

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!



The Tree Bank's application for free trees for organizations is now available

The Tree Bank is currently offering free trees through their Great Tree Giveaway, Shade Trees On Playgrounds, Oklahoma Orchards and Fire and Ice Re-Leaf programs. Please review the application for more information about each option to see which program is best for your organization.

Please note that we cannot give free trees to private citizens for their personal property, however, they are welcome to encourage an organization or community agency to apply so that they might receive a tree.

The application can be found at www.treebank.org and is due by 5pm, Wednesday, August 31. The application can be submitted via email or mail to: 3535 N. Classen, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.



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Upcoming Neighborhood Organizing & Officer Training

- **Monday, August 1, 6pm (for Voluntary Neighborhood Associations)**

(There will be no Mandatory HOA Training in August. Please come in September!)

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.

Upcoming Crime Patrol Trainings

If you or your neighborhood leaders want to learn more about Neighborhood Crime Patrol, there are two upcoming training sessions. Neighborhoods who want to start a patrol **MUST** attend one of these bi-monthly classes. If your neighborhood already has a patrol and you want to become eligible to participate, you may attend.

The next two training sessions are:

- ◆ Monday, August 1 at 6:30 pm
Hefner Division Headquarters: 3924 NW 122nd
Led by MSgt. Skalla
- ◆ Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 pm
Southside Division Headquarters:
5501 S Portland



Report code violations through the new OKC Connect smartphone app

Report graffiti, high grass, yard parking, illegal dumping, potholes, poorly maintained property and other eyesores to Oklahoma City by downloading the new [OKC Connect smartphone app](#).

Download the free app for your [Apple](#) or [Android](#) smartphone or tablet. You can also search for OKC Connect in your device's app store.

The OKC Connect app lets residents submit service requests through their smartphone, get information about City services and stay connected with updates.

"The OKC Connect app is a fast, easy way to report neighborhood issues and poor street conditions to the City," said Oklahoma City's Public Information Officer Kristy Yager. "We have to know about problems before we can take steps to fix them."

You can also make service requests at the [Action Center's website](#) or by calling [\(405\) 297-2535](tel:405-297-2535).

The OKC Connect app was developed in partnership with Accela, a leading provider of civic engagement solutions for governments, for \$19,000 annually.

- [Sign up](#) for eNotifications and the City of OKC News newsletter.
- Follow the [City of Oklahoma City](#) on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [more](#).
- Watch [City Channel 20](#) on Cox Cable or live anywhere on [YouTube](#).
- Download the [OKC Connect smartphone app](#) for [Apple](#) or [Android](#).

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

- August 3, 2016
- September 7, 2016
- October 5, 2016

Panera Bread Location

- 6410 SW 3rd Street
- 6800 N Western Avenue
- 10600 S Pennsylvania Avenue

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

Run, Hide, Fight

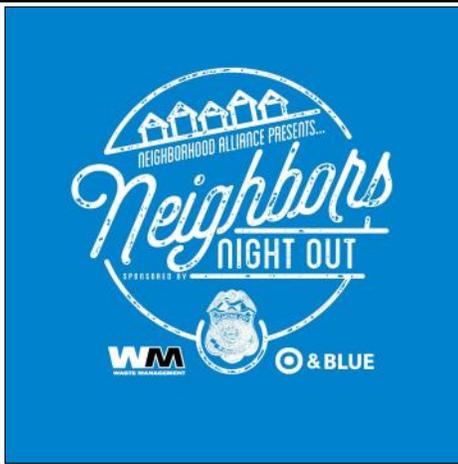
If you are in a building and facing an active shooter situation, what is your plan? What is the first thing you do? It should be this. Run, hide, fight.

Run, hide, fight is the federal government's recommendation for an active shooting. If you are around an active shooting in progress, first dismiss and ignore all the sights and sounds around you that take attention away from your plan. Shots fired, fire alarms and screaming people can overwhelm your senses. Having swiftly dismissed all distractions, decide if running is an option. Do you see the shooter, and is the screaming and shots fired close to you or visible? If it looks clear, then RUN! How do you run? "Serpentine" run (zig zag, not a straight line) to cover until you get free of the building. You should not go to or look for your car. Your car can be a death trap. Run to another location where there are people and you can call 911 for help and instructions.

How do you hide? Look for a place to shelter such as a room you can lock or retail store you can run into to seek shelter and a back door for escape. People who were mentally unprepared have hid in plain sight under a table or on the floor in the open only to be shot because they were very visible. Look for any way you can conceal yourself until the incident is over.

How do you fight effectively? In all my 21 years in the field, I have only seen two people who were physically smaller than the criminal defeat that criminal in hand-to-hand combat. On the other hand, I've seen a lot of younger, bigger, stronger criminals defeated by a smaller victim who had something such as an impact or puncturing object in their hand they used to defend themselves. A non-traditional impact object can be a fire extinguisher, heavy candy dish, a chair, base of a lamp, trophy, paper weight and anything else you can think of that is convenient. Non-traditional puncturing objects would be an ink pen, letter opener, spiked high heel, chop sticks, forks, knives, scissors and anything you see that could be used just where you are. The best tactics to use for either an impact or puncturing object is for them to be used when there is no option of running or hiding. Find a way to hide around a corner if you are being pursued. Use your impact weapon to the face or head multiple times. A puncturing object should be used repeatedly to the neck or groin area, which if struck will cause a severe drop in blood pressure rendering the attacker unconscious.

Think of the monster movies if you are tempted to run after just one strike - the monster always gets back up and chases you. As soon as you clear the building and get to a safe and secure area, call 911 to request help. This is very important to remember! You only use deadly force to STOP the attacker from killing you. If you have a self-defense license and have a firearm, you also NEVER shoot to KILL- only shoot to STOP the person trying to harm you and others.



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

Neighborhood events can range from something as simple as a porch vigil encouraging neighbors to sit and socialize on their porch or front yard, to fully-catered affairs with bounce houses and hundreds of attendees. Regardless of size, these events are an opportunity for you, your neighbors and local businesses to forge relationships and build community.

NNO is 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!

Go to our website, www.nacok.org, for more information and to register your event!

July is Smart Irrigation Month

The [Irrigation Association](#) has named July as Smart Irrigation Month to increase public awareness about simple practices and innovative technologies homeowners, businesses and property managers can use to save water and protect our community's water supply. Many residents overwater their lawns and landscapes by up to 30 percent. Selecting and planting carefully, watering wisely and maintaining and upgrading irrigation systems can help save water while maintaining an attractive landscape. Join us as we celebrate Smart Irrigation Month on July 21 from noon to 1pm at the NW Library for a [smart irrigation technology](#) class. We'll answer your irrigation questions and help you learn ways to reduce water waste.

Dumb sprinklers? Learn about smart irrigation technology and how to reduce water waste in the landscape from noon to 1pm, July 21 at the NW Library, 5600 NW 122nd. Many controllers are set to automatically waste water, and smart irrigation can help you set your sprinklers to have a growing landscape without the waste. The workshop is free and lunch will be provided. Registration required. Call 297-3477.

Water Conservation Measures

Watering schedules are now in place: Oklahoma City and surrounding communities have implemented Progressive Water Conservation Stages. Mandatory odd/even watering (Stage 1) is now permanently in effect. If the drought worsens, additional conservation measures will take effect.

How does odd/even watering work? It's simple.

- If your address ends in an even number, you can water on even-numbered calendar days.
- If your address ends in an odd number, you can water on odd-numbered calendar days.

For example:

- If your address is 1400, you can water on the 2nd, 4th, 6th of the month and so on.
- If your address is 1401, you can water on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.

