

Canyon North Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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A Word From The President . . .

Hello neighbors and a hearty welcome to all new Canyon North residents. Since the Canyon North Neighborhood Association was re-established back in October, we have had approximately 17 new families move into CN. If this is your first newsletter, we would like to ask you to contact your Section Chairman, whose name and number is listed in this newsletter, and let them know you'd like to join the CNNA. While membership is not mandatory, it does have its privileges. For a mere \$25, you can take advantage of the great discounts we have in place with some of our local merchants. Joining the CNNA is easy. Your Section Chairman will be happy to deliver an application right to your door. Our membership year ends Sept. 30.

The monthly CN newsletter is a great way for the CNNA Board of Directors to communicate some of the plans we have in store to make our neighborhood an even better place to live. With spring just around the corner, we're busy working on plans for keeping the neighborhood looking good and ensuring our safety.

As I have stated in our past newsletters, it is our hope that the CNNA will be a pro-active group that will help each of us, as CN residents, be more responsible homeowners and neighbors. In this issue, we will start addressing some areas of concern that have been expressed to the Board. It is not our intent to become the enforcers of city laws; but as homeowners, tenants and neighbors, we want everyone to be aware that if there are any violations of city codes, the city can impose financial penalties and liens against property. We want to be sure that none of us have to be faced with this problem.

In this issue of the newsletter we will start a series of informative articles on some of the most easy to spot city code violations. Hopefully, it will help inform and educate all of us as to what the city and our own Covenants & Restrictions will allow. If you need a copy of the CN C&Rs, you may look in the abstract of your home or contact your Section Chairman or any CNNA officer. We will be happy to provide you with a copy of them.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have just met for our first quarterly neighborhood meeting. The details of that meeting will be reported in March's newsletter. I hope that we'll have a great turnout for our next meeting scheduled for late March.

Thanks to all of you who have joined the CNNA. With nearly 155 members, that's one quarter of our entire neighborhood To those who haven't, please reconsider the small investment it takes to join the CNNA.

You'll be glad you did!





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
CNNA Meeting – March 25, 2003



The Definition of a Neighbor. . .

"We reached the Moon and came back, but we find it troublesome to cross our own street and meet our neighbors."

Webster defines a neighbor as "One who lives near another; A person or thing situated near another; A fellow man." Certainly a neighbor is much closer than the Moon



and much easier to reach or encounter. As fellow human beings, we have been brought together through chance or circumstance to live together here in Canyon North. We each have

our own homes and lives to live. Whether or not we have time or make time to pay attention to our neighbors is our own choice. But a neighborhood is a small community and with that comes responsibility. We all have a responsibility to each other as neighbors and as human beings.

We need to be aware of what's going on around us. If newspapers appear to pile up at your neighbor's house, do you assume they're out of town? Or, could it be for some other reason? Maybe it's worth a simple phone call to check on them to see if everything is OK. Maybe it would be worth taking a second to pick up the papers and stack them on their porch so it doesn't appear that no one is home. It's the neighborly thing to do. Maybe your neighbor's Big Blue was toppled in the morning trash pick up. You go out to wheel yours back to the garage, why not take a second to at least set your neighbor's upright? It's the neighborly thing to do.

Watching out for each other is something that is the neighborly thing to do. The times they are a changin' and we, as people, human beings and neighbors, might take a moment and think about doing a little changin' as well.

Let's respect each other's property, and use common sense when we parking our cars or placing our trash. A little common sense goes a long way. By using it, we'll make our neighborhood a more neighborly place to live. If not, then maybe a trip to the Moon would be easier!

Remember 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. It's worth saving the life of a child or beloved pet.

The CNNA Web Site

Don't forget to check out the CNNA Web site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/canyonnorth. There's

lots of great stuff posted on our site so please pay it a visit. $\ensuremath{\heartsuit}$

CNNA Committees Forming . . .

We're starting to form committees that will start working to make CN a safer and nicer place to live. We have several committees where you can offer your help and we NEED your help! If you can give just a few hours of help over the coming months please contact any of the committee chairmen listed below.

Security Patrol - 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

Don't Lay That Trash Here...

