



Tornado to Hit Windsor Forest Neighborhood: How You Can Help!

Volunteers Needed for Emergency Drill

On Wednesday, April 30th at 9:00 am, a tornado will hit the Windsor Forest neighborhood! Not a real tornado, of course. The City of Oklahoma City will be conducting an Emergency Services Drill to examine how different emergency services will respond and coordinate action during a crisis.

The drill will be held using Windsor Forest as the example neighborhood. Volunteers are needed to play victims and residents of the damaged neighborhood. The drill should be very exciting and fun! Some volunteers will wear special effect make-up to signify injuries. Everyone involved will get to see Oklahoma City's fire, police and medical services in action. Participating in the drill is a great opportunity to show your appreciation to our local heroes by helping them get valuable training!

Drill Location: Fire Training Center,
850 N. Portland Avenue
Date and Time: Wednesday, April 30,
7:00 - 11:30 am

Participants need to wear old, comfortable clothing that they do not mind getting dirty. After completion of the drill, lunch will be served to all participants. You may also want to bring a lawn chair.

If you would like to participate in the drill, please call Neighborhood Alliance at 528-6322 to reserve your spot.

Upcoming Events

Identity Theft Seminar and Document Shredding Event

Saturday, April 5, 9:00-1:00 pm
Express Event Center, 8512 NW Expressway
John Sileo, national speaker and identity theft victim, will be on hand from 10:00-11:30 am to talk about the growing problem of identity theft. A truck-sized shredder will be available at the event, area residents are invited to come shred their confidential documents and learn how to protect themselves against identity thieves. This event is free to the public.

Crime Patroller's Training

Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 pm
Hefner Station
3924 NW 122nd Street
This training is for neighborhoods with established patrols only. If you need a refresher training, or have a few new members to add to your patrol, then you will want to attend. Call 316-4416 for more information.

Miller in May Home Tour

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
NW 16-NW 10-Villa-May
This year's tour will have five homes and three gardens. There will also be a hospitality house and an art sale. Miller will also host a VIP party prior to the tour. VIP party tickets are \$25. Home Tour tickets are \$10. Call Kellie Zaragoza at 528-0016 or Mike Stuart at 948-8747 for more information.

Historic Preservation Coalition Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 6:30pm
Location TBA
Continuation of development of a coalition of HP neighborhoods. Call 528-6322 for more information.

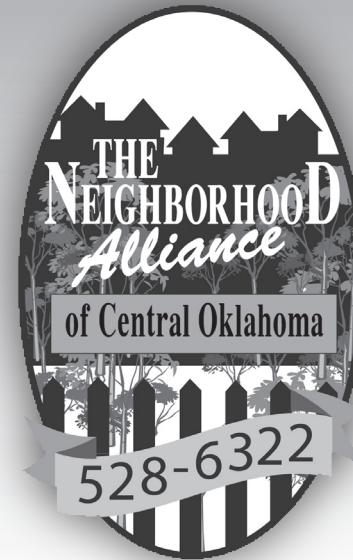
Saturday Morning Sweep

April through September
The City of Oklahoma City's free program to help neighborhoods combat litter and illegal dumping. For more information, call Jane Rauh, Volunteer Coordinator, at 749-3092.

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Central OklahomaSM*



Save the Date!

National Night Out 2008

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Now in its 25th year, National Night Out is an annual event that encourages neighborhoods, civic groups, businesses, law enforcement and local officials to come together and send a message to criminals that they are not welcome in our community.

National Night Out activities can be a simple porch light vigil or a grand neighborhood block party. You can plan contests, exhibits or a parade – whatever works to celebrate your neighborhood and let everyone know that you care for your neighbors and are on the look out against drugs and crime.

Start planning now to join Neighborhood Alliance and your neighbors in celebrating this year's night out for crime prevention. More than 55 Oklahoma City area neighborhoods helped make National Night Out 2007 a great success and we are working to make NNO 2008 even better.

Watch your mail for your neighborhoods' 2008 NNO planning packet and be sure to let us know your plans so that we can assist in getting the word out.

**Watch for your
NNO 2008 Planning
Packet- Coming in May!**

Georgie's Corner

We have been very busy at the ole' firehouse! Spring is here and we are all gearing up.

Ben and I welcomed back our dear friend Deborah Baker to the staff. Deborah worked at Neighborhood Alliance before Ben came on board and now that Ben has entered graduate school she graciously agreed to come back and "job-share" with Ben. This is a win-win situation for all of us! Welcome home Deborah!

We also want to congratulate our own board member Ronald "Skip" Kelly in his new role as Ward 7 Councilman. Skip cares deeply about this City and her neighborhoods and we are thrilled that the City will have the chance to benefit from his passion.

