



# Helm Farm

## Neighborhood Association

West side of Western to East side of Classen-North side of NW 36th to South side of I-44



Helm Farm Neighborhood  
Association Newsletter

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/helmfarm/main.html](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/okc/helmfarm/main.html)

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Neighborhood Meeting  
10/6/2008 @  
6:00 pm @  
Neighborhood Alliance-NW  
36th & Classen
- Fall Fest  
10/25/2008
- Halloween  
10/31/2008
- Neighborhood Meeting  
11/3/2008 @  
6:00 pm @  
Neighborhood Alliance

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### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

For this addition of our newsletter I am writing my letter while enjoying one of my most favorite things to do....going to the lake. Since this is the last time that I will be able to go to the lake this year, I am mentally saying goodbye to summer and hello to fall and winter. Brrrr! I'm already shivering!!

As I sit here I reflect on what the last year has brought us and wonder how we can be better prepared for the long, presumably cold winter before us. Since last winter two significant things have happened

that have affected us as a neighborhood and us as people. The first event was the ice storm that caused many of us to lose trees and parts of our homes. The second is higher energy costs. In an effort to hopefully be better prepared this year we have included a page of tips on how to prepare your home for fall on page 6. There are many things that can be done while the weather is still decent.

On page 7 of this issue we have provided a list of walking/hiking/biking trails that the city has to offer. I didn't know we had so many!! For

those who are interested in enjoying one of our city's resources this is a great article.

This month we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Helm Farm Fall Fest on the 38th Street Promenade. We look forward to a change in location and enjoying our neighborhood's public green space.

October is also Adopt-A-Dog month at the OKC Animal Shelter. See page 6 for more information.

Thank-you for everything, neighbors!

*Mary*

*HFNA would like to wish our neighbors a  
happy & safe Halloween and a  
happy Thanksgiving!!*

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## NEWS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### PARTNERSHIP GRANT UPDATE

MAPS has completed their project at Horace Mann Elementary! We are currently working with school officials to finalize plans for placement of the proposed playground equipment. This project should be done by the next newsletter. We are still waiting to hear from OG&E to get the cost of installing a few more lights to complete our final grant project. We hope to have all projects completed by the end of the year so that we can apply for another grant.

### WESTERN AVENUE BID

According to the okcbusiness.com on 7/21/2008 Western Avenue is getting ready to receive \$3.2 million dollars from the city's 2007 General Obligation Bond Issue to make improvements along Western Avenue between NW 36th and NW 63rd streets. Granted as a Business Improvement District last August, Western Avenue's BID priorities include dressing up the I-44 bridge, replacing as many of the concrete medians as possible with green space, replacing street signs and traffic signals with more historic looking signs and incorporating public art. The president of Western Avenue Association, Mel Martin, also said that there will be additional sidewalks. Work is expected to begin in 12-18 months.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2008



We would like to give a big THANK YOU to our sponsors.....Western Concepts, Legacy Cleaners and Autobahn !

We would also like to give a big THANK YOU to our musical guests...Loose Shoes, Kyle Dillingham and Bryan White!

Thanks to you and all of our neighbors for making this event a success!!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 25th from 2-6 pm will be our 3rd annual Helm Farm Fall Fest. We are still looking for volunteers to help run games and to do face painting. For more information or to volunteer please contact Mary at 370-1643. We will distribute more information before the event.



## YARD OF THE MONTH



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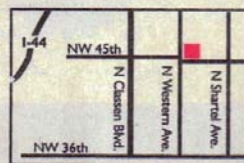
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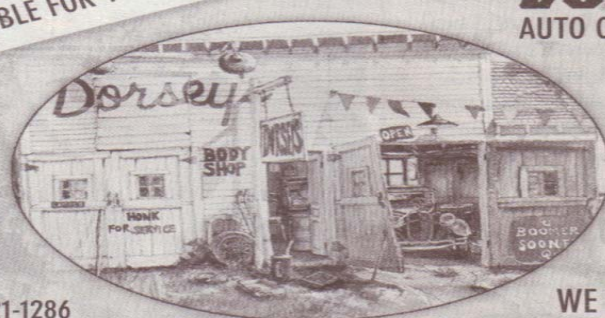
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## ADOPT-A-DOG IN OCTOBER

October is Adopt-a-dog month at the OKC Animal Shelter. This event promotes the adoption of dogs into new forever homes. The rate to obtain your next best friend is \$25 and covers spaying or neutering, a heartworm test, flea and tick treatment and vaccinations against rabies and contagious diseases. Visit 2811 SE 29 from noon to 5:45 pm or go online to [www.okc.gov](http://www.okc.gov) for available dogs and more information.

## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR FALL

Winter is fastly approaching. Now is the time to prepare our home and outdoor items for it. The following is a list of tips to prepare our property from the potentially long, cold and icy months ahead of us.

- \*Have your heating system checked to make sure that it is functioning properly before cold temperatures arrive.
- \*If you have a fireplace, hire a chimney sweep to clean built up creosote, debris and nesting creatures so that you can enjoy a fire on the cool nights.
- \*Inspect your roof to make sure that there are no missing, loose or damaged shingles or tiles.
- \*After the leaves have fallen clean out your gutters and downspouts and make sure that they are in good condition.
- \*Clean up any debris from around your heat pump or air conditioning unit.
- \*Remove window air conditioners if possible.
- \*Pressure wash siding to remove any dirt, debris and tree sap to extend the life of it.
- \*Trim trees to make sure that there are no branches hanging over the roof. (We know about this from last winter!)
- \*Winterize your lawn by raking up leaves, giving grass a good cut and removing any cool-weather weeds, then fertilize the lawn to keep it green and protect it from pests and cold. For more information on this check with your local extension service.
- \*Prepare your garden and planting beds by mulching around your bulbs, roses, trees and shrubs to prevent damage to the root systems by the sudden changes in soil temperatures.
- \*Run the gas out of the mower or add a stabilizer agent for storage. Also change the oil, pull and inspect the spark plug and the engine oil. Clean your gardening tools and apply a light coat of oil to protect them from rust.
- \*Drain the water from your garden hose, coil it up and hang it where it won't freeze and crack. If you have a sprinkler system drain it too and shut off the water to prevent the pipes from freezing.
- \*Inspect the condition of your deck or patio. Clean the deck with soapy water and a pole brush. Use deck wash to remove stains. To clean a concrete patio use TSP or a concrete cleaner then scrub with a brush and rinse well. Be sure to protect shrubs before cleaning with chemicals.
- \*Clean and/or repair your outdoor furniture. It's a good idea to store or cover these during the winter.
- \*Fire up your grill to remove any cooked-on food then clean the grill and racks with a wire brush. If possible store for the winter.

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## CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY WALKING TRAILS

The Oklahoma City Trails are a network of paved walking, running, bicycling and skating paths that will eventually stretch all across Oklahoma City and many of its suburbs. They are great for a brisk exercise walk to a leisurely evening stroll. Some are also biking and hiking trails.

### In-Park Trails and Walking Paths

- \*Bluff Creek Park, Hefner Road at Meridian - 3.5 miles off-road running and biking trail (natural)
- \*Bluff Creek Park, Hefner Road at Meridian - 1 mile / asphalt sidewalk (opens Fall 08)
- \*Brock Park, 1601 SW 25 - 0.5 miles of asphalt and concrete sidewalk
- \*Dolese Park, NW 50 & Meridian - 2.1 miles of natural trail
- \*Martin Park Nature Center, 5000 West Memorial Road - 3 miles of off road gravel, dirt trails for hiking, jogging, walking
- \*Merrel Medley Park, Kingsridge & Pennsylvania - 0.8 miles of limestone screening
- \*Memorial Park, NW 36 & Classen - 0.6 miles of gravel trail; 0.5 miles of concrete
- \*South Lakes Park, SW 119 and Meridian - 1.2 miles of asphalt

