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Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that you and your families are healthy and looking forward to a happy and prosperous 2022.

The last several weeks have been difficult for some of us. However, the good thing that resulted from extensive discussions is that many are willing to work together to address issues in our neighborhood.

The Old Braeswood Property Owners Association currently has three active ad hoc committees. The Ad Hoc Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Study Committee consists of chairman Fred Steves and members Alex Roberts and David Singer. If you had an experience, good or bad, with the ARC in the last 5 years, the Committee would like to hear from you. You can reach them at:

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The Patrol Oversight Committee is chaired by Dee Murray, and members are Julie Cohn, Daniel Parker, George Hittner, and Tommy O'Neill. In order for the committee to succeed in its mission, additional funds will need to be collected to implement a change. Unfortunately, about one-third of the neighbors do not contribute to the Patrol subscription. I assure you that the money collected for the Patrol is spent only on the SEAL Security Patrol. To those neighbors who do not pay for the Patrol, please communicate with the committee, give them your input, and reconsider paying for a subscription. See pages 5-6 for more information about the Patrol and this committee's efforts.

As it was mentioned in the joint statement of January 23, an Ad Hoc Beautification Committee has been established, chaired by George Hittner. The committee members are Craig Baudier, Ann Garnett, and Daniel Parker. A separate bank account has been established to enable the Committee to receive donations. The funds that are raised will be dedicated solely to beautification projects selected by the membership.

In the most recent Executive Committee meeting on January 25, there were questions about how OBPOA spends its collected funds. Therefore, you will find details about this subject on page 7 of this newsletter.

Christine Manca is the new editor of Old Braeswood Newsletter; please email your articles to her at Newsletter@OldBraeswood.com to be considered for publication.

I encourage all neighbors to join hands and work together for a better Old Braeswood.

Best regards,

Samia Khalil MD, President

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*It's Time to Renew Your
Membership &
Patrol Subscription
for 2022*

Enclosed in this mailing is a form with opportunities to support the neighborhood and to become involved as a volunteer. Use the form to select your dues level and patrol subscription, and return with your payment in the envelope provided.

You can also contribute online at www.OldBraeswood.com



2401 Glen Haven Blvd.

The house at 2401 Glen Haven Boulevard stands out for its architecture. Its Bauhaus design resembles another Old Braeswood house, that at 2337 Blue Bonnet [*Old Braeswood Newsletter*, April/May 2014].

The architect was Irving R. Klein. After graduating from Tulane in 1927, he studied modern housing projects in Germany and Scandinavia. It was the Bauhaus era. The German art school Staatliches Bauhaus (1919-33) sought to combine aesthetics with mass production and everyday function, elements visible in the Glen Haven house. Klein designed one other house in the neighborhood (2204 Bellefontaine), which has been demolished.

Returning to the United States, Klein established a Houston practice as Irving R. Klein & Associates in 1935. One of his major projects was the Palm Center, which opened in September 1955. While it wasn't Houston's first shopping center, it was Houston's first open-air mall, accommodating the new "drive up and shop" mentality with 2,000 parking spaces. It included a J.C. Penney, Oshman's, Walgreens, and Woolworth. U.S. Representative Albert Thomas cut the ribbon. Located at 5300 Griggs Road, the Palm Center served newly developed neighborhoods in Southeast Houston that could not easily access the downtown stores. The City of Houston bought the Center in the mid-1980s, and today it is a municipal services complex for a greatly changed neighborhood.

A year after the opening of the Palm Center, Gulfgate Shopping City, Houston's first *regional* open-air mall,

opened next to the Gulf Freeway, Houston's first expressway. It was designed by Klein in conjunction with Seattle architect John Graham, and boasted 62 stores, including Joske's and Sakowitz. Governor Allan Shivers came to the opening.

Klein's work can also be seen nearby at Congregation Beth Israel (5600 North Braeswood).

Klein built the Glen Haven house in 1940 for Regina M. and Morris R. Stern [*Braeswood, An Architectural History*, by Stephen Fox, at pages 31, 39]. During construction, the *Houston Post* published an article about the house illustrated with a drawing. The article had the puzzling title *Modern Regency Home Underway* - puzzling because Regency architecture borrows its style from the period (1811-1830) that encompasses the regency and reign of George IV of England. The *Post* named J. M. Goldsmith as the general contractor [*Houston Post*, March 31, 1940, Section 4, Page 6].

