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**One Square Mile Strong!**

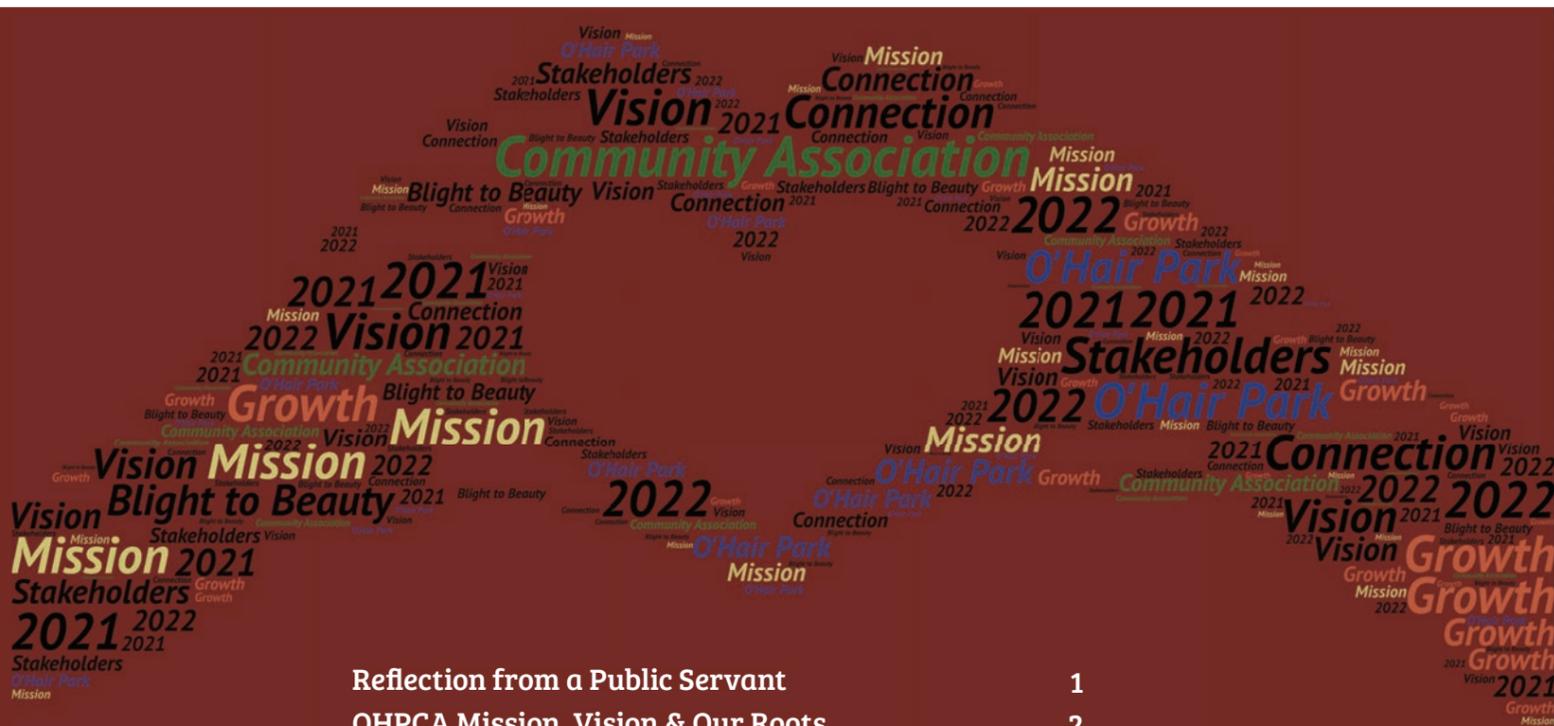
**O'Hair Park  
Community  
Association**

**2021**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

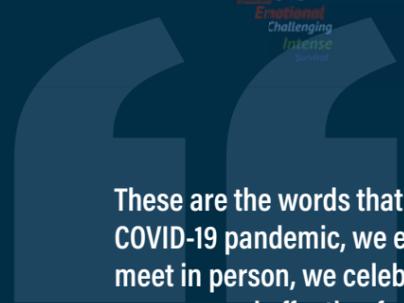
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These are the words that the Board used to describe 2021. When the nation entered its second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, we experienced frustration and exhaustion. We were diminished in our capacity to meet in person, we celebrated ones' passing to glory in a manner that was very uncommon, and showing concern and affection for a loved one that was hospitalized was limited, albeit this is the environment in which we found ourselves. OHPCA relentlessly continued to do the work they were entrusted with; create, develop, and maintain a neighborhood that we are proud to call our own.

This Annual Report will take you through the journey of the work that our association has accomplished in 2021, with a vision for 2022. We are proud of the relationships forged with the City of Detroit, our faith-based partners, business allies, education colleagues, public safety officials, and our compassionate donors.

The work never stops!

In the spirit of community,  
*Gail Tubbs*  
 President



# O'Hair Park Mission, Vision & Our Roots

## MISSION

Strengthening the O'Hair Park Community to become a community where people choose to live.

