



The FOOP SCOOP

a publication of **FRIENDS OF OAKHURST PARK-FOOP**, a 501(c)3 non-profit service organization
Dedicated to maintain, protect, and preserve Oakhurst Park
Winter 2023

Oakhurst Park, Fort Worth, Texas, established circa 1920

Friends of Oakhurst Park (FOOP), established October 14, 2015



Sharon Kutilek-Buse, President
Friends of Oakhurst Park (FOOP)

WE DID IT! In 2023, Friends of Oakhurst Park-FOOP, the City of Fort Worth, and YOU gifted Oakhurst a brand new playground for our kiddos to enjoy for years to come! While our old playground holds many fond memories from thirty years of hosting fun days with our children and grandchildren, our new playground with updated play equipment will create just as many exciting new memories as the old!



Old Play Area



New Play Area

And GUESS WHAT?! There is still more to come! With **YOUR** support, **FOOP** has plans for additional picnic tables, a bike rack, trash receptacles, outdoor grills, more park benches, and hopefully a fitness station. So, if you are not a member of **FOOP**, please join today! Annual family donations, regardless of the size of your family, start at just \$5 per month! Your donations help pay for irrigation, flowers, and improvements to Oakhurst Park!

Keep a look out! More exciting amenities coming soon!



Oakhurst Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Spring 2023

Left to Right: Cole Construction
Dwight Dykman, Jacob
McGregor, FOOP Board Member
Josef Kutilek, City of Fort Worth
Park Department Operations
Superintendent Amotayo Ajayi,
FOOP Founder & Board Presi-
dent Sharon Kutilek Buse, Fort
Worth District 9 Councilwoman
Elizabeth Beck, Fort Worth Mayor
Mattie Parker, FOOP Donor
Mary Shelton, FOOP Board
Member James Milburn, Fort
Worth Park Interim Director
Dave Lewis, and Fort Worth
Park Department Planner &
Project Manager Patrick Vicknair



FOOP Extends THANK YOU to City Hall for Its Support of Oakhurst Park



Left: Fort Worth Mayor
Mattie Parker
& Fort Worth Director of Parks
Richard Zavala

Below:
Left: Former FW District 9
Councilwoman Ann Zadeh

Middle: FW District 9 Councilwoman
Elizabeth Beck

Right: FW District 11 Council woman
Jeannette Martinez



FRIENDS OF OAKHURST PARK (FOOP) is fortunate to have strong working relationship with the City of Fort Worth Park Department and Mayor and City Council Representatives, past and present who represent Oakhurst Park.

As residents, we rely on the Mayor and our City Council Representatives to advocate for the benefit of Fort Worth greenspace. **FOOP** is grateful for the time and monies invested in Oakhurst Park.



FOOP Works to Reforest the **ENTIRE** Oakhurst Neighborhood

2023 was filled with tons of great **FOOP** projects benefitting not only Oakhurst Park, but the entire Oakhurst Neighborhood!

Not only did FOOP sponsor it's annual **"Spruce Up Oakhurst Park"** where neighbors join together to spiffy up the park for the upcoming summer months, but on that same day in March, **FOOP** also sponsored the **"Reforest Oakhurst Neighborhood Project"**.

While similar to the **"2019 Reforest Oakhurst Park Project"**, this year's project, **"Reforest Oakhurst Neighborhood"** was aimed at reforesting the **ENTIRE** Oakhurst neighborhood —not just Oakhurst Park. During **"Reforest Oakhurst Park"**, 10 native Oak Trees were planted in specific areas designated by Fort Worth City Forester Craig Fox. During the **"Reforest Oakhurst Neighborhood"** project, Oakhurst residents claimed 3 trees of various varieties for planting at their individual homes.

Oakhurst neighbor **Brad Roberts** and **FOOP Vice President Johnathan Zimmerer** kindly delivered the trees and dug holes for those residents who needed help while FOOP President Sharon Kutilek Buse kept up with the paper work.

Each resident was tasked with planting their trees within view of the street. The City of Fort Worth will monitor the trees for two years for growth and survivability. The tree planting program is citywide and a successful outcome will result in the City of Fort Worth receiving future grants for more trees to plant to reforest **all** Fort Worth neighborhoods!

In total, 68 Oakhurst residents participated in the **"2023 Reforest Oakhurst Neighborhood"** tree planting project and over 123 trees were planted in Oakhurst yards.

The goal of both the **"Reforest Oakhurst Park"** and the **"Reforest Oakhurst Neighborhood"** project is to replace our neighborhood's decayed & dying trees so generations to come can experience the beauty of a tree filled park & neighborhood as we know it today.



Oakhurst Neighbor, Brad Roberts



1924-2024

FRIENDS OF OAKHURST PARK (FOOP)

Oakhurst 100 COMMEMORATIVE BRICK PROJECT



The FOOP Board of Directors is thrilled to announce the sale of engraved bricks to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Oakhurst neighborhood. Each commemorative brick purchased will be permanently displayed in Oakhurst Park for all to enjoy for years to come. This is a great way to honor past and present loved ones; a dear friend; a beloved pet; a cherished family member; or a great neighbor!

