out for the weekly bagged collections.
- In previous years, residents could obtain free mulch from Fairmount Park during leaf collection season. Is this still available? Interested residents should contact Fairmount Park directly at 215-685-0115 to inquire about any of their current programs.



Successful Second  
Ghost Walk in East  
Oak Lane

By Marita K. Poxon

On a Ghostly week-end, Saturday & Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, right before Halloween, East Oak Lane had another successful Ghost Walk. Five historic homes hosted 5 storytellers who told five original stories of East Oak Lane Ghosts & haunted places. The host houses, storytellers & stories were:

*The Poxons* - 904 Oak Lane Avenue. Marita Krivda Poxon, Storyteller. The Asbury Spirit Kachina. A Ghost Story about a possessed Indian Kachina doll brought from Taos, New Mexico which haunts the Asbury property on Lakeside Avenue & Cheltenham Avenue.

*Under the Oak Café*—804 Oak Lane Avenue. Kelly McShain Tyree, Storyteller. A Ghost Story about a tragic pair of Civil War era lovers who haunt the Melrose Park train station.

*The Wagners* - 6812 Verbena Avenue. Barbara Wagner, Story-

teller. A Ghost Story about the Underground Railroad at the time of the Civil War & an East Oak Lane haunted well.

*The McCabes* — 6625 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Rochelle Christopher, Storyteller. A Ghost Story about the power of love and a heroic Ghost dog that saves its former owner from certain death by fire.

*The Pollacks* - 6638 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Michael Poxon, Storyteller. A Ghost story about a Professor who finds a haunted Indian sacred-whistle & brings havoc to East Oak Lane when he whistles for the wind.

Over 65 tickets were sold to adults & children on the front porch of the Poxons home where the Ghost Walk tours began. Over 20 people participated as guides, ticket sellers & refreshment hostesses for the various Ghost tours on the two evenings.

After the last Ghost Story, all were invited to partake of refreshments that were donated to the Ghost Walk by various talented bakers & generous sponsors. The Scully's at 1014 Oak Lane graciously offered their home again this year for this Ghostly feast. Warm, mulled Apple cider & hot coffee were offered to all to warm their spirits. The cakes, pies, candy & other Halloween treats were spectacular.

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## New Trees

BY CHARLES PHILIPS

Oak Lane Tree Tenders and Saul High School and LaSalle University students planted 54 trees in Oak Lane on Friday and Saturday November 9 and 10 and a few afternoons later. Staffs of Saul Agricultural High School, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) and the Fairmount Park Commission (FPC) served as demonstrators and group leaders.

On Friday eighteen Saul Students led by teacher Barbara Brown, and Mindy Maslin and Sally McCabe (both of



PHS) planted 12 trees and enjoyed pizza at Sally's house.

On Saturday Rich Stephens and Jack Malley lead the group which planted five elms and three zelkovas at the Exxon station at Broad Street and Godfrey Avenue. Also planting there were neighbors Jim MacGruther, Michael Poxon and student Hasan Malik from the northeast.

Two groups planted 10 trees (Maackias, Yellowwoods, and a maple) at the More Bank at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Cheltenham Avenue. Mike Hardy of PHS and "Hip" Rodriguez of FPC led a morning group of LaSalle football players—Bryant Torres, Trevin Jaggars, Bud Hamilton, DJ Muir --and two LaSalle swimmers. The afternoon group which also planted four trees at 506 Oak Lane was led by Mindy Maslin, head of the PHS Tree Tenders program, and included LaSalle people Trey Ulrich, Beth Haide-  
menos, Margaret Purack, Liz Haddow, and Cassandra Bayce and Tree Tender Will Anderson who also worked in the morning.

Sally McCabe, Oak Laner and PHS gardens program staffer, led other neighbors—Barbara Wagner, Ruth Ezekiel and Bill Smith who planted at diverse locations. Richelle Dillard and Howard Page planted on Sunday.

Oak Lane Tree Tenders chair Charlie Philips had general oversight of all the plantings with help from Sally McCabe. The trees were offloaded and distributed on Friday by a Fairmount Park crew of 5 under the direction of

Rich Sunday.

This is the third and final planting for the TreeVitalize program in which Oak Lane Tree Tenders and their helpers have planted about 150 trees over the past two years.

