



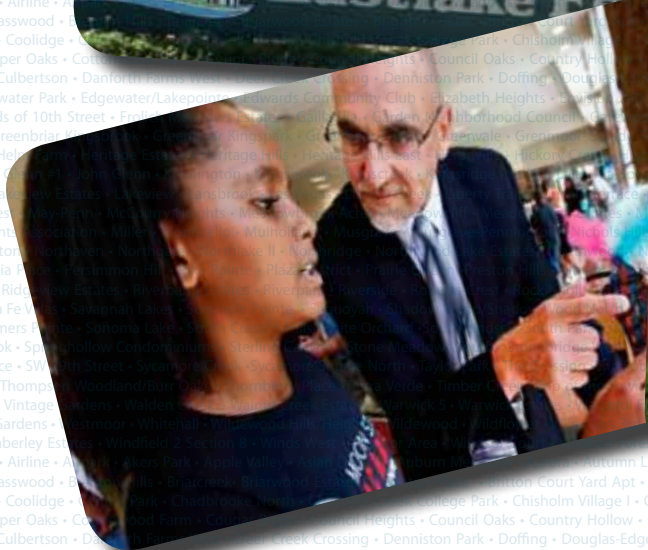
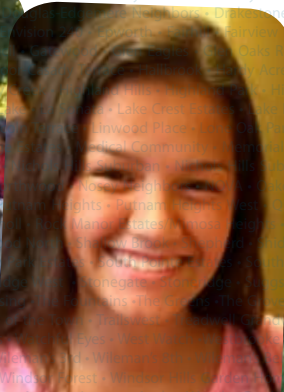
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Working to create safe, attractive and healthy neighborhoods throughout Central OklahomaSM

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We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization offering training and organizational assistance to neighborhoods in Central Oklahoma



These people are neighborhood heroes, you can be too!
Read on to see how YOU can inspire and change the fabric of our City.

Meet Ruthie Presswood

Broken down homes, crumbling sidewalks, crime and pervasive drug abuse.....this is the neighborhood reality for many of our Central Oklahoma children. But our 11 year old friend, Ruthie, decided she and her neighbors deserved a better place to live.

Ruthie enjoys what most 5th graders enjoy: playing outside, interacting with young and old friends, riding her bike, and school activities. But she deserves a better place to live.

Should her family pick up and move? Are some neighborhoods simply beyond saving? NO!!!

Despite the challenges, Ruthie's family decided that **you do not have to move to live in a better neighborhood.**

Through your generous support of Neighborhood Alliance, Ruthie was able to join her neighborhood association and dramatically help improve her beloved neighborhood.

Eleven year old Ruthie.....

- Organized clean up days, Neighborhood socials and helped communicate with other neighbors
- She helped paint houses, mowed lawns for the elderly, and helped contribute to the design of the new neighborhood identity signs
- She participated in Crime Watch trainings, attended Town Hall and Strong Neighborhood Initiative meetings
- Informs elderly neighbors know about resources to repair their homes

There are over 400 neighborhood associations in our area and all of them have their own unique set of challenges.

Please support the work of Neighborhood Alliance so together we can create safer, more beautiful and healthier neighborhoods for all!

Help us bring out the inner Ruthie in all of us!! Visit www.nacok.org to learn how you can contribute.



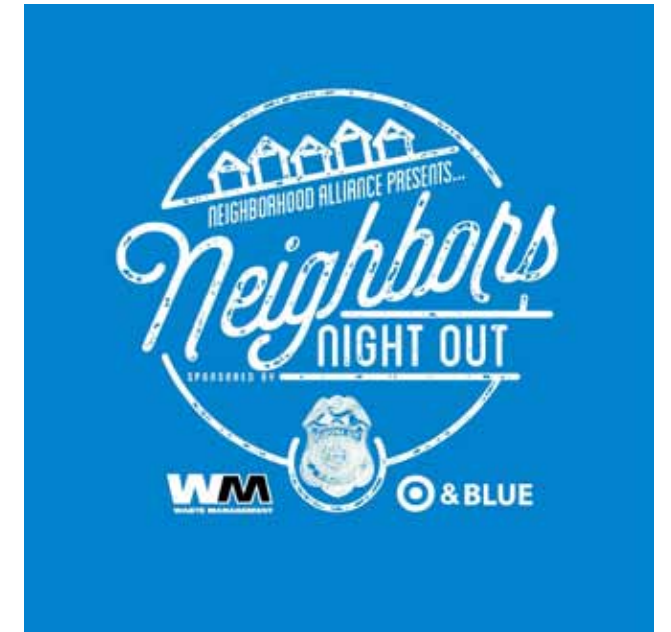
Ruthie Presswood is the first winner of the Good Neighbor Scout Finch Award. She was presented this honor at the 2015 Good Neighbor Awards.

