



Canyon North Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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A Word From The President . . .

Another month has passed and with it came triumph and tragedy. Our membership continues to grow and as a neighborhood, we are coming together with a common interest of concern for our fellow neighbor. The tragedy that occurred on February 1 with the loss of the Shuttle Columbia and it's crew, once again reminds us of just how fragile life is.

In the coming months, our nation may find that we need to unite not just as a nation but as neighbors as well. Our country and our city know that the unimaginable *can* happen. It can happen any time and any place. I would be remiss if we ignored that it could even happen in our neighborhoods. As an association, this is something that we should perhaps address. Does Canyon North need a neighborhood emergency plan? Not only for a national crisis but also for those everyday problems that could occur. Fires, robberies and medical emergencies are all things that could happen to any of us. Being prepared for an emergency will help in any scenario.

Please let us know your feelings about having a neighborhood plan. I have posted the question on our Web site and your input is needed to help give us direction. Further details on how to offer your suggestions are in this newsletter. Please let us hear from you.

On a lighter note, we had a great turnout at our first quarterly meeting that was held on January 21. We had close to 30 in attendance and we discussed a range of topics ranging all the way from our spring clean up to the organization of our committees and our neighborhood watch. Our next meeting will be held on March 25, so please mark your calendars. I have invited our city councilman Mick Cornett to join us and he has accepted. If you have any questions for Councilman Cornett, this meeting would be good place to ask them.

We continue in this newsletter with the educational process of understanding city codes and violations. In the last newsletter, we addressed such topics as vehicles, fences and trash. We will continue with such topics as long as we continue to have issues with them. The better educated we are, the least likely it will be that we have any problems with the city and code violations.


As we move closer to spring we still need to keep our membership growing. We have grown to 168 members and in order to do all of the plans we have for the spring and summer we will need for that number to increase.

Please think about the perimeter mowing of our neighborhood and what the value of that appearance means to your property. It's well worth the \$25 investment.♣

Becky Rickard, President

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Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 17

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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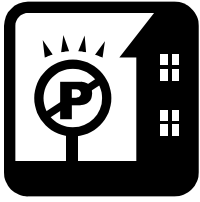
♣ **Committee Updates**

Mark Your Calendars
CNNA Meeting – March 25, 2003 - 7 pm



Side Yard Parking. . . .

Back in October, 2002, the City of Oklahoma City expanded its ban on parking in front yards to include unpaved areas beside houses.



Under the changed rules, vehicles cannot be parked on grass alongside a house and must be parked past the home's rear wall. The parking area must also have paved access to the street. Also remember the city prohibits the parking of any vehicle in the front yard (on the grass) of any home.

We also need to remember that in our own Restrictions & Covenants 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 if you are on a corner lot. The intent of this covenant is to prohibit the parking or storage of any or all vehicles or equipment other than conventional passenger automobiles in operating condition.

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

Have you forgotten the speed limit? ? ? ? ?



The speed limit in Oklahoma City residential areas is 25 m.p.h. unless otherwise noted. 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."

Big Junk Guidelines.

Big junk is now picked up on a monthly basis in Oklahoma City. Canyon North's pick up date is the first Monday of every month. Here are the city's guidelines for what we should and should not leave at the curb.

- Bulky Waste should be placed at the curb no more than three days before your pickup date. Don't make your neighbors look at your junk!
- 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 of the waste 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.

The city will pick up most anything with the exception of any hazardous chemical, gasoline and antifreeze just to mention a few. And by all means, please do not leave any of your nuclear waste materials at the curb; the city will NOT pick it up. ☺

New Alarm Ordinance . . .

Most residents in Canyon North have done the safest thing they could do to protect the safety of their home: Install an alarm system. The new alarm ordinance states that all permits issued before Sept. 30, 2002 will expire on March 31, 2003. A new permit must be purchased at a cost of \$20. There will be an annual renewal fee of \$5. You should have received a renewal form from the city in your mail. If you haven't, you can call the city at 297-2535 or you can download the form from the City's Web site, www.okc-cityhall.org.

The purpose for these new fees is to help the city maintain a current database of alarms, homeowners, addresses and phone numbers. As well, the fees for false alarms have changed. The city will allow three false alarms per year with no fines imposed. The new fees for each false alarm above three are \$50 for security alarms and \$75 for fire alarms. Please have your alarm company check your system to be sure it is functioning properly. It's better to have the police out chasing the bad guys rather than answering alarms that have gone off due to faulty systems.