Morris Stern was president of Good Housekeeping Inc. of Texas, which operated from 1945 to 1964. Its stores sold housewares, gifts, china, crystal and linens. Morris relied on his Old Braeswood neighbor Ike Brochstein to design the interiors [more about Ike in *Old Braeswood Newsletter*, Summer 2010].

Morris advertised his stores as offering all the service and merchandise of a downtown store, but in a neighborhood setting. The closest of these stores was in our own Rice Village, at 2510 Rice Boulevard. Morris was moving merchandise to the doorsteps of his customers, much as the

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architect of his house had done with his suburban malls.

When Morris' store at 4000 Main St. opened, it made page one of the *Houston Chronicle* ["Another Fine Store Slated To Open Here," June 27, 1948]. The reporter exuded, "Fixtures were designed after long research, with an eye to attractiveness and efficient merchandising. Sawtooth wall displays segregate various lines of merchandise, while a special demonstration booth is located in the center where [the] newest ideas in household wares will be shown. The lighting system is a revelation. A crisscross effect has been attained in the ceiling lighting which sheds soft appealing rays. The building is equipped with [the] latest air conditioning facilities." The dedication ceremonies were conducted by the president of the City Federation of Women's Clubs and the regional director of the National Council of Garden Clubs.

Morris's success in retail was not surprising. His father, also named Morris Stern, was a president of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

Ownership of the house passed in 1962 to Raymond J. Geimer, who worked for Texas Loans and Savings Association at 1015 Caroline Street.

In 1970 the owners were Charles L. and Phyllis Stillwell Prokop. Charles worked for Humble Oil & Refining Co. In 1963 he had become chairman of the Houston Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute. In 1965 his wife's book *Conversations with Giants* had been published by Concordia Publishing House. It detailed imaginary conversations between Phyllis and Bible figures such as King David and the prophet Elijah [*Houston Chronicle*, February 20, 1965, page 2 of the Church Section].

The next owners, Kay Moseley and Michael W. Hilliard, arrived in 1983. Michael was an attorney. They sold to the current owner, Dr. Patrick J. McNamara, who bought the house in 1993. He is now joined there with his husband, Jose Vasquez.

Patrick completed his residency in internal medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in 1983 and a few years later opened his practice in cosmetic medicine as The Skin Renewal Center, at 1512 W. Alabama Street. Jose is the administrative assistant there.

The house at 2401 Glen Haven Boulevard is one among many Old Braeswood houses that has retained its original character, adding to the ambiance of the neighborhood.

[This is the 68th article in a continuing series on houses and people in Old Braeswood. Suggestions for future columns are welcome.]

Keeping Old Braeswood Beautiful

by Dee Murray

In this time in our lives, when so many people are angry and unhappy with what is happening with politics, the climate, the pandemic, and so forth, we wanted you to be aware of some wonderful, loving people who do things without ever being recognized or thanked.

Len and Susan Teich for many years picked up garbage in our neighborhood as well as grocery carts that collect around bus stops. They are no longer living on Glen Haven, but their good deeds should be mentioned.



Jennifer Peoples making her morning rounds.

Jennifer Peoples gets up early every morning with plastic bags on both hips and goes through the neighborhood picking up trash with her "picker." While driving, honk if you see Jennifer doing the rounds with her picker.

Debra Balthazar has quietly picked up trash in the park, big bags of trash whenever it is piled up. She puts the trash in her truck and takes them to a site that she knows about.

Did you know this was being done for love of the neighborhood? You may also be one to pick up when you are walking in the neighborhood, and we want to thank you too.

[Editor's note: The association should also acknowledge that the writer and her husband, Dee and Bill Murray, who pick up trash on their daily walks. Thank you, Dee and Bill!]

Yard of the Season

The Yard of the Season Award has gone to Sherri and Garrett Walsh, 4 Braeswood Court. Their garden began with the purchase of a double lot in 2006, the building of a house on it, and then the acquisition of 3 more lots as adjoining land became available. They now own over 2.5 acres. Their house is surrounded not by a yard, but by a "park."

