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*Working to create
safe, attractive and healthy
neighborhoods throughout
Central Oklahoma™*






OKC Neighborhoods Awarded Grants

In October of 2005, twelve Oklahoma City neighborhoods were officially awarded a total of \$108,300 from the **City of OKC Neighborhood Partnership Grant**. This unique grant opportunity is available for neighborhoods in low to moderate income areas and is to be used for a safety or beautification project within the neighborhood. Each neighborhood may apply for up to \$10,000 and must provide all the labor and coordination efforts to see the project through.

The total cost of all twelve projects is \$240,823 of which the City is awarding \$108,300. The remainder of the money is being raised by the neighborhoods through donations, contributions and volunteer labor.

The City of OKC still has \$21,700 to award this fiscal year. The grant deadline is February 14, 2006. Neighborhood Alliance is available to help your neighborhood apply for this money but we must get started immediately!

To find out if your neighborhood qualifies, please call Georgie at 528-6322. Those awarded funds are:

-  **Persimmon Hill (Near NE 63rd & Kelley)**
Received \$10,000 to build three brick and stone gateways
-  **Meadowcliff (Near SW 74th & May)**
Received \$6,971 for public safety
-  **Oakcliff (Near SE 44th & Bryant)**
Received \$10,000 to rehab three gateways
-  **Ross Heights (Near NE 23rd & MLK)**
Received \$3,517 for public safety and sign project
-  **Miller (Near NW 16th & Villa)**
Received \$9,525 for entrance and landscaping
-  **Crestwood (Near NW 23rd & Villa)**
Received \$10,000 for period lighting with identity sign
-  **Park Estates North Cashions Wildewood (Near Grand & NE 50th)**
Received \$9,797 for period lighting with identity sign
-  **Paseo (Near NW 30th & Walker)**
Received \$10,000 for period lighting
-  **Plaza District (Near NW 16th & Blackwelder)**
Received \$10,000 for covered benches
-  **Milam Place (Near NW 23rd & Drexel)**
Received \$9,920 for period lighting and Centennial benches
-  **Gatewood (Near NW 23rd & Penn)**
Received \$8,500 for covered benches and bike racks
-  **Midtown (Near NW 13th & Classen)**
Received \$10,000 for identity signage

Georgie's Corner

The beginning of a brand new year is always exciting. Please join me in making a new year's resolution to do at least one positive thing for the people or animals in our community this year. That can mean mowing the lawn of a senior citizen, volunteering to be a reading tutor at your local elementary school or fostering an animal from the OKC Animal Shelter. If just half of the people who receive this newsletter volunteered 4 hours at some point over the next 12 months that would mean Oklahoma City would have received over 8,000 hours of special attention!

We get so busy planning our association meetings, distributing the minutes, and taking calls from neighbors that sometimes we forget the basics of being a good neighbor. Simply giving our time to someone who needs us is what we really need to be doing. So this year, slow down, get to know your neighbors and find out where you are needed. Our entire city will benefit from your efforts.

One way to learn more about being a good neighbor is by enrolling in Neighborhood Leaders for Today (NLT). This 7 week course begins Feb. 21 and is packed full of guest speakers, valuable information and materials. Recruit one or two members of your neighborhood to enroll today. You won't regret your decision. Call 528-6322 to get an enrollment package. Keep up the good work and call on us when you need us.



Georgie Rasco
Executive Director
Neighborhood Alliance, Inc.

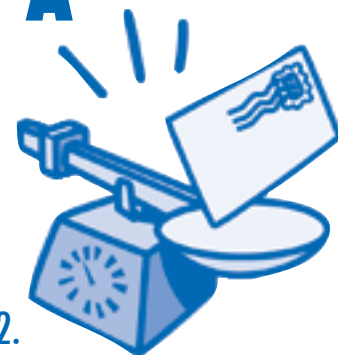
Congratulations to Margaret Annis Boys Trust Recipients

The following neighborhoods were recently notified by the **Oklahoma City Community Foundation** that they were awarded grants from the Margaret Annis Boys Trust Fund. The neighborhoods applied for these funds to beautify public lands in their area. Your neighborhood can also apply for a Margaret Annis Boys Trust grant by contacting Brian Dougherty, Oklahoma City Community Foundation at 235-5603 to discuss your idea.

