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Harvest Hills South Neighborhood News

March-April 2017



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2017 Membership Drive Kicks off April 15



We're a few months into our membership year and currently have 17 paid members, about the same number as this time last year.

Our spending is very consistent year to year at around \$3,300, most of which goes to upkeep of our entrances. We need 110 paid members to fully cover that amount.

Over the past few years,

however, membership has declined sharply, by about 40 percent. Last year, we had only 89 paid members, in comparison to the 145 we had in 2011.

Our dues are a bargain at just \$30 per year! Your paid dues allow us to provide events and services like:

- Our annual neighborhood garage sale
- Neighbors Night Out
- Santa Ride
- Christmas decorations at our entrances
- Neighborhood-wide meetings with guest speakers and refresh-

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- Landscaping at our three main entrances —mowing, mulch, fertilizer, plants, water, etc.
- A website and Facebook page
- This newsletter, delivered to your door

Our merry little band of volunteers does all this because we believe a sense of community is essential to quality of life. And studies show that neighborhoods with that sense of community are safer and have higher property values, so there's a practical benefit, as well.

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Next neighborhood meeting:

Thursday, March 9, 2017

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Northridge Elementary School library*

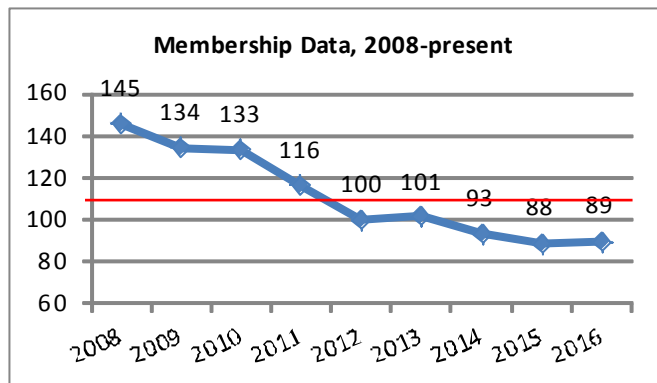


Happy almost-spring! Our guest speaker for this meeting is Juan Moore, an insurance agent and auxiliary police officer. If you've been wondering about earthquake insurance, or have safety questions, Juan will have an answer!

Our meeting business includes discussion of our upcoming officer elections and neighborhood garage sale, both occurring in May.

**The library is down the hall from the cafeteria. We'll help you find it. 😊*

Membership



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We encourage you to become a paid HHSNA member and help support the activities that make our neighborhood lively and attractive!

To make membership even easier, we now have the ability to accept membership payments via PayPal! See our article on page 3 for more information.

OKC Parks & Recreation Job Fairs



The City Parks and Recreation Department will host summer job fairs from 4 to 7 p.m. on March 7 and March 14 at the Will Rogers Senior Center, 3501 Pat Murphy Drive.

The job fairs will focus on seasonal and part-time jobs in the Department's recreation

division. Positions include lifeguards, water safety instructors, pool cashiers, and positions to assist with the Department's summer youth programs and camps.

Fill out an application online before attending either job fair; visit <https://okc.gov/Home/Components/News/News/2105/5159> for details.

May HHSNA Officer Elections



Half our HHSNA board positions are up for election in May. Here's a quick recap of those positions:

- **President.** The president is kind of like a "project manager" for the board. The president sets meeting agendas, and is usually the person who selects guest speakers for our bi-monthly neighborhood meetings.
- The **2nd vice-president** oversees membership, tracks membership information, and coordinates our annual membership drive.
- The **treasurer** manages our finances, paying bills and tracking deposits and

expenses.

- The **block captain chair** oversees the volunteers who deliver newsletters and flyers on our 13 neighborhood routes.

We count on your attendance in May, our last general meeting until fall, so that we have a good turnout for these elections.

We also fervently hope that you will consider serving as a board member! The time commitment is modest, and it's a great way to meet people, build relationships with City officials, and serve your community.

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like more information about these board positions.



Here is my annual membership payment of \$30.00 to the HHSNA. (Make checks payable to HHSNA.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

E-mail _____

MAIL PAYMENTS TO:

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New HHSNA Website Coming



For the past few years, HHSNA has had a premium website provided by Neighborhood Link.

This year, however, the cost increased by a whopping 50 percent! So we're going to try something different: we're going to build our own website using WordPress!

WordPress will allow us to offer more content, customize the website's features and appearance, and provide a link to pay dues via PayPal, which we've wanted to do for a long time.

It will take us a bit to get the new site configured, and we're hoping to get the domain name we had through Neighborhood Alliance. So there may be a little lag between when the existing site goes dark and the new site comes online. We'll let you know, probably via e-mail, when the new site is available.

To paraphrase "Field of Dreams," if we build it, will you come visit it? We hope so, and we'd love to hear your feedback!

Equestrian Park in OKC!



Did you know there's an equestrian park in Oklahoma City? Equestrian Park opened last fall, and is located along the south side of the scenic Oklahoma River near the historic Oklahoma City Stockyards.