Garrett, a thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon at MD Anderson, designed their land into several garden areas, one with a fire pit and another with benches to watch the birds and squirrels. He built several small structures to camouflage the utility poles and his irrigation system. There are paths to discover. There is Sherri's glass hothouse and a raised vegetable garden.



Originally, the idea was to provide a large space for two young children and a dog. (Those children, Bronwyn and Lyndon, are now students at McGill University in Garrett's native Montreal.) Garrett, the primary gardener in the family, made sure there were plenty of hardy trees and hardy plants for easy care. He maintains the grounds himself other than mowing. The result is a "secret garden" tucked into a big city.

Getting the Garden Started in February

by Elayne Kouzounis, Old Braeswood Gardener

February may seem an off month for the gardener, but we must remember that March, the busiest month of the year, is just ahead and start to anticipate. Start to do anything that will make SPRING tasks easier. Have you kept any of your New Year's gardening resolutions? Have you:

- sprayed your trees for scale?
- brought in and screened your compost to start seeds in flats?
- painted and sharpened your tools and made an inventory of your garden supplies?
- ordered your seeds and studied the shrubbery needs of your planting?

If not, February is the time to do these tasks, while you have leisure to let ideas rattle around in your mind and make sure what you want to do. Most gardens are spoiled by snap decisions made in the heat of a busy season.

It is much easier to have your lawn mower taken care of now than it will be when you want to cut grass. You will then be in competition with everyone else, and the service may be slow and uncertain. Now is also the time or order arbors, seats, or garden furniture, as well as to consider their repair and painting.

Plant stakes and labels are a necessary evil. If you expect to make some, get them ready now so that your staking may begin before your plant gets out of shape. Your seedman can supply you with many varieties in wood, metal, and bamboo, which will save you a lot of trouble.

How about considering an irrigation system for your lawn and garden this summer? Water is the life-giving force of the garden and many a plant dies because the gardener thinks it is just too much trouble to give it the attention necessary at the time it needs it.

All the summer-flowering bulbs, such as Dahlias, Cannas, Gladiolus, are subject to damage. See that they have not been started into growth by heat or dampness. They should be stored in a thoroughly dry place at a temperature of about 45 degrees to hold them back. If the tubers have shriveled, place them in very slightly damp peat moss but keep them cool so that they will not begin premature growth.

The time for selecting annual seeds is at hand. For all-around general use and beauty, nothing can equal Petunias, Marigolds, Nasturtiums, Zinnias, and Snapdragons. Zinnias come in many sizes, colors, and shapes. February 22 is the traditional time to plant seeds that take a long time to germinate, such as Lobelia, Ageratum, Verbena, Petunia, Penstemon, and Scabiosa.

Sponge the leaves of house plants every week with clean water. Give them plenty of fresh air, but not direct drafts. Now that the turn of winter has passed, use a little fertilizer on any plants that have begun to show new growth. Do not try to force these before they start.

Birds are so much a part of the garden that the coming of the robin in February or March acts as the gardener's notice that spring is on its way. Almost everyone wants robins in the garden, but few know how to attract them. Their chief needs are food and fresh water. During the early spring freezes, the need for water becomes acute, and frequently birds are seen flying about in search of it. A pan of warm water in their accustomed drinking place will solve this problem. The water in ornamental birdbaths is too often allowed to become stagnant. Anyone who has seen them in summer about a lawn sprinkler will be impressed with their desire for fresh, cool water. Food, consisting of a piece of suet wired to a tree limb, combined with seeds or at least crumbs and table scraps, will keep them coming back year after year if they are supplied with water and nesting places. A little knowledge of their nesting needs will keep them safe from their natural enemies. The size of the bird, the distance from the ground, the surroundings they like best, and most of all the size and shape of home which they require must be carefully considered.

Patrol Task Force Report submitted by Dee Murray

The members of the Task Force are Dee Murray, Julie Cohn, Tommy O'Neill, Daniel Parker, and George Hittner.

The Task Force wishes to thank the 122 neighbors who took time to fill out the Patrol survey and those who submitted comments. Answers to the yes/no questions were as interesting as the comments. The greatest disappointment was that 175 households did not respond to the survey.