- ❄️ **Camelot Neighborhood Association**
(near NW 122nd and Penn) received \$15,000
- ❄️ **Crown Heights Neighborhood Association**
(near NW 42nd and Western) received \$6,000
- ❄️ **Oakcliff Neighborhood Association**
(near SE 59th and Bryant) received \$5,800
- ❄️ **Persimmon Hill Neighborhood Association**
(near NE 63rd and Kelley) received \$7,000
- ❄️ **Redlands Neighborhood Association**
(near NW 138th and Western) received \$10,000

There's Always A Need for Help!

Looking for a little bit more to do? Then look no further! If you would like to volunteer at the Neighborhood Alliance office, please contact Deborah at 528-6322.



We are looking for volunteers to assist with mailings, website upkeep, writing newsletter articles, and assisting at workshops.

When New Leadership is Elected...

New Neighborhood Association officers, including officers of your Executive Committee, Leadership Committee or Board of Directors, need to do a little bit of organizing when elected to office.

- * Contact Neighborhood Alliance, Inc. at 528-6322 and let the Alliance know the names of the new officers. This is a vital step for our records and to make sure you will be getting all the up-to-date information you need to be successful.
- * Call a meeting of the New Leadership to read and review the organization's by-laws. Prepare any changes that the new committee would like to make and put it on the next meeting agenda for a membership vote.
- * Change Signature Card information at the Bank. You do not want to leave any room for delaying business.
- * If incorporated at the State of Oklahoma, change Officer information on the Articles of Incorporation at the Secretary of State's Office, if applicable. For more information, go to www.sos.state.ok.us.
- * Audit the financial account and make sure the Officers are aware of how the organization's money can and cannot be used. This should be done even if you trust the former Treasurer with your life. It helps the leadership know what money is coming in, going out and what the organization's money is used for. It will also help the leadership understand when money is needed for what events.
- * Assure that all records are turned over to the new or appropriate officers.
- * Meet and choose goals, or a project, for the Association to accomplish during the year you will serve.
- * Contact Neighborhood Alliance at 528-6322 and schedule a New Officers Orientation training. This can be done on a weekday evening and is scheduled on an as needed basis.

Neighborhood/Homeowners Association Information Update

Copy and complete this form every time your officers change, and return it to Neighborhood Alliance to ensure that we have the correct mailing information for your association. Please call 528-6322 if you have any questions.

Association Name: _____

Boundaries: North _____ South _____

East _____ West _____

Officers: Name Address, including zip code Contact phone# (home, work, cell) E-mail

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Others _____

Please check the box for the officers that you would like on the Neighborhood Alliance Mailing list. Those officers will receive crime statistics and other important neighborhood mailings (maximum of 2 contacts per neighborhood).

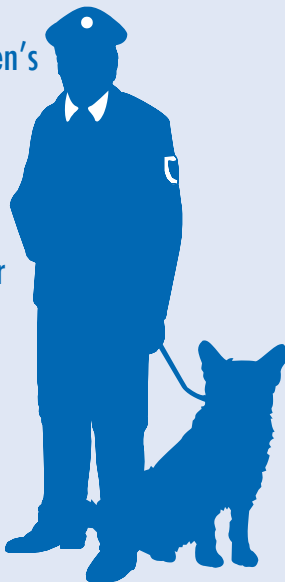
Mail your completed form to: Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma • 1236 NW 36th Street • Oklahoma City, OK 73118

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Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 12 week course for adults designed to introduce citizens to the day-to-day work that police officers do. Participants meet one night a week from 6 - 9 pm and will get to interact with officers from homicide, gang and drug enforcement to name just a few. There will also be a visit to the 911 call center. "This is a good opportunity to learn more about the police department and interact with police officers," says Lieutenant David Ellis.

The Citizen's Police Academy is held twice each year in the spring and fall.



Contact Lt. Ellis for more information and an application for the next Citizen's Academy. He can be reached via phone at: 297-1110 or email: david.ellis@okc.gov.

What in the World is a Reserve Study?