Medical Community Neighborhood Association Celebrates Neighbors Night Out!

Party your way to a safer neighborhood? Absolutely!!! Medical Community Neighborhood (located just South of the Governor's Mansion) certainly knows this is true. Every fall Neighborhood Alliance and the Oklahoma City Police Department host the city-wide Neighbors Night Out, where all neighborhoods are encouraged to host a social, as a way for neighborhood residents to get to know each other. After all, a more social neighborhood has less crime.

Each year Jerry Cable and his fellow neighborhood members host a giant party in Nichols Park. They typically hire a DJ and have bouncy houses for the kids and have 300-500 in attendance. You will see kids dance with firemen and police officers, and they even have social service agencies host information booths so everyone can learn about available resources. Neighbors, friends and co-workers all donate what they can (cash, prizes, labor, etc.) to make this event happen.

Thank you Medical Community Neighborhood for showing us how it is done!!



Neighbors Night Out 2016 will be held on **October 4!**

You don't have to start out with 500 people. Simply invite your block or your entire neighborhood down to your yard and serve cookies or ask everyone to bring something to share. Fire trucks, police officers, City Officials and even statewide elected officials get out and visit as many of the parties as they can. A planning guide will be available in early summer on our website, www.nacok.org



Recovery - One Community at a Time

In 2015 United Way of Central Oklahoma awarded Neighborhood Alliance a generous Tornado Recovery grant to help neighborhoods affected by the May 2013 tornados. Eight neighborhoods worked with Neighborhood Alliance to identify and rebuild their destroyed entry ways, ponds, and playgrounds that stood as tangible reminders of the tragedy known only as May 2013.



Eight neighborhoods were helped, including Steelman Estates, a tight-knit mobile home community in Pottawatomie County. Their homes and lives have slowly been rebuilt, but 2 years later, the Ford F-150 truck that was catapulted by the tornado into their community pond still stood as a daily reminder of the horrific event. Through this partnership, the neighbors were able to professionally remove the mangled truck from the pond, bringing the community one step closer to healing.

In 2016 this program will continue by helping 5 more neighborhoods to repair/replace tornado damage. When Lions Club heard about the project, they offered \$90,000 to professionally plant trees in the neighborhoods devastated in May 2013. Neighborhood Alliance will manage the huge "NeighborROOTS" program with the generous financial commitments from United Way and Lions Club.



Thanks to our partners :
United Way of Central Oklahoma
Lions Club International



South OKC School Connections

When a weekend of volunteer work can create a year of smiles, you know you are making a difference. Last fall the Boeing Corporation asked us to coordinate a Day of Service for their employees as part of their global day of service. The Principals at both Bodine and Hayes Elementary Schools jumped at the chance for help. On a windy Saturday in October more than 25 volunteers from Boeing gathered at Bodine and Hayes Elementary for a morning of painting. Neighborhood Alliance supervised and provided all the materials. The hard surfaces in the schools playground areas were transformed from plain concrete or asphalt to areas where kids can play foursquare, hopscotch, and basketball. Bodine even has a HUGE map of the United States stenciled on the ground so kids can learn geography while playing. Thanks to our sponsors and volunteers, a weekend of work has brought joy and happiness to hundreds of kids in South OKC.



