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City of Oklahoma City Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program

OKC's Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program helps residential property owners improve their neighborhood's walkability. If you are responsible for the sidewalk on a residential property you own, the City can split the cost of repairing or replacing it. The City will provide labor, equipment and materials for sidewalk construction if your sidewalk is selected for the program.

You may be eligible if:

- You own a residential property in OKC limits.
- You can provide half the project cost before construction begins.
- The property is fully improved and occupied.
- The sidewalk is your responsibility, and not the homeowner's association or someone else.
- The sidewalk is in a platted easement.

Eligible damage includes:

- Settlement and/or buckling of at least 1 inch.
- Horizontal cracks of at least 1.5 inches.
- A deteriorating or missing panel creating a hazard.

Read a full list of requirements and terms here:

<http://www.okc.gov/sidewalkprogram/Guidelines.html>

[If you meet the eligibility requirements, fill out the online application](#) or you can [download and return an application](#) to:

Oklahoma City Public Works Department
Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Program
420 W Main, Ste. 700
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

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attractive and healthy neighborhoods
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www.nacok.org



1236 NW 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73118
Phone: (405) 528-6322
info@nacok.org



Enter your neighborhood for a chance to win a cash grant!



Create Great Neighborhoods returns for 2015 courtesy of OG&E; Oklahoma City neighborhoods can compete throughout the summer to earn one of three Positive Energy® cash awards (\$2,500, \$1,500 or \$1,000) for your neighborhood.

Create Great Neighborhoods sponsor OG&E offers free weatherization services to help qualified homeowners reduce household energy bills; if you own or rent a single-family, duplex or mobile home and have an income of less than \$50,000 a year, OG&E could help you strengthen your household against Oklahoma's wild weather. OG&E can also work in rental properties if you are eligible and have the approval and permission of the property owner.

Weatherization services may include:

- Adding attic insulation
- Sealing air leakage around windows and doors
- Sealing ducts
- Installation of energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)

For eligibility and participation, contact OG&E's customer service Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 405-272-9741.

Finding qualified residents in your neighborhood and helping them use a free service such as this would make a great part of a Create Great Neighborhood grant application!

H₂OUTSTANDING YARD AWARD



Enter or nominate your neighbor for your chance to win up to a \$150 gift card to a local nursery. Oklahoma City would like to increase awareness of creative, water efficient landscapes, or xeriscapes. Xeriscape gardening does not necessarily mean rock, cactus, and the complete removal of turf grasses. The Squeeze Every Drop Landscape Award is designed to recognize homeowners taking steps to reduce outdoor water use by implementing the seven Xeriscape, or low-water use principles in their landscapes, listed below. Click the links for tips and resources for each of the seven principles.

1. [Appropriate planning and design](#)
2. [Soil improvement](#)
3. [Right plant, right place](#)
4. [Use of mulch](#)
5. [Efficient irrigation](#)
6. [Proper use of turfgrass](#)
7. [Maintenance](#)

Winners will receive the following amount for a gift card to a local nursery:

1st place: \$150

2nd place: \$100

3rd place: \$50

Rules

The Squeeze Every Drop Landscape Award nomination is open to retail residential customers of Oklahoma City, The Village, and Warr Acres. Retail customers receive a water bill from the Oklahoma City Utilities Department. The following rules apply:

- Front yard residential established landscapes only
- Entries will be judged on application of the seven xeriscape principles
- Images for entry may be used for future marketing activities

Application Submission

Interested parties must complete and submit the landscape award application form [available here](#) with photos. Email completed applications to waterconservation@okc.gov or mail to: Water Conservation, 420 W Main St, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Deadline for submission is August 14, 2015. For questions regarding this program, email waterconservation@okc.gov.

A word from one of our Police Community Relations Officers:

MSgt. Michael Lorusse, Will Rogers Division PCR

Only Leave In Your Car What You Don't Mind Being Stolen

Years ago, when my son was in junior high school, he told me while in study hall he pulled out a dollar bill and noticed a group of "troubled looking kids" at another table all turn their heads toward him and stare at his dollar bill, like a dog going to point. My son said he wondered what would happen if he put the dollar bill in his book partially exposed. So he did just that and then requested for the teacher to let him go to the restroom. He put his experiment into action. When he returned from the restroom he saw his book on the floor near where he was sitting and his dollar bill missing. He told me he looked at the table of kids who were birdogging his money and they were all looking away not making eye contact with him. I asked my son what he learned from this incident. He said, "I learned to be more careful with all my money."

This lesson about protecting your property seems so simple but, sadly, we read police auto burglary reports which reflect stolen property taken from the vehicles that were in plain view. Items such as cash money, car and house keys, wallets, laptop computers, guns and, one that surprised me, a new huge flat screen TV wedged in a large cab pickup (left unattended for five hours at area mall). It's so important not to overload your trunk so you are forced to put property in your car cab. If you have no room in your trunk, lock smaller items in your glove box or center console so your property is out of sight.

Be aware of your surroundings and who is watching you. A perfect example is at clubs where bad guys know women do not like to take their purses in the club. The women will park their car, get out and put their purse in the trunk taking only a state driver's license and one credit card with them. It would be better to have already locked the purse in the car before arriving and parking. If you are moving property around to your trunk and you think someone is birdogging you, make sure the birdogger sees you looking at them. This will create insecurity on their part and they will less likely burglarize your vehicle.

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UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE WORKSHOPS

Thursday, July 16, 2015

Legal Issues for HOAs, Part One

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Boldt Construction

101 West Hefner Road

Tickets: \$20 per person, dinner provided

Register online at NACOK.org

Saturday, August 1, 2015

Private Roads Maintenance

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

OKCPD-Fire Training Facility

850 North Portland Avenue

Tickets: \$20 per person

Register online at NACOK.org

Thursday, July 23, 2015

Legal Issues for HOAs, Part Two

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Boldt Construction

101 West Hefner Road

Tickets: \$20 per person, dinner provided

Register online at NACOK.org

Thursday, August 20, 2015

Streets and Lighting Workshop

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

OKCPD-Fire Training Facility

850 North Portland Avenue

Free

Register online at NACOK.org

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Planning 101: A Night with the City of
OKC Planning Department

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Boldt Construction

101 West Hefner Road

Free

Register online at NACOK.org

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Neighbors Night Out

Register online at NACOK.org

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Ninth Annual Good Neighbor Awards

Chevy Bricktown Events Center

429 East California Avenue

Ticket sales coming soon

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