



Canyon North Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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A Word From The President . . .

Is everyone ready for summer? What exactly does "ready for summer" mean? It means lawn mowers are tuned up and blades sharpened. Weed eaters are fired up and ready to cut down all that unwanted grass and weeds. Old leaves from the fall are cleaned up. "Ready



for summer" can also mean that swimming pools are getting prepped for the hot weather and lots of fun. On the other hand "ready for summer" for some folks may mean VACATION TIME. Whatever the case, it's time to

come out of our cocoons, get outdoors, breathe fresh air and get to know your neighbors!

Your CNNA board has been busy working on many new things for our neighborhood. We'll be having our first annual Spring Clean-Up next weekend, a traffic management study is in the works to hopefully find ways to slow down traffic on our streets, new Neighborhood Watch signs will be put on our main thoroughfares and special arrangements for curbside addresses have been made. You can read more about all of these events in this newsletter.

As the tensions in the Middle East begin to ease, we should all keep in mind the sacrifice that soldiers have made for our country. We have Canyon North neighbors who do have family serving our country at this time. Keep them in your thoughts and let's continue to show our support by flying our flags. This past month I counted more than 95 flags flying in Canyon North.

Nicole Miley, CNNA treasurer, and I completed the Neighborhood Leaders for Today program after nine weeks of classes and we are both now graduates of the NLT. What does that mean? It means that CN is prepared. We can now proactively solve problems and keep CN in line with other neighborhoods with regard to residential safety and increasing property values. We will be participating in future seminars that will educate and strengthen our association. There will be ways that you as an individual can participate in some of these events, and we will announce them in plenty of time so you can participate.


One thing that many of us have forgotten is that we, as individuals, are involved in city, state and federal issues, but we fail to get involved in neighborhood issues. There are issues that can occur directly in your front yard,

right under your nose, and those are the ones in which you can truly have a voice. Don't be silent! Attend our next CNNA Quarterly Meeting and share your ideas with us. We can make them happen. ▣

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 

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Mark Your Calendars
Next CNNA Quarterly Meeting
7 pm - June 26, 2003



Correction on CN Spring Clean Up. . .

Last month it was incorrectly reported that our Spring Clean Up date would be May 2. The actual date for our clean up day is Saturday, May 3.

We need any and all volunteers to bring their work gloves and come out next Saturday morning at 9 a.m. to help us trim the trees and pick up trash along our Rockwell and Hefner perimeters.

We also need a few good "handy with a drill" people to help replace our old neighborhood watch signs with our brand new red and white signs.

Be sure to take advantage of this day to do clean up around your own house. It's the perfect time to do it, as big trash pick up will be on Monday, May 5. Who knows maybe you can find someone from the perimeter clean up to help trim away some of those broken dead limbs left in your trees from the winter ice storm!



Just a few volunteers can't do this work; we need everyone's help. It should only take a couple of hours if we get a good number of people. We will meet at the Rockwell entrance at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 3. ▣

Outdoor lights on at night.

During a recent neighborhood watch training session it was pointed out that one of the cheapest things you can do to help protect your home at night is to leave an outdoor light on. Front porch lights, side door or garage door lights on the front of your house will certainly help thwart off thieves in the night. The last place they'll want to go is to a well lit home.



Let's give it a try by leaving on a front light. It certainly won't do any harm and according to the police, it will keep the bad guys away! ▣

Keep flying those flags. . . .



As was mentioned in our president's column, there were at least 95 flying this past month in Canyon North. Let's keep that spirit going and growing. From full flying flags on flagpoles to small ones on wooden sticks stuck in planters, we can show our American spirit by keeping these flags flying.

We'll soon be adding flags to all four of our entrance corners and they'll be flying every weekend throughout the warm months. It will help show surrounding neighborhoods that CN has spirit and unity. ▣

Traffic Management Committee..

We are forming a CN Traffic Management Committee to start the process of analyzing our streets as it pertains to stop signs and speed control. We already have some people on the committee, but if you would like to assist us in this effort please call Becky Rickard at 721-9457. We will make recommendations to the city and they will then do a traffic study to see if our ideas are warranted. If so, then we as a neighborhood will decide if we want to accept the recommendations or not.

We will also be pointing out problems with our streets such as potholes or larger areas that could be subject to repaving. Our streets are nearing 30 years old and a little facelift would really be nice. ▣

The CNNA Web Site



The CNNA Webmaster is proud to announce that the CN Web site is now a "Premier Online Neighborhood." We are one of two of the 195 neighborhoods listed on the Neighborhood Links Web site in OKC to have this distinction. Please take a few moments to log on to our premier Web site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/canyonnorth. Just another way for our fair city to learn that Canyon North is a GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

Hit the web and check this out. It's really great!

www.neighborhoodlink.com

Yard of the Month



On May 31, we'll be awarding the first of our summer Yard of the Month awards. The awards will be based not only on appearance but on improvement as well, if merited. Winners will get to proudly display the coveted Canyon North Silver Spade award in their front yard (and they'll also receive a nice prize as well.)