You may remember that POA President Samia Khalil established the Task Force because she was getting complaints about our neighborhood patrol. Our charge was to learn more about your perceptions, experience, interests, and ideas concerning the Patrol. We wanted to hear from each of you. Tommy had experience developing a survey for this same purpose in another neighborhood, so we used his model. We hoped that your responses would help us determine what level of patrol service is desirable and affordable, and if necessary, we would review and compare our current contract with other patrol providers. Here are some overall impressions and statistical information from the 122 respondents:

- Overall, those who participate are glad to have SEAL on patrol
- Many want more hours
- Some want a higher level of coverage, including the ability to detain individuals who seem to be engaged in criminal activity
- Some are willing to pay more for increased service and others are unable to pay at all
- Feedback was limited from those who do not currently subscribe to the patrol.

Responses from 109 neighbors who support the Patrol:

- 1) 93% (113) of the respondents pay the \$400 fee for patrol services
- 2) 90% (122) felt safe in the neighborhood because of patrol services (there were two questions about this).
- 3) 67% (76) satisfied with SEAL's level of service. 33% (37) were not satisfied.
- 4) 74% (84) would be willing to pay more for increased patrol services, 25% (29) are not willing.
- 5) 52 hours a week is sufficient – 10% (12) yes, 47% (54) no, don't know – 43% (50)
- 6) SEAL officers are helpful and professional – 92% (101), no, 7.3%

Responses from 13 neighbors who do not support the Patrol:

- Don't see the value
- I would contribute if: *it was more affordable; I knew what the patrol does; if SEAL could make arrests; not satisfied with the level of service; need better coverage, need more hours; need more ability to pursue and detain violators.*

There were many positive, helpful, thoughtful comments from Patrol supporters, but there was confusion about what SEAL does. Seventy four percent of respondents said they would be willing to pay more for increased patrol services.

Action Items: The Task Force developed the following list of action items based on these results. Items 1 to 4 are completed.

- 1) Have a description of SEAL's role in patrolling Old Braeswood – there is confusion (Done)
- 2) Gather the statistics of the services that SEAL has provided over the past 3 years (Done)
- 3) Gather statistical data from HPD about the type of crime in Old Braeswood (Done)
- 4) Establish a method for assuring that vacation watch is only used by paying residents (Done)
- 5) Request proposals from other Patrol companies to make comparisons.
- 6) Vet those proposals carefully and make a recommendation.
- 7) Request that Block Captains canvas their block to talk to those who are not paying.
- 8) Increase the number of residents who pay for the Patrol services.

Two activities that will start right away as a result of survey responses:

- 1) The Newsletter will include the quarterly statistical report from SEAL - with number of calls, response, interventions, and crime incidents to provide more transparency.
- 2) SEAL will receive the list of households that have paid for patrol services in order to monitor if non-paid residents are requesting Vacation Watch service.

Statistics for SEAL & HPD: SEAL's activities over the past 4 years as well as HPD statistics for Old Braeswood for the past 3 years were compiled.

SEAL reports on interactions within the neighborhood, which are not necessarily reflected in HPD crime statistics. SEAL has reported anywhere from 3 to 55 interactions with neighbors (Monthly?). Vacation watches are by far the most common request for SEAL, accounting for 1/3 of SEAL activity. Neighbors also frequently contact SEAL about suspicious persons, cars, or activities. The other major category of interaction is titled "assistance," which means everything from a SEAL officer noticing an open garage door or gate and contacting a neighbor to close it, to a neighbor asking SEAL for an escort late at night.

- Vacation Watch - 250 requests
- Suspicious person reports - 100
- General Assistance - 95

HPD Crime Statistics show 26 reported property crimes in the neighborhood in 2019 and 2020. For 2021, there were 14 crimes reported. There does not appear to be a pattern of crime linked to particular months or times of year. Since January 2019, there have been a total of 16 thefts from motor vehicles (although this seemed to drop quite a bit this year), 12 burglaries or break-ins, 6 incidents each of stolen vehicles and "other larceny," and two thefts of catalytic converters.

The Task Force will complete its work in the coming months and will share its recommendations. Watch for an update in the next edition of the Old Braeswood Newsletter.

Patrol News & SEAL Activity Statistics by Dee Murray

The 2021 annual activity summary from SEAL is shown at right. At the request of neighbors, we will be sharing this statistical information regularly in the newsletter.

