



Canyon North Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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A Word From The President . . .

I don't know about all of you, but I sure hope the spring storms are past us. After the storm on May 9, I surveyed the neighborhood for any visual damage and thankfully, found none.

In this issue, you'll find some good tips about safety for our homes and pets. I know that we have numerous storm shelters in Canyon North, and I think it's important that we try to maintain a listing of who has those. You'll find information on that later in the newsletter.

As you may have noticed, the Canyon North perimeters have taken on a new appearance. The board voted to go ahead and maintain both the Rockwell as well as the Hefner sides of CN. It's a good feeling to drive into our neighborhood with it looking more uniformly manicured and having our trees trimmed. We still have some more work to do but we're off to good start and I hope everyone appreciates the hard work of our volunteers who got out and trimmed trees and hauled off all the debris.

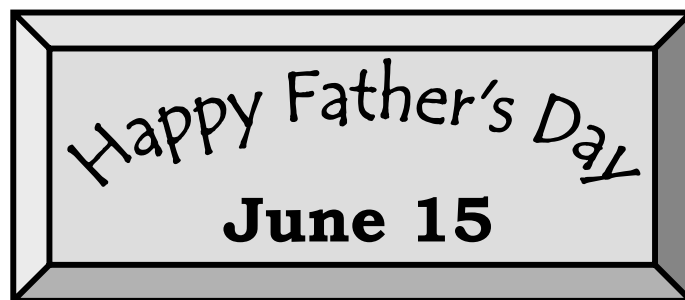
I couldn't help but notice that in a recent listing of average selling prices per square foot for 14 subdivisions around us that Canyon North fell eighth on the list. Not bad considering we have so many new additions surrounding us. Let's hope that with the continued maintenance of our properties, we'll move up on the charts. It's already obvious that there are improvements happening within the neighborhood. Old fences are being replaced with new ones, yards are being landscaped and trees are being trimmed.

On a recent evening drive through CN, I noticed that many of us are leaving our front lights on throughout the night, which is a great way to safeguard your home during the nighttime hours. Many of you took advantage of the curbside house number offer and that too adds to your home's safety.


All in all, Canyon North is looking better without a doubt. Keep up the good work.

For those of you who are new to Canyon North, we welcome you. If you are interested in joining our neighborhood association, please call Nicole Miley, our treasurer, at 603-6164. She'll be glad to get a membership application to you. ✿

Becky Rickard, President



The Canyon North Neighborhood Association Mission Statement

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

What's in this issue?

- ✿ **Pet Preparedness**
- ✿ **Junior Activities**
- ✿ **Silver Spade Award**
- ✿ **Bike Safety Clinic**

Mark Your Calendars
Next CNNA Quarterly Meeting
7 pm - June 26, 2003
Church of the Servant



Pet Preparedness

Recent storms brought to light the importance of not only being prepared for our own safety but for that of our pets as well.

Before something happens, plan ahead. Be sure your pet has proper identification - either with a collar and tags, microchip or tattoo. Carry a current photo of you and your pet with you. It will help prove ownership if you face having to retrieve your pet from a shelter.



Prepare a disaster supply kit for each of your pets. Check this kit monthly to keep the supplies up to date. This should include a pet carrier for each pet, food, water, leash, collar and emergency contact such as your vet's phone number, just to mention a few. Be sure you have a neighbor who knows you have animals and knows where your disaster kit is kept.



During an emergency, evacuate your family and pets as early as possible. Take your disaster supply kit with you. Be aware of changing conditions. Monitor your TV or radio for information. This can save your own life as well as your pet's.

After the disaster, keep in mind that your pet's behavior may change. Keep them on a leash until you can safely release them. Pets require equal time to recover from the trauma and stress of an emergency as you do!

If you'd like further information on emergency preparedness for your pet, contact your veterinarian. Our thanks go to the Putnam North Animal Hospital who graciously provided this information.

Remember the importance of pets within our neighborhood. When walking your pet, please keep them on a leash. You never know when a distraction will occur that can spell disaster for your pet and the safety of others around you. ♡

Monthly Big Trash Pick-up . . .

Last month when we did our perimeter clean up on Rockwell, the question about how much big trash could be placed on the curb each month arose. With the city now starting to add additional costs to our utility bills for too much big trash left on the curb, we thought we'd list their guidelines, for clarification purposes.

Items should be set at least five feet from mailboxes, gas meters, cars, shrubs, or anything else that could interfere with the mechanical lifting arms on the trucks. For the same reason, items should be set



at least ten feet away from utility poles, to prevent contact with overhead power lines.

The city will pick up as much as four cubic yards of Bulky Waste (about the size of two refrigerators) at no charge every month. If you put out more than four cubic yards, they will charge you \$6.95 for **every cubic yard** over the limit. On August 1, this rate will go up to \$7.16 per cubic yard over four feet.

With regard to regular weekly pickup, if you only have one Big Blue you *cannot* set additional trash bags out for pick up. You may only set out any additional bags if you have two Big Blues.

