

## 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!*

### Miller in May Celebrates Historic OKC Neighborhood Charm

Seven homes and gardens will be on tour to showcase the diverse architecture, array of interior décor and charismatic outdoor spaces within an established historic neighborhood.

Miller in May takes place on Sunday, May 21, from 11am-5pm. Tickets are \$10 and include access to the hospitality center.

Tickets for this self-guided tour may be purchased in advance at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Antique Mall (3023 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street), at any tour stop on the day of the event or online at <https://miller-in-may.eventbrite.com>.

Miller in May and Miller by Moonlight are the largest fundraisers of the year for the neighborhood. Proceeds benefit the numerous ongoing projects, such as the installation of decorative street lamps and beautification of the medians that enhance the quality of living for residents and maintain the area's historic integrity.

Miller in May is presented by the Miller Neighborhood Association and sponsored by Water's Edge Winery, Living in the 405, Southard Plumbing, Oklahoma Turf Specialist, Antique Avenue Market, Jean's Plumbing, Monty Milburn of Churchill-Brown & Associates, Jeremy Crites of Lionheart Real Estate, Glenn J. Mencer P.E., Financial Coach, of F&F Accounting & Tax Solutions, PLLC, and AlignOK.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Meares at [elizabethbmeares@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethbmeares@gmail.com) or (405) 642-5982.



**When:**

Saturday, May 20, 2017 - 9:00am to 1:00pm

**Where:**

Oklahoma Science Museum  
2020 Remington Place  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Buses leave at 9:00 am

Registration is inside the Science Museum lobby at 8:30 am.

### Beautification Station 2017

Experience the Adventure District like never before!  
Get behind-the-scenes tours of:

**Remington Park**

**USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex**

**An unconventional neighborhood nestled in the core of the district**

Enjoy drawings for prizes and scavenger hunts!

Lunch is provided

NOTE: You will disembark the bus at several locations to get a behind the scenes look at major attractions so bring your walking shoes.

**Please go to [www.nacok.org](http://www.nacok.org) to register!**

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## **Mosquito Season Is Here** *Being Proactive Can Prevent Bites and Illnesses*

[Oklahoma City-County Health Department](#) (OCCHD) epidemiologists and consumer protection investigators remind residents to be proactive in preventing breeding grounds for mosquitoes that can spread illness, especially after the torrential downpours Oklahoma City and County have received lately.

OCCHD Public Health Protection Director Phil Maytubby said, "The best step in prevention is to remove any sources of stagnant water in kids' toys, old tires, pet bowls, buckets, chimeneas, flower pots, wheelbarrows and even birdbaths. Mosquito larvae can mature in extremely small amounts of water, like that contained in a bottle cap." Survey your property after a rain to get rid of mosquito habitats.

OCCHD experts recommend using microbial larvicides commonly called dunks for standing water that cannot be drained as it kills larvae before they emerge as adult mosquitoes. The product can be found at most hardware and home improvement stores.

Residents can [Fight the Bite](#) by using the 3-Ds and a P of mosquito safety:

1. DRAIN standing water on your property.
2. DEET containing insect repellent when outside. (Picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus)
3. DRESS in long sleeves and pants that have been sprayed with repellent.
4. PROTECT by limiting exposure outside and check window screens

By not taking the precautions mentioned above, Oklahomans put themselves at risk for mosquito-borne illness such as West Nile Virus (WNV). WNV is the most common mosquito-borne disease in Oklahoma, and it's a deadly threat, especially to Senior Adults. WNV symptoms include fever, headache, body ache and sometimes a rash.

Zika Virus is another mosquito-borne disease that is a rising threat with transmission reported in Miami, Florida and Brownsville, Texas. Zika symptoms include a mild fever, skin rash, muscle and joint pain, and conjunctivitis. These symptoms usually last 2 to 7 days. Seek immediate medical care if symptoms worsen. Zika has been linked to the birth defect, microcephaly. If you are pregnant or plan to be in the future, we advise you not to travel to [areas of local transmission](#).

Mosquito-borne diseases are most often transmitted to people through a bite from an infected mosquito. It's important to note that people can transmit Zika to another person through sexual activity. If you have recently traveled to an area where mosquito-borne diseases are a threat, it's critical to use repellent, even after you return home, to prevent local mosquitoes from biting you and becoming infected.

