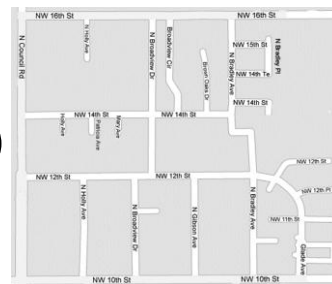




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COUNCIL OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Next CONA Neighborhood Association Meeting:

Thursday October 11, 2012, 6:30-8 pm

Reaching Our City (ROC), 7710 NW 10th

We will be holding elections for various CONA officers. CONA membership renewals are due at this time.

Last meeting for 2012:

December 6th

This is a story about people named EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, and NOBODY.

There was a necessary job to be done, and EVERYBODY was sure that SOMEBODY would do it. ANYBODY could have done it but NOBODY did it.

SOMEBODY thought ANYBODY should do it, but NOBODY realized that EVERYBODY would not do it.

It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done.

This is **YOUR neighborhood**, and **YOUR neighborhood association**. Please consider joining. Annual dues are just \$10.00. If you cannot make it to a meeting, call our President or Treasurer. They will make sure your money is picked up and a receipt is issued to you.

At the upcoming meeting, new Officers will be elected. Many of our current officers are stepping down. If you have any interest at all in being a driving force for change in our neighborhood, here is your opportunity. Contact any current board member in order to throw your hat in the ring.

We still need **Block Captains** and **Neighborhood Patrol Volunteers**! If you are interested, please contact our President or Vice President.



A Visit with Mike Eaton, Red Cross Volunteer

At our June 14th meeting, Mike spoke to us about the need for emergency preparedness.

Living here in Oklahoma, sometimes it seems we have more than our fair share of disasters. Most people assume the local authorities will take charge immediately and help will arrive in a matter of hours. Yet, experience has shown that sometimes it can be days — even weeks — before that happens.

The first thing Mike reviewed was what should go into an emergency preparedness kit. Most of us envision a backpack with a few key items along with some sturdy shoes that should be kept in whatever safe spot we have in our homes in case of severe weather. And some of us may even keep a warm blanket and water and munchies in our cars. But in reality, that is not nearly enough.

You need to have enough for three to seven days if you plan to evacuate/hike out (the roads may not be passable), or for two weeks if you are going to tough it out at home.

Obviously, a backpack just won't do. From the water standpoint alone, each person needs a gallon of water a day. We need to be thinking on the scale of a shopping cart, wheel barrow, or some kind of large pushable contraption with big wheels able to navigate uneven terrain.

Here's a partial list of what should be in a kit:

- Water — one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Food — non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool

- Sanitation and personal-hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with charger
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Bug spray
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Games and activities for children
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Two-way radios
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Manual can opener
- Whistle
- N95 or surgical masks
- Matches
- Rain gear
- Towels
- Work gloves
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra clothing, hat, and sturdy shoes
- Plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Scissors
- Household liquid bleach
- Entertainment items
- Blankets or sleeping bags

Mike also stressed the need to make a plan — who should grab what, where to meet, what routes to follow.

He shared so much information that we simply can't cover here. However, there are vast resources available online at the Red Cross website. Go to www.redcross.org for complete information.

CHECK OUT www.crimeseen.com. Here you can report suspicious activity so others can be aware of what's going on, as well as see what others have posted.



On December 21, Cactus Jack's (our neighbors on Council) will be hosting their third annual holiday party for the children of the Pauline Mayer Shelter, which is run by DHS. The shelter is a temporary home for children of all ages. This year, the number of children in the shelter for the holidays is expected to be around 60 to 70.

The Cactus Jack's party typically includes a pizza lunch, free games, and of course a visit from Santa Claus! This year the business is asking other local businesses to be Santa's helpers. They are requesting donations in the form of new unwrapped toys, gift cards, or cash that can be used to purchase toys.

Donations can be dropped off at Cactus Jack's Arcade in care of Buffie or Mike. Or give them a call to arrange a pick-up time if you cannot come by.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

A suspicious car has been prowling our neighborhood around 4 am. It has been spotted at least three times in cul de sacs off of 14th, and along Bradley Ave. It is a small, two-door, grayish-brown vehicle with a sizable horizontal scrape/dent/buckle along the driver's door, and has the tag 038GXT. The tag is stolen.

This person driving this vehicle is obviously up to no good. When spotted, it pulls into a driveway to play it cool, then flees the area.

Please keep your eyes and ears open, and call 911 if you see this vehicle. Do not approach the vehicle.

This is why we need a neighborhood patrol. Please, please, consider helping us out.

WATCH YOUR MAIL BOX

We've also had thieves going through mail boxes, stealing outgoing checks. They've then crossed out the name of the payee, put in their own, and cashed them. One person has been arrested, but the accomplice has not. Other area neighborhoods have had problems too.

If you believe your mailbox has been tampered with, call Lolita at the post office: 815-2342.

We strongly urge you to take any mail with checks to the local post office — don't even put it in a standalone collection box. Or pay your bills online, or at other locations set-up to accept payments.



*And now, a few words
from our President!*

It is time for everyone to renew their CONA memberships. The dues are \$10.00 per household, and are on a voluntarily basis only.

If you cannot come to the October meeting and want to join or renew your membership, please call me or Kathey Rauh.

October is also the month we will be voting in new board members. It is time for fresh ideas and new faces! Please let a current board member know if you are interested in serving. You will not be thrown to the wolves! We will work closely with each new person so that the new year will be a successful one for everyone.

See you there!

Dianna Ewing, President

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