## VISION

O'Hair Park is a community where people love where they live.

## OUR ROOTS

- WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

The birth of the O'Hair Park Community Association was sparked by a comment from the new mayor of Detroit, Mike Duggan. He said he wanted to work to revive the neighborhoods of the city beginning with the ones which were already organized.

When Fr. Donald Archambault, the former pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, heard Duggan's words, it lit a fire in his belly. He wanted to put flesh on the words of scripture: "I have come so that they may have life, and have it to the full." (Jn 10:10) Corpus Christi was in a square mile needing revitalization, but it was not formally organized. Its community association had fallen apart in the 1990s.

Fr. Don, as he is affectionally known, could see how the housing bubble of 2008 had put the bungalow homes of the neighborhood in jeopardy. He also saw that, because of a lack of funds in the previous forty years, the city had abandoned the eighty-acre park in the center of the community.

He recruited Colleen Flaherty from his congregation and put the word out in the neighborhood. Soon people of all persuasions who lived, worshiped, and worked in the square mile responded. In 2012, the O'Hair Park Community Association was born. Within the first year, the community took hold of its future and developed its vision of a place in which people love where they live!



# Meetings

WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS  
- IN OUR MINDS

Everything we do is a process. It starts out with a spark of an idea or a proposed solution to a problem. Then a conversation ensues with all parties and stakeholders coming together and moving towards consensus. In our organization, this step of the process is where we call meetings to determine if we move forward, defer, or no further action is taken.

OHPCA conducted 12 Board meetings, once each month + the board retreats where the Board plans the goals, budget, and direction we took for the year.

5 Special Board meetings and 8 Executive meetings were held to discuss a myriad of projects, special interests, personnel, and planning for Board and General community meeting agendas.

Additionally, there were 5 General Community meetings starting in February and culminating with the End of Year Celebration in December, for a total of 6 annually. One meeting was in-person and the remainder were streamed via ZOOM. The meetings are scheduled on the 4th Thursday bi-monthly.

2021 General meetings featured presentations from the City of Detroit Health Department, Police Department, State Representative Mary Cavanagh, Neighborhood Housing Plan, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and discussion on ballot proposals from the General Election were shared with the community.



**12**  
BOARD MEETINGS

**1**  
ANNUAL ADVANCE MEETING

**5**  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

**8**  
EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

**6**  
COMMUNITY MEETINGS

# The Who



**GAIL TUBBS**  
President



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Member



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Member



**RENEE WALKER**  
Member

2021 experienced a fluctuation of leadership. Gail Tubbs stepped into the role as President, Joyce Daniel as Vice-President, Susan Stellar assumed the position of Acting Secretary and presently is our Secretary, and Alexis Alexander remained as our Treasurer. Currently, there are 9 Board members.

The Board of OHPCA acknowledges and appreciates the contributions and service by outgoing Board members, Colleen Flaherty and Patt Taylor-Braxton, and Community Organizer Yelena Ramataur. All we do moving forward is founded upon the path they forged. May we continue to persevere in the light they shed as we turn up the flame in 2022!



*"I want to again express my appreciation and gratitude to the Association's leadership and membership for their fine work in making our city a place in which people can live, work, raise families and make lasting friendships. What your members have done is not only remarkable - it's extraordinary. I hope that it will be replicated in other areas in Detroit."*

*- A quote from Judge John D. O'Hair former Wayne County Prosecutor and son of Mrs. Willis Watts O'Hair, from whom O'Hair Park is named*

# The How



## How We Work With Our Community Partners

There are a total of 7 standing committees with 4 sub-committees and 1 AdHoc committee that meet monthly.

**Development Committee:** Obtains financial support for the longer-term key Board initiatives set forth in the OHPCA goals & objectives and budget that require significant funding levels provided through grants, foundations, and private donors.

- Neighborhood Development Project Subcommittee
- \* Data Management Adhoc Committee

**Neighborhood Involvement & Issues Committee (NIIC):** Identifies and resolves issues in the community. Plans and leads key initiatives such as Motor City Makeover

- Housing Subcommittee
- Park Subcommittee
- Snow Removal/Lawn Cutting Subcommittee

**Business Committee:** Helps local businesses to see themselves as partners in attaining community goals and is focused on enhancing storefronts that welcome and attract customers

**Civic Action Committee (CAC):** A liaison to other community groups in District 1 and the City regarding voting, evictions, civil rights, environmental & recycling

**Communications, Marketing, & PR Committee (CMP):** Manages all communications and public relations

**Education Committee:** Provides input and support to HFHS while developing a collaborative partnership

**Operations & Event Funding Committee (OEFC):** Although this committee was not active in 2021, it stands to secure donations and funding for OHPCA Events and ongoing operational costs in planning and executing events

# Development Committee

The Development Committee is a 6-member committee chaired by Father Don Armchambault, former pastor at Corpus Christi Catholic Church and one of OHPCA's founding members. The Development Committee's mission is to search out the financial resources to complete programs based on OHPCA's yearly goals. At the present time the Development Committee meets monthly. One member is a contracted expert in grant writing.

