

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!



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

- May 4, 2016
- June 1, 2016
- July 6, 2016
- August 3, 2016
- September 7, 2016
- October 5, 2016

Panera Bread Location

- 6800 N Western Ave., Oklahoma City
- 10600 S Pennsylvania Ave., Oklahoma City
- 4401 W Memorial Rd., Oklahoma City
- 6410 SW 3rd St., Oklahoma City
- 6800 N Western Ave., Oklahoma City
- 10600 S Pennsylvania Ave., Oklahoma City

Grass is Greener Workshop - No Where Greener Than Your Own Back Yard



Oklahoma County Master Gardeners Association is presenting, the Grass Is Greener Workshop, **No Where Greener than Your Own Back Yard**, on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Building, 3400 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City.

In honor of Earth Day, OCMGA is offering this free garden workshop to assist the community to be Earth Kind and Water Wise and still have that perfect green lawn. OCMGA will also show our community how to grow beautiful and edible plants in a stylish, manageable and fun way.

This workshop will cover the best grass options for Oklahoma County, How to be water wise with a How2 H2O and a fun, informative, recycled pallet gardening demonstration. Participants will leave with all the information they need to have a green, water-wise lawn in their own backyard and how to create a fabulous up-cycled pallet garden for beautiful and edible plants.

Oklahoma County Master Gardeners Association offers programs throughout the year designed to help the community learn to grown. To register for this workshop or for more information on this and other programs contact the Oklahoma County Master Gardeners Association at (405) 713-1125.

“Like” the Oklahoma County Master Gardeners Association/Public on Facebook or follow us @OKCOMGA on Twitter or OK_MASTER_GARDENERS on Instagram. Oklahoma County Master Gardeners are available Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm at (405) 713-1125 or okmganswers@gmail.com or visit our website at okcmg.org.

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www.nacok.org



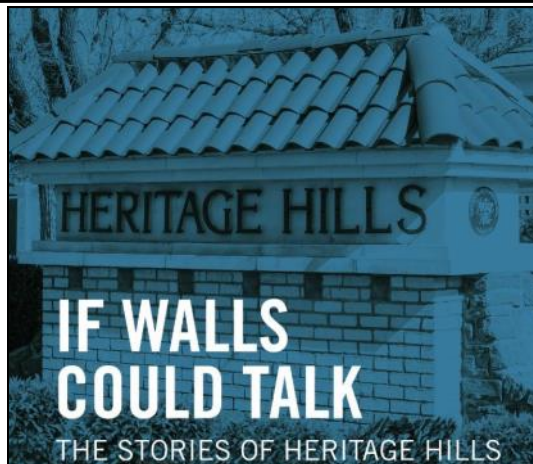
1236 NW 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73118
Phone: (405) 528-6322
info@nacok.org

Upcoming Neighborhood Organizing & Officer Training

- **Monday, May 2, 6pm (for Voluntary Neighborhood Associations)**
- **Tuesday, May 3, 6pm (for Homeowner Associations with Mandatory Dues)**

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.



Join us for an entertaining evening with Bob Blackburn, author of **Heritage Hills: Preservation of a Historic Neighborhood** and Executive Director of the Oklahoma History Center, to learn the fun and sordid stories of Heritage Hills while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. This is a special event to kick off the 50th Anniversary Heritage Hills Home Tour and proceeds will be used for the beautification of public spaces in Heritage Hills.

Thursday, April 21 - 7:00 to 9:30 pm
Home of Ron and Denise Suttles
327 NW 14th Street
\$45 per person
Purchase tickets at www.heritagehills.org

Residents encouraged to conserve water with rain barrels

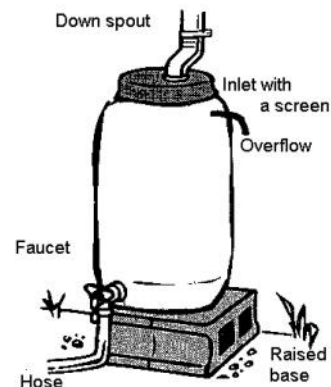
The City of Oklahoma City and the Central Oklahoma Storm Water Alliance (COSWA) are partnering to encourage residents to conserve water and reduce pollution through the use of rain barrels.

The organizations are offering discounted rain barrels at www.upcycle-products.com starting at \$63.50 each. Residents should click on "order forms" on right side of web page and choose "Oklahoma Municipal Program." The deadline to order is June 12, 2016.

"Rain barrels collect water that drains from your home's gutter system", Environmental Protection Manager, Raymond Melton, said. "Watering with rain water is better for your plants and it's free."