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of FOOP's "Oakhurst 100 Commemorative Brick Project".
Only a limited number of bricks will be sold.

Net proceeds will be used to maintain the beauty of Oakhurst Park.

The 1924-2024 Oakhurst 100 Commemorative Brick Fundraiser



4x8 inch brick: 3 lines, 18 characters per line: \$100

8x8 inch brick: 6 lines, 18 characters per line: \$175

Installation Spring 2024

To order Online: please visit our website: <http://www.friendsofoakhurstpark.org>
 Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofOakhurstPark/>



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To order by Mail: Please complete form and mail with payment to:
 FRIENDS OF OAKHURST PARK (FOOP)
 PO Box 7848, Fort Worth, TX, 76111

Please Engrave Our Brick As Follows:

Note: All Text is Centered & Capitalized. Symbols ((i.e.: periods, commas dash, etc.) are considered one space.

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Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Make Checks or Money Orders payable to: Friend of Oakhurst Park)

2023 North Texas Giving Day

Big "THANK YOU" to Lauren Smith, Celestina Blok, and Betsy Hedden for heading up FOOP's 2023 North Texas Giving Day Campaign. North Texas Giving Day is FOOP's major annual fundraiser.

Due to the tireless efforts of these women, the **FOOP Board**, and the generous donations from area **BUSINESS OWNERS, OAKHURST RESIDENTS, NEIGHBORS, & FRIENDS** over \$8K was raised to help keep the grass green and the flowers blooming in Oakhurst Park. **THANK YOU!!!!**





Thank You
2023 NTXGD
FOOP Fall Fundraiser
Business & Individual
Recurring & General Donors



You Found Your Passion! You Gave With Purpose!
You Gave BIG Every Day Throughout the Year!

Alamo Title - Law Office of Donald R. Campbell, Inc.
Barbara McGinnis - Caldwell Banker David & Mary Shelton
House of Wag LLC Law Office of Lauren K. Smith, PLLC
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Brad Buss Blaine Brewer Family Sharon Kutilek Family Frances Cain
Glenn Calabrese Drew Chasak Family Diane R. Cooper *Dwell Studio Salon*
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Webmaster: Erin Richardson

2023 FriendsGiving

November 12th

*Good friends...
Good food...
Good fun!*



2023 Spruce Up Oakhurst Park

FOOP'S ANNUAL
'Spruce Up'
OAKHURST PARK

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th @ 10AM

 

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Thank You!!!!



Join FOOP
www.friendsofoakhurstpark.org

Thanks for Keeping
Oakhurst Park Shady!



2023

“SUMMER WATER BLAST”

in Oakhurst Park



Thanks
James Milburn
&
Jennifer Miller
for
All the



“Take an Active Role” in Caring for Oakhurst Park...Become a Member of FOOP ... Join a Committee ...

DID YOU KNOW... the City of Fort Worth does not irrigate neighborhood parks and only mows them once every 21 days? This was not always the case, in fact, for many years the City absorbed all the irrigation costs and maintenance, then...*the no irrigation policy for neighborhood parks was adopted.* Fortunately for Oakhurst Park, upon the policy's adoption, the City, through oversight or kindness continued to irrigate Oakhurst Park until 2015. At that time, the irrigation controllers broke, and the entire irrigation system failed causing the grass and most of the vegetation to die, including many trees.

In the fall of 2015, the Kutilek Buse family adopted Oakhurst Park and **Friends of Oakhurst Park-FOOP**, was founded on October 14, 2015, with the sole purpose of caring for Oakhurst Park! With its high standards and impeccable record, just 2 years and 1 month later, **FOOP** received it's 501(c)3 IRS designated non-profit status!!!

As a 501(c)3 service organization the FOOP Board oversees the park and the Buse Family maintains the park. The park is spiffed up prior to all ONA neighborhood social events, meeting votes, and other neighborhood activities. In the 9 years since FOOP's founding in 2015, tens of thousands of dollars have been spent by a private donor improving and maintaining Oakhurst Park including grass replaced, crepe Myrtles purchased, irrigation lines run, annual seasonal flowers planted, irrigation run to newly planted trees and added to the park sign planting bed, parts purchased, equipment rented, weekly/bi-weekly maintenance & constant repair to the 50+ year old irrigation system. FOOP has successfully partnered with the City to install ADA/pet friendly drinking fountains & sidewalks and to secured new playground equipment installed in Spring of 2023 and as well as completed so many additional projects for the benefit of Oakhurst park they are too numerous to list! So, visit our website at <http://www.friendsofoakhurstpark.org> to see FOOP's accomplishments and sign up to join today!



**FOOP =
Community Service
At Its Best !!!**



Be Part of Something Meaningful... Join FOOP today!

Oakhurst Park's needs are constant and continuous care. Help FOOP keep the grass green, the trees growing, and the flowers blooming! Become an Acorn, Sprout, Sapling, Mature Oak, or a Mighty Oak today!

Become a “Friend” of FOOP today!

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Donate once and/or be a “perennial!”

- Acorn \$5/month
- Sprout \$10/month
- Sapling \$20/month
- Mature Oak \$30/month
- Mighty Oak \$50/month

