

## 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!*

# Neighborhood Alliance will host the Tenth Annual Good Neighbor Awards Banquet

Thursday, November 10, 2016  
At the Chevy Bricktown Events Center  
429 East California Avenue

Tickets are on sale now at [www.nacok.org](http://www.nacok.org)



Join us for an elegant evening celebrating the exceptional efforts of Central Oklahoma's neighbors and neighborhoods.

The categories and nominees are:

- **Neighborhood of the Year** - Lytle Grove, Brookwood, Classen's North Highland Parked
- **Good Neighbor of the Year** - Russ Islas - Military Park, Larene Sherwood - Prairie Queen, Al & Vanita Munzy - Arrow Wrecker
- **Community Partner** - Impressions Printing, Community Action Agency, Panera Bread
- **Best Neighborhood Project** - ONE OKC, Classen Ten Penn, OU School of Social Work
- **Best Neighborhood Communications** - Crestwood, North Coronado Heights, Sky Ranch
- **Scout Finch Award, recognizing a neighbor under the age of 18** - Cait & Crewe Prough - Epworth View, Lilly Reeves - Edgemere Park, Jordan, Erick, and Elijah Jones - JFK Neighborhood

The **Neighborhood Alliance Board of Directors Honoree** for 2016 is **Oklahoma City Mayor, Mick Cornett**. Mayor Cornett became Oklahoma City's 35th mayor on March 2, 2004. He is first mayor in the City's history to be elected to a fourth term, and is currently the longest-serving mayor among the 50 largest cities in America.

During the reception hour, you can...

- Purchase a chance to win a fabulous prizes to be awarded at the banquet, including floor seats to a Thunder Game!
- Participate in our wine and gift card pulls

Doors open at 5:45 pm. Cash Bar. Go to [www.nacok.org](http://www.nacok.org) to purchase your tickets!

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# Oklahoma City Halloween Events

Traditional [trick-or-treating](#) is on Halloween night this year in Oklahoma City and neighboring communities. It's a night of frights and fun, and whether you're looking for children's activities and trick-or-treating or the more adult-oriented events, here are the top Halloween happenings around OKC.



**Haunt the Harn** - At the historical Harn Homestead Museum, family members of all ages can have a great time on Thursday, October 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be hay rides, games, bobbing for apples, marshmallow roasting by the fire, crafts, trick-or-treating and more.

**Haunt the River Cruises** - Every Saturday in October, adults can get dressed up and enjoy a costumed Oklahoma River cruise with contests and more. Haunt the River Cruises are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and include entertainment and cash bar.

**Not-So-Frightening-Fun at Science Museum Oklahoma** - Held on October 29th, this overnight event features special experiments, including a Halloween Science Live show an activity in which visitors get to create their own swamp goo. Kids are encouraged to wear costumes, and check-in is at 6 pm. Call (405) 602-3760 to register.



**Haunt the Zoo** - The Oklahoma City Zoo hosts their annual Halloween event at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. each night from the 26th through the 31st, featuring several days of trick-or-treating for the kids. Each year continues to set attendance records, and it's one of the top places in the metro for parents to bring their children for safe Halloween fun. Admission cost is \$7 per child, and accompanying adults 18 and over are admitted free.

## Input needed for 2017 bond election proposal

The City is kicking off our public input process for the Sept. 12, 2017 bond election with a resident survey.

**Take the survey online at [okc.gov/go](http://okc.gov/go) through Feb. 31, 2017.**

Tell us your priorities on OKC's infrastructure needs like streets, parks, drainage, transit, sidewalks and more.

Watch for neighborhood surveys and community-wide workshops coming soon. Go to [okc.gov/go](http://okc.gov/go) and sign up for bond election updates



## Upcoming Neighborhood Organizing & Officer Training

- **Monday, November 7, 6pm (for Voluntary Neighborhood Associations)**
- **Tuesday, November 1, 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.



