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

Plan to attend !
Next CNNA Meeting
7 p.m. – Thursday
March 23, 2006
Church of the Servant
14343 N. MacArthur

Message from the President:

Happy New Year! With the holidays behind us it's time to look forward to spring. We had a terrific turn out for our holiday events and you can read all about it in this newsletter. We'll also will be reporting on some upcoming activities that everyone should mark on their calendars. Our first neighborhood meeting of the year, The Big Event spring clean up and our annual neighborhood-wide garage sale will all be happening soon. Details are listed in this newsletter on all of these activities.

Also in this newsletter are some important tips on keeping your home and property safe. Over the holidays, northwest OKC had many incidents of crime. We are not immune to this and we want to help inform all CN residents with tips on protecting your property. Taking steps now will help save you money and the anguish experienced as a result of crimes of opportunity.

Your CNNA board of directors is staying in touch with the city to see that progress continues on the installation of the new traffic signal that will be going in soon at our entrance on Rockwell and Talbot. Progress is moving forward on the project and we will keep you posted on when construction will begin. As of now, the city is waiting on the delivery of the equipment. We are being told that construction could start in early spring.

Our membership continues to grow but we have residents who have not renewed their membership this year. Please go to our Web site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/canyonnorth to download a membership application. We need your support.

Let's all continue to work together to keep CN a great place to live.

Becky Rickard, President

- **Neighborhood Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – March 23**
- **The Big Event Spring Clean Up – April 8**
- **Canyon North Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale - April 21-23**

CNNA Pot Luck Dinner Meeting

As we mentioned in our last newsletter we have a very special CNNA meeting planned for March. Annette Dedeaux from the American Red Cross will be giving a very enlightening presentation on disaster planning. With the spring storms upon us we want all Canyon North residents to be fully prepared to handle any situation. This speaker presented to the CNNA board back in November and she was so interesting we've asked her to present at our meeting that will be held at 7:00 p.m., March 23, at Church of the Servant, 14343 N. MacArthur in their Community Hall.

Another special thing we're doing at this meeting is having a pot luck dinner. We are encouraging everyone to bring their favorite snack, casserole or dessert to the meeting. We will not have a way to heat anything so everything should be cooked ahead of time. We'll provide the serving utensils, plates, silverware and beverages.

As always, everyone in the neighborhood is invited to attend our meetings. We will be having a drawing for a free disaster bag, a $50 value, to any CNNA member in attendance. You will be asked to register for the drawing. If you are not a CNNA member and would like to join, in order to be eligible to win the prize, you may do so that night at the meeting.

Plan now to attend this new concept in our neighborhood meetings. Food, fun and friends! A great way to meet new neighbors, have something to eat and maybe go home the lucky winner of a great prize.

American Red Cross

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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CN Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sale

The CN neighborhood-wide garage sale will be this April 21-23. Plan now to participate by cleaning out closets and the garage. You will need to call Becky Rickard at 721-9457 to sign up to participate in the sale. You will also need to call the city at 297-2606 to get your garage sale permit. Cost is $5.00 for the permit and it can be purchased over the phone and charged to your water bill. More details will be in our April-May newsletter.

New Canyon North Neighbors

Are you new to our neighborhood? Whether you own or rent your home, we'd like to hear from you. There are some great benefits from being a member of the CNNA.

You must be a member of the CNNA in order to be eligible for our Silver Spade Back Yard Burger Yard-of-the-Month or to participate in our holiday lighting contest. Please call Nicole Miley at 603-6164 for information.

Neighborhood Safety

Oklahoma City Police would like to remind citizens about the importance of keeping their garage doors closed. Police officers patrolling neighborhoods have noticed a number of homes with garage doors left open - sometimes overnight. It's a good idea for homeowners to proactively try to minimize chances for a thief to commit crimes of opportunity. The potential for crimes of opportunity like larcenies and burglaries increase when a criminal spots an "easy target." There are some basic crime prevention tips we should all keep in mind to help keep our homes more secure. Keep garage door(s) closed whenever possible. Keep doors locked, including the door leading from the garage into the house. Keep adequate lighting around the exterior of your home. It's a good idea each day to remove the remote control for garage doors from vehicles left in the driveway. Thieves have been stealing them from cars in driveways and gaining access to the homeowner's garage. Think of these garage door remote controls as basically an "electronic key" to your house. Get to know your neighbors and be aware of what's going on in your surroundings. Oklahoma City Police encourage citizens to report any suspicious activity going on in neighborhoods. We want to make sure we're doing everything possible to keep our neighborhoods in Oklahoma City as safe as possible. This information is a reprint of a Citizen's Alert that the OKCPD sent out on Jan. 20, 2006.