Sponsors:

- Boeing Corporation
- Orr Construction
- And you, through your support of Neighborhood Alliance



Held every year in June, approximately 300 youth from across the United States convene in OKC in order to help low-income neighborhoods thrive.

For the last 9 years, Neighborhood Alliance

has hosted "I HEART my Neighborhood," an intensive week of home rehabbing, beautification and renewed hope for 2-3 low-income neighborhoods and the families that live there. These projects not only change the lives of the residents but they sometimes save many of these homeowners from homelessness due to severe code violations or allow Senior Citizens to live in their homes longer.



**STRONG
NEIGHBORHOODS
INITIATIVE**

better communities together

While bravely voicing her concerns of the crime and safety issues in her community at neighborhood meetings, nine year old Lily Stevens paved the way for a better "place" to live. Classen's North Highland Parked, a Strong Neighborhood Initiative neighborhood, will now benefit from a neighborhood park because Lily and her fellow neighborhood kids voiced their concerns. Lily is a wonderful example of the impact you can have in your neighborhood for the greater good by voicing those needs and concerns. Remember, you are never too young to be an advocate for your community.

**In collaboration with the
City of OKC & many public
and private partners.**

All About Neighborhood Communications

Electronic Communications

Online, email or printed paper, the idea is the same: communicate with your neighbors! There are lots of FREE options out there for email and websites. Some of our favs: mailchimp.com, tinyletter.com, wordpress.com, sites.google.com.

Free printing at CAA

Community Action Agency will print your neighborhood newsletter for FREE! Just call them at (405) 232-0199 ext.1412 and ask for the print shop. There are strict deadlines for delivery and pickup, so be sure to ask about these when you call.

To see specific printing guidelines, see our website under "Association Tools."

Nextdoor.com

Nextdoor is a great way to stay in the know about what's going on in your neighborhood—whether it's finding a last-minute babysitter, learning about an upcoming block party, or hearing about a rash of car break-ins. There are so many ways to connect with your neighbors and we think Nextdoor can help your neighborhood better communicate.

Don't forget there are people outside of your neighborhood who are very interested in what is happening there. Please include the following people on your mailing list or in your delivery network:

- ★ **Neighborhood Alliance**
1236 NW 36th St.
OKC, OK 73118
info@nacok.org
- ★ **Your City Councilperson**
c/o City Hall
200 N. Walker
OKC, OK 73102
 - ★ Ward 1 – James Greiner, ward1@okc.gov
 - ★ Ward 2 – Dr. Ed Shadid, ward2@okc.gov
 - ★ Ward 3 – Larry McAtee, ward3@okc.gov
 - ★ Ward 4 – Pete White, ward4@okc.gov
 - ★ Ward 5 – David Greenwell, ward5@okc.gov
 - ★ Ward 6 – Meg Salyer, ward6@okc.gov
 - ★ Ward 7 – John A. Pettis Jr, ward7@okc.gov
 - ★ Ward 8 – Mark Stoneciper, ward8@okc.gov
- ★ **City of OKC City Manager**
420 W. Main St., 3rd Floor
OKC, OK 73102
james.couch@okc.gov
- ★ **City of OKC Planning**
420 W. Main St.
OKC, OK 73102
- ★ **The Oklahoman, okc@newsok.com**

Useful Phone Numbers

Call 911
For All Emergencies and Suspicious Activity

City and Community Services

Action Center	297-2535
Animal Control (pick-up)	297-2255
Animal Shelter	297-3100
Area-wide Aging Agency	942-8500
Building Permits	297-2547
City Council (office)	297-3884
Code Enforcement	297-2317
Community Action Agency	232-0199
Garage Sale Permits	297-2606
Graffiti Removal	297-2535 or 297-0199
Handicapped Parking Permits ...	425-2403 or 425-7711
Household Hazardous Waste.....	682-7037
Housing Programs	297-2846
Metro Transit	297-2053
Neighborhood Alliance	528-6322
OKC Beautiful	525-8822
Parks and Recreation	297-3882
Planning Department.....	297-2576
Poison Control.....	1-800-222-1222 or 271-5454
Possibilities, Inc.....	525-3131
Potholes.....	297-2535 or 631-1111
Public Works	297-2581
Sewer Backup/Water Problems	297-3334
Traffic Management	297-2531
City Water/Sewer/Trash.....	297-2833

