

CANYON NORTH

ECHOES

A Great Place To Live

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The Canyon North Neighborhood Association Mission Statement

To unite as neighbors to preserve the safety, beauty and value of our homes, property and families.



This newsletter is also posted at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/canyonnorth

Father's Day - June 18

Summer Begins - June 21

Independence Day - July 4

Plan to attend!
Next CNNA Meeting
7 p.m. - Thursday
Sept. 21, 2006
Church of the Servant
14343 N. MacArthur



Message from the President:

Eureka! It's finally happened, our new traffic signal on Rockwell is under construction. Please be cautious when exiting the neighborhood during this phase. Further details of the signal are in the newsletter but this is a long awaited, life saving asset for Canyon North.

Also in this newsletter please see the details for our Annual July 4th Parade and Cookout. This year we've planned for a larger event complete with a moonwalk for the kids. All residents of Canyon North are invited and the event is free of charge. If you're not going to the lake for the holiday because you've decided to save on the cost of fuel, plan to bring the entire family to this sure to be fun event.

As of this writing, I have decided that I will not seek a 5th term as president of the association. I think we have had a rewarding impact on the neighborhood but it is time for others to step forward and continue this progress. For the most part, we still have the same officers on the board as we did when we started 4 years ago. We must have YOU step forward now in order to keep the association alive. If not, then the association will disband. We'll have no one to be the voice of Canyon North with the city. Our neighborhood will deteriorate and your property values will go down. There is no doubt about that! Please consider volunteering. It is up to all of us to help protect our homes and we need some new faces to help. Further details are in the newsletter.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Becky Rickard, President



JULY 4TH PARADE & COOKOUT



ALL CANYON NORTH RESIDENTS INVITED

See details inside – It's FREE!

Rockwell Traffic Signal

Hopefully, everyone living in Canyon North has noticed the construction going on at our entrance on Rockwell and Talbot Canyon. If you're wondering what is going on, the city is installing a traffic light. This means that for the first time we will be able to have a safer way to get onto Rockwell.

Approximately 5 years ago, the city approved the need of a signal at this intersection. When the CNNA was started back in 2002 we became aware of this approval



when we did our traffic study in the neighborhood which added and rearranged some of our stop signs within our boundaries. We contacted the city and starting inquiring about the signal and it's installation only to find that it was being held up for

funding reasons. As with most things in life if you want something to happen you have to make it happen and that's just what we did. The CNNA has called and talked with the appropriate persons at City Hall every month for the last two years! We wanted to remind them that

we were waiting on that light to go up and we were not going to go away. That said, our light was one of five that was approved for funding in NW OKC. Electric utilities are installed and the footings for each light are done one at a time. They then go back



and install the poles, fixtures and other hardware. The requirement is that the contractor has 30 days per light to complete the job but this can draw out over a 150 day (5 lights) or 30 working weeks. Long and short of it is that it may take a while for the light to be completed and it may at times appear that they've stopped working on it. That's because they have to work on the other 4 lights as well. Let's hope that weather permitting they will move fast and get our light up and running by the time school starts in the fall.

Do The Wave

Want to help make our neighborhood safer? Do the wave! When driving past anyone who is out in front of a house, simply give a wave of the hand and make eye contact with them. It will either build a better a better relationship with your neighbor or scare off a potential thief!

Want To Advertise Your Business?

Business card ads are available in the newsletter for a rate of \$10 per month, per ad. If you wish to put your business card in the newsletter, please get your card to Becky Rickard by the 15th of the month. You can call Becky at 721-9457 to make arrangements to deliver your card. You must be a CNNA member to place an ad.



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July 4th Parade & Cookout

Attention all Canyon North residents! Are you staying in town for the holiday? If so, plan to bring your family to



the annual CN Independence Day festivities. The event will start at 11:00 on Tuesday, July 4th at the intersection of Blue Spruce Ct. and Basswood Canyon Rd on the east side of Basswood. We'll have a children's parade that will start at 11:15. The parade route will go east

on Blue Spruce Ct, then turn and go south down Blue Spruce Rd. Have your children decorate their bikes, scooters or wagons for the celebration. We will give prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place as determined by our

distinguished panel of judges. Don't worry about traffic as we will have the streets blocked off for the parade with city approved barricades. After the parade we'll enjoy a good old fashioned hot dog cookout in front of



the home of Ralph and Laura Crawford at 10416 Blue Spruce Rd. starting at noon and ending at 2:00 p.m. sharp. We'll provide the hot dogs, chips, bottled water, tea and condiments. If you'd like to bring your favorite July 4th dish feel free to do so. If you prefer a soda pop to drink you'll need to bring your own. No alcoholic beverages or pets can be allowed! Children must be with an adult.

Wait there's more! In addition to the parade and



cookout, we'll have a Moonwalk set up for the kids to play in until 3:00 p.m. The good news is that all of this fun is absolutely free courtesy of the CNNA, Ralph and Laura Crawford and their neighbors Jack and Donna Scott. Please take a few hours of your holiday and spend it with the

people closest to you, your neighbors. You may make some new friends and find that you really do live in a great neighborhood. Remember, July 4th, 11:00 – 3:00 p.m., 10416 Blue Spruce Road. We'll have a special gift for all veterans or current military neighbors who attend. Join the CNNA for \$25 at the event and receive membership through Sept. 31, 2007. That's 3 free months!

Help Save The CNNA

As was reported in our President's column, Becky has decided not to seek another term as president of the CNNA. All of the officers of the CNNA have put in a lot of their personal time to help make YOUR neighborhood a better place to live. We need other CN residents to come forward and volunteer some of their time as a section chairman or as an officer of the CNNA. If we do not get new members to come onto the board it's possible that the CNNA may go the way of so many

associations when only the same handful of people do all the work. Do you want to continue to enjoy the holiday sleigh ride and lighting contest, the July 4th events, nicely mowed perimeters, informative newsletters, discounts at Home Depot and a neighborhood that adheres to city codes? If you answered any of these questions yes, then please call Nicole Miley at 603-6164. She can explain in detail what's involved in helping. We need your help!

Back Yard Burgers Silver Spade Award

Our congratulations and thanks go to our April and May



Silver Spade winners. This award is given monthly to a CNNA member who has worked hard making their front yard look great! Our April winner was Shirley Call, who lives at 6720 Evergreen Canyon. Shirley continues to improve her always beautiful yard. If only we all had Shirley's

green thumb! Our May winner was Vladimir Popov and his wife Olga. They are our newest CNNA members. They moved into CN about 9 months ago and they have really done a wonderful job improving their home and yard. In addition to displaying the Silver Spade in their yard, the winners were given two free coupons for sandwiches at Back Yard Burgers. Please be sure to thank the folks at BYB the next time you eat there and thank both of these CNNA members for doing their part to help all of us retain our property values.

The Silver Spade Awards for June and July will be given the last Saturday of those months.

Remember, you must be a CNNA member to be eligible for this award.

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CANYON NORTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 24 - Back Yard Burgers Silver Spade Award
June 24 - Neighborhoods Say Thanks!

July 4 - Independence Day Parade & Cook Out
July 8 - Adopt-A-Street Trash Pick Up
July 29 - Back Yard Burgers Silver Spade Award
August 1 - National Night Out

August 26 - Back Yard Burgers Silver Spade Award
Sept. 21 - Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Details for all of these events will be in our newsletters & posted
on the Canyon North Web site

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