The Development Committee has been able to secure funding primarily through a series of grants and direct donations from religious and private donors. Recently there has been an effort to seek out more grants from foundations and governmental sources.



Ground blessing at & 7 Mile/Greenview and a donation from the Boji Group

5

GRANTS  
SUBMITTED

37

DONORS

2

GRANTS  
AWARDED

\$69,960

IN DONATIONS

\$26,980

IN GRANTS

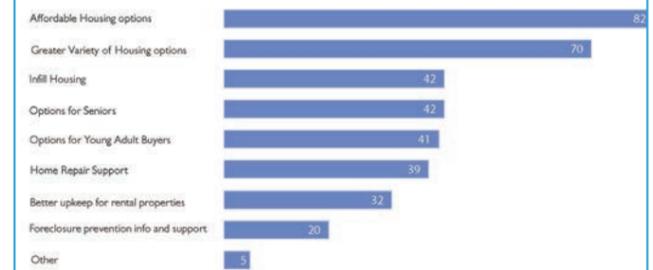
# Neighborhood Development Subcommittee

The Neighborhood Development Project, formed in late 2020, was a subcommittee of the Development Committee. When our Board reviewed the Housing and Neighborhood plan assembled by the DCDC and adopted its recommendations on September 8th, we agreed to establish 2 committees outlined in the land use strategy focused on housing and parks.

Following the contract established with the Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC) at the University of Detroit Mercy in October 2020, the NDP met every other Wednesday morning from January -July 2021. Also, chaired by Father Don Archambault, Committee members included past and present OHPCA board members, representatives from the City of Detroit's Department of Neighborhoods, Housing and Revitalization, Planning and Development, Thomas Consulting Group, New Hope Community Development Non Profit Housing Corporation, Exo 313, and Detroit Block Works.

Together, the NDP subcommittee and DCDC implemented a community survey in February to which more than 100 O'Hair Park Community members responded with feedback on how the future of housing, neighborhood, and parks evolve within our square mile. This information shaped the O'Hair Park Neighborhood and Housing Plan, released in July 2021. In August of 2021, the OHPCA board adopted the plan to guide the development of 2 subcommittees focused on housing, parks, and the Neighborhood Improvement and Issues Committee.

What housing needs are most important in the neighborhood?



- OTHER**
- A house for wellness practitioners to offer services.
  - Getting the slumlords to be great landlords. Stop charging so much money and the house looks a mess.
  - Flowers being near vacant lots
  - Demolish abandoned homes
  - Additional activities in the park for seniors: one and two persons activities like horsehoe, racket sports, racket ball, tennis court

OHPCA Neighborhood + Housing Plan  
Community Survey Results

## NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES

**ACCESS & MOBILITY**

**OPEN SPACE**  
ACTIVATE VACANT LOTS

Investment in equitable and universally accessible improvements in O'Hair Park will help contribute to increased sense of identity and pride for community members, and improved safety and guidance for residents and visitors to this neighborhood.

O'Hair Park is an incredible amenity. In addition to supporting better access to the park, residents also expressed strong interest in increased activities for seniors and youth in the park, and community-led programming. Community members cited the need for beautification and landscaping on vacant lots in O'Hair Park. This can take a variety of forms, from side lot acquisition for upkeep and utilization by residents to permanent public parklets maintained at the block level, and interim landscape strategies where future development may occur.

## HOUSING STRATEGIES

**EXISTING HOUSING**

**INFILL HOUSING**

Key priorities from workshops and surveys include support for seniors to age in place and the importance of creating resources and investment opportunities for existing residents. Strategies for existing housing focus on supporting homeowners with repairs, promoting stabilization by assessing vacant homes and ensuring rental property compliance, and investing in home renovations.

Ensuring ongoing housing affordability and promoting a diversity of housing types moving forward were key takeaways from community conversations and survey responses in this planning effort. The strategies included here focus on new housing at a range of scales, from single family infill to low-density multifamily, seeking to provide housing opportunities that contribute to the neighborhood fabric and create options for families and seniors alike. Pilot areas detailed in the plan focus on repurposing the former Plicher school site and clustered vacant lots for new models for affordable and sustainable housing.

OHPCA Neighborhood + Housing Plan

# Neighborhood Improvement & Issues Committee

The Neighborhood Issues and Involvement Committee (NIIC) works to ensure that our square mile is clean and welcoming. In 2021, OHCPA adopted 10 "Lovable Lots," to beautify and deter blight and dumping by cleaning up all debris. On Earth day, we led the clean-up of the Southfield Service Drive from Seven to Eight Mile Roads with the help of District One staff filling up 4 dumpsters. For Motor City MakeOver on May 1st, cleanup efforts focused around the former site of Ludington Middle Magnet School.

