



# OAKCLIFF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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*P.O. Box 95684 Oklahoma City, OK 73143*

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## *...Become an instrument of CHANGE!*

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### **Take Ownership!**

It's our choice! The success or failure of this neighborhood is determined by each of us. No one else is responsible for taking ownership of our neighborhood to ensure that it prospers but the residents of OAKCLIFF.

### **Take Responsibility!**

If we do not become accountable, no one else will; if we do not take responsibility for our actions and our neighborhood so that we can all make a difference, no one else will.

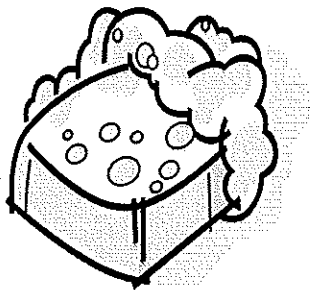
### **Take Pride In Where We Live!**

Each of us must take pride in where we live as we look out for the welfare of one another. OAKCLIFF must change! It begins with you and me.

### **Let's All Make A Difference Together!**

**Our Motto: "Remember we are neighbors first and members second."**

## Editor's Soap Box



## Why OAKCLIFF Looks Better at Night

While driving home a few days ago I noticed a man sitting in a vehicle. As I approached to pass, I saw him throw a potato chip bag into the street. I thought to myself: Is he a guest of the person living at the residence, or was he the tenant or perhaps the homeowner? After passing the vehicle, I began to wonder just how many other people throughout the addition had the same mentality as this man. It was obvious to me that he did not respect our community enough to throw his chip bag into the trash versus into the street. On any given day, a person driving throughout OakCliff can find manicured lawns, painted houses, shrubbery trimmed, and flowers blooming. In contrast, night driving tells a different story.

### At night a person CANNOT see:

- Many homeowners who refuse to mandate that tenants keep their property well kept and maintained...
- At night a person's vision is hampered by what he/she does not see in column #1 versus what could be seen throughout the entire neighborhood during the day if the neighborhood reflected column #2.

### [Column #1]

- Unpainted houses
- Lawns that are not mowed...
- Trash scattered over the lawn...
- Lawns that are not trimmed and edged...
- Grass in the street from cut lawns...
- Vehicles parked in the yard.....
- Garage doors broken...
- Tire ruts in the yard...
- Paper and bottles in the yard...
- Untrimmed shrubbery...
- Roofs that needs replacing....
- Vehicles on flat tires parked in the streets...
- Vehicles parked in the driveway or in the yard with flat tires....
- Non-working vehicles parked in the driveway or in the yard...
- Broken windows....
- Front doors broken...
- Other miscellaneous items in the yard....

### [Column #2]

- Houses painted...
- Lawns cut, trimmed and edges....
- Grass that is mowed, cut and picked up out of the streets...
- No inoperable vehicles parked in the drive way, yard or in the streets...
- No vehicles on flat tires....
- No vehicle ruts in the yard...
- Shrubby trimmed...
- Houses that are well kept and maintained...

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As one can see, there is a BIG difference between day and night driving throughout OakCliff. With over 900 homes in our addition, OakCliff should reflect a positive image of growth, unity, and a successful community where our children can learn and be nurtured.

Isn't it time for YOU and I to make a difference in how we view ourselves and our community; because the BIG EVENT held each year is not sufficient to carry the neighborhood for the entire year. Won't you help the association in maintaining the property where you live? Let's work together to make a difference!

# Security Update: A Must Read

OAKKCLIFF association members and newly **first-time** residents attending the neighborhood meeting listened to Allen Thompson, the president of MBK Incorporated as he shared the vision of the forthcoming security services during our April 8th meeting.



While some members responded by paying their \$150.00 annual fee upfront; others paid the initial \$10.00 non-refundable confirmation fee as a pledge to accept the services. OakCliff residents cannot afford to miss this service offered by MBK Incorporated. **Please Note:** As many residents may already be aware, the city of Oklahoma City has requested that all "CITY"

departments, including the OKC Police Department reduce their budget.

It is vital that we work together to keep criminals away from our home. For only \$150.00 annually per household, your home can be secured by a professional service company that has a track record of success. Here's how the first step will be implemented: All interested homeowners and tenants must initially mail a **\$10.00 non-refundable** registration fee in the form of a check or a money order to the P.O. Box listed on this page. This amount will confirm your intent to accept the services offered by MBK Incorporated. When the sufficient number of registration forms are received (at least 500 of the 900 homes in OakCliff), MBK can proceed to activate the services.



MBK Incorporated will also provide window decals identifying a customer's residence as protected by the security services and NPP. Therefore, **"NO DECAL — NO PROTECTION."** The registration fee will be applied towards the \$150.00 fee. We will also have monthly updates of registered

applicants during each association meeting. So get on aboard today and mail your registration form and fee to the P.O. Box listed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

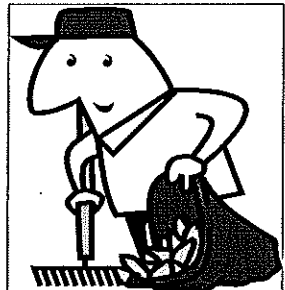
Mail registration form and your initial check payable to **OAKCLIFF NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM** to:  
OakCliff Neighborhood Association P.O. Box 95684 Oklahoma City, OK 73143.

# [34] O.U. Students Cleaned OakCliff

Students from the O.U. Baptist Student Union assisted members of the OakCliff Neighborhood Association in cleaning up in and around OakCliff during the **BIG EVENT** held April 10th. Thirty-four students put on gloves, raked grass, picked up trash, planted flowers, and walked the streets with association members cleaning. Once again, the residents of OakCliff has shown their faithfulness to the call for help.



The **BIG EVENT** is an annual clean up campaign where students from Oklahoma University volunteer to assist neighborhood associations throughout the Norman and Oklahoma City areas in cleaning neighborhoods.



Perhaps you saw us sweeping your street or hauling trash from one place to another. Perhaps you seen association members wearing OakCliff T-shirts, working as one team to improve the appearance of our community. You probably was that person that waved or perhaps you offered a refreshing drink of water.



In either case, the association would like to thank all of the volunteers who got up early and met us at the church. We would like to also thank the students from O.U. who were nothing less than GREAT. And finally, the association would most especially like to thank the **OAKCLIFF CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**, who, without their consistent commitment to the association; much of our success would not be possible. Thanks again to all who made the BIG EVENT campaign a success.



**...Next Neighborhood Association Meeting**

**Thursday May 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.**

**OakCliff Church of the Nazarene- SE 59th and Shalimar Dr.**

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