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President's Corner

Dear Oak Hills Neighbors,

I can hardly believe it's already September! Before you know it, it will be Christmas! Next up will be National Night Out on October 6, 2015. Get ready to be delighted with Mariachi Sol y Luna, the same mariachi's we had perform last NNO. Come prepared with your requests. Also making an appearance will be Joyce Pena BHPD, Crystal Hernandez representing the Constable's office and Christian Bove from our Fire Department. To say the least, we will have a full evening! Please bring salads and desserts and we will all have a great time again as we come together to celebrate our kinship as neighbors of Oak Hills.

Rudy Ramirez, our Parks chairman is going to host the event in front of his home this year. The address: 4109 Shady Oak St. If you know of a new neighbor, please tell them about the party and invite them to come out.

If you want to join OHCA, come and sign up that night- we would love to have you! We will look forward to seeing you then!

~ Submitted by Starr Calo-oy
President, OHCA



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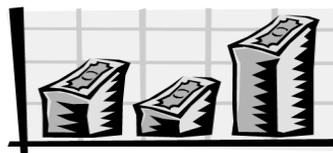
Financial Report

Money Market Account Balance:

\$ 25478

Checking Account Balance

\$ 13,408



Respectfully submitted,
John Moore, Treasurer

Keep Calm and Stomp On

After the success of Oak Hills Neighborhood Citizens Association's last social event featuring some amazing wine and cheese samples, it only made sense to gather a group of neighbors to partake in some wine stomping activities at Becker Vineyard's Annual Grape Stomp event outside of Fredericksburg, Texas. It turned out to be an amazing afternoon. Oak Hills residents savored the complex sweetness of Viognier grapes while relaxing under a huge Oak tree.



Kids enjoyed grape-stomping activities and games. Grape-stomping is fun for all ages, little kids and big kids alike! We all got the great opportunity to step into half-barrels filled with grapes and start squishing to the beat of the live music. As the sun began to set across the vibrant colored lavender fields, we packed up our picnic and left back to the big City. As we turned the street and headed towards each of our respective homes, we felt so fortunate to be part of a neighborhood of friends.



~Submitted by Serina Rivela
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Neighborhood Garage Sale Oct. 17 and 18

Time to clean out the garage, make room for storing our cars for the winter, and kick out all those spiders that have made that place home this summer... and how about earning a little cash too?

We will advertise online, and you get the necessary permit.

Permits are available online or at participating HEB stores.



Real Estate Report

Homes currently on the market: 10
Homes with contract pending: 3
Homes sold in past 3 months: 5

For homes sold:

	High	Low	Average	Median
List Price	\$649,500	\$247,900	\$410,860	\$258,000
Sold Price	\$630,000	\$240,000	\$399,600	\$256,000
Square Feet	4331	2178	3066	2640
Price/Sq.F	\$171.56	\$93.56	\$130.33	\$110.19
Cumulative Days on Market	458	17	160	104
Days on Market	193	17	96	98

~Submitted by Annie Looney
Membership and Hospitality Chair, OHCA

School Choices: Have You Thought About Charters?

As children again fill the streets of Oak Hills we want to let everyone know that we are getting more and more options for great schools.

There are great private schools in San Antonio with lots of advantages and public school have advantages as well including bus pickup but now we are gaining more options with publicly funded Charter schools. Several families in Oak Hills have started utilizing the Charter School system including the school we will focus on today. Great Hearts:

The curriculum of Great Hearts Monte Vista is challenging and all courses are taught at an honors level. In the Lower School (K-5), students read classic children's literature, investigate the natural world, study the foundations of language arts and math, are introduced to the Latin language, and work to develop strong study skills. In the Middle and Upper School (6-12), students study Latin in depth, take seven years of math and science, read and discuss authors such as Aristotle and Dostoyevsky, and write a senior thesis. This course of study will not be easy for everyone, but any student who has the desire to learn and the willingness to work hard can find a home at Great Hearts Monte Vista. Not all students will get "A" grades, but every student will have the opportunity to learn and grow. This learning and growth takes place in a community of friends, a community formed through solidarity in the pur-

suit of academic and athletic excellence, as well as growth in moral character. It is imperative for our school that students, faculty, staff, and parents unite to realize this fulfillment of the individual student within the school community. Only then will we succeed in assisting your sons and daughters to realize the fullness of their human, cultural, and personal identity. Only then will our graduates have the character to serve the larger community through the preservation and development of our culture.

The Great Hearts graduate has a foundation in the liberal arts of grammar and rhetoric, logic and mathematics, history, natural science, and philosophy. The graduate has also practiced the fine arts of music, poetry, drawing and painting, and drama. The graduate is thus prepared for every career, every course of advanced or specialized study, and every kind of leisure. In short, the Great Hearts Monte Vista graduate is ready for the lifetime of learning that is possible for a human being. <http://www.greatheartstx.org/>
If you have just moved into Oak Hills recently and would like to have information on local schools please contact Lance D Leone, Cell Phone 860-961-5883 to schedule an appointment.

*~Submitted by Lance Leone
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Welcome New Members!

Michael Tamez and Katie Murphy at 318 Lak-
eridge Drive and Hector and Demica Lopez: 335
Edgevale Drive. If you haven't joined the OHCA
yet, it's never too late!