Written by Robert Neal

As homeowners, we all worry about having enough savings to cover a major catastrophe: a new roof or HVAC unit could break the bank. Your Homeowners Association is the same way. **If you are maintaining a private pool, club house or roads you must have money set aside to assure these items are properly cared for and maintained over the years.** One way to assure you have the funds you need is to do a reserve study.

Simply put, a reserve study determines the amount of money that is required to take care of the current and future needs of a homeowners association. Due to their complexity and need for long-term analytical accuracy, a reserve study shouldn't be taken lightly.

Some might wonder if they need a reserve study. The best answer is to understand your community. Do you have a community pool, park, pond, or clubhouse that your association is responsible for maintaining? Are you responsible for street repairs? If you live where there aren't neighborhood assets, then the need to do a study is lessened. If you have more items in your neighborhood, the study increases in both complexity and necessity.

There are two distinct aspects to a proper study; physical and financial. The physical portion focuses on neighborhood assets which includes an inventory, estimated useful life and replacement cost. The financial portion analyzes current funds with a complex gap analysis (where we are and where we need to be) that will ensure funds are available to replace assets when needed.

Cons: Some neighborhoods simply don't have any common facilities, which makes a reserve study unnecessary. Reserve studies are complex. The analyst must understand time value of money calculations, compound interest, inflation, taxes, and apply those calculations to multiple assets. Reserve studies can be expensive. Prices start at a few hundred dollars and go up from there.

Pros: Reserve studies establish a consistent savings program to ensure that you can replace assets when their useful life is over. A reserve study sets up a maintenance schedule. This has the effect of extending the life of the assets, making your money go further. Reserve studies reduce the need for the dreaded "Special Assessment". No one likes surprises. The best reason is that having funds in reserve spreads costs fairly among the neighborhood.

Although it is complex, a reserve study can be an invaluable planning tool for the board. Your neighborhood will reap the benefits for many years to come.

Robert Neal, M.B.A. is the Area Manager for Assurity Management, working with HOA's in the Tulsa and Oklahoma City area. For questions or comments on Reserve Studies, you can call 918-857-7036 or visit www.AssurityManagement.com

Homestead Exemption

Property Owners, do you know that you may be able to qualify for a homestead exemption? A homestead exemption is a reduction of \$1,000 on the assessed value of your house when your property tax is figured, which can help reduce your property taxes.



To qualify:

- * Your homestead residence can be a separate structure, a condominium or a mobile home located on land that you own.
- * You must use the home as your principal residence.
- * If you have more than one house you can only get an exemption for your main or principal residence.
- * If you temporarily move away from your home you can still get an exemption, if...
 - * ...you enter a nursing home your home still qualifies as your homestead if you intend to return.
 - * ...you are military personal, stationed elsewhere and are an Oklahoma citizen, you also may be a granted homestead exemption.
- * Renting part of your home or using part of it for a business does not disqualify the remainder of your home from the exemption.
- * Property placed in living trusts is eligible for the exemption.

To apply for a homestead exemption, contact the Oklahoma County Assessor's office any time during the year and ask for OTC form #921. Homestead applications received after March 15 will be credited to the following year. You do not have to apply each year providing your ownership or place of residence does not change.

For more detailed information contact the Oklahoma County Assessor's office at (405) 713-1236 or log on to www.oklahomacounty.org/assessor.

Patrollers' Training

This training is provided free of charge for neighborhoods *with existing crime patrol programs*.

If you would like to start a Crime Patrol Program in your neighborhood call Neighborhood Alliance at 528-6322 and we will get you started.



January 12th 6:00 PM

Instructor: MSgt Michael Loruse
Location: Pershing Center
2400 General Pershing Blvd
Call 609-2400 for more information.

February 28th 7:00 PM

Instructor: MSgt Charles Epperly
Location: Hefner Division Station
3924 NW 122nd
Call 316-4416 for more information.

14th Annual Neighborhood Leaders for Today Enrolling Now

It is time to enroll in the annual Neighborhood Leaders for Today (NLT) program. This comprehensive class meets one night a week (Tuesday's) for 7 weeks and one full day Saturday. It begins Feb. 21 and runs through April 4 with a fabulous graduation dinner planned for the end of the class.

