

Another Olde Sawmill egg hunt is complete, and a great one it was! Both the weather and the turnout this year was fantastic. It is hard to get attendance numbers but we estimated a 30%-40% increase in attendance this year, putting our numbers at roughly 350-375 egg hunters. We again laid down 5,000 eggs each stuffed with all kinds of candy. We also had 10 prize tickets hidden inside some eggs which could be redeemed for large scale prizes such as a 1lb chocolate bunny or a large Easter basket full of toys and candy. In addition to that we offered a chance for neighbors to socialize before and after the hunt by offering: lemonade, hot chocolate (Huge thanks to the Terry's on Sethwick for this), donuts, and coffee. The statistic that I am most proud of is the number of volunteers I received for stuffing eggs this year. Last year we had about 3 people volunteer to help stuff 5,000 eggs. This year we had 16 families offer to either help stuff eggs or help the day of the event. I would like to personally thank you all for helping! Without help from people like you, the success of these events are quite limited. Looking forward to next year!

Thank you to:

The Bird's on Bloomfield
The Jindal's on Stonehurst
The Demo's on Olde Sawmill
The Traube's on Simfield
The Cooper's on Olde Sawmill
The Terry's on Sethwick
The Kravitz's on Sutter
The Block's on Sutter

The VanClef's on Sedgebrook
The Baker's on Shawnmont
The Maldonado's on Simfield
The Swartz's on Sanbrooke
The O'Connors on Sully Place
The Anderson's on Strathmoore
The Smialek's on Sovron
The Bagent's on Sonnington

The OSCA feels that this event serves two main goals. 1) Provide an environment that promotes community in a fun and enjoyable way. 2) Showcase our neighborhood in a positive light to leave lasting impressions.

I wanted to share with you an encounter I had this year that really highlights the second goal. I was speaking with a participant of the egg hunt when they stated that they were invited to participate by a friend of theirs who lives in Olde Sawmill. They told me how impressed they were with the event and asked if we did other community events like this. I explained the various events we have done such as Santa, 4th of July parade, and the Community Night Out. They then asked if I was aware of any homes that might be for sale within the neighborhood as they were in the process of moving from another area of the city and wanted to consider Olde Sawmill. The point of sharing this encounter is to highlight that the running of these events with OSCA funds and OSCA volunteers really does impact the perception of our neighborhood. Sure this is just one story, but I am sure with as many people that turn out for our events word spreads about our little community here in northwest Columbus. I would like to personally ask you to please fill out the form on this newsletter and support us in keeping up a positive image by contributing annually to the OSCA, none of what we do is possible without funds and volunteers.