



Overland Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) – June 24, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-President Mara.

A link to our **COVID19 resources page** is found [here](#) on our OPNA website.

Minutes from May 2021 meeting

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

Reminder: Annual dues apply to the full calendar year.

\$10 per household, \$25 business.

Paid members are voting members

Beginning Balance		\$ 5,897.71
Membership Deposits		\$ 10.00
Plant Sale Deposit		\$ 89.00
Grants Received/Donations		
Paid Outstanding		
Bank Fees		\$ (0.88)
Website Host		\$ (8.34)
INC Anual Dues		\$ (40.00)

Plants		\$ (179.67)
Printing		\$ (69.38)
Ending Balance per Bank		\$ 5,698.44
	OPNA Funds	\$ 3,434.66
	ART Funds	\$ 2,011.39
	CALC	\$ 252.39

Annual dues are due now. They are good for the calendar year. Here are ways to pay for the dues:

Venmo

Overland Park RNO @opnadenver or using this link

https://venmo.com/code?user_id=3183003056472064841

Mail

Make check payable to OPNA and send to:

OPNA

Att: Andrew Gehauf

2255 S Acoma St

Denver, CO 80223

Police Report

CRO Kate Young

720-913-1248

kate.young@denvergov.org

District 3

1625 S. University Blvd.

Non-emergency dispatch # 720-913-2000

BROADWAY COP SHOP

487 S Broadway

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Update

CRO Kate Young: kate.young@denvergov.org

CRO AJ Pacheco: Antonio.Pacheco@denvergov.org

Lieutenant Michelle Fuller: Michelle.Folmar@denvergov.org

Officer Pacheco provided the following stats for the past month

- Burglary - 0 reported
- Theft from Motor Vehicle - 5 where Two were cars left unlocked, One was catalytic converter theft, One was a temp plate taken off a vehicle, One was a trailer that a spare tire was taken off the trailer
- Theft of motor vehicles – 2 where One was an older mini van, One was a Jeep Cherokee which is on our top 10 most stolen vehicles
- Theft - 1 It was a dine and dash on Broadway
- We now have more clubs at the station if your vehicle is on the top 10 most stolen vehicles

Our next meeting for Neighborhood watch training is July 21st at 6pm online

Jolon Clark's Office (Council District

7) www.luckyDistrict7.org maggie.thompson@denvergov.org

Maggie maggie.thompson@gmail.com provided the following updates

July 1- Bag fee starts! Community outreach idea: host a neighborhood bag swap of clean and gently used bags to redistribute them from folks like me who have a million to folks who may need or want extras!

Motorcycle noise along Platte River Drive: DPD is very aware of this issue but is running into a problem with enforcement. They would like to issue a public nuisance order against the building owner where the activity is originating, but they need signed complaints from neighbors in order to initiate that process. Please tell the police you are willing to sign a complaint if you are being kept up by the noise and chaos! Your info will be kept confidential.

Broadway halloween Parade might be back for 2021! Stay tuned!

Maggie is officially out starting on July 15th (if not earlier!) and will be back part time starting in September but until then Jolon and Tate will be our contacts.

Free Trees for Residents

Three Ways to Get a Free Tree in Denver

One of the best ways to combat Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and improve Denver's precious tree canopy is to plant a tree on your property. Thanks to the Office of the City Forester, there are three ways Denver property owners can qualify for a free tree.

Apply For a Free Tree

Since the launch of Be a Smart Ash, the Office of the City Forester has planted more than 10,000 free trees for Denver property owners who have space for a tree in their public right-of-way. [Applying online is easy](#), and a certified arborist will carefully evaluate your space, determine the best kind of tree for your property and, if you qualify, the new tree will be delivered and planted along with specific instructions for how to immediately provide the best care for your tree to ensure a healthy future. This program is open to property owners, including businesses and condominium associations, across the city of Denver.

Gap Plan

Since [1 in 6 trees in Denver is an ash](#), it's certain that when EAB is discovered here there will be some tree loss, which will leave noticeable gaps in our beautiful tree canopy. In an effort to proactively combat these inevitable gaps, the Office of the City Forester launched the Ash Tree Gap Removal & Replacement Program to remove and replace smaller, poor-condition ash trees in the public right-of-way throughout the city. Currently, the program is focused on Denver's southwest and northeast neighborhoods, although [anyone interested in this program can apply online](#).

Forestry Neighborhood Initiative

In 2021, Denver's Office of the City Forester launched the Denver Forestry Neighborhood Initiative, which is dedicated to pruning or removing trees that pose a risk to public safety. This initiative also includes planting trees in the public right-of-way, as space allows. The program is currently focused on specific neighborhoods in southwest Denver. Property owners who qualify for a free tree or for tree maintenance at their property will receive a letter and a postcard from the

Office of the City Forester outlining which service(s) they qualify for and how to claim them. However, everyone in Denver is eligible for a free tree planting, so property owners can [apply online](#) if they think they have space in their public right-of-way.

Trees provided free by the Office of the City Forester are a public amenity and must be planted in the public right-of-way, but that doesn't mean you should ignore the opportunity to plant a tree in your yard. We strongly encourage you to [enlist a tree care professional](#) to help you evaluate and care for your trees – ash or otherwise. And, if you're looking to add a tree to your yard, consider [this list of trees researched and approved by the Office of the City Forester](#) that do well in our unique climate.

For more information about any of these programs, email tree@denvergov.org or call the Denver Office of the City Forester at 720-913-0651.

Meeting Schedule

OK, maybe holding the meeting a Levitt on such a busy night was not the best idea but still fun. Next month, to keep the outdoor summer feel we will hold our monthly meeting at **Grant Frontier Park** where there are picnic tables to gather and should be much quieter. Look for the reminder and agenda coming soon.

Overland Social

Overland Social is held every second Wednesday of the month where it is an informal gathering for neighbors and friends at a local business. The next scheduled social is **July 14**, at the [Tikka and Grill](#) on Broadway across from Maria Empanada, Come join us starting from **6:30pm**.

Community announcements (open to anyone)

Neighborhood Meeting

Our next neighborhood meeting will be on Thursday, **July 22**, 2021, at **6:30 pm** at Grant Frontier Park.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

OPNA meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month, excluding November and December.

Upcoming meeting dates for **2021** include the following: June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28

Also, check us out on our [Website](#) and also to read the **minutes** from past meetings.

And like us on [Facebook](#) **Overland Park Neighborhood Association - OPNA**

Contact us at: OPNAinfo@gmail.com