Every neighborhood needs to send at least one person through this experience. Attendees will be coached throughout by local experts, city officials and other local leaders who can teach all those in attendance how to be the best Neighborhood Leader they can be. Grant writing, fundraising, membership drives, record keeping, parliamentary procedure, meeting planning and how to navigate City Hall are just a few of the topics that will be taught.

There is limited space in the class and it always fills up fast so recruit your neighborhood representative now. Call 528-6322 today, and ask for an NLT enrollment packet (with an application and more information). Your entire neighborhood will benefit from your decision to attend this class.

Check out
www.nacok.org
for information
on this and
other upcoming
neighborhood
events.

Meet Your Oklahoma

Your city councilman or councilwoman is your neighborhood's link to city government. Many neighborhoods in Oklahoma City City Council. Get to know your councilman and create a lasting partnership that will benefit your neighborhood. Bring a team of neighbors to a city council meeting to watch and learn rather than wait. They will be pleased to hear from you.



Gary Marrs

Ward 1 – Gary Marrs 297-2404 ward1@okc.gov

Councilman Marrs was born and raised in OKC, near NW 30th and May. He remembers a neighborhood where everyone knew everyone and watched out for each other. Councilman Marrs feels that the city should do all it can to assist neighborhoods that are trying to maintain and improve their areas.

"My ward has such a wide variety of neighborhoods from the long established neighborhoods in the SE corner of the ward, much like the one I grew up in, to the new neighborhoods just getting started in the NW corner of the ward. I enjoy seeing the older ones having that sense of pride from being there for a long time, and the new ones wanting to build upon their new beginnings."



Sam Bowman

Ward 2 – Sam Bowman 297-2402 ward2@okc.gov

Councilman Bowman is a strong supporter of neighborhood associations which he lauds for providing neighborhoods with a sense of identity and opportunity for developing leadership. "Neighborhood associations provide a means for addressing neighborhood problems on a personal level, as well as a forum and power base to confront undesirable, external pressures."

"I think enhancing Oklahoma City's quality of life offers the greatest opportunity for partnership between city government and neighborhoods," states Bowman, "city government has to become more customer friendly, and our neighborhood/business partners have to become more creative and innovative."



Larry McAtee

Ward 3 – Larry McAtee 297-2404 ward3@okc.gov

When asked about his favorite aspect of the neighborhoods in his ward, Councilman McAtee responded, "their commitment to their neighborhood and the city." He encourages the neighborhoods to continue their conversations with the city and to realize that the city can not solve all of the challenges that we face.

Councilman McAtee feels that neighborhood associations are important as "they bring the neighbors together to take the initiative to solve challenges, plan for a better tomorrow and support community sharing. A cord of two or three is stronger than one."



Pete White

Ward 4 – Pete White 297-2402 ward4@okc.gov

A lifelong resident of Ward 4, Councilman White states that his ward "contains a wide slice of life in OKC." When speaking of the neighborhood he grew up in he tells of a neighborhood where everyone knew each other and helped one another out. "I loved living in my neighborhood and the wonderful relationships I made as a child have lasted for more than 60 years."

"Neighborhood associations provide a significant link between individual neighbors and the outside resources available to assist them both individually and collectively to improve their quality of life." Councilman White says that he can see a "tremendous positive growth in the relationship between the City and its neighborhoods." He would like to see this relationship flourish and expand as we continue to work together.

Include your councilman or councilwoman on your neighborhood newsletter distribution list. This is important. Use the phone numbers or e-mail addresses above, or mail to: Your City Council

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neighborhood leaders may know their councilman well, for others we would like to introduce you. You will benefit your city and your neighborhood. Get to know your city government and how it works. Don't wait until a problem arises. Be sure to let your councilperson know that you are coming: We would like to see you there.

Ward 5 – Jerry Foshee 297-2569 ward5@okc.gov

Councilman Foshee states, "I have lived, worked and socialized in South OKC. Neighborhood activities allow me to renew acquaintances with persons I have represented, taught, coached or have just known."

He feels that neighborhood associations provide the opportunity for people to know their neighbors and be aware of things that are out of place in the neighborhood. Neighborhood associations provide a "platform to address community issues, establish lines of communication with the city and positively affect crime rates."

