

SUGGS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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**PICNIC LOCATION:
SMITTY PARK
BILLEN & 44th Street**

**BRING A SIDE DISH or
DESSERT + CHAIR, AND
SPNA PROVIDES THE
FRIED CHICKEN AND
DRINKS. 6:00 P M**

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**Meet your firemen &
councilman on May8th!**



NEED A
RIDE TO A
MEETING OR THE PIC-
NIC??? OK THEN, JUST
PICK UP YOUR TELE-
PHONE AND GIVE MIKE,
PAT, SHIRLEY OR KRIS
A CALL AT NUMBERS
LISTED ABOVE. WE
WILL ARRANGE FOR
TRANSPORTATION TO
AND FROM OUR GATH-
ERINGS.....SO NO EX-
CUSES!



SPNA ANNUAL PICNIC AT SMITTY PARK - MON. MAY 8th-6:00 PM

"An informed neighborhood is safe & beautiful."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Deadline for poll is May 5th, so we can announce the results at the picnic on the 8th. If you haven't already voted, please mark below yes, or no to the questions.

Thanks for participating in this important poll!

#1 Due to the frequency of holidays and increased demands on Monday nights, it has been suggested we "return" to Tuesday night meetings. Yes___ No___

#2 Because many people are pre-scheduled for after work seminars, classes, etc. It has been suggested we consider having quarterly meetings (throughout the year). Yes___ No___

#3 Meeting time—7PM instead of 6:30PM. Yes___ No___

#4 SPNA DIRECTORY—Do you wish to have an updated directory? Yes___ No___

(Deadline for Directory entries May 5th)

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. Contact in case of emergency: _____

Email address: _____

Do you wish only your name listed at your address: Yes___No___

OTHER: _____

Tell us what you want in the Directory:

WHAT TO DO NOW: We need the polling votes on #1-2-3 before the April meeting: Clip this section and mail to Kris Van Buren 2225 N.W. 45th Street, Okc 73112...or, ~ Call or email Mike Truel at the telephone and email numbers listed at the top of this newsletter. (Do leave a message if call not answered.)

YOUR NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____



MESSAGE FROM PAT MILLER, Vice President:



Reminder: The Big Blue's (garbage cans) need to be placed out on your curb no earlier than 5PM the day before scheduled pick up and removed as soon after pick up is complete the next day. Some people are unable, due to health or similar issues, to pull a heavy Blue. Thus, once the Blue's are filled, it might be required to place them on the curb earlier. For the monthly big trash day, putting items on the curb early am or day before; is important for the City to estimate which truck they will use for picking up various sized trash items. Just let us know if you have questions.

As this year's SPNA Association comes to a close, a reminder of how grateful we are to those who have provided the service of delivering newsletters to their blocks. Block Captains are the heart beat of our association and neighborhood. They are available to take your messages to the forefront on any issue that might affect your home or street, so use them. We welcome that! And to the block captains, if ever you cannot deliver the newsletters, just give me a call and we'll have someone step in for you. No problem...

If you would like to get to know your neighbors better or haven't met them, please stop by Smitty Park on May 8th, at 6PM, ~ let's get to know YOU. *Happy Spring and Summer Everyone! -Pat Miller*

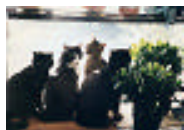


**** DOGGIE DOO**** SMITTY PARK HAS A NEW DOGGIE BAG DISPENSER located at the main walking path entrance. Please help us remind all that it's important to keep the park clean for those of all ages.

IT IS NOT ONLY A GOOD IDEA; IT IS NOW THE LAW!

SPNA welcomes you to register your beloved pet with us, so we can put out an alert to all the block captains should they go missing. We'd need a description, their name, your name/address information and your vet's contact info. Just call Kris @ 463-0405 or email at krisvb@cox.net.

"Panda/Jake"



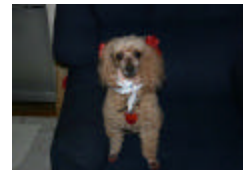
"Potsy"



"Prescious"



"Hannah"



It's grass growing season and your weed-free, mowed lawns will continue to tell our story to those driving through. They also help to keep our property values stable.

THANKS!

APRIL 10th MEETING MINUTES:

SUGGS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting Date: April 10, 2006
Meeting Place: James Monroe Elementary School
Attendance: 37 members



Mr. Mike Truel, SPNA President, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

All joined in to give the pledge of allegiance and a motion was made by Ed Manske and seconded by Margie Kerr to accept the March minutes as published. **MOTION PASSED**

Mike Truel discussed the earlier block captain meeting held at 6:00PM and expressed gratitude to all for their help. A hospitality table was available with coffee and cookies.