The 20-acre park features:

- Open riding space
- 0.6 miles of dedicated softscape looped trail
- Parking for trucks and trailers
- Views of the Oklahoma River and the downtown

OKC skyline

The park is envisioned to be a place where local riders can enjoy a day out along the river, or riders traveling with their horses can take a break.

The Oklahoma River Horse Park Task Force members hope the park will eventually include a visitor center, corral, horse exercise area, public riding stable, and outdoor arenas.

To learn more about park hours and regulations, visit <https://okc.gov/departments/parks-recreation/equestrian-park>.



Big Junk pickup are the first Monday of each month. Upcoming pickups are March 6 and April 3.

Warm-Weather Reminders



As our unseasonably mild winter turns more and more spring-like, we wanted to give you a couple of warm-weather reminders about water use and smoking in parks.

Watering Lawns

Remember that Oklahoma City has *permanent* Level 1 water conservation measures in place:

- If your house number ends with an **odd** digit (1, 3, 5, 7, 9), you can only water your lawn on odd-numbered calendar dates.
- If your house number ends with an **even** digit (0, 2, 4, 6, 8), you can only water your lawn on even-numbered calendar dates.

Rain Barrels

Harvest rainwater for your garden by investing in a rain barrel for just \$63.50.

Use rainwater to water your plants, clean muddy tools, or wash your car, all of which conserve drinking water.

The barrels have screens to allow you to collect and save the water without also providing a habitat for mosquitoes and other insects.

There are pickups around the metro during March and April. Each location has its own order site; simply pick a site and order by the Sunday before the pickup dates for that location. Visit <https://okc.gov/Home/Components/News/News/1969/5159?page=2> for details.

No Smoking, Please

Smoking is banned in OKC parks and other City property. The ban includes all City-owned or operated property indoors and outdoors with exceptions for streets, alleys, sidewalks, City golf courses and land or facilities licensed by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission on City-owned property.

The ordinance also prohibits smoking on sidewalks inside parks, on trails and in the area immediately surrounding City-owned and operated buildings.

Sources:


<https://www.okc.gov/departments/utilities/squeeze-every-drop/water-conservation-program/water-conservation-measures>

<http://nacok.org/okc-council-approves-ordinance-to-ban-smoking-in-okc-parks/>



The second edition of "Putting Down Roots," a 130-page guide for the selection, care and maintenance of trees in central Oklahoma, is now available! This free guide has photos and information about more than 60 trees suitable for central Oklahoma. The book also discusses irrigation, soil characteristics, site selection, spacing, bloom schedules, pruning and pest control. Download your copy at <https://okc.gov/residents/action-center/neighborhood-resources/tree-selection-guide>.

"Nextdoor" Neighborhood Social Network

 Have you heard of Nextdoor? It's a private social network for neighbors and neighborhoods.

Like us, the people at Nextdoor believe "the neighborhood is one of the most important and useful communities in a person's life." Their goal is for neighbors to use Nextdoor to build stronger and safer neighborhoods.

Currently, ninety-two Harvest Hills South neighbors are using Nextdoor. Some of the ways we use it include:

- To keep up with activities in nearby neighborhoods
- To improve neighborhood safety by sharing information about suspicious behavior, etc.

- To help reunite lost pets with their owners
- To get recommendations for repairs, house painting, babysitters, etc.
- To find new homes for old items, both giveaways and items for sale — even houses!
- To get to know one another better

To ensure your safety and privacy, Nextdoor requires all users to verify their address, and to sign in using their real name. Nextdoor is password-protected and uses secure Internet technology. You choose where you want information shared; and Nextdoor never shares your information with third-party advertisers.

Nextdoor is available through

both their website, <https://www.nextdoor.com>, or download the app (available for both Apple and Android products).

Source:

https://nextdoor.com/about_us/



MAPS3 Fitness Center Opens in NW OKC



On February 28, the City held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at the MAPS3 Senior Health and Wellness Center. The center is the first MAPS3 senior health and wellness center to open; and lucky for us, it's just a stone's throw away at 11501 N. Rockwell, just north of Crest Foods!

More than just a gym, the Center offers all sorts of health and wellness options:

- *Physical fitness:* group and personal fitness, salt-water pool, nutrition counseling, and other recreational and wellness activities
- *Social wellness:* arts and crafts, ballroom dancing, cooking classes, and more, all designed to improve your quality of life and help you develop a social circle
- *Personal health:* a variety of programs, including classes and educational seminars, focusing on mental wellness programs to help you curb stress, continue learning, and pursue your interests.

The Center will open in March. You must be at least 50 years old to become a member, and regular memberships begin at just \$30 per month! Visit <https://healthylivingokc.com/> for more information.



Harvest Hills South Supporters


Please consider doing business with businesses and organizations that support HHSNA with their advertising dollars!

Our newsletter is delivered door-to-door to nearly 400 residences, so it's a great way for your business to receive exposure, while supporting our neighborhood association! If you'd like to advertise with us, the rates are:

- One issue: \$25
- One year (3 issues): \$60

To advertise, please e-mail Linda Weston, newsletter editor (see page 1).

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