Ward 6 – Ann Simank 297-2402 ward6@okc.gov

"I believe my favorite aspect about the neighborhoods in Ward 6 is the empowerment felt and shown by the neighbors. You can literally see the pride within a neighborhood association when they have completed a neighborhood project together." Councilwoman Simank sees the benefits of neighborhood associations first hand, "Neighborhoods with a strong organization are typically better informed and have a better quality of life."

Councilwoman Simank believes that the city and neighborhoods currently work well together, but that we should "always look for possible solutions to problems and how to make the neighborhoods a better place to live."

Ward 7 – Willa Johnson 297-2569 ward7@okc.gov

Councilwoman Johnson grew up in a "mixed income" single family neighborhood and states that the "sense of pride" is her favorite aspect of the neighborhoods in Ward 7. She feels that the neighborhood associations are important as they "bring a community of people together for the common good of all."

In addressing the partnership between city government and OKC neighborhoods, Councilwoman Johnson feels that this relationship can be strengthened and enhanced by "increasing awareness of the opportunities available to all areas and recognizing that some need more technical assistance than others."

Ward 8 – Patrick Ryan 297-2404 ward8@okc.gov

Councilman Ryan is the newest member of the city council, and has a history of public service which includes serving as Campaign Chairman of the Allied Arts Foundation and President of the Saint Anthony Foundation.

We are looking forward to working with Councilman Ryan and introducing him to our programs and the neighborhoods of OKC.



Jerry Foshee



Ann Simank



Willa Johnson



Patrick Ryan

is a great way to help keep them informed of your neighborhood accomplishments and concerns.
Councilman/Councilwoman • C/O City Hall • 200 N. Walker • OKC, OK 73102

City Code Updates



As of May 25, 2005 pickup truck campers and camper shells that are not attached to the vehicle are prohibited from being stored anywhere in the front yard. These items must be stored in a side or rear yard or inside.

As of November 17, 2005 vehicles may not be parked in rear yards unless they are parked on a hard surface such as concrete or asphalt. This ordinance also prohibits the use of gravel to enlarge an existing single-lane paved driveway and pertains only to driveway enlargements made after the above noted date.

Questions about Oklahoma City codes?

www.nacok.org is your link to the Oklahoma City Municipal Codes. Just go to the "City/Community Services" page under "Resources and Links".

Donor Card

The Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma helps many neighborhood associations, as well as many Oklahomans, on a daily basis. In exchange for all the services your neighborhood receives, could we count on a donation to help defray operating costs?



We are a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, and rely heavily on grants and donations for a great part of our operating funds. Check with a tax professional; your donation should be tax deductible.

Please complete and return this card with your donation to the Neighborhood Alliance office at the address below.

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DONATION AMOUNT _____

Please make checks payable to Neighborhood Alliance.

PAY BY CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARD # _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____

Yes, I would like to receive your quarterly newsletter, The Corner Post.

Yes, I would like to receive e-mails on important issues involving Central Oklahoma Neighborhoods.

For more information, please call us at 528-6322
Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma
1236 NW 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73118



Neighborhood Kudos

There are lots of great things to report from the neighborhoods. Congratulations to **Cleveland UCD** for winning the "Neighborhood Improvement Award" and a second place "Newsletter Award" at the 2005 Oklahoma Council of Neighborhoods Conference. We would also like to acknowledge **Sequoyah NA** for creating a bilingual newsletter in their efforts to encourage more participation in their neighborhood association. George Wesley, president of **Camelot Estates NA**, created recycling bin covers that were "unveiled" and distributed to the neighborhood during their National Night Out event. What a great "beautification" idea! Congratulations to **Willowbend 6 HOA** for getting their neighborhood organized and holding their first election of officers. **Musgrave Pennington** raised over \$600 for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts; way to be great neighbors! Congratulations to **Capital View NA** on another successful Urban Showhome! The 3rd annual show home is beautiful and is already in the hands of its new owners. Hats off to **Remington HOA** for 19 years of continuous, monthly publication of their spectacular newsletter, *The Remington Report*. **Rock Knoll NA** hosted an Appreciation Evening for their mailman of 30 years, Pat Brady. What a great way to honor his service to the neighborhood! Adopt-A-Park award winners were recently honored by OKC Beautiful. We were pleased to note many neighborhoods listed among the Blue Ribbon award sites: **Ski Island Lake Club, Inc.; Putnam Heights Preservation Area; Musgrave Pennington Neighborhood Association; Taylor Park NA; Miller NA; and Heritage Hills East NA**. Great work everyone!