Oklahoma City Council passed an urban agriculture ordinance that allows a maximum of two 85-gallon rain barrels in the front yard. Any number of rain barrels can be placed on the side or back of property as long as they are not visible from the street. The containers must be securely covered and any openings must be covered with a screen that prevents the infestation of insects and other pests.

Rain barrels ordered online can be picked up between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on June 17 or between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on June 18, from the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 1621 S. Portland. For more information about this special event contact Andrea Shelton, 297-1797 or andrea.shelton@okc.gov.



FREE LEGAL ADVICE

APRIL 28

9 A.M. to 9 P.M.



STATEWIDE: 800-456-8525
TULSA AREA: 918-838-8770



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LAW DAY IS A PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE OKLAHOMA BAR ASSOCIATION AND YOUR LOCAL COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION. VISIT WWW.OKBAR.ORG/LAWDAY FOR MORE INFO.

The Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA) will provide free legal advice on Thursday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. as part of its annual Law Day celebration. Residents statewide can call toll-free [800-456-8525](tel:800-456-8525) and Tulsa area residents can call [918-838-8770](tel:918-838-8770) to have their legal questions answered and to receive legal advice from volunteer attorneys at NO CHARGE. If they prefer, residents may email their questions to askalawyer@okbar.org. Email questions will be answered starting Monday, April 25. The OBA has been providing this community service for more than 35 years.

A word from one of our Police Community Relations Officers:
MSgt. Steven Brackeen, Santa Fe Patrol Division PCR

Phone Scams

1. The Scam—You receive a phone call and the person on the other end of the phone tells you to call a number for details of family emergency. The number that you are given begins with *72 and then the number. When you press *72 before a number it transfers your phone line to the number you have entered after the *72. The person can now use your phone line to call all over the world and you will not know anything about it until you receive your phone bill.

Solution : Don't ever dial any number that is long distance that does not begin with an area code first.

2. The Scam—You receive a phone call from what appears to be the county courthouse and the person you are talking to tells you that you have missed jury duty and now there is a warrant for your arrest. The person also tells you that they can remove the warrant for your arrest from the system if you just confirm your personal information.

Solution: Never give out any personal information over the phone! Hang up the phone and call the number for the courthouse that is listed in the phone book.

3. The Scam—You receive a phone call from a person who states that they are an employee with your bank and this person tells you that there is a problem with your account. The person also tells you that they can fix your account while you are on the phone with them all they need is for you to verify your account number.

Solution: Never give any account information over the phone. Think about it if this person works for your bank they know your account number, have them tell you the account number to verify they are who they say they are.

REMINDER: NEVER GIVE OUT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE!

REMINDER: New OKC tornado siren policy in effect as spring arrives

Oklahoma City's new tornado siren policy makes it more important than ever to immediately take shelter and get more information when you hear a siren. Sirens in OKC will sound only in and near areas covered by National Weather Service (NWS) tornado warnings. The Oklahoma City Council adopted the new policy in December.

Sirens to sound in smaller areas - In previous years, OKC sounded all of its sirens within a county affected by an NWS tornado warning. For example, if the NWS issued a tornado warning in Cleveland County, OKC sounded all of its Cleveland County sirens. As a result, people could hear sirens far away from tornado threats. Now, sirens will sound in smaller areas. That means anyone who hears a siren is more likely to be close to a potentially deadly storm.

The NWS and other emergency management officials collaborated with the City to recommend the policy improvement. They concluded people are ignoring sirens as changing technology provides better information more quickly. It's dangerous when people stop associating sirens with an imminent threat. The NWS estimates the policy change means up to 68 percent fewer people will hear sirens when there's no nearby threat.

Have multiple information sources - Emergency management officials recommend you have more than one way to get warnings and other information about storms. Information sources include NOAA weather radios, smartphone apps, television news, traditional radios and online news and weather websites.

- Sign up for the City of OKC [Accessible Hazard Alert System](#).
- Sign up for the [City of OKC News](#) email 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](#).



Neighborhood Alliance will present Legal Issues for Homeowners Associations this April -

The two part class is taught by Attorney, Matthew Winton. A variety of topics will be discussed, including:

- By-laws
- Covenants
- Assessment of special fees
- Dues collection
- Conflict resolution
- How to find the right management company for your association

When:
Basic - April 19, 6-8pm

Advanced - April 26,
6-8 pm

Where:
OKC Police Training
Center
800 N Portland Avenue,
Oklahoma City, OK

Mr. Winton specializes in community and homeowner association law and will provide handouts and take time to answer questions from the audience. The workshop will last approximately two hours. A light dinner will be served.

The 2016 Legal Issues programs are sponsored by Mutual of Omaha Bank. To learn about the programs and services of Mutual of Omaha Bank for HOAs please visit www.CABanc.com.