

**Residents of Oak Hill:**

- 1) Time to mail your \$25 membership in the Oak Hill Association**
- 2) Oak Hill President Message**
- 3) Oak Hill Garage Sale**
- 4) Oak Hill Halloween Parade, Family Astronomy, Wine Making**
- 5) Oak Hill Regional Forest Fire (in 1880)**
- 6) Community Interest**

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**1) DUES ARE \$25 PER HOUSEHOLD**

If you haven't already, mail your check to Oak Hill Association, 1 Vaughn Drive, Middletown, NJ 07748. Include email address (s), names, address, phone. (Use the convenient tear-off located on last page).

Membership provides access to: frequent email newsletter on topics of current interest to Oak Hill Residents, Easter Egg Hunt, May Garage Sale, Spring & Fall meetings on community topics, family night dinner; adult night out, Halloween Parade, Book Club, The Men and Women's Club, Civic Watch, Newcomers, and any other activity or interest that YOU care to initiate.

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**2) OAK HILL PRESIDENT MESSAGE (VIVIAN BREEN)**

Welcome to all Present and Past Members! Currently, 200+ Oak Hill households (250+ email addresses) are OHA members and engage in various social activities.

We are trying to keep the Oak Hill Association viable and vibrant. To accomplish this, we need everyone to join for the coming year.

The dues are reasonable--\$25 per family entitles you to attend Oak Hill events and groups, and receive the email newsletter. So don't delay: Send your check made out to the Oak Hill Association. We suggest you also register to use the Oak Hill blog:

**OAKHILLNJ.NEXTDOOR.COM**

It appears that many of you are making good use of <http://oakhillnj.nextdoor.com>. We restricted this secure web site to admit only residents who live within the boundary of the Oak Hill Association. You are able to greet new members and pass information back and forth. It is a great way to offer no-longer-needed items to other members and just plain neighborly news, lost and found animals, turkeys in the road etc. Currently 129 Oak Hill households (146 individuals) are members of [oakhillnj.nextdoor.com](http://oakhillnj.nextdoor.com).



### **3) MAY 23-24 OAK HILL ANNUAL GARAGE SALE (Ronnie Lander)**

Mark your calendar to be a part of our successful Oak Hill annual super Garage Sale.

This is a great time of year to look around the house for items that you may have outgrown or just don't use anymore.

Suggest that you make a sign for your lawn showing you are part of this year's garage sale. We will provide road signs, balloons for your mail box, and ads in local papers.

Those interested, please call: Ronnie Lander 732-671-9395; [r.j.lander@comcast.net](mailto:r.j.lander@comcast.net)

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### **4) OHA HALLOWEEN PARADE (Karen Iturralde)**

Thanks to the 150 who joined the fun and made our 2013 Halloween parade the biggest success in its history! The turnout was phenomenal, the weather cooperative, the activities supersized! Looking forward to seeing you again in October.

### **FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHT**

Calling all star gazers...please stay tuned for more information. Interested in a family astronomy night? We will assemble at a local, open space, after dark with our own blankets and lawn chairs, and a local astronomer will not only supply an incredibly powerful telescope for all to use, but he will regale us with his vast knowledge of what we are seeing in our night sky. Hope to see you there.

### **MAKE YOUR OWN WINE**

Extending the grapevine again to those who may be interested in local wine making. The last time I proposed the event I didn't allow much time to sign up. This time I hope to capture a larger audience. Details will follow shortly. Wine making begins in May. Cheers!

Please feel welcome to contact me with suggestions for activities you'd like Oak Hill Association to offer. Thanks. Karen Iturralde [exit114@verizon.net](mailto:exit114@verizon.net)

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## 5) OAK HILL REGIONAL FOREST FIRE (Randall Gabrielan)

As our local fire department begins its annual fund raising drive, we can look back at a peril we never think of here, a forest fire. The year 1880 was one of the worst on record for New Jersey forest fires. Numerous blazes burned thousands of acres in the pine and shore regions. Large local property owner Ezra Osborn owned what was called the most valuable timber land in Monmouth County. In May of that year, his woods were ablaze, the northernmost of the damaging, wind-swept conflagrations. The *Times* on the 20th reported that Osborn "had to summon his neighbors to assist his farm hands in fighting the flames which were spreading towards the tenanted part of the farm." We hardly give thought to the risk of fire in our wooded surrounds, all the more reason to support Middletown, the world's largest all-volunteer fire department.

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## 6) COMMUNITY INTEREST

Dec 2, 2013 Middletown [rezoned the Four Ponds development](#), Lincroft Road, from 342 units to 228 units. The success of Middletown's challenge was partly due to Oak Hill financial donations for expert witnesses. <http://www.lincroftvillagegreen.org/lvg/PROJECTS/Four Ponds Development/2013-3099 Zoning Amendment RMF-2 Zone - Avaya.pdf>

This last week, Union Square Mall: "Five Guys Burgers" closed [its location](#) in Union Square Mall. (This location was previously a Baja Fresh restaurant.) <http://middletown-nj.patch.com/groups/business-news/p/middletown-five-guys-burgers-and-fries-closes?ncid=newsltuspatc00000001&evvar4=picks-1-post&newsRef=true>

[Feb 1 Crash kills](#) 20year old Katherine Arliss, on Oak Hill Road, (near route 35) <http://middletown-nj.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/woman-20-killed-in-oak-hill-road-crash?ncid=newsltuspatc00000001&evvar4=picks-1-post&newsRef=true>

Oak Hill home sold, 40 Dwight Rd, for \$565K, the [week ending Jan 18](#) <http://middletown-nj.patch.com/groups/marlene-albrechts-blog/p/last-weeks-closed-home-sales--oak-hill-home-closes-for-565000?ncid=newsltuspatc00000001&newsRef=true>

Monmouth County Prosecutor ["Heroin Kills" program](#) Jan 14, at Middletown North. <http://middletown-nj.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/families-warned-of-heroin-dangers-at-middletown-drug-program> Earlier data:

- Police crime [report](#) to the Oct 8, 2013 meeting of the Oak Hill Association <http://home.comcast.net/~oak-hill/2013/2013-oct-police-report.html>
- Middletown [in the top 20 towns](#) with heroin addiction <http://middletown-nj.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/20-towns-with-the-most-heroin-abuse-toms-river-on-list-middletown-nj?ncid=newsltuspatc00000001&evvar4=picks-1-post&newsRef=true>

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This update is from Steve Miller, Secretary, Oak Hill Association <http://home.comcast.net/~oak-hill>

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