

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!

Upcoming Workshops with Neighborhood Alliance

Organizing & Officer Training

- Monday, April 6, 6pm (for Voluntary Neighborhood Associations)
- Tuesday, April 7, 6pm (for Homeowner Associations with Mandatory Dues)

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/ or call 528-6322.

OKC Water Conservation, OSU-OKC Offer Free Workshop

Spring workshop in the water conservation garden
May 2, 2015; 10AM to noon
OSU-OKC, 400 N Portland

Visit the OSU-OKC water conservation garden and learn about drought-tolerant plants and proper irrigation.

To reserve your spot, call 405-297-3477 or email Joshua.Campbell@okstate.edu.

For more information, visit SqueezeEveryDrop.com.

Neighborhood Alliance a Part of OKC's Social Media Expansion with Nextdoor



Oklahoma City's neighborhoods can now connect to City government and receive news and information through Nextdoor, a social media network for neighborhoods.

More than 200 neighborhoods in Oklahoma City use Nextdoor, a free and private social media network. Now, with the City's new Nextdoor profile, residents and neighborhoods on the network can receive news, services, programs, events, emergency notifications and other information available from the City, including the Police Department and Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma (NACOK).

"Nextdoor provides more avenues for our residents to easily and effectively connect with City departments and each other about issues that matter in their neighborhoods," said Mayor Mick Cornett. "Residents and the Oklahoma City Police Department can also use Nextdoor to work together to enhance neighborhood safety."

The City and NACOK will not have access to neighborhoods' Nextdoor websites, contact information or content to maintain user privacy. However, Nextdoor users can access a full range of information based on posts from the City.

"The Police Department is excited about the use of Nextdoor in our City. It is important for us to stay engaged with our community on a daily basis as well as continue to use new social media methods to reach our public," said Police Chief Bill Citty. "Nextdoor accomplishes both of these goals, while at the same time providing important information to specific neighborhoods to help keep people safe."

Nextdoor is free for residents and the City. Residents interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor site can visit www.nextdoor.com.

Working to create safe,
attractive and healthy neighborhoods
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Register for Litter Blitz for a Chance to Win a Free Dumpster Day from Waste Management



Register with OKC Beautiful to participate in Litter Blitz during the month of April and you could win a free Dumpster Day from Waste Management.

A Dumpster Day entitles your neighborhood association, business, institution or organization to FREE weekend use of a 30 cubic yard dumpster including delivery, hauling and landfill fees compliments of Waste Management. To register, go to:

<http://www.okcbeautiful.com/programs/litterblitz>

Fill out the form and be sure to include that you'd like to be registered for a Dumpster Day from Waste Management. Four winners will be chosen so sign-up now! Deadline for entry is Friday, April 17th!

A word from one of our Police Community Relations Officers: MSgt. Michael Loruse, Will Rogers Division PCR

Sadly, active shooters can occur in any public place. We all go to work, shop at malls, go to movies and attend church where an active shooter can happen. Under stress you revert back to your training and if you have no training, you can be paralyzed with fear like a deer caught in the headlights.

Recognize the signs that an active shooting is in progress. Some signs to look for before an active shooting event- someone with clothing which conceals weapons or you see someone dragging very full bags. The person or persons may appear nervous, sweating with hands in a pocket clutching an object. If you are watching, as you should, it may hit you like a brick when you see the active shooter who just doesn't look right.

Your distance to the active shooting determines your options. Remember, more distance equals more time. The closer you are to the shooter leaves you with only fight or flight. If you choose to run, make sure you run in a serpentine. It's much harder to hit a moving target moving side to side than in a straight line. If you fight, attack the weapon. Rules of thumb- always fight the gun barrel away from you. If you have time to use a puncturing object like an ink pen, do so. Most often if others are near they will join on attacking the active shooter. It takes someone to move first.

If you have more distance from the Active Shooter, look for and use available cover or concealment so the Active Shooter will not notice you. Concealment is anything which hides you but won't stop bullets. Cover will both conceal you and stop bullets. If you have enough distance where you hear the Active Shooter but can't see him, you may want to look for a room to shelter in place. Look for a room or store and see if you can lock or barricade the door until the event is over.

First police responders will be swift to engage the active shooter(s) as quickly as possible with no negotiations. Police across the country have learned you cannot negotiate with a person who wants to murder as many people as possible then kill themselves. To minimize the loss of innocent life is to stop the Active Shooters as fast as possible. If a neighborhood group or business would like have me as a guest speaker, I have a one presentation on Active Shooter. My email is michael.loruse@okc.gov .

For further reading, type in your search engine "FBI Run, Hide, Fight Video."



The deadline for comments on the City of Oklahoma City's newest comprehensive plan is Monday, March 16th. Be sure to read, review and comment on this guide to OKC's growth and development at

<https://okc.opencoment.us>



CASA OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, INC.

CASA of Oklahoma County (Court Appointed Special Advocates) would like to send representatives to speak to neighborhood associations, civic groups, church groups and

others. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to represent the best interests of children who have been abused and/or neglected. To schedule a speaker you can call Alex Corbitt at 713-6607 or e-mail jjalecor@oklahomacounty.org.