Some comments that I have received in the last month are:

- It's comforting to see the SEAL officer passing by my home or seeing them when I walk."
- "When I request Vacation Watch SEAL confirms with me that they have received the request. Then an officer arrives at my door at the end of the watch to make sure everything is okay."
- "SEAL responded to an incident at our home in less than 5 minutes. It took HPD 4 hours (recent incident.)"

As a reminder, vacation watch service is only for Old Braeswood Patrol Subscribers. This service includes four visits to one's house per day, checking windows, doors and the perimeter.

We encourage everyone to subscribe to the Patrol. Sign up online or using the form included in this mailing.

Submit questions or comments about crime, crime prevention and the Patrol to *Patrol@OldBraeswood.com*.

Old Braeswood: 2021

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Alarm	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	14
Animal	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assistance	1	0	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	9
Burglary of Habitation	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	4
Burglary of MV	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
CTW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Damage/Defacement	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Dispute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disturbance/Noise	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
EMS/FD/PD	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
Information	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	2	13
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solicitor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Activity	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
Suspicious Person	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	14
Suspicious Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	3	0	3	1	13
Theft	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	11
Vacation Watch	4	1	7	4	8	8	11	12	9	5	5	6	80
Vehicle Collision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Garden Club News by Alicia vonGreisman

In October, award-winning florist Gaye Jackson presented Flower Arranging. We all learned how to turn a rosebud into a full, luscious blossom in seconds. Maribel Reuter hosted and served one of her fabulous lunches. Thank you, Maribel!

November's meeting was Aromatherapy by practitioner Kimberly Sefcovic, with Dee Murray providing her home and lunch. Everyone loves going to Dee's! Many thanks!



Maribel Reuter, Gaye Jackson (guest speaker), and G.G. Hsieh.

December was the annual Holiday Party, hosted by Ann and Joe Garnett. There is not a big enough "thank you" to express how much everyone enjoyed the evening at their home, along with the dinner they provided, but, giving it a try – THANK YOU!!

Elayne Kouzounis hosted Garden Club in her home in January, with lunch provided by her daughter, Margo Elgohary. Another well deserved thank you to them both! The program introduced members to the art of Tussie Mussie, the nosegays that warded off Plague in medieval times and became ornamental in Victorian times. Everyone made one to take home!