If you know of a neighborhood project you would like us to recognize or share, please call and tell us all about it! You can reach either Georgie Rasco or Deborah Baker at the Neighborhood Alliance, 528-6322.



If you are receiving this newsletter and wish to be removed from our mailing list please call 528-6322 or via email: Deborah@nacok.org

www.nacok.org is here!
Come visit anytime you're online.

Do You Know of An Old Tree?



The Tree Bank is trying to locate trees planted by the first Oklahoma settlers and trees that "witnessed" statehood in 1907.

The Centennial Witness Tree Project hopes to increase public awareness of the importance of trees, both as a part of Oklahoma's heritage and as a living legacy for future generations. The project is a joint effort of The Tree Bank Foundation, the Forestry Services Department of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and The Oklahoma Centennial Commission.

Trees eligible for the Centennial Witness Tree Project must have an estimated age of over 100 years and stand within the boundaries of the state of Oklahoma. The deadline for nomination is July 31, 2007.

For more information, or to obtain a nomination form, contact The Tree Bank at 405-330-4701 or www.thetreebank.org

Helpful Phone Numbers



City and Community Services

Action Center	297-2535
Animal Control (pick-up)	297-2255
Animal Shelter	297-3100
Area-wide Aging Agency	942-8500
Building Permits	297-2547
City Council (office)	297-3884
Code Enforcement	297-2317
Community Action Agency	232-0199
Garage Sale Permits	297-2606
Graffiti Removal	297-2535 or 297-0199
Handicapped Parking Permits	425-2403 or 425-7711
Household Hazardous Waste	682-7037
Metro Transit	297-2053
Neighborhood Alliance	528-6322
Housing and Neighborhood Programs	297-2846
Parks and Recreation	297-3882
Planning Department	297-2576
Poison Control	271-5454
Possibilities	525-3131
Potholes	297-2535 or 631-1111
Public Works	297-2581
Sewer Backup/Water Problems	297-3334
Council of Neighborhoods	672-7223
Traffic Management	297-2531
City Utilities Customer Service: Water/Sewer/Trash	297-2833

OKC Police Department Contacts

Community Relations Officers	
• Central OKC – Will Rogers Division	
MSgt Michael Loruse	316-4525
• East OKC – Springlake Division	
MSgt Eric Huff	316-5138
• North OKC – Hefner Division	
MSgt Charlie Epperly	316-4416
• South OKC – Santa Fe Division	
MSgt Jim Hale	316-4650
Crimestoppers	235-7300
Anonymous Crime Reports (Non-Emergency)	231-2121
Gang/Narcotics Hotline	232-6272 or 297-1193
Traffic Enforcement	297-1145
Truancy Hotline	557-6990

OKC Fire Department Contacts

OKC Fire Department (general number)	297-3314
OKC Fire Prevention Services	297-3585

Oklahoma County Services

Oklahoma County Assessors Office	713-1200
Oklahoma County Commissioners	713-1500
Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department	713-1000

Oklahoma Highway Patrol	682-4343
FBI	290-7770
OSBI	848-6724
Homeland Security	425-7296

Oklahoma One Call System

(CALL OKIE before you dig)

OKC	840-5032
Statewide	(800) 522-OKIE (6543)
OGE	272-9741
ONG	551-4000

Dial 211...

...and check out the new "HeartLine" telephone service. The 211 service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A call to 211 links residents with community services as well as volunteer opportunities. If you need a helping hand or want to help others, give 211 a call and the staff will connect you with the appropriate groups or agencies.

