

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!***



Panera Bread and Neighborhood Alliance would like to invite you to **Coffee with a Cop**. Join us at one of the following locations this year to meet your Police Community Relations Officer. Free coffee will be provided to the first 45 neighbors at each event. Coffee with a Cop will be held from 8-10am on the dates listed below.

Dates

- April 6, 2016
- May 4, 2016
- June 1, 2016
- July 6, 2016
- August 3, 2016
- September 7, 2016
- October 5, 2016

Panera Bread Location

- 6410 SW 3rd St., Oklahoma City
- 6800 N Western Ave., Oklahoma City
- 10600 S Pennsylvania Ave., Oklahoma City
- 4401 W Memorial Rd., Oklahoma City
- 6410 SW 3rd St., Oklahoma City
- 6800 N Western Ave., Oklahoma City
- 10600 S Pennsylvania Ave., Oklahoma City

SAVE THE DATE!

Neighbors Night Out will be celebrated
on
Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Hosted by Neighborhood Alliance, Oklahoma City Police Department, Oklahoma City Fire Department, Waste Management and local Target Stores. Thousands of OKC Metro Area citizens at over 90 Neighborhood Events celebrated **Neighbors Night Out** in 2015. We want to recruit and include even more neighborhoods for 2016!



We need your
HELP!



Update your
Neighborhood
Association
contacts today!

Go to ww.nacok.org to update your neighborhood contacts

Working to create safe,
attractive and healthy neighborhoods
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Upcoming Neighborhood Organizing & Officer Training

- **Monday, April 4, 6pm (for Voluntary Neighborhood Associations)**
- **Tuesday, April 5, 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 Public Schools Needs Testing Monitors!

In order to keep teachers in the classroom instead of monitoring testing, Oklahoma City Public Schools needs volunteers this testing season. Monitors are required for state-mandated testing to keep the process honest. The April and May rites of passage for every public school student, grades 3 and up, are Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests at elementary and middle schools and End of Instruction exams at high schools. Testing monitors are important to OKCPS!

There are several school and date options available from April 1st to May 15th!

**Please contact Amanda Piña
at apina@okcps.org or 547-0234
for more information**

HOAs and Property Management Working Together?

Article provided by Welcome Home Management Services

You usually don't think about Home Owner Associations (HOAs) and Property Management Companies as your partner working together to keep your neighborhood safe, clean, and the best it can be, but that is exactly what should be happening.

All neighborhoods have a select number of homes that are rental properties managed by a management company. Some homeowners dread having a rental next door as sometimes these homes are not taken care of as well as when a homeowner lives in the property. The care and upkeep on the property may not be up to the standards that the rest of the neighborhood may be.

Owners of rental properties want their homes to be well taken care of and rely on management companies and renters to keep up the standards of the rest of the neighborhood, but since they can't keep an eye on the property 24/7, they rely on neighbors and HOAs to make sure everything is on the up and up.

This is when your HOA and a property management company can help. Through your HOA, you can find out the name of the management company renting out the home and if you ever see suspicious behavior or lack of yard work or maintenance on a property, contact your HOA or the company and let them know.

HOAs and Management Companies are not the enemy and are willing partners to help make your community the best it can possibly be!





WesTen District Spring Litter Blitz



DASH FOR TRASH!

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Meeting Place: West Side Lions Club, 4135 NW 10th St, at 10:00 am

We will pick up trash from Portland Ave. to Meridian Ave. and finish by noon.

Free lunch and WesTen t-shirt for participants at noon

DASH FOR TRASH PRIZES:

\$100 Academy gift card for most trash bags set out

\$50 Academy gift card for person who recruited the most volunteers

\$50 Academy gift card for most unusual piece of trash, identified by phone photo

To volunteer or for more information, contact Maegan Case, friendsofnw10@gmail.com

A word from one of our Police Community Relations Officers:

MSgt. Michael Lorse, Will Rogers Patrol Division PCR

Law enforcement agencies across the country promote three basic guidelines about what to do if an active shooting happens near you: **Run, Hide, and Fight.**

Run (Escape) away as soon as you can determine where the shooting is taking place. Be mindful that there may be more than one shooter and also that the location of the shooter can change quickly. Avoid running to your car to leave. Cars jammed up trying to escape are a stationary target. It's better if you keep moving until you are safely off property.

Hide (Shelter in Place/Barricade) when it is not practical to run or escape because you may be targeted by the active shooter. If possible, hide by barricading yourself in a lockable area like a room. Some rooms may not have a lock on the door so move heavy furniture or anything else which can help to fortify the door from the attacker opening it. If there is a window in the door to the room, cover it so a shooter cannot see if the room is occupied. An active shooter will suffer tunnel vision like anyone else under stress and will not spend a lot of time on barricaded doors because of the goal to kill as many as possible then themselves.

