

## THE MONTHLY UPDATE

*This mailing includes your neighborhood crime reports (for OCPD neighborhoods) and information that we think will be of interest to OKC metro area residents. Please forward this information to your neighborhood newsletter editor and/or webmaster so that they can share it with the neighborhood. Everything in this insert is free for you to re-use!*

Happy  
Holidays

**Thank you for partnering with us in 2016!**

At Neighborhood Alliance, we believe living in a safe and beautiful neighborhood is a responsibility...not a right.

Our mission is to create safe, attractive and healthy neighborhoods for all and for over 35 years, Neighborhood Alliance has positively affected thousands of citizens' lives by teaching them how to create their own sustainable change.

We look forward to continuing to assure this mission is a reality for over 400 neighborhood associations and 80,000 volunteers throughout these neighborhoods in 2017.

***From our families to yours, our Board and Staff Wish You Happy Holidays!***



Working to create safe,  
attractive and healthy neighborhoods  
throughout Central Oklahoma  
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# We Need Your Input!

Fall of 2017, OKC will go to the polls and vote on a substantial GO Bond. The City of Oklahoma City needs your neighborhood's input on where to spend the GO Bond money for projects such as parks, streets, bridges and more.

Help shape your neighborhood's future by hosting a meeting in your neighborhood or on your block.

## Next steps for you:

- Schedule a short neighborhood meeting between now and end of February 2017
- Contact Neighborhood Alliance with meeting details at 405.528.6322
- A trained facilitator will lead the meeting and collect your neighborhood's ideas on how best to spend the GO Bond money, then forward your ideas to City officials

For more information or to coordinate your neighborhood meeting, call 405.528.6322 or email [lora@nacok.org](mailto:lora@nacok.org)

**Visit [okc.gov/GO](http://okc.gov/GO) through February 28 to learn more about the 2017 bond election**

# SCAM ALERT

One of our Oklahoma City neighborhoods was recently targeted by this scam. The Oklahoma City Police Department asked the neighborhood to get the word out to other neighborhoods, so they came to Neighborhood Alliance for help. It appears the scammer used the neighborhood association's website to identify the neighborhood officer's names and email addresses, making it easy for them to make contact.

The neighborhood Treasurer received an email that said it was from their HOA president, asking if she was available to make payments and to let him know the balance of the neighborhood's account. She responded to him with the information. The next day, she received an email from the same person, claiming to be the neighborhood President, asking her to "Kindly transfer the full amount of the account to the beneficiary below", and to email him the payment receipt as soon as the transaction was done. She knew that sounded peculiar, so she called the President right away. He, of course, said he did not send the email. She then looked back at the original email and even though it was signed with the President's name, the email address was not his.

The Treasurer immediately called the Police, who referred her to the Attorney General's office. They then referred her to the FBI, who said she should file a complaint at [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov).

Please be aware of this scam and others like it. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. Never send bank account or credit card information through email or text message. Never accept requests to release funds via email only. Always follow up with a phone conversation or an in person meeting to confirm.

Again, if you personally, or your neighborhood becomes victim of or suspects a scam, please file a complaint at [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov).

## Upcoming Neighborhood Organizing & Officer Training

- **Monday, January 9, 6pm (for Voluntary Neighborhood Associations)**
- **Tuesday, January 10, 6pm (for Mandatory Neighborhood Associations)**

These informal sessions are open to anyone who wants to find out how to get their neighborhood or HOA organized and/or learn more about being a neighborhood officer. **If you've just been elected, you don't want to miss it!**

Please note that there are now two different sessions: on the first Monday of each month we'll meet with voluntary neighborhood associations and on the first Tuesday with HOAs that have mandatory dues. A light dinner is served. The workshop is free but seats are limited. Reserve online at [nacok.org/events/](http://nacok.org/events/) or call 528-6322.



## COFFEE WITH A COP

Panera Bread and Neighborhood Alliance would like to thank you for participating in the 2016 **Coffee with a Cop** events! Please keep your eye out for more events in 2017 with new locations, days and times.

### *A word from one of our Police Community Relations Officers:* **MSgt. Steven Brackeen, Santa Fe Patrol Division PCR**

I would like to start this article by wishing everybody a Merry Christmas! I would also like to remind you of some safety tips during this holiday season. Please remember that while you are at the mall shopping for family and friends, the thieves are doing the same thing. The big difference is they are looking at the gifts you have already purchased. Once your hands are full and you need to make a trip to your vehicle to drop off your packages, consider placing them in your trunk and then move your vehicle to the other side of the mall. If anyone is watching you, they will think you have left the mall.

Another thing to think about is to take someone else with you when you go shopping because the old saying is true that there is safety in numbers. Once you are in your vehicle, lock the doors even before you start your vehicle. As you arrive at home after a day of shopping, pull inside the garage, turn off your car and close the garage door before you exit your vehicle and unload all of the goodies. We all like to pull back the curtains so people can see our decorated tree and all of the presents under it. The best thing to do is keep the curtains closed and just allow people to enjoy the lights on your house. Remember, the thieves are still shopping and we don't want them shopping at your house. Always remember that if you think something is wrong, it probably is. If you see someone going from house to house and they seem suspicious, call 911 and have the Police check them out. Be a good neighbor and watch out for the people who live around you and this will be a safe and happy holiday season. These are only a few things to consider this Holiday season.

The P.C.R. Officers have all talked in detail about personal safety. Don't get in a hurry and forget to take all of the proper steps to keep you and your family safe. Always remember that if you want an Officer to attend your meeting and talk about safety or any other issue, just contact your P.C.R. Officer and we will be glad to do so.

# TOTAL WELLNESS 2017 WINTER SCHEDULE

Lose weight, live better. Free 8 week weight loss class for adults.

## Northeast Regional Health & Wellness Campus

2600 NE 63rd Street  
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm  
January 10 - February 28

## Ralph Ellison Library

2000 NE 23rd Street  
Thursdays 10-11am  
January 12-March 2

## NW OKC

Cole Community Center  
4400 NW Expressway  
Tuesdays 11:30am-12:30pm  
January 17-March 7

## Sunbeam Family Services

1100 NW 14th Street  
Tuesdays 5:15-6:15pm  
January 17-March 7

## SW OKC

Woodson Park Senior Center  
3401 S. May Avenue  
Thursdays 5:15-6:15pm  
January 19-March 9

## Edmond

Edmond Recreation Center  
2733 Marilyn Williams Drive  
Wednesdays 11am-12pm  
January 11-March 1

## Midwest City

Midwest City Library  
8143 E. Reno Avenue  
Wednesdays 2-3pm  
January 18-March 8

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Pre-enrollment  
is required.

**Enroll Now!**

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