Later in 2021, the "Lovable Lots" initiative gained so much momentum that ten more lots were adopted, now totalling 20. The "Lovable Lots" remain blight free. This was made possible through private grantors that believes in OHPCA's mission. The Ashton, Glastonbury and Southfield lots are being utilized by the community in many ways; such as the Northwest Detroit Youth Coalition or neighbors throwing a giant 4th of July block party.

Applying data to drive our decisions is key to the initiatives we put action to with the aid of a comprehensive database maintained by Board Member Dan Grant and frequent physical surveys of our neighborhood, decisions are made on how to act. This data is used to identify homes that are in violation of city codes, such as trash cans left at the curb outside the collection schedule, cars parked on the lawn, and homes in need of community help.

Community Driven Transformation of O'Hair Park was monumental to the start of working collaboratively with the City of Detroit's Office of Blight Remediation. The NIIC wrote a letter to request a meeting with the Mayor of Detroit to address ongoing problems with the way the City and numerous departments handle blight issues.

The Office of Blight Remediation responded with a promise to set up meetings in January of 2022. OHCPA is excited to be part of a strategic plan to remediate blight in Detroit.

2515 PARCELS  
2053 OCCUPIED HOMES  
462 PARCELS TO TRACK



What we envision for 2022 is to track the landscape of our community by conducting physical surveys every 90 days. With the involvement of the City of Detroit, we look forward to noticing significant changes. Improved communication with our Renters and Homeowners, adding ten more "Lovable Lots," and establishing a plan with the City that maintains our community to keep us blight-free are also targets for the NIIC.



The alleys behind the businesses on W 8 Mile Road cleared of all debris and some gates were installed, thanks to Korey Batey coordinating those efforts.

"Well, it appears that speeding has decreased on our block and it's good to see improvements in the neighborhood."

- A quote from a neighbor



The call for speed humps to calm speeding traffic was answered in part. Many streets throughout our square mile had speed humps installed. More will be requested in 2022

## Housing Subcommittee



OHPCA Neighborhood + Housing Plan

Following the OHPCA board's adoption of the O'Hair Park Neighborhood and Housing Plan, a number of NDP subcommittee members transitioned to serve on the Housing subcommittee. Chaired by Father Don Archambault, the group met monthly on Wednesday mornings at 8am to explore grant opportunities as well as public and private partnerships to implement the short-, medium-, and long-term recommendations within the plan. By year end, the Housing subcommittee engaged with the New Hope Community Development Non-Profit Housing Corporation to co-author a \$75,000 grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to make porch and facade repairs possible for homeowners in need within our square mile - a need voiced by the community survey completed in February. Partnership with Exo 313 allowed the committee to take action on one of the long-term aspects of the land use plan - by applying for loan through MSHDA to facilitate the development of new single-family housing in one of the critical zones highlighted in the neighborhood and housing plan.

## Park Subcommittee

In late 2021, Susan Stellar agreed to chair the Parks Subcommittee to assist with implementing key aspects of the neighborhood and housing plan related to the activation of green space in our square mile. To support the work of this subcommittee, in December 2021, a grant was authored to bring summer programming to invite O'Hair Park residents of all ages back into the newly renovated park. The grant sought to bring martial arts, yoga, dance lessons to the new shelter along Stahelin.

# Civic Action Committee

2021 was a time of unrest and hope. Whether standing for social justice or speaking out against voter suppression, the Civic Action Committee worked tirelessly on issues of equity and equality.

## Over the course of 2021, this collective force of nature supported:

- Community organizing/participation through membership outreach
- Juneteenth Celebration at Calvary Presbyterian Church
- Increased participation at General Meetings and community events
- Outreach for the opening of the Dedicated Senior Medical Center
- Women's March For Reproductive Rights in front of the 36th District Court
- Year-End Celebration to honor loved ones lost
- Support for COVID-19 vaccination outreach
- Programs to reduce food insecurity
- Community outreach/raising awareness on the local elections
- Voters Rally
- Attendance at the Michigan Poor People's Campaign virtual workshop on voter suppression and ways to combat it
- Training workshop on gerrymandering and voter suppression
- The Non-Partisan "Voters Not Politicians" phone bank



Looking forward to 2022, this committee continues to be more entrenched in the issues that matter to our community, our inalienable rights, and social justice for all.

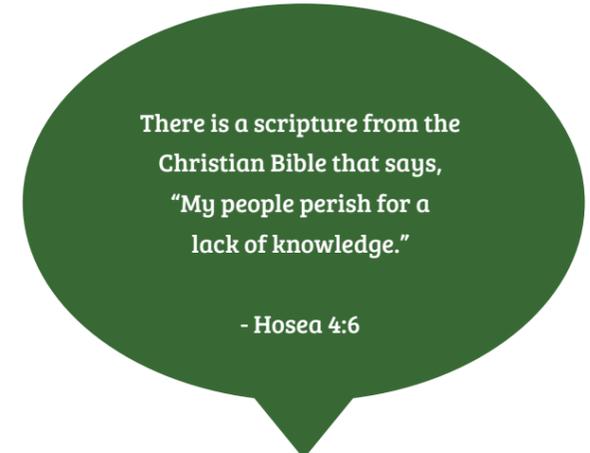


# Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations Committee

- How the word gets out!

