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#### IMPORTANT NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION



## **IMPORTANT INFO**

## Drakestone HOA

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## **OKC**

Animal Welfare 405-297-3100 Action Center 405-297-2535 Code Enforcement 405-297-2317 Police Non-emergency 405-297-1000

Please Call 911 for an Emergency.



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

Contact the HOA Board drakestonehoa@gmail.com

## FROM THE BOARD

We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season filled with loved ones and too much food!

Let's start with past events and news.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 Halloween Decoration Contest! 1st: 11625 NW 6th St., 2nd: 612 Wicket Pl., 3rd: 11520 NW 5th St. It is always such a joy to see all of the children that come to our neighborhood for trick or treating. Let's keep this going!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 Christmas Decoration Contest! 1st: 612 Wicket, 2nd: 11625 NW 6th, 3rd: 11520 NW 5th St. This year we had lots more participants, which made the neighborhood very festive. There were two other houses that would have placed, but they were not current on dues so they did not qualify for the winnings.

On January 18th, 2018, the HOA hosted the Annual Meeting. Unfortunately, there was not a quorum again to make an official meeting. We need more members of the neighborhood to get involved in order to see any changes for our HOA.

At the February 4th, 2018 board meeting, new officers were assigned and plans were made for future events.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 24th, 2018. Meet us at the 5th Street Entrance Commons at 2pm. There will be separate age groups; 0-2, 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12 for the children and a raffle drawing for each age group for a prize! We are planning on having face painting this year as well. Don't forget, the Easter Bunny also makes an appearance so you can get some photos with him! Please no unattended children. There is not a backup venue, so if the weather is too bad we will hold the hunt the following weekend on the 31st.

May through September we hold the Annual Yard of the Month Competition. If you are up to date on your dues and have some beautiful landscaping, you could be a winner next year! If you would like to know each months' winners please follow Drakestone on social media or sign up for our E-Newsletter.

The Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale will be in May on Friday the 4th and Saturday the 5th. You are not required to have your garage sale on these dates, but it could benefit you. We will advertise in the newspapers and on social media. Last year was very successful! Please obtain your permits from the city ahead of schedule if you would like to be included in the listings.

As always, remember to be neighbor friendly!

## **STAY CONNECTED**

### Drakestone Website

Get links for the current covenants, past newsletters, the events calendar and more!

www.DrakestoneHOA.com



Together we can use nextdoor to find lost pets, share babysitters, stop break-ins, and share events.

There are already 100+ Drakestone neighbors online.

We hope you will join us!

www.drakestone.nextdoor.com



Like our facebook page!

www.facebook.com/DrakestoneHOA



Join us on Neighborhood Link!

www.neighborhoodlink.com/Drakestone

#### E-Newsletter

Have you been missing out on the E-Newsletter? Enter the link below or use the QR Code and fill-in the form to sign up for the Drakestone HOA E-Newsletter.

http://eepurl.com/cvARu1



## **BOARD MEMBERS**

President - Peggy Bartraw

Vice President - Brandee Wiles

Secretary - Al Bartraw

Treasurer - Barbara Williams

Board Member - Jim Horan

Board Member - Lance Wiles

Board Member - Steve Wilt

## 2017 YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST

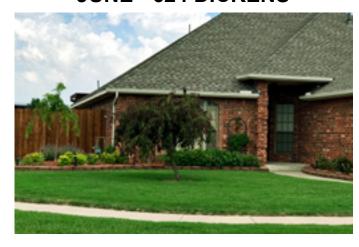
Don't forget to trim those hedges and pluck those weeds. You could be a winner this year!

The Drakestone
Yard of the Month Contest runs May through September and each winner receives \$50.



**MAY - 11501 NW 6TH** 

#### **JUNE - 624 DICKENS**



**JULY - 921 ELLSWORTH** 



## **AUGUST - 700 VICKERY**



**SEPTEMBER - 616 VICKERY** 



#### **EVENTS**

## **The Easter Egg Hunt**

March 24th, 2018

We hope you'll join your neighbors for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year! Meet us at the 5th Street Entrance Commons on March 24th at 2pm. There will be separate age groups; 0-2, 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12 for the children to make sure there is a fair haul for everyone. We will also hold a raffle drawing for each age group for a prize! We are planning on having face painting this year

as well. Don't forget, the Easter Bunny also makes an appearance so you can get some photos with him!

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#### **Yard of the Month Contest**

May - September 2018

The HOA wants to reward you for your beautiful lawns. If you have a luscious lawn, you will be entered to win \$50 each month from May through September! So get ready next year by trimming those hedges and pulling weeds.

Must be current on dues to be eligible to win.

# The Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

May 4th & 5th, 2018

It's time to clean out those closets and make some money Drakestone! The



HOA will provide the advertising in the newspapers and on social media. Be sure to obtain your permits from the city by April 20th if you would like to be included in the neighborhood map. Last year was such a success, let's do it again!

Stay up-to-date with the E-Newsletter http://eepurl.com/cvARu1

## FROM THE NEIGHBORS



Have something you would like to share with the neighborhood?

Send your ideas to the HOA Board drakestonehoa@gmail.com

## **5 Essential Spring Gardening Tips**

By HomeAdvisor

Here are some tips for your getting your spring garden green and beautiful by the time the season reaches its peak:

1. Clean out the garden.

It's time to clean your garden and remove all the debris (leaves, leftover snow, etc.) Get rid of weeds, making sure that you get the roots so they won't grow back. This is also a good time to sharpen your garden tools, if needed, because you're going to require them for plant maintenance and soil care.

#### 2. Revitalize the soil.

Because your soil is likely dried out and packed after winter, it's time to add moisture. Add organic material like compost or manure. You might need to test the soil to see what nutrients it needs, so you give it the right mixture. You might also need to add more fertilizer to increase the health of the soil and increase the life of your plants.

3. Trim old plants.

Plants that survived the winter will need to be pruned so they'll grow anew in the spring. Make sure to wait until mid-April or May in case there's an unexpected freeze. Blooming plants should be pruned right after they bloom to avoid cutting off future flowers. Summer plants should be pruned in early spring.

4. Add mulch.

In addition to fertilizers and organic materials, you should think about adding mulch to your flower beds and garden. One to three inches of mulch helps to prevent weeds and diseases. It also keeps the moisture in the garden and maintains the temperature. The rule of thumb is to keep the mulch a few inches from the plant stems to prevent roots from rotting.

5. Plant new flowers and shrubs.

Once you've gotten the garden in shape and handled all of the old plants, it's time to turn your attention to new plants. Some recommendations for good spring plants include:

Pansies, Snapdragons, Vegetables like lettuce, peas and arugula, Redbuds, Transplanting tomato plants from indoor pots to outside, Lilacs, Tulips

You should lean towards planting more perennials rather than annuals, because annuals have to be replaced every year. This means you're making an investment in plants that will die every year and require replacement. Perennials, on the other hand, last for two to three years and usually survive winter frosts.