Oak Lane Tree Tenders, a committee of OLCAA, 215-924-1722. cphilips@temple.edu

### TREE TENDER SHIRTS GET YOURS!

BY CHARLES PHILIPS

The Saul High School Students all got their jade green with white lettering



Tree Tenders

Oak Lane Tree Tenders T-shirts after they planted trees on November 10. But in the bustle of the Saturday planting, the T-shirts were forgotten. We're now giving them out free to those who planted trees AND shirts are available to everyone else for \$8! All proceeds

benefit Tree Tenders planting programs. The T-shirt logo was created by Richelle Dillard and Howard Page.

### Top Honor Goes to Our Own Scout Leader

**Alvin Mitchell**, troop leader of Boy Scout of America Troop #19 of Oak Lane Presbyterian Church, was selected for the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest National Award presented by a local Boy Scout council to an individual volunteer for noteworthy service to youth.

Mitch was instrumental in bringing scouting (Troop 19) back to East Oak Lane in 1995.

He also has served in several positions in scouting, since his involvement in scouting.

As of this date, under his leadership there have been ten (10) young men that became Eagle Scouts.

There will be an Recognition Dinner on **Feb. 20, 2008.**

Mitch, you are a shining star for the boys of Troop #19 and for your community!



## The East Oak Lane Block Task Force Invites You To Let Your Voice Be Heard!

By Bernadette Tanksley

Some folks may be wondering what happened to the OLCAA Blocks Task force that met monthly throughout last year. Please know that the effort continues. In the next phase of our existence we want to know what concerned residents consider to be their most important concerns and issues. Several very capable EOL residents have been working on a survey instrument designed to gather information as broadly as possible. If residents on your block are isolated from each other without a mechanism to welcome new comers, share personal and community interests, activities and events or alert each other to potential and actual problems and you would like to change that, we want to hear from you. We want to know what support would give you what you need to establish some level of connectedness so your block is not victimized and allowed to deteriorate because "everybody thought somebody" would take care of it. The city has resources and supports you can access and the

OLCAA Board is a resource for all of East Oak Lane. Some blocks have maintained good communication for years, others have never had it and most blocks fall somewhere in between. Some sections of East Oak lane have grabbed the ball and ran with it. There has been an Eat Oak Lane presence and response to several hot spots and we have met with some measure of success in almost every instance. An organized community is able to maintain its quality of life. If you care about the quality of life in East Oak lane show your willingness to be involved.

**Please take a moment to fill out the survey on pages 5 & 6 and place it in a drop-off box at "Under the Oak Café at 804 Oak Lane, The Oak Lane Library at 12th Street and Oak Lane or mail it to OLCAA Block Task Force, Bernadette Tanksley, P.O. Box 2926, Phila, PA 19126.**

## The Beauty of Hope

By Kelly McShain Tyree  
Chair, Beautification Committee

We've lost a wonderful friend and guardian to our neighborhood, Officer Chuck Cassidy, who patrolled our streets keeping

watch over our homes and businesses. A gracious and kind man, he shared how much he loved to see our neighborhood looking so well cared for as of late. When our three Victorian Urns on the 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge, suddenly went missing last year, he was so supportive with his encouragement to replace them. We spoke of the "broken window theory:" when a broken window is left unfixed, the area looks uncared for and people will treat the area with disrespect. He saw that the opposite was true as well- when an area looks cared for, people will treat the area and one another with more care. When I shared with Chuck how neighbors and businesses had pulled together to earn the money to not only replace the Urns, but to fund new Victorian Benches as well- he was quite moved by our collective efforts. Ironically, the three new replacement Urns were installed on the 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge by members of the Beautification Committee on October 31st the day Officer Cassidy lost his life.

Symbols are important. They help give meaning, and bring clarity and hope to a challenging time. Replacing the Urns and placing benches at our bus stops

are symbols that show that we care, that we are invested in one another's quality of life. Planting trees in the community demonstrates that we are thinking about our future and that of our children's. Restoring Fisher's Park and Sturgis Park, demonstrates that we value the great natural resources available to us. East Oak Lane Town Watchers patrolling our community dictates a powerful symbol of solidarity, safety and comfort for our families. Symbols such as these offer us hope, and what a fitting way to honor Officer Cassidy and his wishes for our community- to have a safer and more beautiful place for all of us to live and work.