When Big Blue carts are overfilled, winds may cause them to tip over causing waste to blow out, thus littering the streets of our neighborhood. The city suggests bagging all items before placing them in the carts, making sure the cart lid closes, and to please not place carts in the street but on the curb instead.

For further information on Big Waste Monthly Collection, visit the city's Web site at www.okc.gov. ♡

Remember Flag Day

Please remember to fly your flag on Flag Day - Saturday, June 14! ♡

CNNA Junior Activities . . .

by Nicole Omohundro, Junior Coordinator

Our teen group is already off to a great start!! The group has been doing a great job distributing your monthly newsletters. The teens are volunteering their time to serve the community. The CNNA Board is also planning an end of summer party for those juniors who have accumulated volunteer service hours. Look for more information on this in the July & August newsletters.



We are happy to announce the creation of summer activities for our neighborhood youth. Parents are always welcome and are encouraged to participate. We have created three groups organized by age:
Moms & Tots: Parents & their children under 5
Juniors: Ages 5-11
Teens: Ages 12 & up

If you would like to sign up your child or become an adult volunteer, please call Nicky at 773-7438. An informational meeting will be held at Nicky's house at 7p.m., Tuesday, June 3, at 6908 Bear Canyon Dr.

Here are some upcoming community events that we'd like to have our CN Juniors consider attending. We'll be planning specific dates and it would help if you'd call Nicky and let her know if you and your child would like to attend.

Wednesdays

Martin Park Nature Center (Ages 9-13)

9:30 am-12:30pm

Old clothing is recommended. The "Gang" works on conservation projects in Martin Park under the supervision of a naturalist. The summer schedule includes two hours dedicated to a work project and one hour spent in a recreational project.

Warr Acres Library All Ages

3-3:40pm

June 4 - Lucky Penny Players Presents The Elves & The Shoemaker

June 11 - Rhythmically Speaking Presents "After the Asteroids"

June 18 - 2x4 Productions Presents "Dinosaurs Don't Dance"

June 25 - Monty Harper Presents "Wacky-Out Dinosaur Songs"

Upcoming Events: Date/Time TBA

H.B. Fish Hatchery Tour (Ages 2-8)

How to Make and Fly a Kite (all ages)

Redhawks Baseball Game (all ages)

Moms & Tots Play Group

These are all great activities for the CN Juniors. Please call Nicky to sign up for any of these activities! ✨

Jr Bicycle Safety Clinic . . .

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, the Oklahoma City Police will be in Canyon North to conduct a



bicycle safety class for any junior, any age. The clinic will be held in the cul-de-sac on Blue Spruce Court and Fawn Canyon. Parents are invited to attend this very informative clinic. As we all know, our kids are on our streets throughout the summer riding bikes and scooters, skateboarding or roller-skating. We want our kids to be safe while doing these activities. Bring your bikes, tricycles or scooter to the clinic to learn how to BE SAFE this summer. Upon completion of the clinic, all juniors will earn an Official CNNA safety decal to proudly display on their bikes.

Call Nicky Omohundro, at 773-7438 today to be the first to sign up for this free neighborhood event. ✨

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

Neighborhood updates. . . .

Thanks to everyone who helped with our perimeter clean up on May 3. We'll be planning more clean up on our Hefner side soon.

Have you noticed that we've had potholes filled on our streets and that the intersection at Talbot and Elk Canyon has been patched?

Do you have a storm shelter? If so, please call Becky Rickard at 721-9457 so we can chart it on our neighborhood map.

Our Traffic Committee will be working with the city on some additional stop signs to help slow down traffic on our streets.

If you'd like to join the CNNA, dues have dropped to \$12.50 which is good until our membership year starts again on Oct. 1. Please call Nicole Miley at 603-6164 to join.

CNNA Silver Spade Award. . .



This month we are pleased to award the first of six Silver Spade Awards. The award can be based not just on appearance but on improvement as well. The winner will get to proudly display the CN Silver Spade in their yard for an entire month and will also receive a nice prize for all that hard work!

The award will be presented from May – October on the last Saturday of each month, right after the monthly newsletter is delivered. The winner for the month will be listed in that newsletter. If you notice a yard that you feel should be nominated for the yard-of-the-month a.k.a. Silver Spade Award, please call Gagelene Tyree or Lori Bozarth, our Beautification Committee Chairpersons, at 773-4109.

The May Silver Spade Award Winner is
Shirley Call

6720 Evergreen Canyon Road

Shirley and her family have worked hard at making their yard a beautiful sight for CN. Shirley is always out working in her yard so be sure to stop and thank her for helping make CN a great place to live! Congratulations on a job well done, Shirley! ♡

Newsletter Ads Available . . .

Business card ads are available in the newsletter to CNNA members for a rate of \$10 per month, per ad. 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. Payment for your ad will be due upon delivery of your card. If you are a local merchant and would like to place your card in the newsletter, please contact Becky for rates. They're very reasonable.




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