



Remington REPORT



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Dues drive ends

The RHOA's annual dues drive for 2014 has ended on a positive note. While not as successful as earlier years, we ended up outdoing last year's contribution rate of 85%, if only by a fraction of a percent.

Looking at our contribution statistics, we can report that 237 of our currently-occupied 276 households have contributed dues for the year, or 85.9%.

We are proud of the fact that over 58% of the residents who did make a contribution sent in an amount over and above the requested \$35, the overage ranging from \$5 to \$150.

We are pleased to acknowledge those of you who contributed your dues this year, and we do so on Page 6 of this issue. If you have paid your 2014 dues, please check the list on Page 6 to be sure that your name is included. If it is not, contact RHOA Treasurer **Brian Gustas** (302-5500) immediately.

We appreciate all of you who also returned your 2014 Dues Surveys – **we are still in the process of updating our files with the changes you noted on your survey forms.**

If you requested Remington ID Stickers via your survey forms, please be aware that the requested number of ID stickers will be delivered to you in the next month.

It's still not too late to send in your dues contribution and Survey Form. The financial support of residents at such a high rate for a voluntary association shows your approval of our efforts. Thank you!

Ice Cream Social is set for Tuesday, June 10th

Remington Addition's annual Ice Cream Social has been set for **Tuesday evening, June 10, 2014, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.** – and a totally enjoyable couple of hours is planned. The event will be held at the open field at the east end of N.W. 144th Street (the same location where last month's "Easter Egg-Stravaganza" was held).

A variety of delicious Blue Bell Ice Cream flavors will be served to all who attend, and inflatable water slide and "moon walk" will be available for youngsters to enjoy. There will also be a slip 'n slide and a baby pool.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite dessert – one which would go well with ice cream – to share with neighbors. However, the only things you really *have* to bring – besides your family – are a place to sit (lawn chairs, quilts) and an appetite for dessert. In other words, bringing a dessert would be nice, but is not a requirement. Mainly, just plan to spend a couple of hours visiting and eating dessert!

Be *sure* to mark your calendar for this really enjoyable social get-together. We promise you'll enjoy the company . . . and the ice cream!

Annual Garage Sale event is in jeopardy

As we went to press, we were still three locations shy of meeting the required minimum for an RHOA-sponsored "Neighborhood Garage Sale". The event – if it happens – will take place on Saturday, June 14th.

"The event was discussed at length at our May RHOA Meeting," said RHOA President **Pete Massion** (14405 Fossil Creek Lane). "The feeling was that, if we could not get 20 locations out of our 276 occupied homes, we did not want to call it a 'Neighborhood Garage Sale'".

Indeed, the event is advertised in the *Oklahoman* and on Craigslist.org as "20-plus locations". To end up with less locations just would not merit the publicity.

However, all is not lost at this point. "I generally don't post the ads in the newspaper and on Craigslist.org until after June 1st," said event coordinator **Paul Thiel** (4204 N.W. 145th Street). "We may achieve our required number of locations by that date."

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Garage sale

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If not, Paul will check with those residents who have signed on to have a garage sale on June 14th – if they are still willing to have a sale, he will ask each of them to contribute to the cost of advertising (about \$65) and will go ahead and post the ads in the newspaper and on Craigslist.org to promote a garage sale of “x number of homes in Remington Addition”.

“We would not put up the signs promoting the Neighborhood Garage Sale at strategic area street intersections as we usually do,” said Paul, “but the ads should still draw a good crowd.”

All of this, of course, can be remedied by the addition of three more locations, and the RHOA-sponsored event will go on as planned.

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Welcome to Remington!

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Jeff & Debra Clanahan moved in at 14624 Pony Road (the home previously owned by Charleen Green) in late April, coming from apartments at 122nd & Pennsylvania, where they had lived the past two years. Joining them are their two pet dogs, Boone and Bella. Jeff is employed with Grimsley's Inc., a janitorial supply company located in Stillwater. Debra works for Chaparral Energy.



