



Cooper Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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A Bargain for 10 Bucks! Looking for a bargain? Look no further than your own neighborhood.

As many of us learn to economize by doing things closer to home, what better time could there be to invest in your own neighborhood? For only \$10, you can become a dues paying member of Cooper Neighborhood Association.

If you're looking for **A WAY** to: Increase neighborhood safety; improve property values; control the future of your neighborhood; create a feeling of community belonging; have a powerful voice in getting City services, or have a sense of accomplishment & civic pride ... **Then we've got A WAY to make that happen.**



You may send your \$10 dues, made payable to Cooper Neighborhood Association, to Treasurer Bill Shannon, 1509 S. 117th East Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74128 (or use the envelope attached with your newsletter).

Congratulations! At their Volunteer Assembly in May, Cooper Elementary recognized Cooper Neighborhood Association for the volunteer service its members have provided the school.

Bill Shannon was recognized as **Partner/Volunteer of the Year** for Cooper Elementary.

Bill is a mentor for a young person at Cooper and also serves as Treasurer on our Board of Directors.



Bill at the May Block Party

More mentors are needed at the school. For information on how you can volunteer to help, call **746-9480**.



REGISTER, VOTE & BE HEARD

Election: NOVEMBER 4

Your vote helps make our democracy strong and influences the direction of our country.

Come be a part of what's happening in our neighborhood as our organization begins a new year!



Cooper Neighborhood Association ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - 6:30 PM

Cooper Elementary School, 1808 S. 123 E. Ave.

*** SPECIAL GUEST: AMY STEPHENS
MANAGER, MARTIN REGIONAL LIBRARY**
Come find out more about the wonderful resources available at your local Library. Find out how to get a Library card, what type of free classes are available and how to register for them.

*** BUSINESS MEETING
* ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS
* COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

As always, children are welcome & dress is casual
Refreshments Door Prizes

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Nancy Troyer, will bring a slate of nominees for Officers and Zone Leaders to the September 8th meeting for your consideration.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the September meeting, however, individuals nominated from the floor must have indicated their willingness to serve, if elected, and must be present that evening.

Also serving on the committee are: Carol Ragan, Lori Burlison, Sue Lawrence and Pat Kendall.

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Zone 8 - S. 129 E. Ave. to S. 137 E. between 11th & 15th



**As Waldo would say,
'Where on earth are you?'**

With approximately 2,400 homes and apartments in our neighborhood, we need more individuals to get involved.

In order to continue providing a newsletter to each home, **we need your help in delivering our newsletters.** (Right now our small, dedicated group of Zone Leaders, and a few Block Captains, are doing this.)

YOU can help by calling (or e-mailing) the Zone Leader in your area (or one of our officers) and volunteering to serve as a **BLOCK CAPTAIN**. Your responsibility would be to deliver the newsletters around "your block" once each quarter.

CURFEW - The city's curfew statute says that those individuals *younger than 18* may not be out past midnight on Fridays and Saturdays ... or past 11 PM Sundays through Thursdays.



There are exceptions for teens out past curfew if they are with a parent or guardian; on their way to or from work, church or a school-related activity; on an errand for their parents or if there is an emergency, among other exemptions.

PLANiTulsa This city-wide planning process is being conducted to update Tulsa's Comprehensive Plan (which guides the physical development of the city.) Its policies will provide a framework within which individuals, businesses and public officials can make decisions that are consistent with the community's vision for the future.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the next 30 years of Tulsa's growth. It promises a new vision that is inclusive and reflects the needs and dreams of all our citizens.

Start thinking about what you want to see in Tulsa in the future. Then plan to attend one of these meetings:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 6 - 9 PM
Greenwood Cultural Center, 322 N. Greenwood

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1 - 4 PM
BOK Center, 200 S. Denver

(A Box Lunch will be available for purchase before the BOK meeting at 11:30 AM.)

You may also go to our web site at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/tulsa/cooperna> and click on "PLANiTULSA Survey" to share your thoughts.

\$\$\$ PROPERTY VALUES \$\$\$

Studies have shown that dilapidated structures and deteriorated neighborhoods can reduce property values significantly.

Annually, City of Tulsa Neighborhood Inspectors investigate thousands of violations of nuisance and zoning ordinances identified through citizen complaints.

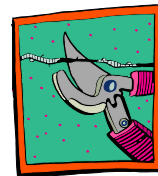
The most common violations reported are:

- High grass and weeds,
- Accumulated trash, junk & debris, and
- Illegal parking of inoperable vehicles

Have problems in your area? You may report them to the Mayor's Action Center at 596-2100. Or, if you prefer, you may make a report on the City's web site at <http://cityoftulsa.org/Reporting/>.

More Tree Limbs ...