### OKC South Side Initiative

South Side Initiative will be hosting a Fall Festival October 27th at Southern Oaks Community Center (SOCC) for Parmelee Elementary students. They are expecting between 300-400 students to be in attendance. They will have activities, a haunted house, and most importantly, trick-or-treating. They are seeking donations of pens and pencils and bags of candy to be turned in at SOCC at 6818 S Walker, Oklahoma City, by Monday, October 24th.

*A word from one of our Police Community Relations Officers:*  
**MSgt. Robert Skalla, Hefner Patrol Division PCR**

### Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention

#### Car theft facts

- Car theft is the largest property crime in the United States
- A car is stolen every 45 seconds in the United States
- 721,053 cars were stolen in 2012 worth \$4.3 billion.
- Nationally only 14.2% of car thefts were cleared by an arrest
- Carjackings occur most frequently in urban areas and account for 3% of reported car thefts.
- 55% of all cars stolen are recovered, which means 45% are never recovered.
- More than 67% of car thefts occur at nighttime hours.
- The top ten cars stolen are: Honda Accord, Honda Civic, Chevrolet pickup, Ford pickup, Toyota Camry, Dodge pickup, Dodge Caravan, Jeep Cherokee, Toyota Corolla and Nissan Altima.

#### Prevention

- Lock it and pocket the keys. Nearly 20% of all cars stolen had the keys in the vehicle.
- Never leave car running while quickly going into a convenience store.
- On cold mornings, never leave your car running to warm up while unattended.
- If possible, avoid parking next to large SUVs, pick-ups, and other large vehicles that may act as concealment or block observation of the theft
- Park in well-lit busy areas.
- If you have an alarm on your car - use it!
- Periodically check your license plates to make sure they haven't been stolen, switched or altered.
- If you see someone trying to steal your car, be smart and call 911 immediately and give the following information: location, year, make, model, color, license plate number, good description of suspect and direction of travel. Do not confront the suspect from a position of exposure or harm. If you can safely take a picture with your cell phone from a distance, this is good evidence.

There is a NEW telephone number to call if you want to stop having those papers in plastic sleeves thrown into your yard, driveway, or in the street in front of your home.

According to a representative of American Newspaper Solutions, you can be removed from the delivery list by calling this number:  
(405)603-2511.



**Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Don't forget to set your clocks back!**



**OPEN  
STREETS  
OKC**

**OPEN STREETS OKC IS SUNDAY, OCT. 23rd  
IN SOUTH OKC FROM WILEY POST PARK TO  
HISTORIC CAPITOL HILL**

Open Streets OKC is a local health and wellness project sponsored by the Oklahoma City-County Health Department's Wellness Now Coalition and strong partner organizations. The event encourages active transportation such as biking or walking, which promotes healthier residents. It also creates closer ties to our community.

On Sunday, October 23rd from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, we will reclaim part of several busy streets for a few hours of non-motorized activity. Everyone is invited to walk, bike, skate or board while they meet local business owners and celebrate a festive part of Oklahoma City. There will be food trucks and the event is pet friendly.

To learn more about Open Streets OKC go to: [www.openstreetsokc.com](http://www.openstreetsokc.com) [www.facebook.com/OpenStreetsOKC](http://www.facebook.com/OpenStreetsOKC) Twitter: @OpenStreetsOKC

## **Leash Law Keeps Dogs and People Safe**

In the City of Oklahoma City, dogs must be kept on a leash at all times outside of their home. This ordinance is in effect not only for the safety of the dogs, but the safety of other citizens as well. All dogs are also required to wear their rabies tags at all times, and the ordinance requires owners to dispose of pet waste when the pet is off their own property. If you would like to report a loose dog in your neighborhood, call the Action Center at 297-2535. Please give the address where the dog lives, where it is roaming loose and what type of dog it is.



Dogs are also not allowed to wade or swim in public waters, including Lake Hefner, Lake Overholser and Lake Stanley Draper. The only exception is when visiting the PAW Park, located at NW 73 and Grand Boulevard, where dogs are welcome to roam off their leash while inside the park gates and swim in the PAW Park pond. Owners in the PAW Park must clean up after their dogs, even though they are allowed to run free (M Code Â§ 38-147 and 148).