



**Drakestone Homeowners Association**

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## IMPORTANT NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION



### *A Friendly Reminder...*

If you post something on a light pole,  
please remember to remove the sign. Another option  
is to post your missing pet or your yard sale online.  
(see inside for more info)

**SQUARED AWAY LLC**  
www.SquaredAwayLawns.com  
405-641-6249  
Residential  
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social media • illustrations

*Is there a business that you would  
recommend to your neighbors?*

Contact the Secretary, Candice  
candice.rio@icloud.com

**THOMPSON'S EXTERIORS**  
FOR A HAPPIER HEALTHIER HOME  
ThompsonsExteriors.com  
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Roofs • Siding  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**H**i everyone! Well fall is upon us and with that comes busy days and nights getting ready for winter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. What a fun time for families!

Since we last talked, there has been improvement in our neighborhood. Things that have been complained about have been addressed and the complaints that the Board receives have gone down. That is a GOOD thing! There will always be things that can be improved and we must continue to fix and update but we are making progress.

We have two new Board members to introduce. They have been with us for a while but we want you to know who they are. Christian Gomez and Candice Dornan have joined us and they have already taken on duties and come up with great ideas. New blood is always a good thing. One of the things that Candice has done is gotten Drakestone on Nextdoor.com. It is a way for day to day communications between residents and neighboring developments. We currently have 143 Drakestone residents signed up and this number is increasing. If you are not signed up, please do. It is a great way to stay in touch with what is going on around you.

We have some big things getting ready to take place in our neighborhood. The biggest will be our Christmas entrance decorations and the home decorating competition. Again this year, the entrance lights will be turned on Thanksgiving weekend. We hope that they will serve as a welcome for you and your holiday visitors. They are a nice way to say hello and welcome to anyone who comes to Drakestone. The home decoration competition will be judged and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Now is the time to think about what you might want to do. Remember, though, you have to be current on your HOA dues to be eligible. The judging will be done during the week of December 18th. Good luck to all!

Finally, down to some Covenant business... Our required Annual Meeting will be January 19, 2017. The meeting will be held at Yukon (Southern Baptist) Church located at 11715 NW 10th. We need a quorum for the meeting to be valid. More information will be mailed as we get closer to the date. It will include the meeting information and the proxy form. No makeup meeting will be scheduled.

Kay Wilt

## STAY CONNECTED

### **Drakestone Website**

Get links for the current covenants,  
past newsletter, and more!

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/Drakestone](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Drakestone)



Together we can use nextdoor to find lost pets, share babysitters, stop break-ins, and share events. There are already 140+ Drakestone neighbors online. We hope you will join us!

[www.drakestone.nextdoor.com](http://www.drakestone.nextdoor.com)



Like our facebook page!  
[www.facebook.com/DrakestoneYukon](http://www.facebook.com/DrakestoneYukon)

### **Monthly E-Newsletter**

Have you been missing out on the E-Newsletter? Drakestone HOA now has a monthly newsletter filled with current events, stories from your neighbors, contest winners, surveys and more! Enter the link below or use the QR Code and fill-in the form to sign up for the Drakestone HOA Monthly E-Newsletter.

<http://eepurl.com/cvARu1>



## BOARD MEMBERS

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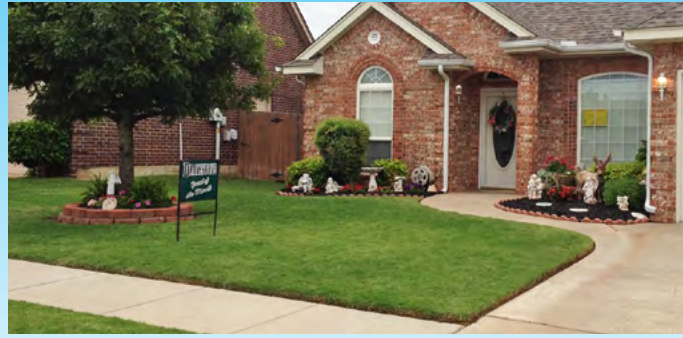
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## 2016 YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS



**MAY - TERRY & JUDY**



**JULY - TERRY & RITA**



**SEPTEMBER - CHRISTIAN & LORI**



**JUNE - TOBY & KIMBERLY**



**AUGUST - STEVE & DIANE**

**Thank you to all of our winners for keeping our neighborhood looking so beautiful!**

You could be a winner next year! Remember to trim those hedges and pluck those weeds. The Drakestone Yard of the Month contest runs from May through September and the winner receives \$50. (must be current on dues)

## 2016 HALLOWEEN DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS



### Congratulations the Halloween Decoration Contest Winners!

This was our first year for this and we want to give kudos to our board members Christian and Lonna for coming up with this idea and doing the work on it. The winners were Steve and Diane and Lance and Brandee. Each received gift cards. Great job, guys!



## FROM THE NEIGHBORS



Each month your neighbors have submitted an article for the e-newsletter. You may have missed out... Sign up for the e-newsletter and see what your neighbors have to say!

<http://eepurl.com/cvARu1>

**Have something you would like to share with the neighborhood?**

Send your ideas to the HOA Secretary, Candice - [candice.rio@icloud.com](mailto:candice.rio@icloud.com).



### EDUCATED PALATES TIP

Fall is here and Reds are appreciated more but don't forget about the White wines! Stay with what you know but don't be afraid to try new blends. There are many new blends that will marry well with all the great holiday food that is coming our way. Stay between \$15-\$30 and discover some great new finds.

Join the Educated Palates group to learn more about wine and your neighbors!

[www.drakestone.nextdoor.com/groups/14029689/](http://www.drakestone.nextdoor.com/groups/14029689/)

## EVENTS

### Christmas Home Decoration Competition

The Week of December 18th

Think your house has the most holiday cheer? You might win the Home Decoration Contest! Have your decor finished by the week of December 18th and make sure your current on your dues and you could win a prize. First, Second, and Third place awarded.

### Annual HOA Meeting

Thursday, January 19th, 2017 - 7:00pm

To be held at Yukon Church, 11715 NW 10th Street.

Come meet your neighbors and let's discuss our Home Owner Association.

*Quorum is required to make this a valid meeting.*

**See more each month in the E-Newsletter!**

<http://eepurl.com/cvARu1>



### A Few Fall Tips By Leslie Tippet

Fall is a great time for gardening. It is easier on the gardener and the plants like it too. Whether you are just cleaning up the flower beds or revamping your entire yard, you will enjoy the work much more in the Autumn than any other time of year.

The experts have tried spreading the word for years that planting material like shrubs, trees, and perennials acclimate and begin making new roots much quicker in the Fall because they aren't having to contend with the heat that comes on so quickly – especially in our climate here in Oklahoma. We will have just finished scraping off that last snowflake from the driveway when all of a sudden we have our first 85 degree day!!

This is also a good time of year to think about adding new mulch if your old mulch has broken down so much that bare earth is beginning to show through. You will save yourself a lot of weeding work throughout the year, as well as water, if you use a good quality mulch on all your landscape beds. "Good quality" means NO rubber mulch.

Speaking of watering, be sure to provide your new plantings with water – even in the winter – if we don't receive adequate rainfall (And when does that happen on a regular basis?). Adequate rainfall is usually described as 1 inch a week. For trees, laying your hose at the base of the tree away from the trunk, and letting the water trickle slowly for about an hour once a week will do more good than several shallow rounds of the sprinkler system. New trees that are in decline can even be saved with this slow watering method. Please remember to follow the City's odd and even days guidelines.

Well, I've talked myself into going out into the yard to do some work. I hope these tips have provided you with a little incentive to join me.