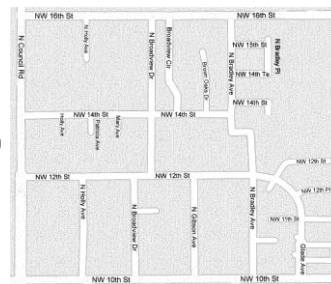




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COUNCIL OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Next CONA Neighborhood Association Meeting:

Thursday December 6, 2012, 6:30-8 pm

Reaching Our City (ROC), 7710 NW 10th

We will be voting on the 2013 budget. Everyone can come, but only members can vote. Please join! Cost is only 10.00 a year.

2013 meeting dates: February 7, April 4, June 6, August 8, October 10, and December 5.

Our **February 2013 meeting** is sure to be quite lively. We're asking whoever is running for City Council, Ward 1 (our district), to come. Invite all your friends who live in Ward 1 to attend this important meeting. This will be your opportunity to hear what the political candidates have to say. And you will be able to voice your concerns, so whoever wins knows what is on our minds. Take advantage of this unique opportunity — come! Then, when you head to the polls, you can vote with a clearer understanding.

The **Council Oaks area** is bordered north and south by NW 16th and NW 10th. The east border is Glade with its feeder streets and Bradley with its feeder streets. The west border is Council. But Council Oaks isn't just a geographic spot on a map. It is a neighborhood. We are made up of home owners and renters, platted and unplatted properties. We are young and old. Our faces reflect a variety of ethnic backgrounds. And we have one sure thing in common — this is **our neighborhood**. It is within our power to make this lovely area even better. That's why **CONA** was formed. We are **YOUR neighborhood association**. And we need as many people as possible to get involved. So 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 issued to you.

At the last meeting, elections were held for **CONA officers**. Dianna Ewing and Katie Greiner were re-elected to the same positions. Kathey Rauh assumed the position of Secretary while Wendy Wilkinson took over the Treasurer's spot.

We want to have a **Neighborhood Garage Sale** sometime in April. If you would like to participate, contact Dianna. She wants to make a map of sale sites for shoppers to use.



A Visit with Russell Claus, Director, OKC Planning Dept.

CONA received a very informative newsletter from the Neighborhood Alliance (NA) — the group that helps organize and support the various neighborhood associations, including our own. The May-June issue of NA's *The Corner Post* was all about the City of Oklahoma City's Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI), created by the OKC Planning Department out of a need and desire to take on the persistent issues of neighborhood decline in a much more strategic way than has been done in the past.

Here are some excerpts from Russell Claus, Director, OKC Planning Department, as they appeared in the newsletter:

"For many years, the City has spread federal funds and related services across a large number of struggling neighborhoods. Results have varied. We have helped a lot of individual households but have found it difficult to create the critical mass of investment and community engagement needed to spur full-scale revitalization of neighborhoods.

"SNI allows us to focus our resources in a few specific areas, to turn those neighborhoods around and have a positive impact on individuals and families."

Claus goes on to explain that with input from the Neighborhood Alliance, three neighborhoods were chosen for the pilot program: Classen-Ten-Penn/Gatewood; Classen's North Highland Park/Lincoln Terrace; Culbertson's East Highlands. All have neighborhood associations.

Klaus goes on to say, "I wish we had the resources to apply SNI to every neighborhood in need, but our staff capacity and financial resources are limited. My belief is that once this program proves its worth, we will have a formula that can be replicated throughout Oklahoma City. Our goal is that these original three SNI neighborhoods will one day no longer need the program and we will then move onto other areas of the City."

"Clear neighborhood action plans based on resident-identified issues and needs will attract 'for-profit' and 'non-profit' partners to address not just the physical needs of neighborhoods, but also schools, social service needs, job placement, and a host of other factors. I believe opportunities will evolve that have never been possible before.

"I stress that this is not a city 'funded' or driven program. We may be providing some catalyst resources, but the real difference will be made by residents taking control of their own destiny with the help of Neighborhood Alliance and the partners and sponsors who join us."

How to Create a Strong Neighborhood

Everyone has a role in creating a strong neighborhood. Here's how you can get involved.

- If you are a business, you can "adopt" the neighborhood and mentor its success. You can donate funds to help with their initiatives. Your employees can volunteer in the neighborhood to help with its initiatives.
- If you are a non-profit, you can strategically target your services in one or more of the identified target areas.
- If you are a citizen, you can donate funds to help fund the neighborhood initiatives, or volunteer — offering your own special skill set.
- If you are a developer, you can invest in the neighborhood and help make history.

FRIENDS OF NW 10TH STREET

Friends of NW 10th Street is an association of residents, neighborhood associations, business owners, property owners, public and private organizations, and community

and educational agencies who are concerned about improving conditions in the area.

The Association strives to improve the quality of life for persons living in the area and to develop an environment that is supportive to businesses, residents, and organizations located in the area.

The Association has three purposes:

- To share information and resources
- To advocate for community needs
- To organize for community improvement

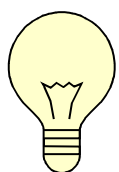
For more information on the Friends of NW 10th Street, contact Joey at King's Limo, 923-0766.

WESTSIDE LIONS CLUB TO HOLD FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

The Westside Lions Club (located at 4135 NW 10th) will be offering free health screenings to the public in 2013. The dates are January 5, April 6, July 6, and October 5. Hours will be 10 am - 3 pm.

Screenings will be for visual acuity, glaucoma, blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, body mass index, and lung function.

For more information, call 942-9117 or email Richard Schiver at rschiver1@cox.net.



Shedding Light on the New Bulbs: Part 1

Over time, the manufacture of standard tungsten and fluorescent bulbs will be phased out. CFL, LED, halogen, and linear fluorescent bulbs will take their place. These new bulbs use less energy (cutting your electric bill), and they also last longer.

First up — understanding lumens. **Lumen** is the new standard, not **Watts**. Lumen measures brightness, watt measures energy needed to light it. If you used a 100-watt bulb, now look for a range of lumens between 1490-1750. 75 watts: 1050-1489. 60 watts: 750-1049. And 40 watts: 310-749. Most packaging of the new generation of bulbs still reference watts so you know where to look.

The 100-watt medium base and 60-watt intermediate base are no longer manufactured. As of January 1, 2013, 75-watt medium base bulbs can no longer be made. 60-watt medium base bulbs will no longer be manufactured after January 1, 2014.



And now, a few words from our President!

“Neighbors helping neighbors” should be at the heart of every neighborhood association. So let’s take a look at what some other neighborhood associations are doing.

They are rehabbing homes of senior citizens, landscaping and maintaining public lands, providing safety programs like crime watch and crime patrol, creating programs that enhance public schools, spaying and neutering feral or stray pets, volunteering to mow unkempt yards, growing community gardens, hosting exercise programs in local parks, and much more.

Neighborhood associations should be the grass-roots social-service safety nets for many of our citizens. By neighbors helping neighbors it also helps take some of the burden off of local non-profits and social-service agencies.

Neighborhood associations help turn the anonymity of the big city into relatable, friendly, small-town communities.

So please, join our association. I’m not saying we can become as close knit as TV’s Mayberry, but we sure could do a lot.

Dianna Ewing, President



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