

CANYON NORTH

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The Canyon North Neighborhood Association Mission Statement

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



This newsletter is also posted at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/canyonnorth

Spring Break- March 17-25

Easter- April 8

Big Event- April 14

Silver Spade- April 28

Plan to attend!
Next CNNA Meeting
7 p.m. - Thursday
March 22, 2007
Church of the Servant
14343 N. MacArthur



Message from the President:

Wow, is 2007 off to a cold start or what? I hope that everyone will take coming and going through the neighborhood with extreme caution. Neighborhood streets are always the most difficult to travel. As the snow and ice begin to melt away, if you notice any potholes near your house, I hope that you'll call the city at 297-2535 to report them.

This past year, the CNNA accomplished another one of our goals with the installation of the new traffic signal on Rockwell. This left us with one last goal of this administration and I'm pleased to say that we will have a major announcement about this goal at our neighborhood meeting that will be held March 22. Details on the meeting are in this newsletter. It's a big thing for our neighborhood so please plan to attend to hear the news and ask questions.

Another topic for discussion at the meeting will be the future direction of the association. The current board members have all been serving since the inception of the current association, which was about 5 years ago. The time has come for a change. We have to have some new residents come forward and fill the roles of officers and section chairmen. What does this mean exactly? It means that you'd donate one night per month for a couple of hours to attend a board meeting. It means that you'd be willing to have some involvement in the events that the association has sponsored such as the holiday sleigh ride, the lighting contest, the silver spade award and the July 4th cookout and parade to name a few. If no one comes forward to fill these positions, then our association will be forced to downsize and simply do the basics such as sending out annual dues renewal notices and keeping our perimeters mowed. The voice that helps our neighborhood get traffic signals, roads repaired and recognition from our city council as being an active neighborhood association will become silent. The funds that come in from membership renewals will have to be saved to keep the perimeter mowing ongoing. Our discounts at local merchants would stop as there would be no one to call and negotiate the agreements.

I know this may all sound a bit dismal but the good news is that all the details of the association are already in place. All that is needed are a few new faces that would be willing to pick up and follow the plans that are all in place. We've worked hard to keep our neighborhood nice and it would be a shame for it all to come apart because we couldn't get any other residents to come forward and help. If you like getting a discount at Home Depot, taking a sleigh ride through our streets at the holidays, enjoying good food and fellowship at the July 4th cookout then please call me at 721-9457. I'll be happy to meet with you to answer any questions you may have. I have set a date of July 31 to have volunteers come forward who would be willing to serve on the board for at least one year.

Becky Rickard, President

CNNA Holiday Sleigh Ride & Lighting Contest Winners

Once again, our Sleigh Ride was a huge success! We had 4 full rides through the neighborhood and everyone had a wonderful time. Our thanks go out to those on our board who volunteered to help with this event. Without them, it would not have been as great. We would also like to thank all those who braved the cold to come ride in the sleigh, drink hot chocolate and meet neighbors.

There were quite a few houses lit up for the Holiday Lighting Contest and our judges had a hard time choosing the winners. This year, we gave out prizes to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the neighborhood. In 1st place, Ralph and Laura Crawford on Blue Spruce Rd, who won a \$50 gift card to Home Depot. Ralph has continually added lights and decorations the past few years in hopes of winning first place. In 2nd place was Debbie Cawthon on Blue Spruce Ct, whose Candy Cane Castle is always a big hit. Debbie won a \$25 gift card to Home Depot. In 3rd place was Hugh and Cathy Joy on Laurel Rd. Their house is always lit up beautifully. In addition, all winners received a certificate from our local Crest grocery. A big thanks to our judges, Becky Rickard, Trudie Burns, Betty White and Devin Miley.

CNNA Annual Garage Sale

Our neighborhood garage sale has become a big event and quite successful for those who participate. This year, the garage sale will be held the weekend of April



20. All Canyon North residents are welcome to hold a garage sale that weekend. You can get permits by calling 297-2606 and they will add the

permit fee to your water bill. You can also get a permit by going to the OKC website at www.okc.gov. The CNNA will place an ad in the newspaper. If you are going to participate, please call Becky Rickard at 721-9457.

Big Event & Spring Clean Up

April 14 is the OU Big Event and our Spring Perimeter Clean up. We should have several students from OU coming into our neighborhood to help clean up our perimeters. We will also need some volunteers to help with supervision and clean up. We will start at 10:00 a.m. and hopefully be done by noon. Instead of driving by and waving at us picking up trash in your neighborhood please give just 30 minutes of your time to help. If you would like to help us out, contact any of the section leaders listed in this newsletter.

Want To Advertise Your Business?

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, 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. You must be a CNNA member to place an ad.







