

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS!

This mailing includes the crime statistics and flyers that we believe are of interest to the residents of your area. Please forward this information to your newsletter editor and/or your neighborhood webmaster so they can share this information in your neighborhood publications. Feel free to re-post any articles.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 7, 6pm

Organizing Your Neighborhood & New Officer Training.

This informal session is open to anyone who wants to find out how to get your neighborhood organized or how to learn more about being a neighborhood officer. A light dinner is served. Classes are held monthly at Neighborhood Alliance.

Please call 528-6322 to reserve your seat!

Tuesday, March 6, 6pm *Organizing Your*

Neighborhood & New Officer Training. See above for details. Please call 328-6322 to reserve a spot.

NEIGHBORHOOD Leaders For Today!

Beginning February 16, the Neighborhood Alliance will once again offer the popular **Neighborhood Leaders for Today** class. Speakers will provide information on topics such as grant writing, parliamentary procedures, dealing with difficult people and running an effective meeting.

This free course meets from 6-9pm on Thursday evenings, February 16-March 29, and Saturdays March 3 and 24 from 9am-3pm. The class is limited to 30 members and a commitment to attend the entire schedule is required. A light supper is served.

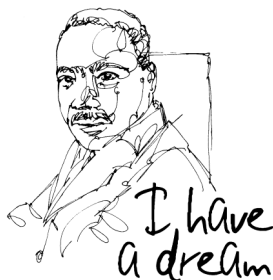
For 19 years, NLT graduates have gone on to be elected to City Council, the State Legislature, Boards of Higher Regents and much more!

Applications are available online at www.nacok.org or by calling 528-6322. Deadline for applications is January 26. Apply now to become the neighborhood leader you've always wanted to be!

Neighborhood Patrol Training

If you have an authorized volunteer patrol in your neighborhood and need to train additional volunteers, please note that a training session will be held on Tuesday, February 28, at 7pm **at the Hefner Police Station, 3924 NW 122nd**. For more information, contact MSgt. Charles Epperly at charles.epperly@okc.gov or call 316-4416.

For information about starting a patrol in your neighborhood, contact Neighborhood Alliance at 528-6322.



**The Neighborhood Alliance
will be closed on Monday, January 16,
in honor of Martin Luther King Day.**

Working to create safe,
attractive and healthy neighborhoods
throughout Central Oklahoma
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City of Oklahoma City Launches Safe Room Rebate Program

OKC homeowner can apply online at www.okc.gov through February 15 for a chance to receive a partial rebate on the purchase & installation of a new safe room.

A safe room is any above or below ground shelter that provides protection from a tornado & meets FEMA 320 or 361 guidelines. (see www.FEMA.gov)

A total of 504 OKC homes (64 per ward) will be chosen by a random electronic selection process from those that apply. A maximum rebate of \$2,000, not to 75% of the cost is available for each home selected.

Need help filing your taxes?

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is available mid-January through mid-April each year at the **Community Action Agency of Oklahoma City**. Electronic filing and assistance filings are offered **free of charge** at many branches. Assistance with filing back taxes is available at the Central Office located at 319 S.W. 25th St., OKC.

For more information please call **405-232-0199** extension 2301.

Weatherization Assistance Program

Do you need help getting your home ready for the cold weather? The **Community Action Agency of Oklahoma City** wants you to apply for the Weatherization Assistance Program, which reduces energy costs for low-income families. Approved applicants can get services such as attic & wall insulation, caulking & weather stripping. The program is free!

Call 232-0199, ext 1409 for more information.



And the winner is...

Congratulations to the winner of our newsletter random drawing for the quarter: the newsletter for Highland Park Neighborhood Association. Don't forget to send us your neighborhood association newsletter for a chance to win \$50!

OU's Big Event

Saturday, April 14.

See enclosed flyer for more information!

Application deadline: 1/28/2012

Volunteer with Neighborhood Alliance!

We frequently need volunteers to help us with registration duties at our workshops and other projects around the office.

If you have a couple of hours a month, give us a call. We are a fun group of people that would love to have the help!! 528-6322 or laura@nacok.org

The Neighborhood Alliance Presents...

Volunteers & My Neighborhood



Helpful tips on how to effectively utilize volunteer groups in your neighborhood.

Because we know that neighbors sometimes need an extra hand to complete neighborhood projects, the Neighborhood Alliance has compiled the following tips on how to best utilize volunteer groups in your community.

HOW VOLUNTEERS CAN HELP:

Volunteers Can...

- Work on public/private lots or individual homes
- Deliver Neighborhood Newsletters
- Paint playground equipment
- Plant flowers or landscape
- Pick up trash
- Help the elderly, veterans, the disabled with home clean-up projects
- Remove graffiti/paint fences, etc.

WHAT VOLUNTEERS CANNOT DO:

Volunteers Typically Cannot...

- Provide materials such as paint, flowers, tools etc.
- Lift materials heavier than 50lbs
- Use power equipment i.e. forklifts, paint-sprayers, brush hogs etc.
- Work on private property without the owners permission

How To Be a Good Host to Your Volunteers

- **Assign a volunteer coordinator from your neighborhood**
- **Communicate tasks clearly**
- **Use a sign-in sheet to track volunteers**
- **Communicate regularly**
- **Offer volunteers refreshments (i.e. water, chips, etc.)**
- **Offer positive reinforcement**
- **Send thank you notes**



**Turn over for
Volunteer Contacts**

How Can I Contact Volunteer Groups?

The University of Oklahoma “Big Event”

Phone: (405) 325-7912 . **Email:** bigevent@ou.edu . **Website:** www.bigevent.ou.edu

Description: The University of Oklahoma holds a Big Event day where over 5,000 student volunteers descend on Oklahoma City area communities to carry out neighborhood beautification projects.

Jobsite Application Deadline: 1/28/2012 **Volunteer Schedule:** 4/14/2012



Chesapeake Energy

Brooke Coe, Community Relations Specialist

Phone: (405) 935-3049 . **Email:** brooke.coe@chk.com

Website: www.chk.com/community

Description: During the months of June & July, nearly 1000 Chesapeake Energy employees roll up their sleeves to volunteer in the community for the annual Operation Blue volunteer program.

Jobsite Application Deadline: Call for more info **Volunteer Schedule:** June-July



The University of Central Oklahoma “Big Event”

Brandt Smith, Assist. Director of Volunteer & Service Learning Center

Phone: (405) 974-2621 . **Email:** bsmith101@uco.edu

Website: www.uco.edu/volunteer

Description: UCO hosts a Big Event day where 500 students perform community service jobs in Edmond and OKC areas

Jobsite Application Deadline: To Be Announced **Volunteer Schedule:** 03/10/2012



Oklahoma State University

JoElla Flinton, Assist. Vice President of Student Services OSU-OKC

Phone: (405) 945-9106 **Email:** fjo@osuokc.edu

Website: www.osuokc.edu/servicelearning

Description: Individual students and faculty carry out community improvement projects throughout the school year.

Jobsite Application Deadline: Call for more info **Volunteer Schedule:** Throughout the School Year



Oklahoma Christian University

Gary Jones, Multicultural & Service Learning Coordinator

Phone: (405) 425-5904 **Email:** gary.jones@oc.edu **Website:** www.oc.edu

Description: During the school year, smaller groups of students carry out community improvement projects in the Greater OKC area.

Jobsite Application Deadline: Call for more info **Volunteer Schedule:** Throughout the School Year