Oklahoma County Master Gardeners Association Offers Free Lecture Series

Each month the Oklahoma County Master Gardeners Association is offering a free public lecture at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center at 3400 NW 36th Street. The lectures begin at 6 p.m., are free and open to all; no registration is required.

Topics include:

Wednesday, March 11:

Grow Your Own Groceries, Part 1

Wednesday, April 8:

Integrated Pest Management

Wednesday, May 13:

Grow Your Own Groceries, Part 2: Growing Unusual Edibles in Oklahoma Gardens

For more information, visit OKCMG.org.

Creative Oklahoma Offers Free Your Ideas Matter Meet-Ups

In January, Creative Oklahoma launched a grassroots social media campaign called "Your Ideas Matter" that is motivating Oklahomans to tap into their innate creative problem-solving abilities and participate in a statewide brainstorm for ideas that will make our state even better. With the campaign focusing on seven topics: Education, Energy, Water, Mental Health, Hunger, Violence, and Livable Communities, the effort is uniting Oklahomans by encouraging the generation of new ideas to improve our state.

These online conversations will continue until the 2015 Creativity World Forum.

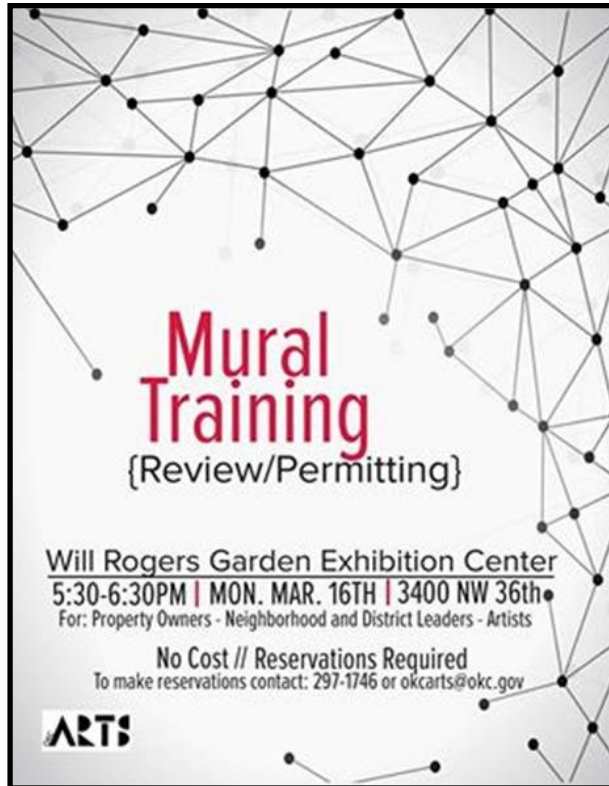
The public is invited to enhance the online conversation in face-to-face meet-ups at the pre-forum events. The most compelling ideas will be selected for further discussion, with Creative Oklahoma's cSchool facilitators overseeing conversation group meet-ups at seven downtown locations the morning before the forum. Industry leaders will then address selected topics during the event.

The meet-ups are free and open to the public.

Monday, March 30th
Your Ideas Matter Meet-ups
Time: 9 a.m. – Noon

For more information or to register, visit <http://stateofcreativity.com>.

OKC Arts Commission Offers Free Mural Training Monday, March 16



Mural Training
{Review/Permitting}

Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center
5:30-6:30PM | MON. MAR. 16TH | 3400 NW 36th
For: Property Owners - Neighborhood and District Leaders - Artists

No Cost // Reservations Required
To make reservations contact: 297-1746 or okcart@okc.gov

ARTS

If you've got an ideal location in mind for a mural, but you don't know where to start, you need this class. Open to all artists, property owners, neighborhood and district leaders. Reserve your space now for the next class on March 16th. The class will be held at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center from 5:30-6:30PM. There is no cost, but reservations are required. To make reservations call 297-1746 or email okcart@okc.gov.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the City of Oklahoma City's review and permitting process for murals. Here's what the City of Oklahoma City Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs says about murals:

The creation of murals can have social benefits for entire communities. They often become focal points and symbols of communities and inspire reminders of the cooperation and dedication that made their creation possible. Murals help make OKC a more vibrant and artistic place!

We strongly encourage neighborhood leaders to attend and find out how they can begin or support a transformative project such as a neighborhood or district mural.



OG&E Create Great Neighborhoods is a partnership program of OG&E, Neighborhood Alliance and the City of Oklahoma City to encourage, advocate and promote an awareness of energy efficiency and sustainability practices in neighborhoods across Oklahoma City.

We're going to be seeking neighborhoods willing to commit to making a change in their neighborhood. Start thinking now about what a more sustainable community might look like: more recycling bins, more rain barrels, a community garden, a neighborhood transit day, use of OG&E's SmartHours, weatherization, tree planting or something else entirely?

The sky's the limit.