

# SPNA

### SUGGS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter

November 2005

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

From SPNA

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Pat Miller, Block Captains, Plus
Wendy Fox, Secretary
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And all the SPNA BLOCK CAPTAINS

#### **NOVEMBER Meeting**

Suggs Park Neighborhood Association meeting will be held on Monday night, November 14, 6:30 pm - Monroe Elementary School at 4810 N. Linn.

**BLOCK CAPTAINS**: Please arrive about 15 min. prior to this month's meeting for a quick meeting.

#### ATTENTION NEW NEIGHBORS ~

We would like to meet you and know your names. Please contact any of us listed in this newsletter to introduce yourself, and by all means *Welcome to our Neighborhood*!

#### Agenda for November Meeting

- 1.) Minutes and Treasurer's report from October.
- 2.) Member Discussion
- 3.) Introduction of New Block Captains
- 4.) Website
- 5.) Door Prize Giveaway

#### SPNA Membership Pledge:

"As a member of **SPNA**, I pledge to get to know all of my neighbors to the left, to the right and immediately across the street. I will do my best to be helpful (within reason) by looking out for their personal well being and that of their property. I will post their names and telephone numbers in a readily accessible place. I will advise them of this membership pledge and encourage them to join **SPNA**. I will display my membership yard sign proudly as a statement to my neighbors that they can count on me for help and protection in their time of need. I will always treat my neighbor as a friend."

#### SPNA NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

- ~ We were saddened by the tragic death of Sgt Jonathan Dragus on Oct 20th. He was assigned to the Hefner Station which oversees our neighborhood. Sgt Dragus was killed in his police cruiser during a chase at NW Expressway and Penn. Our association has sent a card of condolence to his family.
- ~ Also, as voted in October, our association has sent a check for \$100 to Mobile Meals to help support this valuable service.
- ~ Meanwhile, the trees have been flagged for planting at Smitty Park.
- ~ We are looking for trainees for upcoming officer positions. Anyone who is interested in learning the inner workings and devoting a few hours a month should contact me to discuss it. Contact: mjtruel@sbcglobal.net or call 840-2840. Mike Truel, Acting Pres.
- ~ Pat Miller reminds us that the James Monroe Elementary School has bins at their Northern-most front entrance drive for the following: Newspapers, Magazines, (No plastic, glass, etc.) Useable Clothing and small items. The school receives a monetary percentage for these items.

SPNA WEBSITE NEWS: By Shirley Bray The Internet has now made it possible for you to easily and conveniently be informed and involved in our neighborhood.

Our neighborhood now has its own free, interactive Web site where we can display our

newsletter, notices, meeting schedules, and neighborhood issues, as well as direct links to our local schools, community police officers, and local government officials.

The site is located at <a href="http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/suggspar">http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/suggspar</a>
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In addition to the features mentioned above, the SPNA Web site has an easy-to-use discussion area called "Talk About It" that enables all of us to exchange ideas, concerns and questions about neighborhood issues. Our Web site also has a Community Calendar that lists upcoming meetings, events, and garage sales; a Meet Your Neighbor section that allows us to create (or hotlink) our personal Web pages; a free Classified Advertising section, and an Add-A-Page feature that makes it easy for anyone to prepare and post Web pages devoted to any topic of interest.

Visit the SPNA web site to learn more about our neighborhood, and become actively involved by posting announcements and events and participating in its many interactive features. If you do not have Internet access at your home or office, local libraries have computers through which you can reach the site.

The SPNA web site has been made available to us at no cost by Neighborhood Link and its corporate sponsors, who have created a place on the Internet where every neighborhood in our metro area (and others around the country) can have their own free, interactive Web sites. For more information, or to help in our neighborhood web site's ongoing development, contact the web coordinators on the main Contact page of the site.

The "Crime Tracker" link http://newsok.com/news/crime/ can be accessed from the main page of the web site under Police & Safety.

And.....the "Neighborhood Alliance" link on the main page of our site will take you to the main page which has a link titled "Crime Report" and navigates you automatically to the crime reports:

http://nacok.org/CrimeReports/index.jsp and you pick the report you want to download. Our web administrator contact is Shirley Bray [sbrayokc1@netzero.com] if you have any questions.

#### **SPNA MEETING MINUTES**:

Date - Location: September 12, 2005 James Monroe Elementary School

Acting President, Mike Truel, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Forty-three members were in attendance, 6 new members attended. (No minutes or treasurers report were read.)

The Program on the tree planting grant for Smitty Park and Monroe School was presented by Brian Dougherty of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Terry Ash of the Oklahoma City Parks Planning Office gave a wonderful report on the plans for Smitty Park. Johnson Bridgewater volunteered to be the liaison for a walking path on Monroe Elementary School grounds. Mike reminded us to vote on Sept. 13. Pat Miller brought several bags of Day Lillies for give away.

~ Wendy Fox - SPNA Secretary ~

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Linda Burns, with Paradigm Realty, 255-3826, has generously offered our association a pledge of 1% of her earned commissions from any sale of an SPNA home as defined by the boundaries on our website. Her email address is: 1.burns@prodigy.net

If you are a person with a service to sell, just let us know and bring some information or cards to the next meeting.

The SPNA Newsletter is published from September to May by the association with the help of volunteers.

Please let us know if you have any questions or contributions to make to the newsletter by contacting us at: 405.463-0405, <a href="mailto:krisvb@cox.net">krisvb@cox.net</a>

SPNA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:
DATE:
NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
EMAIL:
ANNUAL "SPNA" MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00

You may give your check to an officer at the monthly association meeting or,

MAIL CHECKS TO: BARRY WATSON, SPNA TREASURER 2522 N.W. 46<sup>TH</sup> Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112