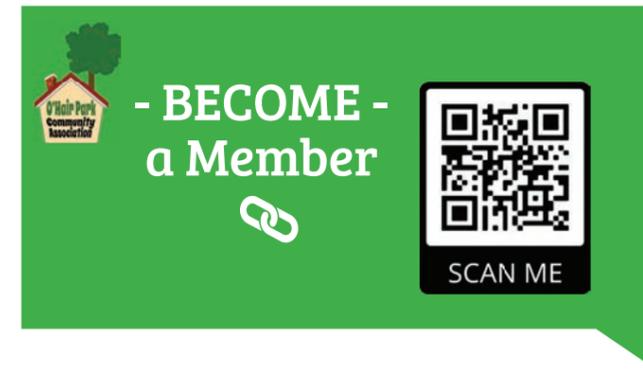
The Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations Committee (CMP) is tasked with spreading knowledge and awareness about resources, tools, community events, and programs that enrich the lives of our neighborhood.

Thanking our donors, letters of support that accompany grant applications, fliers, invitations, and all matters of written and digital communication come through this very busy committee.

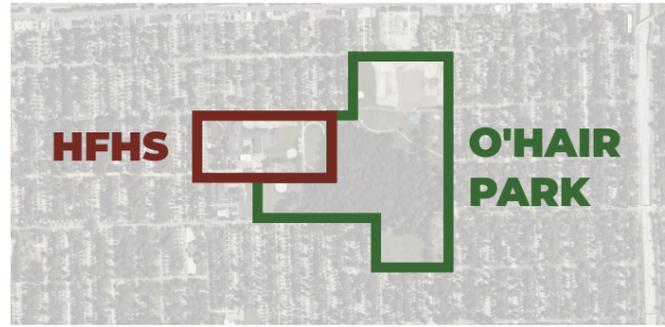


## 2021 Highlights:

- Updated Facebook page with relevant posts
- Maintained Listserve to get the word out quickly of upcoming events and opportunities
- Explored and planned for implementation of text and formal email communications
- Letter to deny construction of a gas station at W. Seven Mile and Evergreen Roads
- Gathered photos to capture our communication response to Arise Detroit, cleanups and general meetings



# Education Committee



OHPCA views Henry Ford High School (HFHS) as our second gem after our park. HFHS is home to over 800 students with special programs in drones, robotics, and coding. Lawrence Technological University extends a dual enrollment/early college program where a student who is in school can earn a high school diploma and associate's degree within five years.

As a member of the School Advisory Council, we meet monthly to discuss how we can support and service our students and families while we collaborate in conjunction with the 8th Precinct of the Detroit Police Department, the Parent organization, Principal Mokdad, staff from Henry Ford High School, and faith-based organizations.

In 2022, OHPCA plans to sponsor two HFHS seniors' dues. We are looking to work with HFHS to register our 18-year-old students to vote and assist in any tutoring/mentoring that is necessary.

Additionally, initiate advocacy on behalf of our beloved gem to complete the swimming pool and invite partnership to restore the tennis courts to their former glory while offering tennis classes to students, seniors, and the broader community.



Blake Griffin, former Detroit Pistons, donated uniform shirts to the Boy's Baseball team on April 10, 2021. It was great to see the team united in their new uniforms and looking like winners.



### Other fun facts:

- HFHS has a School-Based Health Center for children 5 - 21 years of age.
- "Trobots" premiered in 2016 in the First Robotics competition.
- The UAW donated the weight room.
- The Trojan Snack Shop was donated by the UAW and Ford.
- Four HFHS alumni played in a Superbowl and the NFL sent plaques to the high school in honor of them. They are: Bobby Abrams ~ St. Louis Rams, Rod Jones ~ New York Giants, Ed Lothamer ~ Kansas City Chiefs, and Charlie Williams ~ Dallas Cowboys
- They have a classroom set up as a mock courtroom; however, it currently is being used as a music classroom.
- 2016 MHSAA Class B Boys Basketball Champions
- 2015 Girls Basketball Varsity District Champions



We acknowledge businesses who have provided support to OHPCA on Business Appreciation Day by presenting them with Certificates of Appreciation and proclamations from Mayor Duggan and the Governor's office, state senator, state representatives, and congresswoman.

# Business Committee

- Connecting with our Business Partners

## GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

This year we added "Business Spotlight" to honor a business that was new to the area or a new OHPCA partner. Grandy's Coney Island, located at the corner of W. 7 Mile and Evergreen Road was honored as a business spotlight on November 13, 2021. It is a well-established full-service drive-through and restaurant.

In 2021, we showered Janco Distributors with the "Business Appreciation" award, located at 15928 Grand River Avenue. As a long-time supporter of OHPCA, Janco has been distributing candy, snack foods, and beverages at this location for 76 years. They are a full-service supplier for weddings, baby showers, birthdays, and graduations. Many OHPCS children have enjoyed snacking on Janco's candies and treats over the years.