Yard of Month winner shows early color

Our Yard of the Month for May could best be described as a "veritable exhibition of spring blooms". While there is still a lot of well-placed greenery at **14617 Fossil Creek Lane**, owners Richard & Sherri Kuebler have taken steps to show off a variety of flowering plants that defy listing in the limited space of this article.

But it works. Drive by this home and see for yourself: the colorful blooms work well to offset the neat greenery giving balance to this front yard.

Notably, there are two large islands devoted to trees and plants, both combining to minimize the lawn area. The leftmost island (as one faces the house) is dominated by a very large River Birch tree, surrounded by a circular bed bordered by large decorative stones. Decorating the bed are, in no particular order, orange-yellow Marigolds, white Phlox, a sprig of Moneywort (sure to spread as the season progresses), Firecracker Salvia, pink Petunias, bright Impatiens, Sweet Williams, Columbine, and Celosia – all surrounded by decorative redwood mulch.

The right island is quite different, sporting three small Slash Pine trees surrounded by a healthy stand of low-growing Saybrook Gold Junipers. Color is supplied by the bright reddish-pink Knockout Rose bushes on the right side of the island. The entire bed is bordered by a wall of brick in the same style as the house itself.

The bed to the left of the front entry to the home continues the style of the right front island, with its raised brick bordering. An assortment of flowers and greenery are sprinkled throughout the large bed, which is lined with Boxwood shrubs along the two walls and decorated with large ornamental rocks. Flowering plants on the wall (hanging basket) and in the bed include a fern, Aucuba Japonica, Hostas, Geraniums, both yellow and purple Daisies, pink-red Nicotina, red Begonias, Moneywort and a potted Calla Lily. The bed is anchored in the center by a sizeable Weeping Juniper tree.

The narrow bed along the right side of the house is largely filled with "greens" – Nandinas, Japanese Yews and Skyrocket Boxwood – but laced with a variety of colorful plants: Day Lilies and Petunias (in a large green pot), plus an assortment of other flowering plants.

Take a drive by this Yard of the Month – we think you'll agree that color has arrived.

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RHOA Proceedings

(Summarized from official RHOA meeting minutes)

Following are highlights taken from the minutes of the most recent RHOA Meeting. Items marked by (p. _) are referred to in an article on the page indicated in this issue of the newsletter.

The scheduled meeting of the Remington Homeowners Association was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at the home of Dan & Linnie Points. There were 19 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Pete Massion.

Paul Thiel gave an update on the Annual Dues Drive (p. 1), followed by a report on behalf of the Hospitality/Care Committee.

Tim Munson provided an update on the stub closure project (p. 7), indicating that a new attorney has been retained to represent the RHOA in the project.

Ginny Massion provided a recap of Easter Egg-stravaganza, noting that many items have already been purchased for next year's event.

Discussion next centered on the annual RHOA Garage Sale (p. 1). Paul Thiel stated that the required minimum participants had not been attained as of meeting time. He asked the attending membership to determine the position of the Association on the June 14th event if the minimum 20 locations is not secured. After some discussion, it was decided to stick to the rule: the reputation of the neighborhood event would be jeopardized by a smaller number of locations than advertised in the newspaper.

The June Ice Cream Social was discussed (p. 1). Set for Tuesday, June 10th, the event has no coordinator at this point.

Pete Massion gave a report on the project to overhaul the entryway planters, indicating that a "planting party" had been held on Saturday, May 4th (p. 8). The project came in under budget. Discussion next arose on the need to re-sod areas around the planters with a shade-loving grass. It was felt that the expense of doing this was not justified until it could be determined what effect the widening of N.W. 150th Street (within two years) would have on the Remington entry wall area.

Pete also noted that the next quarterly entryway cleanup would take place on Saturday, June 21st (p. 8).

The meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served by the hosts.

(Ed. note: The above is a recap of the meeting proceedings. Official minutes of the meeting are kept by the RHOA Secretary and are available to any dues-paid member upon request.)



Your 2014 RHOA Officers are:

President:	Pete Massion	14405 Fossil Creek Lane	752-9926	pjmassion@yahoo.com
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Treasurer:	Brian Gustas	4305 N.W. 143 rd Street	302-5500	bgustas@cox.net



New arrival!

