

## 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!*

### OKC Animal Welfare hosts New Dog Workshop first Saturday of each month



If you are thinking of getting a new dog or have just gotten a new one and need some support, OKC Animal Welfare has the workshop for you.

On the first Saturday of every month, OKC Animal Welfare and A New Leash on Life are partnering to bring you the Your New Dog Workshop. Each workshop will be held at the OKC Animal Shelter at 2811 SE 29th St., and the first is set for 11 a.m. May 7, and the rest will follow at the same time.

“We are committed to helping pet owners be as responsible and knowledgeable as possible,” said Animal Welfare Superintendent, Julie Bank. “This workshop will help pets stay in homes and will strengthen the bond between people and animals.”

Topics covered in the workshop will include how dogs think, learn and communicate, and how to deal with common challenges like housetraining, jumping, barking, chewing and living with multiple animals.

The workshop will also cover how kids and dogs can live together, along with appropriate games for kids and dogs to play.

All ages are invited, but please leave your dogs at home. No RSVP is required.

Email [awinfo@okc.gov](mailto:awinfo@okc.gov) or call (405) 297-3100 for more information.

### Neighborhood Traffic Safety

**Traffic Complaints** - If citizens have a traffic complaint about an occurring situation that poses an immediate threat (emergency situation), please call 911 for a police response.

Traffic complaints regarding ongoing issues such as chronic speeding, running stop signs or other traffic hazards in neighborhoods can be emailed to OCPD. Your complaint will be reviewed by a police supervisor for assignment to an officer.

To register a traffic complaint to the Oklahoma City Police Department, email your detailed message to [ocpd.trafficcomplaints@okc.gov](mailto:ocpd.trafficcomplaints@okc.gov), including the specific location and specific examples or call the police non-Emergency line at (405)231-2121.



## Upcoming Neighborhood Organizing & Officer Training

- **Monday, June 6, 6pm (for Voluntary Neighborhood Associations)**
- **Tuesday, June 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/](http://nacok.org/events/) or call 528-6322.



Been searching for work for 6 months or more? Underemployed for 6 months or more? Work Ready Oklahoma has FREE resources (education, training, job placement connections, and other career services) to help you get hired!

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- Teaching
- Architecture
- Engineering
- Healthcare
- Accounting
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The Uptown 23rd Farmers Market is an interactive bi-monthly market to engage local communities, promote sustainability, and provide a family-friendly atmosphere. They will have 12 Markets during the 2016 Season.

# COFFEE WITH A COP



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

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

## Panera Bread Location

- 10600 S Pennsylvania Avenue
- 4401 W Memorial Road
- 6410 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- 6800 N Western Avenue
- 10600 S Pennsylvania Avenue

## *A word from one of our Police Community Relations Officers:* **Sgt. Erick Huff, Springlake Patrol Division**

It's May again already and we find ourselves in the middle of tornado season. Tornadoes are one of nature's most powerful forces. We will find our regularly scheduled programs interrupted by our favorite meteorologists just as the show is about to climax and last week's cliffhanger is about to be revealed. Even though we dislike our favorite show being interrupted, they are sharing valuable information and giving people a chance to prepare for impending weather. Here are a few things you should know during this time of year:

- ⇒ A **Tornado Watch** means tornadoes are possible in your area and you should stay tuned to the radio television news.
- ⇒ A **Tornado Warning** means a tornado is either on the ground or has been detected by Doppler radar. Seek shelter immediately!

### **Before a Tornado:**

- Have a disaster plan.
- Make sure you know which county you live in.
- Prepare a disaster supplies kit for your home and car. Include a first aid kit, canned food and a can opener, bottled water, battery operated radio and flashlight, important documents like I.D.'s, and birth certificates.

### **If you are at home during a tornado:**

- Go to a windowless interior room on the lowest level of your home or if you have one a storm cellar or basement.
- Stay away from windows.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.
- If you are in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere

### **If you are at school or work during a tornado:**

- Go to a basement or to an inside hallway at the lowest level.
- Avoid places with wide span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

### **If you are outdoors during a tornado:**

- If possible, get inside a building.
- If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Look out for flood waters which may also fill low areas

### **If you are in your car during a tornado:**

- Never try to drive faster than a tornado in a vehicle. Tornadoes can change direction quickly and lift up a car or truck and toss it through the air.
- Get out of the car immediately and seek shelter in a nearby building.
- If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the car.



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

**Create Great Neighborhoods returns for 2016, 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 their neighborhoods.**

Create Great Neighborhoods encourages neighborhoods to adopt sustainable practices to conserve natural resources, reduce household energy costs and strengthen and beautify their communities.

Your neighborhood's job is to spread the message of energy conservation and sustainability by using the tools we provide to all who participate. Between now and the end of September, neighbors can be creative in recruiting participants and enter via the online application form. Your neighborhood will be eligible to win a share of the \$5,000 Positive Energy® cash award!

Award winners will be announced on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the Good Neighbor Awards Banquet.

Watch the Neighborhood Alliance website for more upcoming news on how to get your neighborhood to qualify!



**Donate Paint to Help Beautify OKC Neighborhoods**

Neighborhood Alliance is accepting white, latex-based paint donations to assist with "I Heart My Neighborhood," an OKC neighborhood beautification project. "I Heart My Neighborhood" focuses on select neighborhoods in Oklahoma City where volunteers from across the country donate a week to revitalize communities.

You can drop off donated paint at Neighborhood Alliance's office at [1236 NW 36th](#) If after hours, you can leave the paint on our porch. Please be sure paint donations are white and only latex – no oil-based paint. THANK YOU!