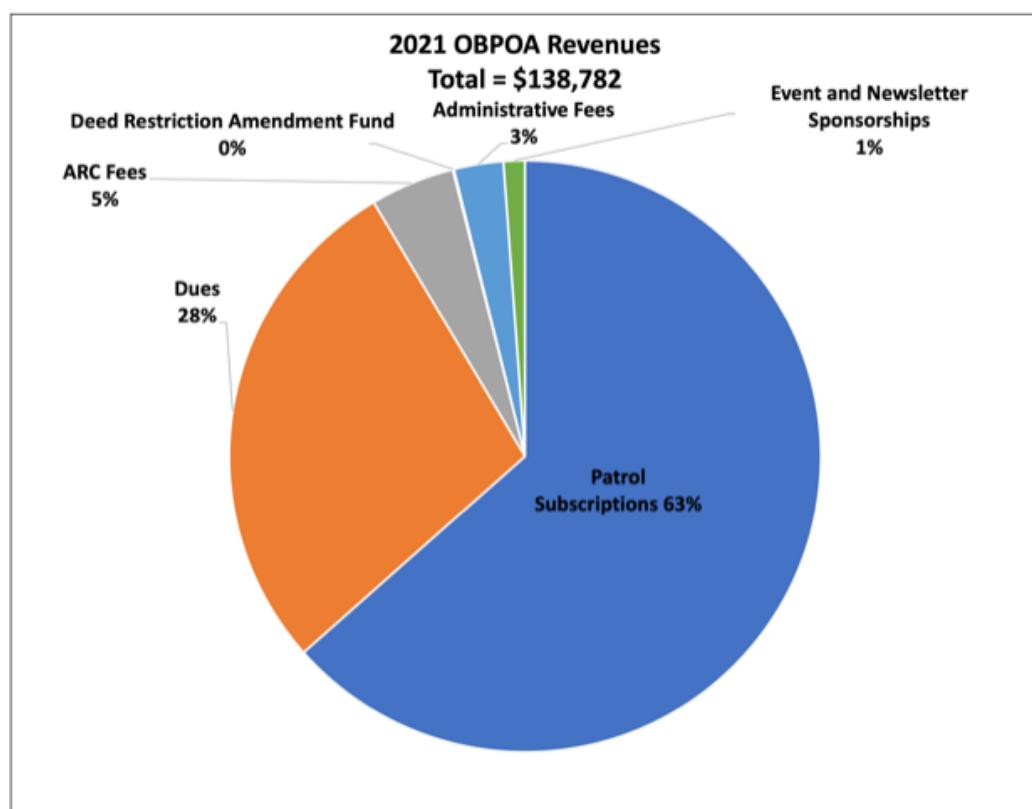
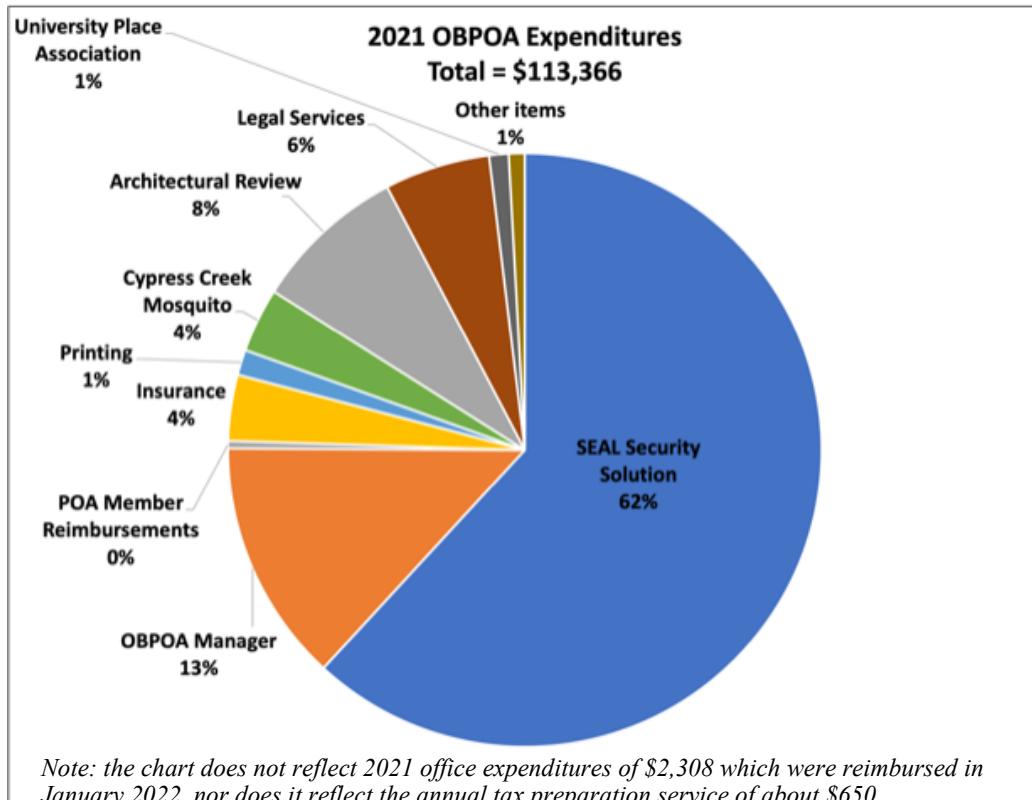
The Garden Club has been having fun since 1939, and you can join to have fun, too. Just pay your dues of \$35 to Treasurer Maribel Reuter, maribel.reuter@gmail.com. Neighbors are welcome to attend. Contact GardenClub@oldBraeswood.com for more information.



Elayne Kouzounis

Where Does the Money Go? by Julie Cohn

Your annual dues of \$38,404 in 2021 supported administration, professional services, mosquito spraying, and publications. We hope to add back in more in-person events this year! Annual Patrol subscriptions funds of \$87,073 in 2021 supported SEAL Security patrols.



Garden Club Holiday Party

Garden Club members, along with their "plus-ones," gathered on December 12, 2021, to eat, drink, and be merry at the club's annual Holiday Party. Warm appreciation goes to Ann and Joe Garnett for hosting at their lovely home. Special tributes were made to longtime members Ruth Kosieracki and Rose Pu.