In 2022, OHPCA plans to spotlight 2 businesses and honor 4 businesses willing to partner with OHPCA's vision for a safe, healthy, vibrant and economically sound community. Additionally, OHPCA plans to increase our business engagement and membership by completing a Neighborhood Business Directory to connect residents to the goods and services local businesses have to offer.

## BUSINESS FRIENDLY FRIDAYS



On November 3, 2021, Business Committee Chair - Doris Topping, OHPCA President - Gail Tubbs, and Business Liason for District 1 - Tenecia Johnson visited 6 businesses to pass out PPE, gloves, masks, hand sanitizers and provide information on Detroit Means Business. Detroit Means Business delivers tangible resources and support to small businesses throughout the city of Detroit.

# August 2021 A Month to Remember...

One of Detroit's largest neighborhood-based parks has been completely renovated thanks to a \$2 million investment by the City that was driven by several years of community input and engagement. Residents in the O'Hair Park community are rejoicing after a multi-year plan took their 78-acre neighborhood park from desolate to developed, with an array of sports fields and courts, new shelters and equipment, as well as new site amenities.

Today, Mayor Mike Duggan and Councilmember James Tate joined with neighborhood residents to celebrate the completion of the project.

"Over the past eight years, we've completely remade more than 150 neighborhood parks and of them, O'Hair has been the largest and most ambitious," said Mayor Mike Duggan. "What had been largely a dead spot in the middle of this neighborhood is now a community anchor for children and their families to enjoy recreation and fitness within safe walking distance from home."

Efforts to transform the park began in 2015 with extensive community engagement that included dozens of meetings with city staff to develop a master plan for O'Hair. The newly renovated space based on that plan is intended to offer opportunities to increase physical health and mental well-being and for recreation and play. Residents say the park will greatly enhance their quality of life.

"This community has waited a long time to see our park return to its former glory," said Gail Tubbs, president, O'Hair Park Community Association. "As I gaze across this awesome and impressive park. I am hopeful that this transformation will renew and reinvigorate our neighborhood."

Councilmember Tate welcomed the investment in recreation in District 1 and recognized city staff for soliciting feedback from residents throughout the process.

"I'm very pleased to see the transformation of O'Hair Park. The residents in close proximity to O'Hair had been asking for renovations to be made, and it's important to listen to community concerns, said James Tate, District 1 City Councilman. "Based on feedback, the City of Detroit made the necessary changes and O'Hair's constituents can now celebrate this beautiful park with their children, each other, and the entire city. The grand transformation of this park, along with a plethora of others, is a step in the right direction of re-beautification of our neighborhoods."

In 1947, Joseph and Helen Holtzman donated 78 acres, later named in honor of Mrs. Willis Watts O'Hair, a founder of the Detroit Recreation Commission at the beginning of the 20th century. Pitcher Woods, 20 acres inside the park, was named for Dr. Zina Pitcher, who was mayor of Detroit from 1840-1844. Today, Mayor Duggan helped to rededicate O'Hair Park to the community.

Community engagement drove the entire process to develop the master plan for O'Hair Park. Residents were a key part in helping shape what has become the new O'Hair Park, said Brad Dick, who serves as Group Executive for Services and Infrastructure for the city of Detroit.

"O'Hair Park is now again the community gem it once was, and neighbors who live near the park had a real voice in helping to shape our plan," said Dick. "Mayor Duggan's commitment to neighborhood parks has allowed us to transform this once dumping ground into a beautiful public space."



Community Driven Transformation of O'Hair Park

The City of Detroit Government highlighted O'Hair Park in their "Opportunity Rising" series, check it out!



<https://detroitmi.gov/news/mayor-duggan-and-community-celebrate-2-million-transformation-78-acre-ohair-park>



Today, O'Hair Park offers the following amenities for residents in the surrounding community to take advantage of:

- 8 Soccer Fields
- 2 Softball Fields
- 2 Detroit Pistons Basketball Courts
- 1 Baseball Field
- 1 Mile Walking Path
- 2 Picnic Shelters
- Fitness Equipment
- 40-car Parking Lot
- New Comfort Station
- Playground Enhancement
- Other site Amenities such as Benches, Picnic Tables, Bike Racks



# ARISE Detroit! - Neighborhoods Day

A day for beautification, a day for community unity and a day for sharing information about community resources. The 15th annual Neighborhoods Day presented by ARISE Detroit was all of those things and more on Aug. 7 for proud Detroiters at participating sites across the city.

On Saturday, August 14, OHPCA held their version of community unity by providing a day of family fun with a water slide, a bounce house for the younger children, 3 on 3 basketball competition for the youth, card games, and painting with a twist for our seniors while taking in the aroma of burgers and dogs on the grill with all the other fixings and the backdrop of entertainment on the center stage. Over 380 residents attended this annual event.

The day ended with backpacks and supplies given to all children, acknowledgment of competition winners, and a community raffle.