Fight or attacking the active shooter is an option if you are cornered or trapped. It's recommended to use something that will puncture or can be used as an impact weapon against the attacker. Puncturing objects are all around whether at home, work or a mall. Think about using ink pens, scissors, and letter openers all which can be used against the attacker. Nontraditional impact weapons such as coffee mugs, staplers, fire extinguishers, a chair or any heavy objects can be very effective in stopping the shooter.

Mass attacking the active shooter on entry into a room is the fastest and most efficient way to stop the attack because the superior numbers counterattacking. If the attacker bursts into the room without warning and there is no exit for escape, then **Fight** is the only option. Prepare your mind to not hesitate grabbing anything you can throw at the attacker's face causing them to flinch even if just briefly. Grab the weapon while shouting to others to get the legs! This will encourage others to join in with you. If there is time to barricade the room then take charge by directing everyone to get anything that can be used to attack the attacker. Tell everyone to get on either side of the door and as soon as the attacker enters, direct some to grab the end of the gun, others the legs. Once the attacker is stopped, look for anything to bind them behind their back until police arrive.

For further reading, use you search engine and look up **Crisis Rehearsal** and **Tactical Breathing** by Dave Grossman

OKC Council approves new MAPS 3 Modern Streetcar routes

The Oklahoma City Council approved modifications to the previously approved MAPS 3 Modern Streetcar route. The change creates an additional dedicated route to better connect the MAPS 3 Park and the proposed MAPS 3 Convention Center to Bricktown.

Route 1 is the original route of 4.86 miles but adds a new section to connect the Downtown Transit Center, Automobile Alley, future intermodal hub (Santa Fe Station), Midtown, St. Anthony hospital, Bricktown, the future MAPS 3 Convention Center and the future MAPS 3 Park.

Route 2 is a 2.04-mile route that exclusively serves Bricktown, the MAPS 3 and Cox Convention center, the Myriad Botanical Gardens and the future MAPS 3 Park. It was created to better accommodate the new location of the future MAPS 3 Convention Center.

The second route will require additional track and another car, which will increase the streetcar budget by \$3 million. The money will come from the MAPS 3 program contingency funds.

Criteria used to develop the route include connecting key destinations, integrating with the existing transportation network, maximizing economic development potential, optimizing system operation, the potential for expansion, technical considerations and cost projections.

Construction on the rails, which will be level with the street, is expected to begin in fall, 2016. The City is finalizing negotiations with streetcar manufacturer Brookville to construct five modern streetcars for the system.

About MAPS 3

MAPS 3 is a \$777 million capital improvement program to improve the quality of life in Oklahoma City. It is funded by a 1-cent tax initiative that began in April 2010 and ends in December 2017. MAPS 3 funds eight projects: Downtown Convention Center, Downtown Public Park, Modern Streetcar/Transit, Oklahoma River Improvements, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds Improvements, Senior Health and Wellness Centers, Trails and Sidewalks.

Save the Date and support NE OKC!

Inaugural ONE OKC event , April 30, 2016 - 11am-4pm at Douglass High School

Celebrate the rich heritage and bright future of Northeast Oklahoma City. Featuring local food trucks, pop up shops, entertainment and activities for the whole family. The event will showcase exciting new developments coming to Northeast Oklahoma City. More information coming soon. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, sponsor or volunteer, email neholder@gmail.com.

2016 Master Gardener Class

Registration is now open for the 2016 Master Gardener class. The last day to register is May 6, 2016. You can mail your registration to the OSU Oklahoma County Extension Office at 2500 NE 63rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111. There is also a mandatory orientation meeting on either May 24 from 10 am to 12 noon or May 26, 1 to 3 pm. The non-refundable registration fee is \$150. All fees are due after acceptance into the class. Dates for training will be the Tuesdays of September, October and November. Hours for training will be 8:30 am-3:15 pm. Participants need to provide their own lunch. Following training, there will be a 60 hours internship at the Oklahoma County OSU Extension Center, answering home horticulture related questions by phone or office visits.

Applicants should have a high school diploma or equivalent and have a genuine interest in gardening and becoming a volunteer. Background checks will be conducted for all applicants. The Oklahoma County Master Gardener Association and the Oklahoma County Extension offices are located at 2500 NE 63rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73111. "Like" the Oklahoma County Master Gardeners Association/Public on Facebook, and follow us @OKCOMGA on Twitter. For more information, contact an Oklahoma County Master Gardener at (405) 713-1125 or okmganswers@gmail.com and visit our website at okcmg.org.