OKC Police Department Contacts

Police Community Relations Officers

Southwest OKC - Southwest Division	
MSgt Michael Loruse	316-4525
Northeast OKC - Springlake Division	
MSgt Erick Huff.....	316-5138
Northwest OKC - Hefner Division	
MSgt Robert Skalla	316-5035
Southeast OKC – Santa Fe Division	
MSgt Steven Brackeen.....	316-4806
Crimestoppers	235-7300
Anonymous Crime Reports (Non-Emergency)	231-2121
Gang/Narcotics Hotline	232-6272 or 297-1193
Traffic Enforcement	297-1145
Truancy Hotline	557-6990



Call 211
For Health and Human Services Referrals and Volunteer Opportunities

OKC Fire Department Contacts

OKC Fire Department (general number)	297-3314
OKC Fire Prevention Services	297-3585

Oklahoma County Services

Oklahoma County Assessors Office	713-1200
Oklahoma County Commissioners	713-1500
Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department	713-1000
Oklahoma Highway Patrol.....	682-4343
FBI	290-7770
OSBI	848-6724
Homeland Security	425-7296
Oklahoma One Call System (Call OKIE before you dig)	
OKC	840-5032
Statewide	(800) 522-OKIE (6543)
OG+E.....	272-9741
OG+E outage reporting.....	272-9595
ONG.....	551-4000

2016 Calendar of Events

- Neighborhood Organizing & Officers Training - April 4
- Homeowner Association Organizing & Officers Training - April 5
- Coffee with a Cop - April 6
- Neighborhood Leaders for Today - April & May
- Neighborhood Organizing & Officers Training - May 2
- Homeowner Association Organizing & Officers Training - May 3
- Coffee with a Cop - May 4
- Code Enforcement and More - May 5
- Coffee with a Cop - June 1
- Neighborhood Organizing & Officers Training - June 6
- Homeowner Association Organizing & Officers Training - June 7
- Coffee with a Cop - July 6
- Neighborhood Organizing & Officers Training - July 11
- Homeowner Association Organizing & Officers Training - July 12
- Private Road Maintenance - July 23
- Neighborhood Organizing & Officers Training - August 1
- Homeowner Association Organizing & Officers Training - August 2
- Coffee with a Cop - August 3

- Legal Issues for HOA's Basic - August 11
- Legal Issues for HOA's Advanced - August 18
- Coffee with a Cop - September 7
- Neighborhood Organizing & Officers Training - September 12
- Homeowner Association Organizing & Officers Training - September 13
- Legal Issues for HOA's Basic - September 8
- Legal Issues for HOA's Advanced - September 15
- Neighborhood Organizing & Officers Training - October 3
- Neighbors Night Out - October 4
- Coffee with a Cop - October 5
- Good Neighbor Award Banquet - November 10
- Neighborhood Organizing & Officers Training - December 5
- Homeowner Association Organizing & Officers Training - December 6

Visit www.nacok.org to view our full calendar and program descriptions. Some programs require registration.



The City wants to help you make your neighborhood a better place to live. One way is through the Action Center - a one-stop citizen assistance office.

Among the code violations which can be reported to the Action Center are illegally parked cars, abandoned and inoperable cars, dead trees and tall weeds.

Report problems in your neighborhood or get information about the many City services using the **online service request at okc.gov/action or call the Action Center, 405 297-2535.**

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Coffee with a Cop

Building relationships.

One cup at a time.

Coffee with a Cop is hosted the first Wednesday of each month at rotating Panera Breads across Oklahoma City. Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together, over coffee, to discuss issues and learn more about each other. Taking time to meet at neutral locations provides the opportunity for real conversations about issues.



Join Neighborhood Alliance and the Oklahoma City PD at an event near you.

Dates and times can be found at www.nacok.org.



The City of
OKLAHOMA CITY
Police Department