# Ground Blessing Ceremony at the 7 Mile Development Project

- Future home of the Michigan Department Health and Human Services

On Friday, August 20th, OHPCA Board members and a host of community supporters participated in the groundbreaking for the development. As a Thank You for the Association's support, the Boji Group presented OHPCA with a \$5,000 donation.

This development will bring essential health-related resources and world-class care to the community.

The development was individually awarded to Boji Group after a competitive open bid process through the State of Michigan.

The total estimated square footage of the MDHHS building is 40,000 square feet, with land capability to further develop additional public services, retail, or office space.

The development is projected to be completed by fall of 2022.

**O'HAIR PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ARISE DETROIT! NEIGHBORHOODS DAY**  
SATURDAY AUGUST 14, 2021  
NOON - 5:00 PM  
@ STAHELIN SIDE OF PARK

**FREE FUN DAY**  
FOOD  
MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT  
WATER SLIDE  
BOUNCE HOUSE  
GAMES (INCLUDING BASKETBALL)  
GAMES/RISE FOR SENIORS  
TRAIN  
HEALTH SCREENINGS & COVID  
VACCINE SHOTS  
BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS  
PRIZES

**SPECIAL NOTE: YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE BACKPACKS AND PRIZES**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED- GO TO**  
<https://tinyurl.com/2021-arise-detroit>

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

JOIN IN THE FUN AS  
WE MOVE FORWARD  
AS A COMMUNITY  
TO BE THE CHANGE

**QUESTIONS:**  
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YOU'RE INVITED!  
**GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY**  
Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 20th, 2021**

**LOCATION:**  
18520 W Seven Mile Road  
Detroit, MI

**TIME:**  
12:00 Noon-1:30pm  
Food & Refreshments  
12:30pm  
Speakers

**PROJECT BROUGHT TO YOU BY:**  
Developer  
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Construction Manager  
Dembs Development  
Architect  
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With special thanks to the City of Detroit and O'Hair Park Neighborhood Association!

# Scare in O'Hair - Halloween 2021

Once more, the O'Hair Park Community Association coordinated Halloween activities at five sites in our square mile. New for 2021, a "Haunted Trail" in the park's Pitcher Woods was organized near the new shelter at Pembroke and Edinborough.

At this site, twenty-four volunteers set up the event and gave candy bags to over 250 costumed trick-or-treaters of all ages, most of whom braved the trail where horrific figures would suddenly appear, complete with (fake) blood and ear-splitting shrieks. (Happily, no one fainted, nor mysteriously vanished into the dark woods.)

Everyone enjoyed showing off their costumes in our photo booth and received a photo souvenir. Next year will be bigger and better!

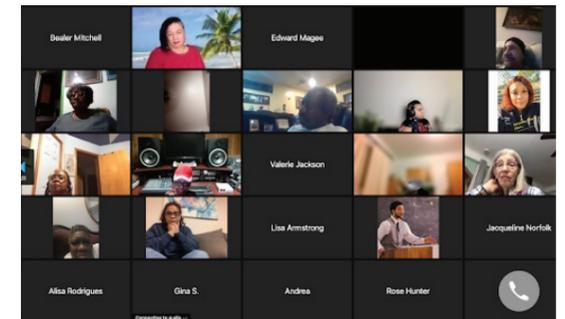


# End of the Year Celebration - December 2021

OHCPA ended the year with a celebration that invited the community to a ZOOM event, "My Soul Looks Back In Wonder...Forward To 2022!"

It included a Memorial for lost Loved Ones, Recognition of Community Members, Revered Elders, Faithful Warriors, and culminating with a Litany of Hope and Lighting of a Tree.

Former President, Patt Taylor-Braxton, spearheaded the committee that put on an inspirational and noteworthy end to a tumultuous year. Over 40 individuals attended this event.