Top row (left to right): (1) Dee Murray, event photographer, (2) Lynne King, (3) Kathy Lord

2nd row: (4) Ruth Kosieracki with her daughter, (5) Jean Boisaubin, (6) Janet Horn

Bottom row: (7) Alicia vonGreisman and Rose Pu, (8) Alicia with host and hostess Joe and Ann Garnett

All About Old Braeswood Park *by Annette Eldridge*

The Old Braeswood Park Corporation thanks all of our very generous and loyal donors. As many of you know, the three small park spaces in Old Braeswood are owned by the City of Houston but have been adopted by the Park Corp. to ensure that regular maintenance occurs and that the spaces are irrigated. Braeswood Park at Morningside and Maroneal, the esplanade called Katy's Corner immediately south of the park, and the small esplanade at Blue Bonnet and Greenbriar have been maintained by the Park Corporation since 2005. The Park Corporation is a 501(c)(3) entity making your contributions fully tax-deductible.

The annual budget averages \$12,000 per year – typically \$8,000 in

planned maintenance and \$4,000 in unplanned expenses. This pays for weekly landscaping maintenance, repair or replacement of the irrigation systems and monuments, ant treatments, some tree trimming, and modest administrative items like mailings and accounting. As stewards of the funds from donors, we work hard to have the City undertake repairs (such as the 2018 fence repair and painting, recent water fountain repair, oak tree trimming, and repair of the gate latches). The City's responsiveness is not always prompt, and we are still striving to get the city to repair the sidewalk and the fencing.

The Park Corporation occasionally takes on extra projects, such as installing brick pillar monuments at our entrances, adding custom street sign toppers, planting more trees, and more extensive trimming. We try to maintain a cash reserve sufficient for at least one year's operations. Thus, the Park's account has about \$23,000 as 2022 begins. Larger infrastructure renovations, for example, drainage upgrades, or new surfaces under playground equipment, would require very substantial funding in addition to engagement with the city.

The Park Corp. Board members are Annette Eldridge, Bob Birenbaum, Meredith Maierson, Teryle Morrow, and Erin Goldman. Donations in any amount are appreciated and may be mailed to OBPC, P.O .Box 541346, Houston, TX 77254. Or make a donation at www.OldBraeswood.com/wp/Park/. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, contact us at Park@OldBraeswood.com.

Thank You to Our Recent Park Corporation Donors!

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Know Your Executive Committee

Old Braeswood POA is governed by a nine-member Executive Committee, similar to a board of directors. Annual elections are held in November. Thanks to outgoing members Jean Boisaubin, Mike Kelly, and Paul Sanders (who resigned on September 1) for their years of service. Please help us extend a warm welcome to our newest Executive Committee Members.

Linda Joekel, Secretary

After graduating from TCU, I moved to Houston where I married, raised two remarkable boys, and with my husband, built a successful temporary labor business with numerous offices in several states. We moved to Old Braeswood 34 years ago. After retiring from the industrial side of the labor business, I enjoyed a career in eldercare personnel until 2018 when the company was sold. I have served as an Old Braeswood block captain for several years. I look forward to serving on the Executive Committee and working to preserve the charm and character of our beautiful neighborhood.



Chad Mason, Treasurer

I am an Accounting and Finance professional and hold a CPA license in the State of Texas. My wife Shaunna (an OBGYN) and I have lived in the neighborhood for nine-plus years. We have three children Henry (11), Eloise (8) and George (3), and can often be found interacting/playing with neighbors in the evenings along Glen Haven.

In my spare time, I enjoy playing golf and running our kids to their extracurricular activities.



Daniel Parker, At-Large

My name is Daniel Parker and along with my wife Amanda and two boys, we have lived in the neighborhood for three years now. We previously lived south of the bayou before remodeling our house on the 2400 block of Glen Haven. We have become good friends with most of our neighbors and love long walks throughout the neighborhood with my older Lab. I have been a residential Realtor with New Leaf Real Estate for 18 years and also have a background in the construction industry. I look forward to serving on the Executive Committee and getting to meet you personally.



