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National Night Out—And We're Having A Party

2 Tuesday, August 7th is the date for the "24th Annual
2 National Night Out" (NNO). NNO is a crime preven-
2 tion event designed to heighten awareness of crime prevention,
2 strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and
2 send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and
2 fighting back. The best way to start is for neighbors to come together
2 and get to know each other. So, what is Bluff Creek doing for NNO?
2 We're having a good, old-fashion cookout! Come join in
3 at the corner of 109th & St. Charles (11005 N. St.
3 Charles) at 6:30 p.m. We'll provide hot dogs, chips and
3 beverages, with ice cream for dessert; you'll want to
4 bring a lawn chair. Bring your family, meet some
4 neighbors, make some new friends, and see why Bluff
Creek is a great neighborhood to live in.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 4th, or 4th of July, is a day in July that seems to go unnoticed as if it were just another day like any other day in the year. Au contraire, my friendly neighbor. There are a few days here and there that stand out above all other days. I believe the 4th is one those days...I like to call it Independence Day.

Independence Day, the most important national holiday in the United States. It commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The declaration, drafted by Thomas Jefferson, is a powerful statement of the American colonies' intention to become an independent nation. It broke the formal ties between the colonies and Britain after the American Revolution had begun. The Independence Day celebration is a reminder of the ideals on which the nation was founded.

Lest we forget, from then till now this holiday and what it stands for has been the glue that binds us together as Americans. In the trying days ahead let us as a single people called Americans remember our Independence.

May God Bless this country

Andy



Stay Safe with Outdoor Security Lighting

As you drive or walk through Bluff Creek after dark you've probably noticed that some areas are well lit, while others are dark and maybe even a little scary. Porch lights help. But did you know that OG&E will install a street light in your yard? Outdoor security lights can be leased for as little as \$6.09/ month, if there is an existing pole in your yard, or \$9.09/month if OG&E has to install a pole, and the cost will be added to your monthly electric bill. Lights must be installed on an OG&E pole (no, they won't put it on your house or garage), and they must be requested by the homeowner. Decorative lighting is also available. I'm told by OG&E that lights are usually installed within 10 working days, but there may be some restrictions, such as proximity to an existing light. If you're interested call OG&E at 1-800-272-9741. Let's light up Bluff Creek to make it a safer place to live.

What's on Your Mind

Hi Everyone,

About a month back I received an email from one of our neighbors who had been dealing with a long standing problem. For almost 4 years there was a house on his block that had seen many residents... some not so good and others even worse... finally, everyone left and there remained the biggest mess in and around the house. They tried to take care of the problem but nothing seemed to work. They cut the grass in the front yard to give it some curb appeal, all the while in the back yard an infestation of insects were taking over. You can imagine the frustration of our neighbor after this 4 year battle.

Well, there is good news on the home front, someone has bought the property out of foreclosure and is now fixing the inside of the house and maintaining the front and back yards.

If you have a problem similar to this, the best thing you can do is contact Action Center and let them handle the situation. Also notify a board member and let us know. When we all work together you'd be surprised what can be accomplished.

Your Neighbor,
Andy

Annual Meeting

Are you interested in being an officer in the Bluff Creek Neighborhood Association? The annual meeting is held each October. Time, date and location will be included in the next newsletter. But in the meantime, please be thinking about how you might be willing to help in 2008. We will be voting on all positions, including President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Activities, Newsletter, Security, & Landscaping. Please plan to attend.

Free Website?

Did you know Neighborhood Links provides every neighborhood association in Oklahoma City with their own Web site? So, how do find Bluff Creek's web site, you ask? Well, first we need someone to volunteer to manage it for us. Would you be interested? You don't need to be a computer whiz; you'll get includes step-by-step instructions. This would be a great way to share information about what's going on in the neighborhood, and it's FREE. If you are interested, or would like more information, contact Dave Ward at 721-0209 or Cheryl Lemmon at 722-2026, e-mail us at BCNA@cox.net, or come to the annual meeting (see above).

Block Captains are needed for 5412-5517 NW 113th and 5200-5508 108th Terrace. Please contact David Ward at 721-0209 or Cheryl Lemmon at 722-2026, or e-mail us at BCNA@cox.net if you would like to volunteer.

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Neighborhood News

Congratulations to Connor Carroll

Bluff Creek resident Connor Carroll is a team member of Dynamo Gymnastics, and recently competed in the 2007 Oklahoma Men's Gymnastics Meet, where he won the Gold Medal on pommel horse. He has also won several other gold, silver and bronze medals this year, and took home three All-Around championship trophies. Connor was the state champion on rings in 2006. Way to go, Connor!!!



Bluff Creek owes a great big THANK YOU to James Crump for painting and replacing the letters on the sign at the Ann Arbor entrance after it was recently repaired. It turned out to be a tougher job than anyone anticipated. Thank you, James!

Do you have a bit of news and/or pictures you would like to share? Send them to BCNA@cox.net, or mail to Cheryl Lemmon at 5312 NW 113th, OKC, OK 73162

DUES REMINDERS

If you have not paid your 2007, please do so now by mailing a check payable to BCNA to Andy Zguris at the address below. Due are \$40 per year, or pay only \$20 if you are new to Bluff Creek and would like to join for the remainder of this year.

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C/o Andy Zguris
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