(Special thanks to Jack Malley and Rich Stephens for installing and planting the new Victorian Urns on the 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge.)

## 2nd Annual Ghost Walk Continued

A particular thank you goes out to Hilda Gross & her refreshment volunteers for organizing the donations of food for this event and presenting the food so well. The proceeds of this year's Ghost Walk went to OLCAA. The organizers already are thinking of next year's event.

**East Oak Lane Block to Block Survey**

1. How long have you lived in East Oak Lane?  Less than one year  1-5 years  6-10 years  
 11-14 years  15-20 yers  21+ years
2. Do you know the neighbors on your block?  Most  A Few  One or Two  None
3. In case of an emergency are you able to connect with your neighbors?  All  Some  None
4. In case of emergency would you like to be able to be in contact with your neighbors?  Yes  No
5. Are there any nusiance properties on your block?  Yes  No

If yes, what are the address(es) of the property(s).

6. If you answered yes to question #5, has there been any action taken to address the concerns?  Yes  No
7. Has there been a rash of home burglaries on your block or neighboring blocks within the last year?  Yes  No
8. If a phone tree was designed for safety/information purposes, would you participate?  Yes  No

Maybe

9. Do you have a block captian or block representative on your block?  Yes  No

If yes, what is his/her name?

10. Are you a member of OCLAA?  Yes  No
11. Are you a member of any other community groups? i.e. Block Associations, CBO's, etc.  Yes  No

If yes, please list in the comments section.

11. In order to maintain a positive environment in East Oak Lane, what activities/resources/information do you feel are important?

- Social/Cultural Activities  Meet & Greet  Senior Citizens' Concerns  Youth Activities  Pets
- Town Watch  Drug Related Initiatives  Alcohol related Initiatives  Resource Information
- Tree/Yard Care - Gardening  Beautification  Clean Up Initiatives  Truancy
- Curfew Enforcement  Real Estate Values  Historical Preservation

12. Would you share this survey with your neighbors?  Yes  No

13. Please provide street name and block address (the hundred block address, not your own)

Comments:

**East Oak Lane Block to Block Survey**

Page 2 – OPTIONAL

Name:

Address:

Phone:  email

Household Composition: (Number)

Children: infant to 5 years old

Ages 6 to 12 years old

Ages 13 to 19 years old

Adults: Ages 20-25

Ages 26-32

Ages 33-45

Ages 46-50

Ages 51-61

Age 62+

***Please return completed surveys no later than December 15, 2007 to:***

**Mail to: OLCAA, P.O. Box 2926  
Philadelphia, PA 19126**

**Drop off at: Oak Lane Branch of the Free Library  
12<sup>th</sup> & Oak Lane  
OR  
Under the Oak Café  
804 Oak Lane**

***Other return options***

**FAX: 215 933 6922**

**E-MAIL to [eolsurvey@philawatch.com](mailto:eolsurvey@philawatch.com)**

***For more information call the OLCAA Holine at 215 224 2777***

***or visit the OLCAA website at [www.eastoaklane.org](http://www.eastoaklane.org)***

## The Oak Lane Cultural Arts & Church Programs Oak Lane Presbyterian Church

### Featuring

- The Oak Lane Youth Orchestra
- The Oak Lane African Dance & Drumming Ensemble
- Salsa Lessons w/ Mr. Ricardo Marquez
- Yoga Lessons w/ Ms. Paulette Shepherd
- Chess Club w/ Mr. John Houston

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- Strings & Piano - **Mondays** w/ Ms. Monique R. Taylor, **6:00 - 8:00 PM**
- Woodwinds & Percussion - **Tuesdays** w/ Mr. Darrell Tiller, **5:30 - 7:30 PM**

### Sign-up for These Classes Now

- Salsa Classes: \$60.00 for 6 weeks, starting Wed., Nov. 14 at 8PM
- Yoga Classes: \$60.00 for 10 weeks, starting **Sat., Jan 12, 2008 at 11:00 AM**
- Chess Club: Alternating **Wednesdays** at

**7:00 PM.** Call for information.

- African drumming & dance lessons are also available. Call for information.

