



Cooper Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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PLANiTULSA

District Six

Small Area Workshop

TUESDAY, DEC. 9th - 6 PM

East Central High School Cafeteria



You're invited to come & share your ideas! **PLANiTULSA begins with YOU.**

Through your participation in this "once in a generation" community-wide planning effort, YOU will help create a vision for growth that will have the power to shape lives in Tulsa for decades to come.

Working together with your friends and neighbors, you'll share your ideas about neighborhoods, transportation, shopping districts and employment centers.

PLANiTULSA will be the city's official plan for growth. It will guide private development and show us what Tulsans want for the future. It will guide our government, giving direction on where and how to make public investments for things like mass transit and parks. It will use YOUR ideas to create different scenarios for future growth. *We need YOU for us all to succeed.*

For more information, you may visit:
<http://www.planitulsa.org>.



**Convenient access to TCC's
Education Outreach Center**

is a real asset for our neighborhood.

Take advantage of this facility by dropping by to check out their **ESL classes**, to enroll in both credit and continuing education classes, complete college placement testing, 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 by phone at **595-2020**.

Cooper Neighborhood Association Meeting

MONDAY, DEC. 15 - 6:30 PM

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

Plan to join us as Devone Chezem, American Red Cross, presents "**Ready When the Time Comes**," a special presentation on



American
Red Cross

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

You'll have an opportunity to learn:

- Emergency action steps you can take
- What should go in your disaster kit
- How to conduct a home hazard hunt
- Building a sense of neighborhood and spirit

For those of us who survived the ice storm last winter (and for those who, in years past, have survived tornadoes and floods), we all know we need to be better prepared. So, take a break from your holiday schedule and join us as we learn how to make our homes and neighborhood a safer place.

*** Drawings * Give-Aways * Info Brochures**

For more information on disaster preparedness, check out www.tulsaredcross.org.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

- - - Come as you are

Holiday Cookies & Snacks

D-O-O-R P-R-I-Z-E-S



CONGRATULATIONS ...

to **MISTY BLEVINS** on her election to a second term as President and to each of our Board members. We appreciate their enthusiasm and hard work. Special recognition goes to **TOM MCBAY**, who serves as our Adviser, for his continued support and wise counsel.

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It's a wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the joy of the season. Many of you have already begun your celebration with lights & decorations gracing your home.

While some of us are a bit behind, there's still time to pull those boxes of lights and decorations out of the attic.

Judging will take place the weekend of the 20th.

If you have a home you'd like to nominate, call or e-mail one of our Board members with that address.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.



**Oklahoma's
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Oklahomans want to see deserving students succeed – students who study and work hard, but whose families find it difficult to afford college. If a child dreams of going to college and works to achieve it, then Oklahoma's Promise can help make it a reality!

To make that happen, the Oklahoma Legislature has set up a unique program for eighth, ninth and 10th grade students (home-school students must be age 13, 14 or 15) that will help pay for their college education if their family's income is \$50,000 or less at the time the student applies for the program. This program is Oklahoma's Promise.

But college isn't easy. So to make sure students get ready for college while they're still in high school, the program requires students to take **certain high school courses**. They will have to pass those courses and keep up their grades. And besides staying on top of the books, students will also have to show that they're in control outside the classroom. That means staying away from trouble like gangs, drugs and alcohol. In short, the student promises to prepare academically for college and stay out of trouble, and in return, the state of Oklahoma promises to help pay the student's college tuition.

Apply online today at: <http://www.okpromise.org>

A FEW SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY

* **Candles** can and do cause fires. Battery-operated candles are much safer. * **Never** leave **Christmas lights** on overnight or while you're away. * Use no more than 3 standard-size sets of lights per single **extension cord**. Overloading can cause a fire! * **Check** each set of lights, old or new, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. * Before using lights outside, check labels to be sure they're **certified for outdoor use**. * Check a tree before you buy it to **be sure it's fresh**. Needles shouldn't come showering down if you bounce the tree on the ground. Check the tree daily to be sure it's **well watered**. * **Never** place a tree **within 3 feet of a fireplace** or other source of heat. Use **space heaters** sparingly if you use them at all. **Never** use a space heater with an extension cord! * Don't burn wrapping paper in the **fireplace**. Gift-wrap ignites suddenly and burns rapidly. * **Replace smoke detectors** if they are 8-10 years old or more, even if the test button still activates the alarm.



Neil's Gardening Tips

Neil Flory

December: Keep the leaves raked off of cool season grasses. Apply a second application of fertilizer if you missed a November application.

Newly planted trees and shrubs need to be watered through the winter months, also azaleas, rhododendrons, and roses. Keep needle evergreens moist to avoid excessive needle drop and winter kill. There is only 1/10 of an inch of moisture in an inch of snow and much of it sublimates in freezing weather, so don't rely on it for adequate moisture.

Houseplants and over wintering plants need a rest during the dark months, December to mid-February. Suspend fertilization or keep it to a minimum during this period.

During our freezing weather, on clear days the sun thaws the southwest side of the trunk of newly planted and young trees causing the sap to rise. Freezing temperatures over night split the bark; this is sun scald, an unsightly injury to the tree that is permanent. Protect your young trees by applying tree wrap around the trunk up to the lowest branches.

January: The Xmas rush is over. Time to kickback, relax, get out the gardening catalogs (many are online) and plan for next spring. Look at some of the new plants. Select plants that can stand our long hot dry season and drying winds. Tulsa is in hardiness zone 7 and heat zone 8.