Alex Roberts, Vice President

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our wonderful neighborhood. I have been married to my best friend, Anne, for the past 21 years. We moved into our 84-year old home at 2356 Underwood (northeast corner of Underwood and Kelving) 2.5 years ago and have loved settling in among the old oaks and warm friends that surround us. We are busy raising Andrew (13), Elizabeth (12), and our faithful labradoodle Benji. Between shuttling kids to and from practices and getting Benji his daily exercise, I am a trial lawyer and partner at Beck Redden LLP, a Houston litigation boutique, where I have practiced law since 2007. I am a proud graduate of the University of Houston (Go Coogs!) and am incredibly honored to serve on the Old Braeswood Executive Committee and look forward to getting to know and work with many of you.



Old Braeswood Has a New Historian and Newsletter Chair

Christine Manca, a senior editor for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, is more than qualified to replace Susan Teich on the Old Braeswood newsletter. She and her husband, Joseph Manca, have lived in the neighborhood since 2010. Joe is a Rice professor in the department of art history and Chair of the Old Braeswood Preservation Committee. Christine and Joe share an interest in the history of the neighborhood and support the preservation of its architecture. Christine also serves as chairman of the Block Captains for OBPOA. Have an idea for the newsletter? Send it to Christine at Newsletter@OldBraeswood.com.



Garden Club History Preserved

The last four of the Garden Club's early scrapbooks were delivered to the lead archivist of Houston Metropolitan Research Center, Emily Scott. They joined the books already delivered to be digitized and put online. As one of Houston's oldest garden clubs, the books of Old Braeswood Garden Club (formerly, Braeswood Garden Club) are part of Houston's history. You may see books already online by going to: <https://cdm17006.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p17006coll15>



Book Club

Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to join. In January, Book Club met via Zoom to discuss *The Midnight Library*, by Matt Haig. The February book is *Miss Burma*, by Charmaine Craig. Face-to-face meetings are decided upon by the members one week before the meeting. Contact Krista Heidersbach with questions at krista_rust@yahoo.com.

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Chi Liang Yu & Yiting Hu
2424 Gramercy Blvd.

Alexandra Tillit & Branko Gulman
2330 N. Braeswood Blvd.

Trash & Recycling Schedule

Recycling	Every other Tuesday (B)
Dates	Feb. 1 & 15 Mar. 1, 15 & 29
	Apr. 12 & 26 May 10 & 24



Household Trash	Tuesdays (in city provided bins)
Yard Waste	Tuesdays (in biodegradable bags)
Junk / Tree Limbs	<u>3rd Monday of each month</u> Junk Waste (+ tree limbs) in Even months Tree waste only in Odd months

Place household garbage or recycling at the curb in the city-provided automated bins no earlier than 6 p.m. the evening preceding collection and no later than 7 a.m. on the day of pick up. Remove bins from curb no later than 10 p.m. on collection day. Bins left on the street beyond these times are subject to city fines. Ensure bins are accessible and not blocked by vehicles. Space bins a minimum of 3 feet apart.

Yard waste must be contained in city-approved biodegradable bags and placed at the curb. Branches must be tied into 3-4 ft bundles.

Visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste for more information.

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Errata

We apologize that the last edition of the Newsletter failed to include the following Patrol subscribers for 2021. Thanks to George & Erica Hittner and Jim & Whitney Bogardus for their support.

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Plan Review is Required for ALL Exterior Changes to Old Braeswood Homes – The ARC is Here to Help!

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) encourages you to set up a preliminary meeting to discuss your project and goals. This step in planning can help ensure your plans are able to move quickly through the review process and may even help save you money on your project. While most preliminary meetings are held via Zoom, the ARC is open to meet on site if that helps with understanding the proposed project.

Please remember to consult with the ARC in advance of beginning any updates. All exterior alterations must be reviewed and signed off on prior to construction. If in doubt, contact us to verify what needs to be submitted and for help before and during the design phase to ensure plans will be approvable when they are formally submitted. An application packet can be downloaded from the website at www.OldBraeswood.com/wp/Deed-Restrictions.

Per the deed restrictions, home improvement projects requiring ARC review include changes involving roofs, fences, doors and garage doors, window rehab or replacement, paint color changes, driveways, landscape elements, awnings, solar panels, projections, balconies, additions, new garages, carports & porte-cochères, and outbuildings such as gazebos, greenhouses, or toolsheds. Fines may be levied for projects that are not submitted before implementation.



Thanks to our sponsor and your neighbor, Daniel Parker!



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