

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 Events

Organizing Your Neighborhood & New Officer Training

- **Monday, Nov. 4, 6pm**
(For Voluntary Neighborhood Associations)
- **Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6pm**
(For Homeowner Associations with Mandatory Dues)

Held at the Neighborhood Alliance office, this informal session is open to anyone who wants to find out how to get their neighborhood or HOA organized and to 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. Call 528-6322 to reserve a seat.

Neighborhood Patrol Training

If you have an authorized volunteer patrol in your neighborhood and need to train additional volunteers, please note that a training session will be held on Tuesday, October 29 or attend on Tuesday, November 19 **at the Hefner Police Station, 3924 NW 122**. For more information, contact MSgt. Robert Skalla at robert.skalla@okc.gov or call 316-4416. To learn how to start a patrol in your neighborhood, contact Neighborhood Alliance at 528-6322.



Good Neighbor Awards Banquet

Buy your tickets now for the
Good Neighbor Awards
Banquet! Tickets can be
purchased online at nacok.org.

Congratulations to the finalists for the Seventh Annual Good Neighbor Awards

In the category of Neighborhood Communications

Quail Creek Neighborhood
Cleveland Urban Conservation District
John F. Kennedy Neighborhood

In the category of Neighborhood of the Year

Meadowbrook Acres Neighborhood
Gatewood Historic District
Putnam Heights Historic Preservation

In the category of Good Neighbor of the Year

Dan Short – Mustard Seed, Inc.
Walter Jacques – Oklahoma State Health Department
Ginger McGovern – Sequoyah Neighborhood

In the category of Neighborhood Project

Highland Park / Assisting Neighbors in Need
Glenbrook / Landscaping & Lighting
Eppworth View Addition / Neighbors Night Out

In the category of Community Neighbor

CITGO Lubricants
The Boeing Company
Fowler Holding Company

**Find out who wins at the banquet
on October 24!**

Neighborhood News:

Surrey Hills Home and Garden Club will be hosting a free concert Sunday, October 13, 2-4 pm, in Lions Club Park, North Hefner Road East of Surrey Hills Elementary School. The concert will feature the 4 G Band, playing folk, old rock, gospel and other styles of music. Donations appreciated

If your neighborhood association is planning an event, let us know so we can help you advertise it!

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Animal Shelter celebrates fall with Dogtober adoption events

The Oklahoma City Animal Shelter is holding a series of fall dog-themed adoption events every weekend in “Dogtober” with hopes to adopt a record 700 dogs and cats by Dogtober 31. Adoption fees will be reduced to \$30 for dogs and puppies during the month. Animals have been spayed or neutered, received age-appropriate vaccinations, wormed & treated for fleas and ticks.

Events include:

Open Minds, Open Hearts, October 13 from 11 am-4pm, PetSmart, I-40 and MacArthur. Learn about breed myths & breed identity . Adopters will get a free goodie bag.

Paw Festival, October 19, 9am-5:45pm, Oklahoma City Animal Welfare, 2811 SE 29th Street. Enjoy free festival games, snow cones, popcorn and booths. Adopters will get a free keepsake frame & adoption goodie bag.

Muttster Mash, October 26, 6pm-10pm, Oklahoma City Animal Welfare, 2811 SE 29th Street. Enjoy a costume contest for kids and adults, Howl-o-Ween-themed story time & spooky refreshments . Adopters receive a goodie bag with pet treats.

The Oklahoma City Animal Shelter is open for adoptions from noon to 5:45 p.m. every day except holidays at SE 29th & Bryant, 1.5 miles east of Interstate 35. View adoptable pets online at <http://www.okc.gov/animalwelfare/adoption.html>.

Check out our new website!!

Go to nacok.org to find out about all the upcoming Neighborhood Alliance workshops and activities. The website is full of useful information for your and your neighborhood.

While you're there, you can **update your neighborhood association information** by clicking on this link that appears at the bottom of the home page.



Here is a great article to use in your neighborhood newsletter!

A word from one of our PCR officers:

MSgt Robert Skalla
Hefner Division

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!