Websites of note:

www.familywatchdog.us
put in your address and get a map of registered sex offenders in your area.

www.nacok.gov
the website of the Neighborhood Alliance of Central Oklahoma, Inc.

www.okc.gov
the website of the City of Oklahoma City

CLIP & SAVE

WATCH When All The Citizens Help

Crime watch signs are an effective tool only after you and your neighbors have had the appropriate Crime Watch training. Signs alone do not deter criminals. Neighbors reporting all suspicious behavior to the police department is what deters criminals. Neighborhood Alliance will gladly help you order signs after you have had one of these valuable trainings.



www.nacok.org
**is your source for
neighborhood crime
statistics and lots
of valuable crime
prevention information**

Take Back Your Neighborhood

An effective crime reduction program can make you and your neighbors feel safer and more comfortable. There are many different types of programs available: inviting a guest speaker to your meeting, setting up a crime watch training or establishing a neighborhood crime patrol. All of these are effective tools, but the one thing all crime reduction programs have in common is they always involve residents from neighboring blocks, communicating and coordinating security measures in an effort to deter and reduce criminal activity in the neighborhood.

Guest Speakers: Invite a uniformed officer to your next meeting to go over safety protocols. Criminals flourish in neighborhoods where people have let their guard down and “forget” to lock doors or close garage doors. A guest speaker can remind you and your neighbors the importance of following basic safety standards. Contact your local Police Community Relations Officer for suggestions on speakers.

Crime Watch: Neighborhood Alliance will come to your neighborhood and train your neighbors on how to “WATCH” out for all your residents. Through this training, neighbors are encouraged to watch the two homes in front of them and the houses on each side of them. Get to know these people personally, know where they work and their work schedules. Then commit to calling police every time there is anything suspicious around one of the homes you are “watching.”

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Crime Patrol: This effective crime prevention tool is time consuming but well worth the effort. The Oklahoma City Police Department and Neighborhood Alliance will train you and your neighbors (preferably a minimum of 30 persons) how to patrol your area. Basic equipment such as a flashing amber light, magnetic signs, spotlight and cell phone are needed by the patrol group. Training will give the patrollers the do’s and don’ts so they will stay safe while providing this invaluable service to your neighborhood. Sometimes just a daily two hour shift, at various times each day, is all it takes to dramatically reduce crime. High visibility is the key here. You want criminals to see you and to know that you are watching.

Sequoyah Neighborhood (near NW 36th St. and Penn) has had a continuous Crime Patrol Unit since 1985, making them one of the oldest in the City. Neal Davis, Sequoyah Crime Patrol Captain said “it is a lot of work but very much worth it. Our neighborhood is a safe area because of our efforts.”

For more information on how your neighborhood can begin to Take Back Your Neighborhood contact Neighborhood Alliance at 528-6322 or e-mail Georgie@nacok.org

2005 - 2006 Board of Directors

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Intern

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AARP Senior Employment Program

**www.nacok.org
is here!
Log on today!**

The Neighborhood Alliance
is located at 1236 NW 36th
Street (the southeast corner
of 36th and NW Classen).



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Oklahoma City, OK 73118

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Upcoming Events

Membership Mania
Tuesday, January 24th
6:00 – 8:00 PM
First Christian Church
3700 North Walker

Start off the new year by learning how to get your neighbors involved and excited about your neighborhood. This workshop will be a forum for neighborhoods to learn about ways to increase membership and participation from other successful neighborhoods. Join us for an evening packed with information on increasing membership in your association and how to get those members involved. Call 528-6322 and let us know that you will come.

Neighborhood Leaders for Today
Tuesdays, February 21 – April 4th
6:00 – 9:00 PM
Saturday, March 4th
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

This 7-week program is a must-attend course for those who want to become more effective in their neighborhoods. Training topics include: organizing and maintaining a neighborhood association, crime prevention, grant writing and much more. See page 5 for more details. Call 528-6322 today to get more information and your application packet.

Crime Patrol Captain Meeting
Thursday, February 9th
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Pershing Center
2400 General Pershing Blvd.

All crime patrol captains and patrollers are invited to come together and discuss their programs and any issues that are being encountered in their neighborhoods. If your neighborhood is considering setting up a crime patrol program this would be a good meeting to attend and talk with others who have established programs. NOTE: this is not a patrol training. Call 528-6322 for more information.

Crime Patroller's Training
Patrol trainings have been scheduled at the Will Rogers and Hefner Division Stations. These trainings are 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. Please see page 5 for the dates and more information.