Mike Truel also reminded everyone that if a block captain is unable to deliver newsletters, to just give a welcomed call to Pat Miller, Mike or Kris for assistance.

Mike Truel spoke about the May picnic and encouraged everyone to attend. He also announced that one dozen new trees have been successfully planted at Smitty Park. He has a list of the types of trees if anyone is interested. **Big thanks to Richard Sidwell, who has been essential to the tree watering program!**

Mike introduced SPNA member and newsletter editor Kris Van Buren, who gave a brief presentation on her seven-week Neighborhood Alliance training, representing Suggs Park Neighborhood Association. She described the depth of involvement the City of Oklahoma has invested and committed to neighborhood safety and development. She then handed over to the President's office, in care of Mike Truel, a gavel given to her as a gift during the Leadership Training graduation ceremony by our Oklahoma City Mayor, Mick Cornett.

Mike Truel introduced the evening speaker, Master Sergeant "Charlie" Epperly from Hefner Division. He spoke in-depth on many new and relevant aspects of local terrorism and what the neighborhoods can do to be safe and secure. He brought several props and items to show the group what the current-day police are using. This was an excellent presentation and we had very good participation by the members.

Door Prizes Given: Maxine Cossey, Claudine Joyner, Margie Kerr, Helen Whittle, Jill McCartney, Irene Baren

Motion was made by Irene Baren and seconded by Patty West to adjourn the meeting at 8PM. **Motion Passed**

Wendy Fox, SPNA Secretary

CUT AND PLACE THESE HANDY CITY NUMBERS IN AN EASY-TO-FIND
SPOT FOR YOUR QUICK REFERENCE.

HELPFUL OKC CITY NUMBERS: First, remember 211 for general information |
non emergencies! Call 911 for emergency in progress. ACTION LINE: 297-2535 |
Gen./Misc. |

Gang Violence Hotline—Anonymous	297-1195
Gang Unit	297-1196
Graffiti Removal	297-2535
Abandoned Cars in Streets	297-2535
Abandoned Houses	297-2368/297-2535
Derelict Vehicles	297-1140
Street Level Drugs Info/Will Rogers IMPACT	297-1171
Crime Stoppers	297-7300
Animal Control	297-2255
Animal Welfare	297-3100
Solo Motorcycles	297-1141
Citizens Police Academy/Lt. David Ellis	316-4656

Weekly crime stats for our neighborhood: www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/suggspark

MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS:

SPNA ANNUAL DUES— \$10.00. SEND YOUR CHECK TO BARRY WATSON, TREASURER— 2522 N.W. 46TH St. Okc 73112 Or give your check to one of the executive members at the meetings.

CHECK OUT THE SPNA WEBSITE: www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/suggspark. Shirley Bray and Tom Hoke have continued to grow this site to include many new interesting items. Call if you need help finding it, etc.

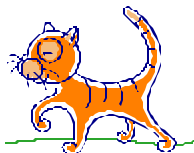
LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER INFORMATION:

Spay/Neuter Information— 629-6795

Pets & People Humane Society—350-7387

Southside Dog Cat & Bird Clinic—636-1484

Spay Clinic—789-3646



Volunteers for Animal Welfare—Spay/Neuter Hotline: 842-6772

Remember: Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system; a few ounces will kill a small sized dog.

DOG CLUB OFFERS OBEDIENCE CLASSES IN CITY—Central Oklahoma Golden Retriever Club will conduct dog (any breed practically) training classes Monday nights beginning March 20, at the National Guard Armory, 200 N.E. 23rd. www.cogrc.org or contact Karen Titterington at 691-6852.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR STORM CELLARS WITH THE CITY! You can call 297-2972 for more information. This is so the rescue people can locate you in case of a storm.

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT RECIPES, QUESTIONS OR ARTICLES—THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER AND YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO ITS *SUCCESS!*

KID'S, YOU CAN MAKE THIS!!!



REFRIGERATOR ICE TRAY FROZEN TREAT ~ "SORBET"

Per tray: 1 (or less) pint of favorite vanilla frozen yogurt or ice cream. Stir the ice cream in a bowl and add to taste, Welch's Grape Juice (any flavor), enough to fill the ice tray. Then place in freezer for a couple of hours or until frozen. Makes a special dessert, which can be topped with fruit, cookies, anything.

Also, you can use this same blended mixture to make a wonderful smoothie-blender drink. You can add bananas or peaches, etc. and this makes a wonderful frothy drink.

YUMMO!!!

-Kris Van Buren



Call:
Kris

At
463-
0405

CONTEST: 1st person to call with answer from their block will win a prize at the next meeting—

#1 -What "3" services are being offered by and to SPNA MEMBERS - Hmmm? Come on, they are listed in this newsletter—easy!

#2 - The first person to call with a found typo in this newsletter from their block, wins a special prize.

- "Typo Annie"