Evie Joanne Perales made her grand debut into the world on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at 9:18 pm. She was born at Mercy Health Cen-

ter, weighing in at 8 lbs, 10 oz and measuring 21 inches in length.

Evie is the first child for **Eric & LaDon Perales** (4217 N.W. 145th Street), and they couldn't be prouder! "It's a totally new experience for us, needless to say," said LaDon. "But we are both loving it!"

Congratulations to Eric and LaDon for presenting this brand new addition to our neighborhood. We wish the very best to all three.

Newsletter begins 28th year of publication

As of this issue, we are beginning our 28th year of **continuous monthly publication** of the *Remington Report*. The newsletter was "born" in May, 1987, and since that initial 2-page hand-typed publication, we have delivered 324 issues of the *Remington Report* to our residents.

We are proud of the newsletter we give to you each month – and we're not ashamed to admit it! – because we are proud of the neighborhood that our newsletter represents. We are proud of the efforts that our great staff makes to put our newsletter together each month. We are proud of the way our copy service works to produce a quality document. We are proud of the efforts of the Block Captains to get it delivered to you. We are proud of the support that our advertisers – and *you*, our neighbors – give to the *Remington Report*.

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Update given on stub closure project

An update on the stub closure project was given by **Tim Munson** (4316 N.W. 143rd Street) at the May 6th RHOA Meeting. This project is an effort to close off the two street stubs on the south border of Remington Addition – Pony Road and Mallard Drive – to prevent the extension of these streets when future development of the area takes place. Closing off these stubs will have a positive effect on traffic flow through our neighborhood.

At the meeting, Tim reported that the project suffered a minor setback when the original attorney and engineer were forced to withdraw their services due to a conflict of interest. The good news is that they did not charge any fees for the work they had done prior to withdrawing.

Tim reported that he has talked with attorney Eric Groves (who is representing the RHOA in the Lone Oak East development issue), and Mr. Groves has agreed to take on the stub closure project. He will engage an engineer to work on the project.

The work of the engineer is critical in the next step of the project. Stated simply, the two plats originally submitted by the developers of Remington Addition which incorporate the two street stubs must be re-platted to close off the stubs by making a small portion of the street area private property. In other words, the portion of these two streets which abut the lots at the southernmost end of the street will be made part of those lots – from the center of the street to the edge of the current property.

A title company must be engaged to prepare an affidavit for property owners to sign, approving the re-platting. Once these affidavits are available, it will be necessary to get at least 60% of them signed and notarized by the property owners before proceeding with the re-platting by the engineer.

"I have been told by the attorney that as many as possible over the minimum number of approvals would be desirable," said Tim. "The more property owners show approval, the better chance we have of getting the stub closure approved by the City Planning Commission."

Roster Changes

Please note the following changes in your copy of the *Remington Roster* (Ed. 46):

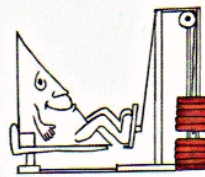
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Street Cleanup Coordinator **Pete Massion** (14405 Fossil Creek Lane) has scheduled our second regular quarterly "Adopt-a-City Street" cleanup of 2014 for **Saturday, June 21st, beginning at 8:30 a.m.** Remington residents wishing to volunteer their help are asked to meet at the neighborhood entryway planters.

We encourage as many of you as possible to show up for this very important activity – even if you can spare only a half hour of your time. The more residents who participate in the cleanup, the faster it will get done.

The work consists primarily of picking up litter along the "adopted street" area, which is the length of N.W. 150th Street between N. Portland and the Bluff Creek Bridge. Both sides of the roadway will be covered.

Trash bags will be provided, but you should bring a pair of work gloves – preferably heavy-duty. Also, you are advised to wear long pants and closed-toe shoes.

Entryway planters get an overhaul

In case you haven't noticed, our entryway planters have undergone a bit of a change. The improvements will begin to show once all the new plantings take root and begin to grow. A replacement tree for the east planter is on order and will be installed as soon as it comes in, completing the overhaul.

