



Canyon North Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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A Word From The President . . .

Spring is in the air and headed for Canyon North! Your board of directors has been busy preparing for some important new visual images that you'll be seeing. The new Neighborhood Crime Watch signs



have been ordered and should be arriving soon. We'll be placing more signs along our main entrance roads on Talbot Canyon, Basswood Canyon and White Oak Canyon Road. Our neighborhood watch is forming and you

will be seeing these fine volunteers soon patrolling our streets. Our Beautification Committee will be adorning our entrances with bright spring flowers. As the warm weather approaches, the importance of taking care of our yards and home exteriors will become a priority in helping to keep up our property values.

As our country deals with the conflict in the Middle East, we are sending our military troops away from their homes and loved ones. We would like to ask that if any of our Canyon North residents have loved ones who have been or could possibly be sent into combat, to please contact Debbie Cawthon, our Secretary. Her number is listed in this newsletter. As neighbors we want to be supportive of our military families and offer any help that might be needed.

Over that last four weeks I have been privileged to be a part of the Neighborhood Leaders for Today program. This is an annual program that the Neighborhood Alliance Association offers to neighborhood leaders. The program runs for nine weeks and offers valuable information on conducting constructive meetings, finances, working with City Hall and developing leadership skills. Although the program is only half over, I have learned a great deal and hope our association will benefit through my participation.

Our first year of renewed membership has reached the six-month point and with that, I am pleased to say that we have almost reached the mark of having


one-third of our neighbors join in our efforts towards making Canyon North a better place to live. If you haven't joined the CNNA yet, you still can. Please contact your section chairman, they'll be happy to help you. Here's to a beautiful Oklahoma springtime!



Becky Rickard, President

Happy Easter April 20

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?

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- ◆ **Has your fence fallen?**
- ◆ **Committee Volunteers**

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



Canyon North Spring Clean Up. . .

The sounds of spring are beginning to be heard. Birds chirping, lawn mowers roaring, weed eaters whirring, and the sound of children laughing and playing are all part of the birth of warmer weather and good-bye to Old Man Winter! As the weather begins to warm we will all be out in our yards cleaning up old leaves and putting that pre-emergent for weeds on our lawns, so if the opportunity presents itself, take a moment to meet your neighbors.

We have planned a Canyon North Spring Clean-Up day for May 2. "What is this Spring Clean-Up day and how does it affect me?" Glad you asked! We'd like for everyone to mark this date on their calendars and plan to dedicate this day to getting out in your yard and cleaning up. You can trim trees, rake leaves, mow lawns and pull up that nasty old grass that comes up in the street between the concrete gutters and asphalt. Do anything you can to improve the appearance of your home.



The CNNA will be working on our entrance flowerbeds and trimming trees around our perimeters. This is a great weekend to plan these activities, as our big trash pick up will be that following Monday, May 5. So let's all plan to clean it up, throw it out, and help each other get our neighborhood into shape for the spring and summer months.

If you need someone to mow or do lawn work for you please contact us as we have several names of reliable yard people who have reasonable rates and would like to have a group of lawns in Canyon North to maintain. ♦

Fallen fences

Has your fence fallen and it can't get up? One of the issues that we all need to pay attention to is that the city codes require that fences and gates be kept in good repair. Remember the good neighbor rule of sharing the costs of shared fences between properties. A fence in disrepair won't keep your pets safe, it provides an opportunity for burglaries, and it's unsightly to say the least.

If gates are falling off their hinges, now is the best time to get those fixed. If you still have your Home Depot discount coupon, use it to get the needed materials to fix that fence. Individual pickets are relatively inexpensive; a bag of mortar mix and a four-by-four is also not too costly. It's better to fix these things now than to wait and suffer the expense of replacing an entire fence because a post broke and took down a whole section of fence when our Oklahoma wind caught it.

If you've used your Home Depot coupon, we do have more and they are reissued quarterly based on when you joined the CNNA. If you need another coupon, call Becky Rickard at 721-9457 to request one. ♦

Support our troops, fly a flag. . . .

As we all know, our country is at war. As much as we'd like to look at the television these days and believe we're only watching a movie, unfortunately that isn't the case. It's real life,



real war. As was mentioned in our president's article if you have a loved one that is currently involved or could, in the future, be called to active duty we would like for you to contact our secretary, Debbie Cawthon at 720-8484. We want to know our neighborhood families who need our support during this difficult time.

As neighbors, we can all be the eyes and ears of Canyon North. These are trying times, and we should all take a personal interest in being more aware of what is going on in our neighborhoods. If you have any concerns for safety in CN please contact your section chairman.

If you'd like to show your support for our troops and our country, feel free to fly your flag. It's a great way for us all to feel more united as citizens and as neighbors. Flags can be purchased at Wal-Mart or Target for about \$20, and can be hung as simply as on the front of your house or for a more formal look, a flagpole.

We will soon be flying the red, white and blue at our front entrances on the weekends. ♦

Where should I keep my boat. . . .

