



# Cooper Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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## Cooper Neighborhood Association to Partner with Cooper Elementary School

Upon recommendation of its Board of Directors, Cooper Neighborhood Association has voted to become a **"Partner in Education"** with Cooper Elementary School. An official signing ceremony is scheduled for November 20th.

This partnership will strengthen the working relationship that currently exists between the two organizations.

Cooper Elementary is one of seven elementary schools in the Tulsa Public School District that has been selected to participate in the "Tulsa Area Community Schools Initiative" (TACSI).

The Community Schools program envisions a time when community schools will serve as centers of community life, offering comprehensive programs, services, and opportunities to students, families and the neighboring community.

What better time for our organization to become more involved? Here are just a few of the ways we can help:

- ❖ Serve as a mentor to a student a couple of hours a week at the school;
- ❖ Serve as monitors during State testing April 10 - 25, 2008, for Grades 3 - 5;
- ❖ Become a "Book Buddy" by reading to a student and having the student read to you;
- ❖ Organize the room where donated clothing is kept;
- ❖ Volunteer in the office or library; and/or
- ❖ Help maintain the outdoor classroom (the garden).

**To volunteer, or for additional information**, contact the school at **746-9480** or go to our web site at **[www.neighborhoodlink.com/tulsa/cooperna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/tulsa/cooperna)**.

### VOTER REGISTRATION



### OKLAHOMA VOTER REGISTRATION

... Plan now to register to vote before the upcoming elections. You may obtain a registration form by contacting the Tulsa County Election Board at **596-5730**, or at [www.tulsacounty.org/](http://www.tulsacounty.org/) or at

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/tulsa/cooperna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/tulsa/cooperna).

Registration forms will also be available at our December 3rd Neighborhood Association meeting.

## COOPER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

**Monday, December 3 - 6:30 PM**  
Cooper Elementary School, 1808 S. 123 E. Ave.

### PROGRAM

The program will begin promptly at 6:30 PM with

**Special Guest Isaac Hiriart**  
**Outreach Coordinator**

**TCC Education Outreach Center**

Join us to learn more about TCC's first Education Outreach Center and the educational opportunities available for you and your children

Christmas Carols, Cooper Elementary Students  
Committee Reports & Appointments

- ♦ Refreshments ♦ Door Prizes
- ♦ Children Welcome ♦
- ♦ Come As You Are ♦



### **The grand opening of TCC Education Outreach**

**Center** featured welcoming remarks from Mayor Kathy Taylor (*pictured above with Cooper students*) and City Councilor Dennis Troyer. Cooper Elementary Students participated by providing a parade of flags and several rousing musical selections.

The Outreach Center, located at 2201 S. Garnett, will act 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.



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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Misty Blevins*

Greetings, Cooper Neighbors!

The holiday season is upon us and I hope it finds you and your loved ones doing well.

There are so many things to be thankful for and we as a leadership group are thankful for the many active members we have involved within the Cooper community.

Great things are happening in East Tulsa!! There are new job opportunities with the revitalization of Eastland Mall, a community center is being tossed around, lighting improvements and new bridgework have improved our neighboring park, TCC has opened an educational outreach facility near 21<sup>st</sup> and Garnett and we are in the process of reviewing a neighborhood watch program involving concerned neighbors.

The board has many goals outlined for the coming of 2008 like our new partnership in Education with Cooper Elementary. Community volunteers are also in the process of forming relationships with Foster MS and East Central HS.

However, all of these great things and wonderful ideas cannot continue without the help of our fellow neighbors. There are many ways to be involved. Think of your individual talent and gifts and consider ways you can incorporate them into your neighborhood and community.

Cooper Neighborhood Association seeks economic growth, beautification of our community, safe living and community education with family friendly fun events for all. These values combined make for a wonderful community for us all.

We need many of you involved to be more successful than what we currently are. Consider ways to get involved in 2008 and bring your ideas + suggestions to our general meetings held quarterly at Cooper Elementary School.



**Happy Holidays!**



**HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST** .. Jingle bells and lights all aglow ... that's what we're expecting again this Christmas season. We're looking forward to your best creative efforts as we "light up" our neighborhood for the holidays.

Judging will take place Saturday, December 15th, from 6:30 - 9:00 PM, so keep those lights on all evening.

Wish to nominate one of your neighbors? Call (or e-mail) your Zone Leader or any of our officers (*see list at left*) with the address you'd like to nominate. First, second and third place winners will receive gift certificates (\$25, \$15, and \$10 respectively.)

**BOY SCOUT LEADERSHIP NEEDED** ... There is a need in our area for adult leaders to work with our Boy Scouts. This would be a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the life of our young people. For additional information, contact President Misty Blevins or call the Scout office at 743-6125.



## Neil's Gardening Tips

*Neil Flory*

Ideas for outdoor winter containers from a lecture by Susan Brammier of Southwood Nursery.

Susan recommends hard fired clay or fiberglass pots; a good fiberglass pot will last forever. Porous clay pots will freeze and crack in low temperatures. Fourteen inch diameter containers are the minimum recommended for containers that will be left outdoors in freezing weather; smaller containers should be moved indoors to prevent freezing the roots.

Place coffee filters over the drain holes and fill the container to the top with a good potting mix. It is easier to remove excess mix than to fill in around the plants, the mix will settle some when watered after planting.

When selecting plants make sure they have similar light and water requirements.