## **City sets guidelines for non-residential storm debris removal**

As crews work to pick up downed trees and tree limbs from residential neighborhoods that were affected by recent thunderstorms, city officials are asking non-residential property owners (including schools and churches) to please clear out any debris. Per city guidelines, non-residential properties that sustained storm damage, including tree and/or structural damage, are responsible for their own debris removal.

The city will not pick up tree limbs or structural debris left on commercial property, and the debris is not allowed along city rights-of-way. There are several landfills in the Oklahoma City area that can accept tree and limb debris, as well as construction or demolition waste. Standard commercial drop-off rates apply.

### **Landfills located in the Oklahoma City area include:**

- East Oak Landfill – 3201 Mosley Rd. (south side of NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street east of Sooner Road)
- Oklahoma City Landfill – 7001 S Bryant Ave.
- Oklahoma Landfill – 7600 SW 15<sup>th</sup> Street
- Northeast Landfill – 2601 N Midwest Blvd. in Spencer (construction and demolition materials only)

**For more information, call Utilities Customer Service at (405) 297-2833.**

## Upcoming Neighborhood Organizing & Officer Training

- **Tuesday, June 2, 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.



Panera Bread and Neighborhood Alliance would like to invite you to **Coffee with a Cop**. Join us this year, the second Tuesday of each month, to meet your Police Community Relations Officer. Free coffee and cookies will be provided to the first 45 neighbors at each event.

**Tuesday, June 6, 6-8 pm**  
Panera Bread  
10600 S Penn Ave.  
Oklahoma City, OK

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

Data breaches seem to be happening more and more often. Data thieves are always on the lookout—and you should be, too. Here's what you need to know about protecting yourself from data breaches.

Technology seems to offer the promise of keeping us safer—so what can lead to hacks? It's a complicated issue, including:

- Multiple entry points. People and companies access data from multiple places, including desktop computers, phones and tablets. These are all potential entry points for hackers, making it more complicated to protect against a data breach.
- High volume of malicious activity. Nearly 1 million pieces of malicious software are published each day, making it difficult to guard against every new threat.

Whether or not there have been reports of a data breach, you should always do everything you can to keep your information secure. Here are some tips to consider:

- Create complex passwords. Use different ones for each account, and change your passwords if a company you've recently interacted with gets hacked.
- Shop with a credit card. You may have less liability for fraudulent credit card charges, but you may be responsible for more than \$500 in charges if your debit account is hacked.
- Watch for fraud. If you receive a notice about the data breach, call the company to confirm that it is legitimate.

Guard against identity theft. One in three people who experience a data breach will become an identity theft victim, according to Javelin Strategy & Research. If you are one of them, contact each credit card company to set up fraud alerts and freeze your accounts. Then get in touch with your local Social Security office for next steps.

## Upcoming CPTED Training

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) training will teach you that proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear of crime and incidence of crime, and to an improvement in the quality of life.

CPTED focuses on the physical design of your neighborhood - fencing, lighting, plantings - to identify areas or elements that may have the potential to attract crime.

Learn more about ways you can prevent crime through proper maintenance and lighting, purposeful planting, and creating natural surveillance.

**When:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 6pm to 8pm

**Where:** OCCC Family and Community Education Center  
6500 S. Land Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73159  
A light supper will be provided.

**Registration required at [www.nacok.org](http://www.nacok.org)**



## 2017 Neighborhood Watch Patrol Classes

The Oklahoma City Police Department will hold neighborhood watch patrol classes on the following dates this year.

- Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30pm  
Hefner Patrol Division at 3924 NW 122<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Please visit our website at [www.nacok.org](http://www.nacok.org) for more information and to get registered!**



## REMINDER!

Starting in July of 2017, Neighborhood Alliance and the Oklahoma City Police Department will no longer be distributing Crime Statistics and the monthly Newsletter by mail. These items will be available online, and in the coming months we will give you more information on how to access all of the information you have been receiving via mail, and more!

We wish you all a Happy New Year and we look forward to bringing you many new and exciting workshops and tools to help make your Neighborhoods and our City great places to live, work and play in the coming year!