

Cooper Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Remembering December 2007

The month began quite normally individuals across neighborhood began decorating their homes for the holidays.



However, something new was on the horizon. major ice storm resulted in the loss of power to most homes and businesses in neighborhood. We soon learned to use our survival instincts to keep warm and we somehow managed to live without lights, TVs or PCs for more days than we could imagine.

The storm brought neighbors out into their yards ... first to survey the damage and then to discuss what to do next. then, something good began to happen. Neighbors (who were sometimes strangers) began helping one another - moving a tree limb that blocked a driveway, calling to check on someone, clearing yards, sharing tools, or giving someone a ride.

To you, our neighbors, WE THANK YOU for your concern and your willingness to lend a hand (or a shoulder to cry on). We're proud to live in Cooper neighborhood!

Sue Lawrence, Editor

Note: If you would like to recognize someone for the help they gave you after the ice storm, or have a special story to share, you may contact me at suelawrence@cox.net or 437-5224.

Join us for our quarterly meeting ...

COOPER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Monday, February 4 - 6:30 PM Cooper Elementary School, 1808 S. 123 E. Ave.

Brief business meeting followed by



Kevin Boggs Dennis Troyer

Take this opportunity to become better informed about the City Councilor candidates, one of whom will be representing our district at City Hall.

Listen as the candidates respond to questions and share their views with us. Then, go to the polls and cast an informed vote.

As only one candidate from each party registered, there will be no primary for the District 6 City Councilor race. The general election will be held April 1st, 2008.

> Never been to our neighborhood meetings before? Then make this one the first! Casual dress. Come as you are. Children welcome.

DOOR PRIZES

REFRESHMENTS

REGISTER AND VOTE

Registration forms will be available at our meeting.

IT'S ALL UP TO YOU! YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE IN YOUR GOVERNMENT!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cooper Elementary School, our partner school, needs our help.

The state requires that a monitor be present in *each classroom* when state testing is taking place.

Individuals may sign up to serve as a monitor for one day, or for several days. The dates are <u>February 20th</u> and <u>April 10th - 23rd</u>.

This is not a difficult assignment and it will give you an opportunity to see our local school in action.

A school representative will be present at our February meeting to answer questions. You may call the school at **746-9480** to volunteer.

In keeping with our annual **Christmas lighting contest**, many of you again had beautiful displays that brightened our neighborhood. However, the ice storm and the resulting cleanup efforts caused us to cancel the judging this year. To those of you who participated, we thank you. You were a bright spot for us this holiday season.

Thanks, Dave!!

I would like to publicly thank my neighbor, David Lundquist, for the work he did in clearing the limbs from my back yard and moving them to the front curb for pick-up.

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EDUCATION ... TUITION ... SCHOLARSHIPS

Harvard University has announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families (less than \$60,000 income) will pay no tuition. For more information go to their website: http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund is accepting scholarship applications for the 2008-09 academic year. Deadline for most applications is *March 15, 2008.* Applicants must be of Hispanic heritage, be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, and meet other requirements. Detailed information may be found at www.hsf.net.

<u>Tulsa Community College</u> The Tulsa Achieves scholarship program will

pay up to 100% of tuition and fees for up to 60 college credit hours for students living in Tulsa County and graduating from a public or private high school. Home school graduates who reside in Tulsa County are also eligible. The student must live in Tulsa County and graduate

from high school with a 2.0 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale.

For more information, check out the TCC website at www.tulsacc.edu or visit the new Outreach Center at 2201 South Garnett. The center acts as a bridge to any TCC campus. At the Center, students can apply, complete college placement testing, enroll in both credit and continuing education classes, get career advisement, financial aid information, and work on homework or take classes.

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

Where: Cooper Elementary When: February 7 - 21



Why: Because we all love chocolate!

Drop by and take some home to your sweetie!

REFUND!!

Tulsa World reported that Cox Communications is issuing refunds to their cable TV, internet and digital phone customers who lost service after our recent ice storm. You may call **806-6000** to apply for refunds. Be prepared to furnish



the last four digits of your Social Security number and phone number.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

January 29, 2008 1:00 - 6:00 PM Cooper Elementary



DUES REMINDER

Your dues are important in supporting programs that affect our neighborhood. If you've not yet paid your dues for 2007-08, you may do so by sending a \$10 check, made payable to Cooper Neighborhood Assn. to: Treasurer Bill Shannon, 1509 S. 117 E. Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74128, or drop your dues off at our meeting on the fourth.

Our Web site includes an online newsletter, community pages about issues and events that affect our neighborhood and links to local officials and services.

This is *our* Web site - anyone can use it - and it's easy to use! You don't need any special computer skills to post information to the site - simply fill out forms and the information is posted! All you need is Internet access - everything is in an extremely user-friendly format.

Want to tell people about an upcoming meeting, garage sale, or lost pet? Then post a notice in the "Community Calendar". (Or, check the calendar to see when the next neighborhood meeting is.)

Have something you want to sell? Post a free classified ad.

Or, create your own personal web page in the <u>"Meet Your Neighbors"</u> section.

Concerned about a neighborhood issue? Go to the <u>"Talk About It"</u> section and create a new discussion.

The more people who use our web site, the more valuable it will be as a communication tool. So check it out!

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Dec. 7 Assn. Meeting: 1) Cooper Elementary Students entertained with Christmas carols; 2) Isaac Hiriart spoke about the TCC Education Outreach Center; 3) Margie Shannon, Door Prize Winner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Tues.	Jan.	29	Red Cross Blood Drive
Mon.	Feb.	4	COOPER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.
	Feb.	7-21	Cooper Chocolate Fundraiser
			Monitors needed for state testing
Wed.	Feb.	20	at Cooper Elementary
Tues.	Mar.	4	City of Tulsa Primary Election
Tues.	April	1	City of Tulsa General Election
			Monitors needed for state testing at
	April	10-23	Cooper Elementary
Fri Sun.	May	2 - 4	Neighborhood Garage Sales
Mon.	May	5	COOPER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.
Mon Thurs.	May	5 - 8	Dumpster Days
Sat.	May	17	Cooper Neighborhood Block Party
Mon.	Sept.	8	COOPER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

COUNCILOR'S CORNER

Wow!!!

What else can we say about the "ice age '07"?

What a shocker to be woke up in the middle of the night with the sounds of breaking limbs and WHOLE trees falling apart. My first thought was someone is shooting their gun.

I believe our leadership stood TALL and passed the test of handling a disaster of this magnitude. A lot of us found out how to improvise through it all. Were there mistakes? Yes, but we learned and adjusted. Neighbors taking care of each other and helping one another. Still, there is a lot of work to do. The power and tree people are gone and the clean up people are here now. The city has hired three contactors to clean up all the trees. They will make three passes thru Tulsa. The first will be the whole city before the second will start. The city will not be picking up debris. There is a website that you can go to to see where they are and what has been done so far. Go to **www.cityoftulsa.org** and follow the links.

If you think you have been missed on the first pass, you may call Mayor's Action Center (MAC), **596-2100**, and let them know. There are still some people who may not be able to get the limbs off their house. If you see someone like this you may want to check and see if they need help. They may be disabled or elderly. Again you can call MAC and see if they could send someone to that address.

The other important event that will be here before you know it is the election of the City Council and Auditor. The primary election is March 4th. The general election is April 1st yes April 1st! Get out and vote!

Thank you! Councilor Troyer

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

3rd Thursday of each month, 1:30 PM - Martin Regional Library. (Check with the Library for the book to be reviewed each month)



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