This is a good time to get a soil sample if you have not had one in the last five years. The waiting period is short this time of the year. It won't be next spring. Call the OSU Master Gardeners office, **746-3701**, for information on how to do a soil sample or visit the Master Gardener website.

January to mid-February is the best time to prune most deciduous trees. Remove broken branches, branches growing towards the center of the tree, dead or unsightly branches, crossed branches and sprouts growing from the base of the tree. Consult OSU Fact sheet, F-6409, for proper pruning methods. Pruned surfaces should be left bare, do not apply dressings.

P.S. Professional tree trimmers may be expensive but they are a lot cheaper than broken limbs (yours). Keep your feet on the ground and leave the rest to the pros.

February is a busy month in preparation for spring and is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. Begin fertilizing houseplants. Outdoors: Feed spring flowering bulbs with a high phosphorus (5-10-10, it's the second number) content fertilizer. Fertilize cool season grasses, apply pre-emergence later this month if needed. February through March fertilize trees and shrubs. Mid-February, plant cool season vegetables, lettuce, cabbage, peas, potatoes, and carrots. The third week in February is a good time to plant seeds that need cold exposure to germinate, snapdragons, coreopsis, California poppies, cornflowers and strawflowers.

Additional information is available at the OSU Extension Center or www.tulsamastergardeners.org website.



COOPER NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION

Sgt. Jeff Cealka writing to you and your neighbors again. As we all head in to the holidays let me put down a few thoughts that may make your shopping trips and homes safer over the next few months.

First, for those of you out shopping, avoid the traffic. That's a tough one considering that businesses entice us to get out the day after Thanksgiving with sales. But as you plan how to spend your hard earned dollars consider planning your trip to avoid the traffic. Avoiding collisions and their resulting traffic snarls reduces holiday headaches.

Second, shop in groups. By far the majority of purse snatching victims are out by themselves. Men and women shopping together, guys, drop off the woman at the door then find a parking spot. Women, if you are carrying a purse make sure to carry it on the non-traffic side as you walk through the parking lot. Folks don't carry all your cash and credit cards in one place. Use your coat and pants pockets. And have those credit card numbers written down so they can be immediately reported to cardholders and the police in the event they are stolen. Leave the store as a group or have one person (not carrying packages) go get the car.

At home, where do you put the Christmas tree? Keep it out of the picture window in the front of the house. Before wrapping those presents write down the make, model and serial numbers on the product. Use a timer(s) to turn off a light(s) at different times in your house. Try to set up your outside Christmas lights so you don't have to go outside to turn them on and off (not only is it safer, it's warmer and drier that way, too).

I wish you all the best this Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

TULSA TRANSIT

Looking to stretch your dollars?

Check out TULSA TRANSIT. Operating six days a week, Tulsa Transit provides "good value" for individuals needing an inexpensive way to travel.



Need help planning your trip? Give them a call. They'll be glad to help you determine the best route and bus schedule. (*Ask about their Lift and also their Reduced Fare programs.*)



Don't live within easy walking distance of a fixed bus route?

Park & Save. Park at one of the following "free" locations and then grab a bus:

Green Country Event Center, 12000 E. 31st
Garnett Road Baptist Church, 638 S. Garnett Road

For more info: 582-2100 or www.tulsatransit.org



COUNCILOR'S CORNER

Thank you for your approval of the "Fix Our Streets." I know not everyone voted for it BUT we ALL will benefit from it. It is very much needed, and Cooper Neighborhood will see good improvements in our neighborhood streets. This doesn't mean that every street will be repaired so, keep calling in those "pot holes."

PLANiTULSA is coming to East Central High School..... **DECEMBER 9th, 6 to 9 PM.** This is very exciting for our whole District being how we are one of the FIRST to get going. Come on out and bring your VISION!!!!

Eastgate Metroplex had ANOTHER opening. The Department of Safety opened their new offices down on the lower level. It is a very neat/clean/modern place. This takes the place of the one in Jenks (driver's testing). The whole concept of Eastgate is bringing new business to District 6. Go by and say "Hi and Thank You." They will appreciate it, and you will be amazed at the work they have accomplished. The best thing is they are not even finished STILL GROWIN'.

MERRY CHRISTMAS ... HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Dennis K. Troyer, City Councilor, District Six

GOOD NEIGHBORS!

Again we are proud to report that some of our local residents have taken it upon themselves to help clean up the neighborhood. Special thanks go to **Kevin Conwell** and the folks from Faith Temple for their efforts in getting rid of some of the graffiti in our area.



REMINDER

2008-09 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues are \$10 per year and donations are gladly accepted. To support CNA with your dues, or donations, make your check or money order payable to Cooper Neighborhood Association and send to:

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You're invited to join us at the **Thursday Afternoon Book Club.** We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM at Martin Regional Library. Ask the Librarian to check out the monthly book and read before our meeting. Since most of us won't have time to read a book this month, we will each bring some refreshments to our December meeting and take a few minutes to talk about a book we read that we particularly enjoyed.



GREAT GIFT IDEA ... an hour or two a week (of your time) to serve as a mentor or "lunch buddy" for a child at Cooper Elementary. With over 700 students enrolled, there is a great need for mentors. YOU can make a difference in a child's life!



For more information, call the school at **746-9480.**

For neighborhood calendar of events & general info,
<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/tulsa/cooper-na>

*Merry
Christmas*

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
the gladness of Christmas give you hope, &
the warmth of Christmas grant you love.

*Feliz
Navidad*