# 2021 Statement of Activity

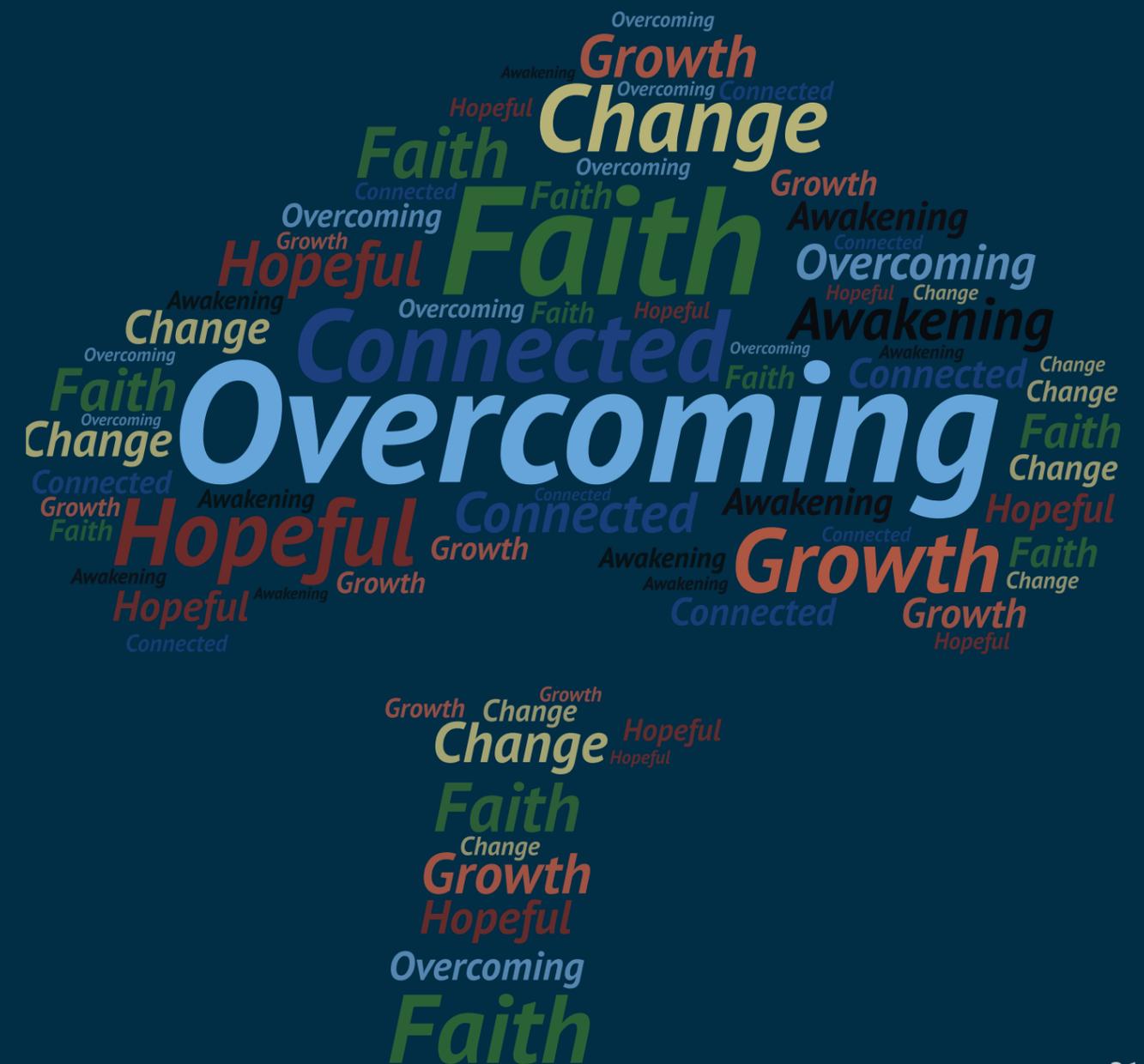
# Vision for 2022

Beginning Balance 1/ 1/ 21	\$	51,447.17
2021 Revenue		
General Fund Donations	\$	29,686.09
Membership Drive	\$	1,988.49
Neighborhood Development Project Donations	\$	7,097.94
MMI Grant	\$	24,855.00
Community Organizer and Helper Stipend Donations	\$	16,772.59
O'Hair Park Signage Donations	\$	9,890.60
Fiduciary for Better Men Outreach	\$	8,500.00
Make It Shine Donations	\$	3,000.00
ARISE Detroit Donations	\$	2,072.49
PALS – Lawn and Snow Care Donations	\$	670.00
Block Leadership Development Donations	\$	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>105,533.20</b>
2021 Expenses		
Neighborhood Development Project	\$	26,910.00
Make It Shine Projects	\$	7,697.32
ARISE Detroit	\$	6,417.61
PALS – Lawn and Snow Care	\$	3,650.00
Contractual Staff Salaries & Stipends	\$	15,394.55
Office/ Operational Supplies	\$	3,390.98
Fiduciary for Better Men Outreach	\$	3,300.00
Scare in O'Hair	\$	1,101.56
Year End Celebration	\$	615.00
OHPCA General Meetings	\$	128.93
Insurance	\$	685.00
Subscriptions	\$	681.02
Prizes/ Awards/ Gifts "Other"	\$	400.33
Marketing/ Branding Materials	\$	387.00
Professional Development	\$	270.72
Communications, Media, and Public Relations	\$	116.06
Data Management	\$	100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>71,246.08</b>
Closing Balance 12/ 31/ 21	\$	85,734.29

Faith, hope, change, growth, connected, overcoming, and awakening; are terms the Board members are declaring as we step into 2022. We are primed and ready to move in new directions and forge new relationships to further the mission and vision of OHPCA.

This would not be possible if we didn't have ambitious Board members, past and present, that built our organization on a strong foundation of care, action, and results.

We look forward as we continue to write our next chapter in the book called O'Hair Park Community Association and extend the legacy of this remarkable Board.



# Thank You!

Thank You to all who supported, donated, and granted funding to OHPCA in 2021. The association is grateful for the time committed by local, federal, and state officials and representatives, nonprofits, faith-based partners, business allies, local stakeholders, engaged residents, and public safety officers to connect with our community to ensure O'Hair Park continues to be a place where people LOVE where they live.



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