New students are welcome. Make the Arts & Music part of your life!

### For the Holidays

**Holiday Babysitting Service** at \$5.00 per hour every Saturday in December, **Hours: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Santa Brunch -Saturday, Dec. 15, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**—\$10 per child includes brunch & photo with Santa; \$5 for adult meals. **Followed by a FREE Concert** by Temple University Youth Orchestra. *Car pooling-from church.* To sign up contact Marliese Johnson at 215-424-2340.

**Christmas Play— The Unexpected Guest— Friday, Dec. 21—7 PM**

**Oak Lane Presbyterian Church Holiday Services - 11th & Oak Lane**

*Lessons & Carols Worship Svc. -Sunday, Dec 23 @ 11AM*

*Christmas Eve Service - Mon, Dec 24 @ 11PM*

For Information Call: Harriett Atkerson, Program Director, **215-888-9018** or Church Office **215-424-4446.**

## TRIM YOUR HOLIDAY WASTELINE

**The ULS Report** is a free bimonthly online newsletter created to help people **Use Less Stuff**, thereby reducing waste and preventing pollution. **42 Ways to Trim Your Holiday Wasteline**, a special **ULS Report** brought back by popular demand, gives practical advice for those who want to cut down on wasteful holiday practices. See below for some interesting statistics and practical tips excerpted from the report. For more ideas, check out the full report online at <http://cygnus-group.com/use-less-stuff/ULSDAY/42ways.html>.

### STATISTICS:

- Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday period than any other time of year. The extra waste amounts to 25 million tons of garbage, or about 1 million extra tons per week!
- At least 28 billion pounds of edible food are wasted each year - or over 100 pounds per person.
- In 1981 the average household received 59 mail order catalogues, and by 1991 the number had increased from 140 to 142%. If each household canceled 10 mail catalogues it would reduce trash by 3.5 pounds per year. (If everybody did this, the stack of canceled catalogues would be 2,000 miles high!)
- The 2.65 billion Christmas cards sold each year in the U.S. could fill a football field 10 stories high. If we each sent one card less, we'd save 50,000 cubic yards of paper.

- If every family reused just two feet of ribbon, the 38,000 miles of ribbon saved could tie a bow around the entire planet.

### SELECTED TIPS:

- Get outdoor light strands that are wired in parallel. These have separate circuitry so that if one bulb blows out the rest will keep shining; all you have to do is replace the bulb.
- Rather than piling up "stuff" under the tree, think about what friends and family really want or need. Try giving gift certificates if you don't know what someone wants, or simply make a donation in his or her name to a favorite charity.
- When buying electronic toys and other portable items that are used regularly, remember to buy rechargeable batteries to go with them.
- Send e-greetings to family, friends and business associates who are on-line.
- Reuse packing cartons and shipping materials such as peanuts, wood shavings, shredded newspaper and bubble wrap.
- Think of gifts that don't have to be wrapped at all: tickets to concerts, museums, or sporting events, gift certificates, or house plants.
- When giving oversized gifts like bicycles or CD racks, instead of wrapping them in paper, just tie a bow around them.
- Wrap gifts in old maps, newspapers, Sunday comics or fancy holiday gift bags.
- Use brown paper grocery bags to wrap small-to-medium size boxes that have to be mailed.
- Get Tree that can be planted or mulched afterward, or buy artificial one.

## FRIENDS OF THE OAK LANE LIBRARY



T. Michael Poxon, Esq.  
President

The Oak Lane Library will celebrate its 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the Community Room of the Library. The Friends will supply a cake & light refreshments. East Oak Laners should be really proud of this gracious Carnegie building that offers so much to enhance our quality of life, culture, and educational opportunity for all.

MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Community Room.

**BOOK DISCUSSION DATES:**

**Monday - December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 7 PM.** Mabel Dodge Luhan. Edge of Taos Desert.  
Michael Poxon, Discussion Leader.

**Monday -January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008.** D.H.Lawrence. The Plumed Serpent.  
Marita Krivda, Discussion Leader.

