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## Welcome!

### *Hello Oak Forest!*

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter, The Leaflet. Though we had a couple of hiccups initially, we've received an overwhelmingly positive response to what has become a replacement for the quarterly newsletter.

What has changed? First, we've completely eliminated our cost for production of the newsletter. In fact, the old quarterly newsletter was our single highest line item expense at the time it was discontinued. Our new service provider, Peel, Inc. handles all the difficult tasks without charging OFHA a single dime. We would like to extend a huge thanks to our former Treasurer, Sarah McWhorter, for her efforts and role in finding Peel, Inc. for us!

Second, we have a mid-month deadline for content. If you would like to submit an article, please get it to us by the 15th of the month.

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The mission of the Oak Forest Leaflet is to provide the Oak Forest Community with one source of local news content that is written by Oak Forest residents. Our goal is to help build the community by connecting local businesses with residents and residents with relevant neighborhood information.

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Join us on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Candlelight Park, 1520 Candlelight Boulevard, at the intersection of Oak Forest and Candlelight.

Coming to our monthly meetings gives you an opportunity to find out what's going on and helps us to know your problems and concerns.

## HAVE YOU JOINED

*The Forums?*

Did you know that Oak Forest has an Internet forum for neighborhood discussions? To see what's going on, go to <http://www.ofha.org/forums> and select the appropriate category. If you want to join the discussion, click the link to sign up for an account. Happy neighborly discussions!

## ARE YOU ON THE

*Oakie Alert?*

Do you have an email address? If so, you should be on the Oakie Alert! While the Leaflet is our regularly scheduled monthly source for local information, the Oakie Alert is what we use to communicate late-breaking or urgent information about the local ongoings of Oak Forest. If you would like to subscribe to the Oakie Alert, please visit <http://www.ofha.org> and look for the Oakie Alert link.



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### WHAT THE NUMBERS MEAN

What does it mean to join OFHA, and where does the money go? As you may have noticed, OFHA membership and dues are completely voluntary. Our deed restrictions and bylaws dictate that the money go toward items that benefit the subdivision at large, and especially beautification projects. In the past several years, our largest budget line items have been the previous quarterly newsletter, various beautification projects and esplanade management, and local events.

Last year marked record membership but came at a time of very low volunteerism. Add to that the rain-out of Movie in the Park, and we ended the year with way more in the budget than we had planned. Quite a few of you included notes in your 2010 membership invoices requesting that we work on the aging subdivision markers. So the current OFHA board members are going to work on sourcing replacement subdivision signs with a target of finishing the project in 2010/2011. If you have any ideas, elbow grease, time or anything else to volunteer to make it happen, we are more than happy to hear from you!

## CITIZENS

### *On Patrol*

Our local Citizens on Patrol program needs volunteers! We're looking for someone who can patrol a small area of Oak Forest (where you live or nearby) one hour a week or more. Our monthly meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at St. Stephens Methodist Church in the 2000 block of West 43rd at 7pm on the 2nd floor.

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- 2 tablespoon Butter
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen Chopped Spinach, cooked
- 1 package (12 oz.) Doritos
- 6 Jalapeno Peppers, chopped
- 4 - 6 cups chopped, cooked, Chicken
- 2 cans cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 pint Sour Cream
- 2 cups grated Monterey Jack Cheese

#### DIRECTIONS

Sautee onions in butter, blend in spinach, jalapenos, sour cream, soup, onion tops & salt. In a large Pyrex pan alternate layers of Doritos, Chicken, Spinach Mixture & Cheese. Layer again, ending with Cheese.

Bake @ 350 degrees for 30 - 40 minutes. Serves 10 - 12.

ENJOY :)

*Special thanks to Sarah McWhorter for the recipe! If you would like to submit a Recipe of the Month, please email it to [hotline@myoakforest.org](mailto:hotline@myoakforest.org).*



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