As you all may be aware, the Big Trash Pick Up Day for CN is the first Monday of each month. In an effort to keep our streets and properties looking their best, please put your large trash pick-up items out the Saturday and Sunday before the pick up. Having large items at the curb all month long waiting for the pick up on that first Monday makes it more difficult for the city to pick up our garbage during the month. The city allows up to four cubic yards of bulky waste for each collection. That's roughly equal to the space six clothes dryers would take. If you put out more than that, the city will charge you \$6.95 per each cubic yard over the four cubic yards included in your trash service. If you have more than four cubic yards, please store the extra trash until next month.

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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Laura Bazzell, Section 1 co-chair	621-5715
Gagelene Tyree, Section 2	773-4109
Jim Thomas, Section 3	721-8952
Jim Johnson, Section 4	773-5229
Sharon Panick, Section 5	722-8877
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Whose Fence Is It?

As our membership has grown, we have been asked by many CN residents about fencing, especially shared fences between properties. Many of the fences in our neighborhood are beginning to show their age. When a fence needs repair and it's shared between neighbors, the neighborly thing to do is to share the expense of having the fence fixed. Talk to each other and come to a mutual agreement as to who will call and get the bids to have the fence repaired. Then, set a date and fix that fence. Back yard fences are as important to property value as the front appearance of our homes. Let's work

together as neighbors to keep all fences upright and in good shape.

Vehicles, Vehicles & more....

As the times change, lifestyles change. households have more vehicles than ever before. The question is: Where do we park all of these vehicles? With only two car garages in most CN homes, we're finding that there's an increased number of vehicles being parked on our streets. If this is the situation in your home, let's try to remember some common sense as to where those vehicles in the streets get parked. Parking a vehicle in the street so that it blocks vision around corners or hinders your neighbor's ability to get in or out of their driveway without risking damage to both your vehicle and your neighbor's is a hazard. Vehicles parked in the street, which are not in working condition or are marked for sale, are against city codes and thus risk a fine. As well, the city recently passed a ban on parking in front yards, which includes unpaved areas beside houses or driveways. The new code states that the parking area must have paved access to the street.

Treasurer's Report

by: Nicole Miley, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Dec. 31, 2002

Income:

Balance forward 1543.73 43 members @ 25.00 1075.00 Santa Pictures 45.00

Total Income:

2663.73

Expenses:

Office Supplies \$20.40 Holiday Signs \$242.76

Total Expenses: 263.16 **Ending Balance:** 2400.57

Newsletter Ads Available . . .

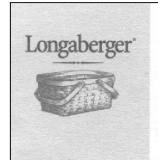
Business card ads are available in the newsletter for a rate of \$10 per month, per ad. If you wish to put your business card in the newsletter, get your card to Becky Rickard by the 15th of the month. You can call Becky at 721-9457 to make arrangements to deliver your card. Payment for your ad will be due upon delivery of your card. You must be a CNNA member to place an ad. Local merchants are welcome to place ads at a monthly rate of \$25 per ad, or they may join the CNNA and pay the member rate of \$10 per month. Ads are available as space permits

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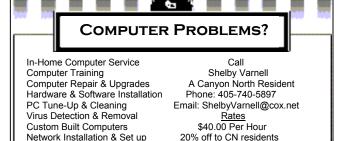
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First: Last:	
Spouse/Significant Other/Roommate Name:	
Are you: Married □ Single □ Divorced □ Widowed □	
How many children are in your household? Do you have pets in your household? Yes □ No □	
Home Address:	
Home Phone:	
Office Phone:	
What is your 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. <u>PLEASE PRINT CLEAR</u>	RLY
 How long have you lived in Canyon North? Do you rent or own your property? Own □ Rent □ Would you be willing to serve as a committee chairman (2-4 hrs mthly)? Yes □ No □ Would you be willing to serve on a committee (1-2 hrs mthly)? Yes □ No □ Would you allow your personal information to be published in a directory as a valuable commercial fellow paid membership neighbors? Yes □ No □ 	nunication tool to your
Please read: The annual membership dues for the Canyon North Neighborhood Association are \$25.00 paya receipt of this membership application form. Make check payable to CNNA. Memberships va 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 Townhouse Village as set forth by the developers of the addition. A copy of which has been prof 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, beaut and value of our homes, property and families.	y
Signature:	
Data	
Date: CNNA Use Onlv: Paid by Check □ Cash □ Date Received:	