Wheel and tire theft is hitting home to many of our residents. You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim by taking a few steps that may save you thousands of dollars. Each year Oklahoma City and surrounding cities experience this type of crime, primarily because it is very profitable and extremely hard to solve. The following recommendations may help prevent you from becoming a victim.

- **Purchase wheel Lock systems**: Have more than one locking lug nut on each tire; few extra dollars spent now can save you well over a thousand dollars. Protect your investment!
- **Install/repair Exterior Lighting**: Install motion sensor activated lights over your drive way that is not accessible to foot traffic. Thieves do not like light; this is why most of these thefts occur between 12:00 am- 6:00 am.
- **Heed Pet Warnings**: Don't ignore the barking dog! If dogs are barking this can be an indicator of an unwelcome subject in the area. Remember to report suspicious activity immediately by calling 911, never confront the offender, and leave that up to the trained professionals.
- **Park In The Garage**: If possible park your car in the garage and this will eliminate your risk completely. Remember to close that garage door. Before going to bed at night double check all of your doors to ensure they are locked!
- **Mark and Record Possessions**: Engrave your name or a specific identifier onto the wheels, this will help positively identify your wheel if an apprehension is made or your stolen wheels are recovered.
- **Start a Neighborhood Watch Patrol Program**: Get active in your neighborhood watch patrol! If your neighborhood does not have one, take the initiative and get one started. Classes are free, approximately 1 hour long and are conducted at Hefner station October 29 and November 19th. See you there!
- **Get to Know Your Neighbors & Look Out For Each Other**: Situational awareness is crucial in keeping your tires and wheels on your car, truck or SUV. Working together as a team will mitigate the risk and protect your investments.

Have your say the CrowdGauge way!

We have released a new interactive public input tool called CrowdGauge. This exercise allows you to provide valuable input for planokc in three easy steps:

1. Pick your priorities for OKC's future
2. Using a fixed budget, select specific actions to see how they impact your priorities
3. Give a 'thumbs up' or 'thumbs down' to potential plan policies

Go to CrowdGauge now at interact.planokc.org or visit the [Public Involvement](#) page for all the ways to participate in the planning process.

Reserve your spot at the planOKC Symposium

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Symposium on Friday, November 1 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Civic Center Hall of Mirrors. Consultants will present findings from the Parks Master Plan, Housing Demand Study, Community Appearance Survey, Retail Plan, Transit Service Study, and Growth Scenarios Analysis. Consultants will respond to questions during a panel at the end of the Symposium.

The Symposium is free to attend. We hope to see you there! [RESERVE A SEAT](#) at planokc.org or call Sarah Welch at 297-2283



47TH ANNUAL HERITAGE HILLS HISTORIC HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd and 3rd, 2013, Noon to 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 advance online)

This year's tour features the following private homes:

- Kyle & Sara Sweet - 300 NW 15th St.
- Dr. Adam de la Garza & Corey Phillips - 322 NW 15th St.
- Bill Carey - 326 NW 16th St.
- Dr. Diana Hampton - 1715 N Hudson
- Michael & Katherine Nichols - 440 NW 16 St.

As always, the Overholser Mansion at 405 NW 15th is also on the tour and will serve as Tour Central.

This year's Cafe partner is Ingrid's Kitchen. They'll be open from 11:30AM to 5PM on both Saturday and Sunday, so come to the Carriage House at the Overholser Mansion and enjoy a selection of sandwiches, bratdogs, sliders and other Ingrid's Favorites for lunch before the tour. Beer, wine, soft drinks and bottled water are also available.

For information about the tour, the neighborhood and to purchase advance discount tickets (\$12 before Oct 15th), see heritagehills.org or contact the Tour Chair, [Marsha Funk](#), at (405) 627-9388 or the Tour Co-chair, [Katy Leffel](#), at (405) 922-5420.

Tickets also available at *23rd Street Antique Mall, 42nd Street Candy Company, Country Temptations, Full Circle Bookstore, Ingrid's Kitchen, Overholser Mansion, Prairie Thunder Baking Co., Shady Lady Interiors, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Wings of Desire.*



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