If you notice a yard that you feel should be nominated for the award, please email the CN contact on our Web site or call Gagelene Tyree or Lori Bozarth, our Beautification Committee Chairmen, at 773-4109. ☐

Neighborhood updates. . . .

We like to offer our thanks to Debbie Cawthon, our secretary for all of her hard work in helping to get the new CNNA reorganized. We also offer her our congratulations on her new job duties at the Oklahoman. Many of you are familiar with Debbie as she was our route carrier for a number of years. With her change in work, Debbie felt it best that she relinquish her position as secretary to the CNNA. It was voted at the last board meeting that Nicole Miley, our treasurer, would assume the new responsibility of Secretary/Treasurer for the CNNA.

Please mark your calendars for our next **quarterly meeting**, which will be held at 7 p.m. on June 26. We will list the location in our next newsletter, and we'll have a nice door prize to give away. Our prize winner at the last meeting in March was Jim Carter. Jim won a free pre & post emergent application from Pro Lawns of Oklahoma. Thanks, Pro Lawns! Our guest speaker will be Rebekah Zahn, Executive Director for the Neighborhood Alliance. Rebekah brings with her a fine reputation of service to OKC neighborhoods by helping with everything from historic preservation to starting neighborhood watch groups. Let's show Rebekah that we have neighborhood support by getting as many CNNA residents as possible to attend this meeting. ☐

CNNA Officers & Section Chairmen

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

Committee Chairmen:

Neighborhood Watch: John Pascal – 722-5225

Beautification Committee:

Gagelene Tyree or Lori Bozarth – 773-4109

Membership/Welcome Committee:

Trudie Burns – 772-2818

CN Junior Club: Nicole Omohundro – 773-7438

Curbside House Numbers . . .

We are pleased to be able to offer to all CN residents this special half-price offer from a company that will paint your house number on the curb below your mailbox. In case of fire or other emergency, these numbers will make your home easy to find either by day or night. Becky Estep and her crew will be in our area for only a few days starting May 5. All you need to do is fill out the slip below, cut it off and tape it to your front door by May 5. They will paint the number on your curb, then leave an envelope on your door for you to leave payment in and place back on your door for them to collect.

You can select a separate background color and number color, as you should indicate on the slip. For those OU/OSU fans who'd like to have your team logo next to your number, they'll gladly add it for an additional \$4.00. Don't miss this chance to take advantage of this great value on making your home safe as well as adding a bit of your own personality to it. If you have any questions, you can call Becky Estep directly at 204-3791.

A Special Offer for CN Residents from Creative Curbside House Numbers !

Simply fill out this coupon and leave it taped to your front door before **May 5**.

Now is the chance to get your house number painted on your curb for half-price. For \$7.50 you can choose your own colors and have this very important safety item added to your curb. For \$4.00 more our OU and OSU fans can have the school logo place alongside your house number. The REFLECTIVE PAINT that's used has Glass beads in it and picks up the light, especially at night. You'll feel secure knowing that your home could be located during the day or night!

My House Number is: _____

Signature: _____

See reverse side to choose your colors and indicate team logo choice if desired.

CNNA Junior's Club. . .

The Canyon North Junior's Club is growing and going strong. Nicole Omohundro has taken over the helm as coordinator for the group and she is making plans to have some fun activities for the Canyon North kids this summer. We'll be announcing them in the newsletters in the coming months.

Any junior from the ages of 10-17 may be a part of the CNNA Junior's Club. They deliver the newsletters on the last Saturday of each month as well as any other special flyers we might have. Hours of service are kept and at the end of the summer we'll be having a terrific party, for all juniors who have any hours of service. There will even be some great prizes for those juniors with the most hours of service.

We're planning a bicycle safety class for ALL ages hosted by the OKC Police on June 7. It will be held in the neighborhood. Details will be in next month's newsletter so you might want to hold this date open. If you'd like to be part of the fun or if you have a child you'd like us to put on the list for our activities, please call Nicole Omohundro at 773-7438, and she'll be glad to add your child's name to our list.

Call now - you won't want to miss any of the fun! ☐

CN Babysitters Group

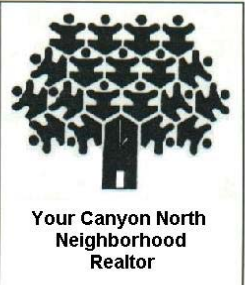
Are you a CN teen? Do you like to make extra money? Here's your chance to sign up to be on the CN list of babysitters. You can make extra money and do it right here in the neighborhood. Nicole Omohundro will be compiling the list of names and phone numbers. If you like to babysit, call Nicky at 773-7438. We'll be publishing the list in the newsletter and on our Web site.

We have plenty of built-in business for you right here in the neighborhood. Don't miss this great opportunity to

expand your babysitting skills or to get started babysitting. Call Nicky today!

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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Background Color: Blue Green Black Red White Orange Yellow

House Numbers: Blue Green Black Red White Orange Yellow

Team Stencil:
Circle one if wanted



For information on other stencil designs please call Becky Rickard of CNNA at 721-9457. They have a great American flag stencil !