We would also like to add that it is important to remove your keys from your vehicle even if you park it in the garage. Remember, the newer garage door openers will cause the garage door to go back up if it hits anything when closing. This leaves your car and all of the keys open to a thief. We are telling all CN residents about this, as this very thing happened here in CN over the holidays and the stolen car was used in a crime spree that occurred during the holidays in NW OKC. Fortunately, the car was recovered and returned to the owner but not without a lot of expense and anguish to the homeowner. We'd like to encourage all CN residents to check their garage door and all door locks before they go to bed at night. Remember, leaving a porch light or any outdoor light on all night is a very good way to keep thieves away. Installing a light that is on a light sensor so that it comes on at dusk and off in the morning is a sure fire way to make this an easy to do safety precaution. The CNNA can offer help with a discount in purchasing this sort of light fixture. Please call Becky Rickard at 721-9457 for information on this.

Holiday Event Results

Our annual sleigh ride was held on Friday, Dec. 9 and we had over 80 people attend. We had a great time and we had over 25 entries in our children's coloring contest that night. Winners in the three age categories were:
4 & under – Hallie Parker
5-7 years - Briley Barrett
8-11 years - Sarah Vestal

Our holiday lighting contest was held Sat., Dec. 10. Remember in order to have been eligible for a prize you must be a CNNA member. Holiday lighting contest winners were:
1st Place - Salvador and Ofelia Perez
10404 Cricket Canyon Ct.
2nd Place - Ralph and Laura Crawford
10416 Blue Spruce Rd.
3rd Place - Debbie Cawthon - 6813 Blue Spruce Ct.
Section 1 HM - Michael and Brenda Clemenz
6508 Fawn Canyon Drive
Section 2 HM - Chris and Andrea Gaylord
6705 Bayberry Drive
Section 3 HM - Robert and Donna Charles
6813 Bear Canyon Drive
Section 4 HM - Ron and Kathy Jackson
6616 Evergreen Canyon
Section 5 HM - Steve and Cheryl Ritchie
10412 Cricket Canyon Court
Section 6 HM - Cia Colvin and Nicole Parks
6816 Elk Canyon Road

The grand prizewinner received a $100 gift card to Home Depot and a $20 gift card to CREST. 2nd and 3rd place winners also received some great prizes. We had many nicely decorated homes but some could not be considered because they were not members of the CNNA.

Happy Valentine's Day Puzzle

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To locate your section, visit our Web site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/canyonnorth

The Big Event Perimeter Clean Up

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sat., April 8. This is one of the most important events that the CNNA does to help our neighborhood look great. Please consider donating 30 minutes or one hour of your time to helping out on this date. You will be glad you did when our property values go up. You may call any CNNA board member whose numbers are listed above.

Lost & Found

A child's pink jacket and a pair of white infant socks were left at Becky Rickard's house during the night of the holiday sleigh ride on Dec. 9. Please call her at 721-9457 if these belong to you.

CNNA Membership

The CNNA membership roster is still growing and we need your support. If you have not joined our non mandatory neighborhood association you still have time.

When you join the CNNA you will receive some great discounts at local merchants in our area. It's well worth the $25 annual fee. Please remember that as a CNNA member, you not only receive the discounts but you also are eligible to win some great prizes in our holiday lighting contest and the Silver Spade Award given during the spring and summer months. Check our web site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/canyonnorth for more information on our association and to download a membership form.

Our membership year started October 1, 2005 and runs through September 31, 2006. Please help us keep Canyon North a GREAT PLACE TO LIVE! We need your support.

Reminder: When it's not trash day keep your Big Blues off the curb.

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