The accumulated tree limbs and debris from the last storm have made our neighborhood a mess. While City crews are working hard to catch up, **there are things that WE can do.**



If you have a limited amount of *small* limbs, please consider cutting them up and putting them in with your normal trash. Since the limbs have dried, many can easily be disposed of in this manner. Please do not put anything else with the limbs at the curb. *This will only delay the process.*

Once the tree limbs are gone, let's make an extra effort to tidy things back up.

FREE HOT MEALS ... every Wednesday evening starting **September 3rd**. Open and **FREE** for Cooper Elementary students and their guardians.



Green Country Event Center
12000 E. 31st Street - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

The Neighborhood Kitchen is sponsored by the Garnett Church of Christ/Green Country Event Center and the community of Cooper Elementary.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ACADEMY



Several of our members recently participated in a Neighborhood Planning Academy at Cooper Elementary. The meetings were part of a series of meetings held in schools that had been designated as "Community Schools." Participants reviewed the area's strengths and weaknesses and then worked to develop goals. Citywide results will be reported to City Leaders at a meeting Aug. 26th at OU-Tulsa Schusterman Center.



GOOD NEWS! Good things are happening in our neighborhood, some through the work of a single individual and others through the concerted efforts of many.

The *National Inn* buildings, which have been an eyesore for many years, were *torn down*.



The *walkway* between the Cooper Elementary playground and 120th East Avenue has been cleaned out.

Free dumpsters were placed throughout the neighborhood the week of May 5th.

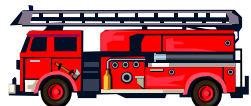
Several Cooper Neighborhood members served as *monitors for state testing* at Cooper Elementary.



The *bridge* connecting H.B. Johnson Park and Cooper Elementary property was completed and *special lighting* installed in the park.

Our association is *well represented* on many organizations, including East Tulsa Prevention Coalition, PLANiTULSA, Neighborhood Planning Academy, and District 6 Community Council.

Our *annual block party* was a success, complete with a tour of a fire truck.



Cooper Neighborhood Crime Prevention



My name is Sgt. Jeff Cealka, and I am presently assigned to an area encompassing your neighborhood. I have been asked to write a short segment in your newsletter on crime prevention.

Let's talk about residential burglaries. Read on and I'll let you know how thieves have committed their daytime burglaries this past year.

Most often they walk around your neighborhood looking for empty driveways. Then they'll look for a privacy fence around the yard. They'll knock on the front door or ring the bell. If no one answers they'll do one of two things. One, they'll just kick your front door open. Or two, they go to the gate at the privacy fence. If it's unlocked, they'll open the gate and force entry to your home through a back door (most often the door leading into the garage).

So, I'd suggest if you're home from work, or have a child home from school for the day, and someone knocks loudly or rings your bell you should let them know you are home and have your cordless phone in your hand. If they do break in, or you think they are about to, **CALL 911!** Do not call anyone else, as that will delay the police response. Once you are connected with a 911 operator, **STAY ON THE PHONE** until the police get there.

Lastly, deadbolt locks don't fail. The door jamb and frame do. Replace the screws with 3" deck screws because they'll reach farther into the frame. Do this to the hinge screws, too.



TCC EDUCATION OUTREACH CENTER

Plan to take advantage of TCC's **Education Outreach Center** that was established in our neighborhood last fall.

At the Center, individuals can apply, complete college placement testing, enroll in both credit & continuing education classes, get career advisement, financial aid information, work on homework or take classes. For more information, stop by the Center at **2201 S. Garnett** or reach them at **595-2020**.

COUNCILOR'S CORNER

Our favorite development is moving right along. In case you missed it, Eastgate Metroplex has recently signed the Oklahoma Drivers License office to a contract and they will soon be moving into the complex...YEA!!!!

The debris IS being picked up...IT IS SLOW.... Please be patient.

You may also have noticed the NE corner of 31st and Garnett. Drug Warehouse has moved in and opened in May. A few weeks ago we noticed a "Harps" sign has gone up next to Drug Warehouse. Harps is a food store chain.

As far as Council stuff goes ... we have been very BUSY ...working on the streets package; the Drillers move to downtown; and the City Hall to the One Tech Center building (Council office in September).

A very important position will come up for ONE person to serve on the "STREETS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE." This is something we as a Council think is very important. One person from each district will serve on this committee to oversee the funds and projects. This would operate very much like our sales tax oversight committee.

If you think you may be interested contact me. Thank you very much.

Dennis K. Troyer, City Councilor, District 6

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Love to read? Then join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM at Martin Regional Library. It's a great informal group and we'd love to have you come. You may call the Librarian to find which book we will be reading in September. You'll need to read the book before you come.



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NEEDED: Block Captains for distributing four quarterly newsletters per year to the 2,400 homes in our neighborhood. Please contact your Zone Leader to volunteer to take your block.