

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 YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

Neighbors Night Out will be celebrated on
Tuesday, September 12, 2017

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 2016. We want to recruit and include even more neighborhoods for 2017!



SAVE THE DATE! ONE OKC 2017

Details

Date: May 6th, 2017
Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Location: NE 23rd Street Between Kelham Ave. & Hood St.

Host: Northeast OKC Renaissance, Inc.
Contact: info@oneokc.net, sponsor@neokcr.org,
volunteer@oneokc.net,

Follow: FB: One OKC, Twitter: @oneokcevent,
IG: @oneokcevent, Snap: @oneokcevent
Web: www.oneokc.net,



Sign up now for LitterBlitz!

Help fight litter in Oklahoma City by registering for the 17th annual LitterBlitz campaign. Teams are needed to clean one site once during the month of April and help rid OKC of trash. Trash bats and gloves are provided. Form a team and register online at okcbeautiful.com/programs/litterblitz or call 405.525.8822 by March 31. The City of Oklahoma City and OKC Beautiful co-sponsor this citywide cleanup event.

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211OK.org



As you read this, tens of thousands of Oklahomans in need are actively seeking help. Some find themselves in dire circumstances suffering through homelessness, food insecurity, domestic violence or other life challenges. Increasingly, their only means of finding the help they need is through a mobile device.

Thanks to funding from the Zarrow Family Foundations, countless hours of efforts from 211, and the technical expertise of our partner Asemio (www.asemio.com), we are happy to announce the launch of 211OK.org. This *simple to use and mobile friendly* site provides access to a wealth of information on the thousands of service organizations (the 211 directory) serving in all 77 counties of Oklahoma. The 211OK site allows the user to email or call a service organization directly, access driving directions, find services nearest them, and email information about a service organization to someone else in need.

Imagine you are the mother of a young infant and in need of diapers and formula? Go to 211OK.org. Type in “formula” in the search box on the home page. Then, click on “Services near me” on the organization listing page. Then, click on the organization entry at the top of the list and click on directions at the top right of the display. I hope this gives you an idea of the importance of this site to those most in need.

WOULD YOU HELP US GET THE WORD OUT?

- Please consider sending this information to neighbors, friends or family members in need or those involved in helping others in need.
- Please consider posting this information to your social media channels, neighborhood websites, etc.

Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan available for public review

The draft update to Oklahoma City’s Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for public review and comment until March 16.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated every five years and describes natural hazards that have affected our community and are likely to affect us in the future. The plan includes ways to limit Oklahoma City’s exposure to the hazards, limit the damage and help the community recover more quickly when damage occurs.

The public review and comment period allows the City to collect feedback from residents, which helps make the plan more useful for City staff and emergency management officials.

Examples of updates to the plan this year include making the document smaller and easier to share electronically, maps and updated hazard profiles. Having an approved, updated plan is a requirement of federal regulations to receive federal hazard mitigation grant funds.

You can review the draft updated plan and provide comments online at oklahomacity.civicomment.org, or in person from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the City Clerk’s Office on the second floor of City Hall, 200 N Walker Ave.

Upcoming Neighborhood Organizing & Officer Training

- **Monday, May 1, 6pm (for Voluntary Neighborhood Associations)**
- **Tuesday, April 4 and Tuesday, May 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/ 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, April 4, 6-8 pm
Panera Bread
7101 Northwest Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK 73132

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

Tax season is upon us and so is the spike in Identity theft. If the scam artist can't talk to you, they can't scam you. If your phone rings and it's from someone other than your contacts, don't answer. Let the call go to voicemail so you can review it. If it's a threat of any kind from someone saying they are with the IRS, **DO NOT CALL THEM BACK!** Delete the call because it's a scam. If you have a landline phone (hopefully you have a caller ID), use the same protocol as above.

The latest IRS scam is for a the scam artist to identify themselves as an IRS agent with a phony badge number saying you have a large tax return, but they need some personal information from you in order to process it. In doing this, they are actually processing your return to themselves. On the IRS website, Commissioner John Koskinen said, "Don't be fooled. The IRS won't be calling you out of the blue asking you to verify your personal tax information or aggressively threatening you to make an immediate payment."

The IRS has said in writing they **will never**:

- Call to demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you several bills.
- Call or email you to verify your identity by asking for personal and financial information.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone or e-mail.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

In the event you need to verify an IRS agent is calling you for an official purpose, you can call 1-800-366-4484. If there is an attempted scam, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) and to IRS at phishing@irs.gov (Subject: 'IRS Phone Scam') If you are out any money because you were scammed in Oklahoma City, please call 405-231-2121 to make a police report. If you live outside of Oklahoma City, contact your local law enforcement agency.

OPEN STREETS OKC

SPRING OPEN STREETS APRIL 2, 2017 NORTH OKC ALONG NW 23RD STREET

THIS IS A PET FRIENDLY EVENT! WE ASK THAT ALL PETS BE ON A LEASH DURING THE EVENT. ROUTE WILL RUN ON NW 23RD FROM ROBINSON TO WESTERN.

PLEASE CONTACT CARRIE BLUMERT
AT CARRIE_BLUMERT@OCCHD.ORG OR 405-419-4166 WITH
QUESTIONS



2017 Neighborhood Watch Patrol Classes

The Oklahoma City Police Department will hold neighborhood watch patrol classes at the Hefner Patrol Division at 3924 NW 122nd St. on the following dates this year.

- April 11th, Tuesday at 6:30pm-7:30pm
- June 13th, Tuesday at 6:30pm-7:30pm
- August 8th Tuesday at 6:30pm-7:30pm

Please visit our website at 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!

****ALSO, PLEASE NOTE: APRIL CRIME STATS WILL GO OUT A WEEK LATER THAN USUAL, ON APRIL 18, 2017****