Many Canyon North residents are boat owners and with the warm weather upon us, those boats will soon be in use. The CNNA would like to remind all boat owners that we'd appreciate your help in keeping our neighborhood looking good and ask that you keep your boat either in the lake or at a storage location.

As a reminder, the Canyon North sub-division Restrictions & Covenants states that no motor homes, trailers, campers or boats, should be parked or stored between the building line of your home and the front property line of your lot, or the side property line. The intent of this restriction is to prohibit the parking or storage of any or all vehicles or equipment, other than conventional passenger automobiles in operating condition on our driveways.

We want all residents to be aware of these codes so none of us have to face penalties or fines from the city. ♦

Let's Keep Kids Alive. . .



The speed limit in Oklahoma City residential areas is 25 m.p.h. unless otherwise noted. With the warm weather coming there will be more children on our streets and in their yards playing. Please remind neighbors, friends and visitors to your home, to drive the speed limit when in a residential area. Let's all remember to

"Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25." ♦

The CNNA Web Site

The CNNA Web site is calling all Canyon North "webbies" to please visit our site. We're one in just a few neighborhood Web sites "Worth Watching." Please take a few moments to log on to our Web site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/canyonnorth. We have some great topics of discussion posted and we'd like to have your comments. It's also interesting to visit other neighborhood Web sites to see some of the things they are doing. ♦

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

www.neighborhoodlink.com

Committee Volunteers . . .

With the Spring Clean-Up upon us we would like to have as many volunteers as possible to help us with our perimeter clean up. We also would like for anyone interested, to please volunteer some of your time to any of our other committees. Contact the committee chairmen listed here to volunteer your help. ♦

Neighborhood Watch - John Pascal – 722-5225

Beautification Committee –

Gagelene Tyree or Lori Bozarth – 773-4109

Membership/Welcome Committee

Trudie Burns – 772-2818

CN Teen Committee – Debbie Cawthon – 720-8484

Neighborhood updates. . . .

We are sad to say **goodbye to Jim Thomas**, our section 3 chairman. Jim and his family will be moving to Tulsa and we extend our thanks to him for his support and best wishes for the future. With that being said, we'd like to welcome Nicole Omohundro as the new section 3 chairman.

Please mark your calendars for our next **quarterly meeting**, which will be held on June 26, 7:00 pm. We will list the location in our next newsletter and we'll have a nice door prize to give away. For those who missed our quarterly meeting this past week, we enjoyed having our city councilman, Mick Cornett attend and show his support for our association efforts.

It's OFFICIAL! **Christmas is over** and you may now take down you outdoor lights and decorations.

Remember, that March 31, is the deadline for renewing your **home alarm permit** with the city. The recently passed new alarm ordinance stated that all permits issued before Sept. 30, 2002 will expire on March 31, 2003. If you want your home to be registered with the OKC Police Department and have the best protection your alarm company can provide, please renew your permit. The cost is \$20 for the first year and then the cost goes to \$5 per year for the renewal fee. If you have a registered alarm, you should have a permit number sticker that goes on your front glass door or a front window. It should be clearly visible so in case of an emergency, the authorities will know how to contact you. If you need a copy of the permit form, please contact Becky Rickard at 721-9457.

Big junk pickup for Canyon North is the first Monday of each month. Please help keep our neighborhood looking good by waiting until the weekend before that Monday to put your items by the curb. Although it might be more convenient at times to put that junk out days earlier, let's be respectful of our neighbors and wait until the right time. We live in a nice neighborhood not a trash dump. ♦

CNNA Officers & Section Chairmen

Becky Rickard, President	721-9457
John Paschal, Vice President	722-5225
Nicole Miley, Treasurer	603-6164
Debbie Cawthon, Secretary	720-8484
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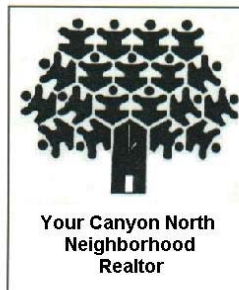
To locate your section, visit our Web site at
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Canyon North Perimeters

One of the things the CNNA would like to do towards helping to maintain if not increase our property values is to mow our perimeters. As you can imagine, this can be a costly expense and many neighborhoods spend their entire budgets on just this one project. We have the Hefner Road and Rockwell areas that we are currently considering mowing during the spring and summer months. In order to justify these costs, we feel it is important for the residents whose homes back up to either of these streets to please join the CNNA by paying the low \$25 annual membership fee. This membership is good until the end of our fiscal year, which is Sept. 30. For the low cost of \$25, the CNNA is willing to mow and weed eat your area that runs along our perimeters. If you have been doing this yourself or paying someone else on a regular basis to do the mowing, this low rate is sure to save you money and/or your time. At the time of the printing of this newsletter we have the support of the residents along the Hefner Road side of the neighborhood but we still need more support on the Rockwell side in order to maintain that side of our perimeter. We ask again that you please consider the low \$25 dues for this great benefit to you and your neighborhood. For membership applications, please call Nicole Miley, our treasurer.

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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