Select a major accent plant that is a minimum of one half the height of the container height. Consider the use of woody evergreens as accent plants for a dramatic effect:

Dwarf alberta spruce	Mugo pine
Arborvita	Blue spruce
Dwarf Hinoki cypress	Camelia

Here are a few of her suggestions:

Fill in around the center plant with evergreen perennials to add texture, suggestions were:

Heuchera	Mondo grass
Fiber optic grass	Liriope
Japanese sedge	Variegated Ivy

Tuck in some color by adding pansies. Holly berry branches, colorful twigs, berries like beautyberry. Small glass gazing globes or ornaments. Depending on your specimen plant, a miniature string of Xmas lights. Use your imagination.

Simplicity is good. A single specimen plant in a nice planter can be very attractive. Knockout roses do really well in containers.

A water meter really helps in maintaining healthy container plants. Too much water is a killer.

The frequent watering required for container plants leaches out the nutrients in the planting mix. Apply a granular fertilizer (Osmocote or similar) every four to five weeks. Also apply a light or dilute application of liquid fertilizer ever two weeks to keep your container plants in tip-top form.

An interesting note: Plants in the nursery are fertilized with a dilute fertilizer every time they are watered.

## BLOCK PARTY ... September 2007

Perfect weather greeted us as we met for our annual Block Party. Former Cooper Neighborhood President Jim Perkin presided over the grill, as hamburgers and hot dogs sizzled.



Craft projects, ball tosses and Frisbees kept the young people busy while the adults played a game or two of horseshoes. Later some of the adults joined the kids in the "water balloon" toss.

Newly elected CNA President Misty Blevins and City Councilor Dennis Troyer conducted the drawings for the door prizes.

The piñata, hung from the shelter rafters by Bill Shannon, provided a flurry of excitement as the day's activities came to an end.

Special thanks to everyone involved for their assistance in making this event a success.





### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

*Beth McBay*

The Thursday Afternoon Book Club met November 15 and discussed the book "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon. It was a study of a teenage autistic child who is a math genius and struggles through his problems by working math problems in his head. It was a dear little book that we all enjoyed so much.



The December Book study will be on **Thursday, December 20**, at Martin East Library at 1:30 PM and will be a Christmas party. Since most of us won't have time to read a book this month, we will each bring some refreshments and take 10 minutes to tell of a book we read this year that we particularly enjoyed. We have done this the last two years and really enjoyed it.

### Councilor's Corner

#### " District 6 Rising!!!!"

Well, I guess everyone has heard that "Coca-Cola" has been officially opened in Tulsa and District 6!! The Customer Service facility will employ about 350 when it gets to full capacity. Good paying jobs and benefits and another Fortune 500 company in Tulsa. They did not hold back on spending money ... Coca-Cola spent over \$16 million in making it a class act. What a Grand Opening it was, too. Mayor Taylor (worked very hard to bring Coke to Tulsa) gave a welcoming speech to all the employees and we all were taken on a tour of the beautiful facility. A big thank you to Henry Dilschneider and Robert Phillips of P & H Properties for coming to our district. P&H are also responsible for bringing Mr. Gerry Chauvin to work with them who brings business to Eastgate Metroplex. When you have time take a drive out there and check it out :)

Another wonderful business is going to have its Grand Opening December 5th. C.A.P. (Community Action Project) is open now, however. it is not all the way open or staffed. The facility is complete but they open it in stages and will have about 125 children and over 25 employees. I want to thank CAP for this out of the box thinking in putting their education center in a business complex ... what a GREAT idea. The director of "Coke" Jan Leas thought it was too.

Just think, in a couple more 2 or 3 years Eastgate Metroplex will be a thriving vibrant facility that your District will be proud of..... a "stepping stone" to development in East Tulsa.

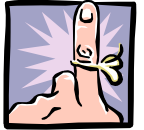
On Nov. 9-10th TCC (Tulsa Community College) opened their VERY first Education Outreach Center right here in District 6. TCC and Dr. McKeon need to be thanked for their innovative thinking. It was a real honor for me to be asked to speak at this event. The center is located at **2201 South Garnett**. TCC has a great reputation as a 2 year college and rates 18th in the NATION out of 1100 + 2 year colleges. Once a convenience store and used car lot.....now an Education center!!!

Yes, you can say District 6 is rising ..... keep the vision .... keep working together.

THANK YOU  
Dennis K. Troyer, City Councilor

### MEMBERSHIP DUES - It's that time again!

If you've not yet sent your membership dues, please make your \$10.00 check payable to Cooper Neighborhood Association and forward to: Bill Shannon, CNA Treasurer, 1509 S. 117 East Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74128. We need ... and appreciate ... your support!



### MAYOR'S ACTION CENTER - 596-2100

- ✓ You may report problems you encounter in the community such as unkempt properties, high grass and weeds, illegal parking, advertising/sign violations, illegal dumping, potholes or water line breaks;
- ✓ Get answers to questions about city services;
- ✓ Get ticket & municipal court info, or you will be directed you to the appropriate department or city employee.

You can also report problems on line at <http://www.cityoftulsa.org/Reporting/index.asp>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon.	Dec.	3	Cooper Neighborhood Assn.
Sat.	Dec.	15	Holiday Lighting Contest Judging
Thurs.	Dec.	20	Thursday Afternoon Book Club
Mon.	Feb.	4	Cooper Neighborhood Assn.
Tues.	Mar.	4	City of Tulsa Primary Election
Tues.	April	1	City of Tulsa General Election
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 Association

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