Many thanks to the following volunteers who showed up early in the morning of Saturday, May 3rd, to do the work on our planters: **Pete & Ginny Massion** (14405 Fossil Creek Lane), **Natalie Munson** (4316 N.W. 143rd Street), **Eric Perales** (4217 N.W. 145th Street), **Dan & Cindy Hays** (14517 Remington Way) and **Dale Krumme** (14401 Fossil Creek Lane).

An extra-special thank-you goes to Eric Perales, who did most of the heavy digging (thank goodness for young residents!), all the while with an ear to his cell phone as wife LaDon was at the hospital about to give birth to their first child.

Supporting Our Newsletter

Sponsors Renewing Their Advertising This Month

We are pleased to note that **All-Oklahoma Roofing & Construction** has renewed its advertisement in our newsletter. Owned by Remington resident Cash Sanders (14416 Pony Road), All-Oklahoma is a full service construction company and can handle all storm-related damages. On the exterior of your home, they can provide roofing, siding, gutters, painting, fence repair, shed repair, window/door replacement, screen repair, garage door replacement, and more. Inside your home, they can do sheetrock repair, painting, trim and floor replacement, remodeling, and more. Whatever your needs, they offer free inspections and estimates. "I am a licensed adjuster," says Cash. "I am well versed in insurance negotiations and will provide negotiation services free to contracted customers." All-Oklahoma Roofing & Construction has an A+ rating with the BBB, as well as an A ranking on Angie's List (they won the Super Service Award in 2012!). All work is guaranteed, and they carry full workers compensation and general liability insurance on all jobs. For more information, give Cash a call at **413-0251** or go to their website at **www.alloklahomarroofing.com**.

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Jun 10	Ice Cream Social
Jun 14	Neighborhood Garage Sale
Jun 21	Quarterly Cleanup
Jul 1	RHOA Meeting
Sep 2	RHOA Meeting
Sep 9	Neighbors Night Out
Sep 13	Quarterly Cleanup
Nov 4	RHOA Meeting
Nov 29	Entryway Decoration
Dec 2*	Christmas Gathering
Dec 13	Quarterly Cleanup
Dec 14	Decorations Contest
Dec 16*	Progressive Dinner
Jan 6	Annual Business Meeting

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ACTION CENTER	297-2535
Animal Control	297-2255
Animal Shelter	297-3100
Emergency Sewer/Water	297-3334
Mayor's Office	297-2424
OG&E Trouble Line	272-9595
ONG Trouble Line	551-4000
Poison Control Ctr	(800) 222-1222
Pothole Hot Line	631-1111
Street Lights Out	272-9595
Street Maintenance	297-3451
Street Signs/Signals (Replace)	297-2648
Ward 8 Councilman	297-2404

Sitter Referrals

Remington Teens Available for Babysitting:

Chet Biesiada (Age 17)	286-2043
Kaitlin Frost (Age 18)	201-6400
Lauren Gustas (Age 18)	302-5500
Justin Ingram (Age 16)	209-4497
Blair Jones (Age 17)	315-4894
Camden Parrott (Age 15)	248-2199
Rachel Perrault (Age 17)	749-9996
Mason Root (Age 16)	749-0760
Leah Solomon (Age 17)	748-6562
Candace Telford (Age 14)	755-3995

Pet Sitting:

Kaitlin Frost (Age 18)	201-6400
Blair Jones (Age 17)	315-4894
Rachel Perrault (Age 17)	749-9996
Mason Root (Age 16)	749-0760

Next Big Junk Pick-Up: Monday, June 2nd

**IMPORTANT: BIG JUNK LEFT CURBSIDE MORE THAN 3 DAYS IN ADVANCE
OF THIS DATE MAY INCUR A FINE OF UP TO \$500**

Join the Remington Exchange!

Our neighborhood email service allows residents to communicate with each other rapidly to: sell items; obtain service and product referrals; advise of lost (or "found") pets; make announcements; render opinions; and offer just about any other item of importance or interest. Most importantly, alerts are issued on criminal and other suspicious activities in the neighborhood. Remember: **membership is free to all residents**. To become a member of the Remington Exchange, you must (1) have access to the Internet, (2) be a Remington resident and (3) send an email giving your name and address to:

remingtonexchange@gmail.com

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