Jan Kalaminsky, long time Branch Manager of Oak Lane, has been transferred to the Olney Branch Library. The Friends gave her a Farewell Dinner party at Under the Oak Café on Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**The Oak Lane Branch has a new librarian, Sandy Miller. The Friends welcome her in her new position.**

**Friends of the Oak Lane Branch  
of the Free Library of Philadelphia Membership Form**

Membership    New         Renewal

- Individual \$10.00    Family \$12.00    Senior/Student \$7.00    Patron \$25.00  
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 Additional Contribution      Amount: \_\_\_\_\_      Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_      **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions please contact:

Complete form and return with your check payable to: **Friends of Oak Lane Library**  
**Marilyn Lassiter - Membership**  
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## SANTA CLAUS & OTHER BRINGERS OF GIFTS

By Marita K. Poxon  
Historic Preservation  
Committee

“Why do we give gifts at Christmas?” I often ask this question as I am looking through holiday catalogs, walking through countless stores, or visiting online stores for the ultimate present for those on my holiday shopping list. The practice of giving gifts at Christmas can be traced back to the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that were given to the Christ child by the Three Magi.

In centuries past, gifts were traditionally given to children only. In America, the Dutch settlers and in particular Washington Irving introduced St. Nicholas as a chubby, pipe-smoking old man who rode a magic horse through the air visiting houses, climbing down chimneys, and leaving gifts for good children and coal for bad children.

St. Nicholas was re-named Santa Claus in America. The 1823 poem, “The Night Before Christmas”, by Clement



Thomas Nast (1840-1902). Santa on Roof-top.

Moore replaced the horse with a sleigh drawn by eight flying reindeer. It was Moore who established that St. Nick brings presents to all children – good & bad – the night before Christmas rather than on St. Nicholas Day (December 6<sup>th</sup>). Elsewhere in the world he is known as : Father Christmas (England), Sinterklaas (Sweden), Kris Kringle (Germany), Father Frost (Russia), Pere Noel (France), Babbo Natale (Italy). Thomas Nast depicted Santa Claus not St. Nicholas from 1863 to 1886 in Harper's Weekly as an unaging, jolly, bearded fat man who lived in the North Pole & wore a furry suit. Red-suited Santas as drawn by Nast have continued to this day from Nash's depictions. The

red & white clothing on Santa Claus was inspired by the red & white bishop's robes that the original St. Nicholas wore.



Thomas Nash. Drawing of Santa Claus. 1881.

The standardization of Santa's image was probably due to Coca-Cola's artist Haddon Sundbloom who for 35 years depicted Santa as a portly, jolly grandfatherly figure with a ruddy complexion & white-fur-trimmed red coat & cap. Department store Santas appeared in Philadelphia in the late 1890s and at the turn of the century Santa Claus appeared in parades including the famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Americans both young and old experience sentimental enchantment when they talk about Santa Claus with their children & grandchildren. Belief in Santa Claus

fades as children grow up and understand that Santa Claus is another fairy tale. But the game of Santa Claus allows all of us to return to this enchanting belief of our childhood & become Santas for our own children & friends. Each one of us becomes kind hearted and generous to our family & friends in the true spirit of the Magi or St. Nicholas or that jolly old fellow, Santa Claus.

To repeat the words of Francis Church's editorial, “Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus”:

“No Santa Claus, Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood” 1897. [Editorial page, New York Sun.](#)

*Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas to all of you!*



**OAK LANE COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION (OLCAA)  
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

*(Full Membership for residents of, or own businesses located in, East Oak Lane;  
and will receive a free subscription to OLCAA's bimonthly newsletter.)*

Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

- New member
- Renewal



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**Choose a membership category:**

- Individual \$15
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- Student \$ 6
  
- Senior (65+) \$ 6
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- Associate Non-Resident \$25

**Please call the Communications  
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215-224-2777  
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- \$50-99 (Willow Club) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$100-499 (Maple Club) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$500+ (Oak Club) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like more information on  
Committees of OLCAA:**

- Beautification
- Civic Action
- Communications
- Education & Culture
- Historic Preservation
- Hospitality & Membership
- Housing & Zoning
- Oak Lane Tree Tenders
- Town Watch

**Membership Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW DID YOU HEAR OF OLCAA?**

- Newsletter  Other—explain

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