*~Submitted by Annie Looney
Membership and Hospitality Chair, OHCA*

Neighborhood Clubs

Book Club: Next meeting Oct. 22. Call Laura
Lascurain at 210-288-0816 for more information

Mid-Century Modern Club: Next meeting Fri-
day October 9 @ 6:30 at the home of Bernice
and Paul Bonner, 6906 Oakridge. Special
presentation regarding mid-century residential
work of O'Neil Ford and Ford, Powell, and Car-
son Architects.

Save Some \$ with a Programmable Thermostat

CPS Energy now has even more options to help you to manage your energy use! With My Thermostat Rewards, you can:

- Receive a free, installed programmable thermostat (\$300 value) from CPS Energy OR
- Purchase your own qualified Wi-Fi model, install it yourself, and get a valuable bill credit from CPS Energy.

Either way, choose the energy-saving device that works best for you and your home, enroll in our program, and have a valuable tool to help you save energy and money year round.

All of these products offer convenient, remote functionality that allow you to use a smartphone, tablet or computer to manage your thermostat. You can turn it on or off or adjust the temperature as desired, helping lower your energy use and cost.

When you participate in the My Thermostat Rewards program, you also help conserve electricity during periods of high energy demand. Every bit saved helps delay the need for a new power plant and ensures power for everyone during periods of high energy demand.

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October in Texas means... Oktoberfest!

Munich, in Bavaria boasts the world's largest annual festival with over 6 million visitors every year. The festival has great historic significance starting in 1810, when Crown Prince Ludwig married his bride, Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen.

Since then, the event has developed into an annual & international tradition, attracting visitors from every corner of the globe.

Texas boasts a huge population with German ancestry, and the Texas obsession with good beer means that many Oktoberfest celebrations can be found across the state, September through October.

Here are a few local versions of the celebration that you may or may not have known about::

Oktoberfest Fredericksburg, October 2-4

Celebrating its 35th annual event in 2015 with three stages of oompah music, German bier tent, Kinder Park area for kids, arts & crafts, domino tournament and the chicken dance.

Location: 100 West Main, Fredericksburg, TX

Wurstfest – November 6-15

A celebration of German culture with food, German, Texan and domestic beer, live music and Bavarian entertainment, dancing, carnival rides and games.

Location: 120 Landa St, New Braunfels, TX

Oktoberfest — October 17, 11-7

Small, intimate celebration of German language, culture and food held by the German Texas Heritage Society

Location: 507 East 10th Street Austin, TX

Free Conflict Resolution Services

In many ways, our Oak Hills neighborhood is like one big extended family. But as is often the case with families, conflicts sometimes arise. In the neighborhood setting, the conflicts may be related to relatively minor annoyances such as an unsightly yard, or more serious property line disputes. The best way to avert or to deal with conflict is for both parties to openly communicate in a civil and respectful manner. When the conflict escalates beyond this point, the matter is often taken to court. The legal solution can be expensive in terms of both time and money – and the result often leaves one party very unhappy.

Fortunately, there is a convenient and free conflict resolution alternative and that is mediation through the Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center (BCDRC). The BCDRC brings together the parties in dispute in a neutral set-

ting. An impartial mediator is assigned to help the parties work towards a mutually agreeable solution to their dispute. Mediations are scheduled your convenience during the day or early evening Monday through Thursday.

In addition to disputes between neighbors, mediation can also be used to settle a variety of issues, including family conflicts, rental and real estate disputes, business/customer matters and workplace disagreements. So, rather than stew in a bad situation or file a hasty law suit, simply call the Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center at (210) 335-2128 for a consultation. For more information, you can also visit the website at www.bexar.org/drc.

~Submitted by John Moore
Treasurer, Oak Hills Citizens Association

Fall SAWS Coupons: It's All About Trees and Patios

We've all heard the saying "Money doesn't grow on trees." Well, this autumn it kind of does. The fall cycle of the WaterSaver Landscape Coupon starts now, and this season it's all about trees. Also debuting is the fall edition of the Patioscape Coupon. So if your landscape could use trees and a new patio, you may want to pair both coupons to create a rejuvenated outdoor environment.

Why trees? Fall is the perfect time to plant them. The mild soil and air temperatures provide excellent conditions for the root systems to begin to grow. To help with the new focus on small trees, there are a few other changes to the coupon program:

- You are required to purchase seven plants total from the approved list; two must be small trees and the remaining five plants can be any combination of trees or shrubs.

- You must remove at least 200 square feet of grass and any existing irrigation in the area to create one new contiguous bed or patio.
- Plants purchased with the Landscape Coupon may not be used in existing beds.

For the Patioscape Coupon, participants must purchase a minimum of 160 square feet of the feature item (pavers, flagstones or stepping stones) for the new 200-square-foot patio.

Customers with an irrigation system must call 704-SAVE (704-7283) to schedule a free irrigation checkup upon applying for the coupon.

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**Next OHCA Event
National Night Out**

Tuesday, October 6th at 6 PM

Home of Rudy Ramirez

4109 Shady Oak St.

Pizza, hot dogs, and drinks provided.

Please bring a salad or dessert.