### In-Park Trails and Walking Paths—Concrete:

- \*Luther Dulaney Park, 2931 NW 41 - 0.18 miles
- \*Earlywine Park, SW 119 & May - 1.5 miles
- \*Edwards Park, 1515 N Bryand Ave - 0.5 miles
- \*Goodholm Park, 2701 North Robinson Avenue - 0.2 miles
- \*Syl Goldman Park, 5333 S Independence - 0.8 miles
- \*Harvest Hills Park, 8235 NW 104 - 0.2 miles
- \*Hathaway Park, 3730 S Lindsey Avenue - 0.38 miles
- \*Lippert Park, 5500 S Shartel - 0.3 miles
- \*McCracken Park, SE 64 & Byers - 0.4 miles
- \*McKinley Park, 1300 North McKinley - 0.3 miles
- \*Melrose Park, 7800 Melrose Lane - 0.3 miles
- \*Minnis Lakeview Park, 12520 NE 36 - 0.5 miles
- \*Quail Creek Park, 11102 Quail Creek Road - 0.4 miles
- \*Ross Park, 2700 NW 62 - 0.3 miles
- \*Schilling Park, SE 25 & Durland - 0.4 miles
- \*Sellers Park, 8301 South Villa - 0.4 miles
- \*Shallow Brook Park, 4901 S Shallow Brook Drive - 0.5 miles
- \*Smitty Park, 2400 NW 44 - 0.25 miles
- \*Taylor Park, 1113 SW 70th - 0.3 miles
- \*Top O Town Park, SE 19 & Stonewall - 0.3 miles

Also available are the Oklahoma Trails which contain 13 miles of multiuse asphalt trails located on the north and south banks of the river.

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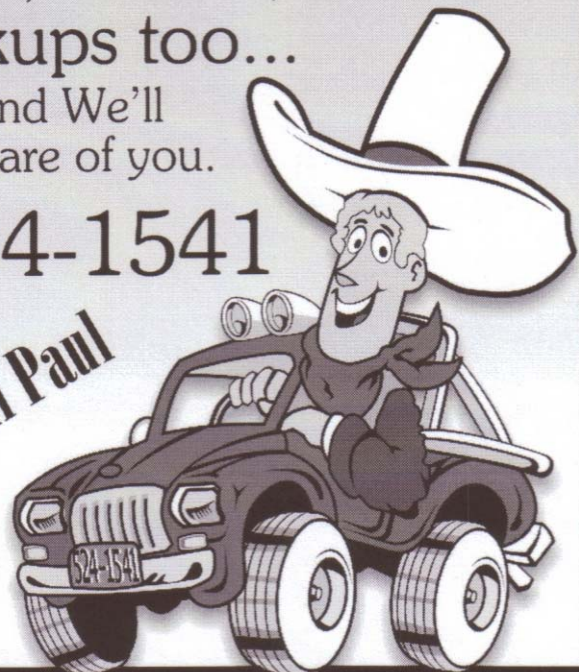
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### CRIME STATISTICS

#### JULY 2008

11xx NW 38—Non Inj Acc	12xx NW 40—Robbery I
11xx NW 45—Poss CDS	12xx NW 50—Inj/Dstr Prop
12xx NW 37—Adult Protect	11xx NW 38—Inj/Dstr Prop
11xx NW 38—Petit Larceny	12xx NW 42—Burglary 2
11xx NW 45—Grand Larceny	12xx NW 47—Petit Larceny
52xx N Western—Burglary 2	52xx N Classen—Burglary 2
51xx N Classen—Inj/Dstr Prop	11xx NW 40—A & B
12xx NW 42—Blackmail	42xx N Classen—Grand Larceny
12xx NW 49—Burglary 2	

#### AUGUST 2008

11xx NW 49—Larc Vehicle	11xx NW 40—Public Drunk
11xx NW 51—Burglary 2	11xx NW 51—Burglary 2
11xx NW 39—Point Firearm	11xx NW 40—A&B Dang Weap
12xx NW 50—Dr Under Revo	51xx N Classen Bl—Burglary 2
53xx N Classen—A&B w/Dead Wp	

Neighborhoods with active Crime Patrols have show a significant decrease in crime. If you are interested in helping make this happen in our neighborhood please call Mary at 370-1643 or email me at [preserveok@yahoo.com](mailto:preserveok@yahoo.com). We need 20 volunteers before we can sign up for our training program with the Neighborhood Alliance.

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