Full Neighborhood Meeting

The CNNA neighborhood meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., March 22nd at the Church of the Servant on MacArthur just north of the turnpike. Please mark your calendars as you <u>will</u> want to take the time to attend this meeting. We have a very exciting announcement to make regarding Canyon North which pertains to an

event that will be happening this coming summer. In addition, we want as many residents, who have elementary aged children, to please attend as we want to discuss plans about getting our school district boundaries changed to allow children who live in Canyon North to attend James L. Dennis Elementary school. If you would like more information about the school district project, contact Carissa White at 720-2880.

Barking Dogs

There have been several inquires into what can be done about barking dogs in the neighborhood. After some investigating, we found out the following.

There is a City Ordinance that states: 8-47. Prohibited acts:

- (a) It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person to allow any animal to:
- (1) Chase vehicles, or
- (2) Molest passersby; or
- (3) Allow any animal to continuously bark, howl or otherwise disturb the peace.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow animal fecal matter to accumulate in a yard, a run, or other enclosure so that such matter causes unsanitary or unhealthy conditions to exist.
- (c) The Superintendent or his/her designee may issue a citation for committing or allowing an animal to commit any of the prohibited acts and/or may specify the terms and conditions under which the owner may maintain custody of the animal that is in violation this section, which terms and conditions shall be signed by the owner or keeper or the animal. The violation of the terms and conditions set by the Superintendent or his /her designee shall be an offense against the City, shall be cause for the issuance of a citation, and may result in the impoundment of the animal.

What this means is that if there is a dog barking constantly in the middle of the night, you can lodge a complaint. You can call the Animal Complaints hotline at 297-2535 and they will send a letter to the dog owner letting them know there has been a complaint about their dog. You can go down to the animal shelter and file a formal complaint, but by doing this, it means you are willing to sue the dog owner in court. You can also call the police and they will send an officer over to talk to the owner. Remember, this is only for dogs barking in the middle of the night. They will not register a complaint if the dog is barking during the day.

As a responsible pet owner, the best thing to do is follow these good neighbor guidelines. If you notice that your dog(s) have been barking for more than 10 or 15 minutes, please pay attention to the barking and take action on it.

CNNA Membership

You can still join the CNNA and take advantage of some great discounts at many of our local merchants including Home Depot, All Night Auto repair and American Self Storage just to name a few. Dues are only \$25 per year. It's a small price to pay to help your property retain value. Join today so you can enjoy **ALL** of the benefits by being a CNNA member.

Remember, the CNNA is NOT a mandatory neighborhood association. We simply want to have the means to keep our property values high by maintaining our perimeters and to have open lines of communication via this newsletter on a regular basis. There are no gimmicks with our discount deals other than you must be a CNNA member to get them. Current members have received invoices for renewal in the mail. If you have sent in your renewal we thank you. If you have not renewed yet you still have time, but please do so today. If you have not been a CNNA member and would like to join, please call any of the officers listed in this newsletter and they will be happy to help you.

CNNA Board Members

President- Becky Rickard	721-9457
Vice President- John Paschal	722-5225
Treasurer- Nicole Miley	603-6164
Secretary- Trudie Burns	722-2818
Section 1- Betty White	722-4495
Section 2- Sandy DeValcourt	728-1662
Section 3- Carissa White	720-2880
Section 4- Ana Johnson	773-5229
Section 5- John Paschal	722-5225
Section 6- Stamatis Hondronastis	728-2442

Important Phone Numbers

Action Center (complaints on code violations) 297-2535 Animal Control (pickup) 297-2255 Animals - Complaints About 297-2535

Automobile Tag Information 521-3221

Better Business Bureau 239-6081

Building Permits (fences; add-ons) 297-2547

Burglar Alarm Permits 297-1236

City Hall 297-2011

Cox Cable 600-8282

Driver's License 425-2424

Garbage Complaints 297-2833

Garage Sale Permits 297-2606

OKIE (Utility Line Indicator) 840-5032

Poison Control Center 271-5454

Potholes 297-2535

Sewer Backups and Breaks 297-3334

Street Lights (OG&E repair) 272-9741

Street Repair 297-3451

Street Signs/Traffic 297-2557/297-2535

Utility Bills-Information 297-2833

CANYON NORTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 22 – 7:00 p.m. CNNA Meeting

April 14 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon The Big Event – Spring Perimeter Clean Up
April 20-22 – Annual CNNA Neighborhood Garage Sale
April 28 - Silver Spade Begins
July 4- CNNA Parade and Cookout
September 20 – CNNA Annual Meeting and Elections
Details for all of these events will be in our newsletters & posted
on the Canyon North Web site

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