Our City Councilman, Mick Cornett was one of three councilmen who voted against these measures. Although the measure did pass, the new fees are not nearly as high as what was originally projected. ♣

The CNNA Web Site

The CNNA Web site is still waiting for a visit from YOU! We've added some topics in the discussion area on which we truly need your feedback. Please log on to our Web site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/canyonnorth. Give us your opinion. It's your chance to tell us what you think. It can be done anonymously.

Committee Updates . . .

We had a good response for volunteers at our quarterly meeting, but we still need a few more on each committee. Please contact any of the committee chairmen listed below to volunteer your help. It's the best thing you can do for your neighborhood, and it truly doesn't take that much time.

Neighborhood Watch - John Pascal - 722-5225

Beautification Committee -

Gagelene Tyree or Lori Bozarth - 773-4109

Membership/Welcoming Committee

Trudie Burns - 772-2818

CN Teen Committee - Debbie Cawthon - 720-8484

Does CN need a crisis plan? ? ?

With so much being broadcast in the news recently about terrorist and chemical attacks, the question has come up as to whether or not we as a Neighborhood Association need to develop a crisis plan in case there is a national emergency. We can all do the recommended suggestions that have been broadcast on the television and in the newspapers. It's a good idea for all households to have a plan of action in case of emergency. But should we as a neighborhood have some sort of plan in place to be better prepared to help each other?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a complete list of guidelines to help prepare for any sort of emergency. It's about an inch of printed material, which is too much to publish in our newsletter. Log on to it's Web site at www.fema.gov to print your own copy. We've also posted a question about our own neighborhood plan on our Web site in the discussion area. We'd really like to hear your comments or suggestions about a Canyon North Safety Plan so please log on to www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/canyonnorth and let us have your ideas. 📠

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Becky Rickard, President	721-9457
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CNNA Membership Information. .

Since our membership drive began back in October, 2002 we have grown to more than 168 memberships. We'd like to make clear the policy regarding the term of your membership as stated in the by-laws of the association. All CNNA memberships expire on September 30 regardless of when you join. The cost is \$25 per household and as we've mentioned in past newsletters, some local merchants offer very nice discounts to CNNA members. If you are new to the neighborhood or simply haven't taken the time to fill out a membership application and send it in, you may still join the CNNA. We always welcome new members at any time of the year.

So as not to cause confusion, we may not always have the membership application in our newsletter. If you have paid your dues since October 2002, you are a CNNA member until Sept. 30, 2003. We print the form in the newsletter so new members will always have the opportunity to join. Dues for members joining after the


initial 6 months of our fiscal year which is October 1 – September 30 will be reduced to ½ of the current \$25 rate. We will, however, gladly accept the full \$25 as the funds are always needed.

Our Next Quarterly Meeting. . .

The CNNA's next quarterly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on March 25, at Wiley Post Elementary School, 6920 W. Britton Road. As mentioned at the first of this newsletter, Mick Cornett, our City Councilman is scheduled to attend this meeting. Please mark your calendars now so you can plan to attend. We will have a door prize to give away. At our last meeting Martin Perryman won a free yard scalp courtesy of CNNA member Stacey McCubbin and his Five Star Lawn Care.

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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Canyon North Neighborhood Association Membership Application

(If you have already joined since October 2002,
you are a current member. This form is for new members only)



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name:

First: _____ Last: _____

Spouse/Significant Other/Roommate Name: _____

Are you: Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐

How many children are in your household? _____

Do you have pets in your household? Yes ☐ No ☐

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Office Phone: _____

What is your occupation? _____

Name of Employer: _____

Do you have a computer in your household with email? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, what is your E-mail address: _____

This will serve as a valuable tool for communicating with our members. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. How long have you lived in Canyon North? _____
2. Do you rent or own your property? Own ☐ Rent ☐
3. Would you be willing to serve as a committee chairman (2-4 hrs mthly)? Yes ☐ No ☐
4. Would you be willing to serve on a committee (1-2 hrs mthly)? Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Would you allow your personal information to be published in a directory as a valuable communication tool to your fellow paid membership neighbors? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please read:

The annual membership dues for the Canyon North Neighborhood Association are \$25.00 payable by cash or check upon receipt of this membership application form. Make check payable to CNNA. **Memberships valid Oct. 1 – Sept 30.**

Mail to:

CNNA, P.O. Box 720985, Oklahoma City, OK 73172-0985

By joining the association, I agree to abide by the Covenants and Restrictions of the Canyon North Addition/White Oak Townhouse Village as set forth by the developers of the addition. A copy of which has been provided to me by the Board of Directors of the Canyon North Neighborhood Association.

I also agree to the mission statement as set forth by the CNNA:

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____

CNNA Use Only: Paid by Check ☐ Cash ☐

Date Received: _____