Thirty-two citizens are about to graduate from our 7-week Neighborhood Leaders for Today class and I know they are each going to make a huge impact in our City. We also had the privilege of notifying 4 neighborhoods that they were each the recipient of a \$10,000 "City of OKC Neighborhood Partnership Grant." We look forward to helping each of them complete their projects.

Earlier this month the City of OKC voted to allow trained neighborhood leaders to collect and dispose of illegal signage located within their neighborhoods. The City is actively working on the specifics of this program and hope to host the first training class this summer. We will keep you apprized.

Many of you are participating in the OU Big Event Clean Up Days and OKC Beautiful's Litter Blitz. Both of these April events help you get ready for Spring and Summer. Congratulations for participating and have fun!

Call on us when you need us. We are all working on the same things....creating safer, more beautiful and healthier neighborhoods for all.

Georgie Rasco

Executive Director, Neighborhood Alliance, Inc.



It's Time for Good Neighbor Award Nominations!

Last year's Good Neighbor Awards Banquet was absolutely fantastic! 320 neighbors attended to celebrate the good work that Central Oklahomans are doing to create healthier, safer and more beautiful neighborhoods. Neighborhood Alliance was able to honor eight awardees, recognizing outstanding achievements of neighborhoods, individuals and businesses. This year's banquet will be Thursday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm, mark your calendars!

In May, Neighborhood Alliance will be sending out nomination packets for this year's banquet. Start thinking about who you want to nominate for an award. We want to hear about the good work being done in your neighborhood! Also, consider nominating your own neighborhood this year. If you think your neighborhood is the best in Oklahoma City, tell us about it!

Look for more information about the 2nd Annual Good Neighbor Awards Banquet in upcoming newsletters, crime statistics mailings and on our web site. If you would like to serve on the 2008 banquet planning committee, call us at 528-6322.

Nomination packets will be mailed in May. You will also be able to download nomination forms at

www.nacok.org

Get Your Neighborhood Moving!

Get Moving OKC! is an initiative created by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation (OCCF) to promote the integration of simple physical activity, such as walking, into the daily routines of children and adults in central Oklahoma. The initiative seeks to assist organizations in developing innovative community-based programs that motivate people of all ages to engage in a sustainable program of daily physical activity and inspires them to adopt an active lifestyle that minimizes the potential of future illness and disease.

Grant support up to \$7,000 will be provided to neighborhood organizations, schools, churches and park groups to develop new programs or significantly expand current programs related to promoting physical activity and wellness.

For more information on this and other OCCF grant programs, visit www.occf.org, or call Sandy Wright at 606-2916.

The next deadline for the Get Moving OKC! grant program is July 1, 2008.

Help Make OKC Litter Free!

Spring is here and that means it's time for Oklahoma City's annual spring cleaning event – Litterblitz!

Oklahoma City Beautiful, the City of Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality team up to encourage residents to help make "trash a thing of the past" in Oklahoma City. Litter is not only detrimental to our environment but has a negative impact on our community and local economy. We can all have a part in keeping our city beautiful and litter-free.

April is Litterblitz month - get your neighborhood together and join the more than 65 groups that have already committed to participate. Contact Oklahoma City Beautiful at 525-8822 to register your group and the location that you wish to clean-up. OKC Beautiful will provide your group with trashbags, gloves, safety procedures – everything your group should need for a successful Litterblitz clean-up.

16th Annual NLT Class Shines

This year, 32 people are participating in our 7-week leadership course, Neighborhood Leaders for Today. Participants are learning how to hold effective meetings, how to work with local government, conflict resolution and much more. We are excited to have such a wonderful class this year!

2008 participants:

Thomasena Allen, South Park Estates

David Bishop, Jefferson Park

Mai Cao, Edgemere Park

Bill Clifford, Oklahoma City

Rita Clytus, Edwards Addition

Marjorie Cobb, Zachary Taylor

Yvonne Cobb, Silverlake

John English, Jr.- Sportsmans Lake Estates

Robert and Lura Fink, Walnut Creek Estates

Vanessa Flores, Brookwood

Nicolle Franklin, Edgewater/Lakepointe

Cesario Joel Garcia, Sunset Park

Gary and Collene Hastie, Classen Ten Penn

Joyce Heidelberger, Briarcreek

Jan Helsel, Briarwood Estates

Santos Hernandez, Cambridge Park

Ellen Hickerson, Quail Ridge

Bob Kendall, West Creek Estates

Farzad Khalili, Moore

Marlana Means, Zachary Taylor

Cynthia Mitas, Silverlake

Mary Overall, Persimmon Hill

Kristen Rider, Paseo

Peggy Scarborough, Santa Fe Villas

Carolyn Sims, Briarcreek

Peggy Wallace, Prairie Queen

Jimmy Vaughn, Miller

Bob Zapffe, Oklahoma City

Jamey Zaragoza, Miller