



Cooper Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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(Pictured above, 1st row: J.C. Blevins, Steve Flies; 2nd row: Kevin Conwell, Misty Blevins, Bill Shannon, & Dennis Troyer; 3rd Row: Pat Kendall, Nancy Troyer, Sue Lawrence. Also participating, but not pictured, was Catherine Thompson.)

Knocking the Block - A sunny afternoon in February provided the perfect opportunity for some of our officers and members to get out in the neighborhood and knock on some doors. The group focused on learning if people were aware of the neighborhood association and the work it has been doing, determining if those individuals had participated in the past, and encouraging them to be more involved in the future. We were pleased by the positive responses we received and the opportunity to get better acquainted with some of our neighbors.

HELP WANTED

FREE VOICE MAIL SERVICE

Looking for a job can be a real problem when you don't have a phone where prospective employers can reach you. Or, you may be missing important calls regarding housing or health care. Help is now available through the **Community Voice Mail** program. To qualify, you must be:

- Homeless, in Crisis, or Transition
- No Income or Low Income

For more information, or to see if you qualify, you may contact Cooper Elementary School, **746-9480**.

Cooper Neighborhood Association Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 2nd - 6:30 PM
Cooper Elementary School
1808 S. 123 E. Ave.



American Red Cross

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Devone Chezem, American Red Cross, will present *"Ready When the Time Comes,"* a special presentation on Disaster Preparedness, including:

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

Make a special effort to 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.

Come as you are!
Refreshments ... Door Prizes



American Red Cross

iTodos estan Invitados!
La Asociación del Vecindario Cooper
Va a patrocinar un programa
Acerca de la preparación de Desastres
(presentado por la Organización del Cruz Roja)

Fecha: 2 de marzo
Hora: 6:30 pm
Lugar: En la Escuela Primaria de Cooper
1808 S 123 E Ave

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COOPER KIDS CORNER



Hi, our names are: Deontae Smith and Jared Lopes.

Today we wanted to talk to you about how our 5th graders are ready to take the state test. We have been working

really hard for this test. We really need monitors for the state test on April 10-24. If you can be at our school for any part of the testing days, for one hour, or for half a day, or a full day, we would appreciate that. Just call the school & ask for Ms. Kukura, our counselor. Her phone # in her office is 746-9484.

Our test taking tips are the best in the Tulsa Public School District!! For example, we must re-read our papers, and when you are stuck on a problem, go to the next problem then come back later to the problem you had trouble with.

We also wanted to talk to you about the 5th grade Writing Test which is on Feb 25th. The 5th graders had problems with writing our 4 squares. Do you have any suggestions to help us?

We want to let you know how much we care about the Cooper Neighborhood. We want the community safe and clean. Jared Lopes' mom is a watch person for the community. He is really proud of his mom. We like the lights in the park, it really helps keep things safe. Thanks for the bridge that you guys built. We use the bridge to go home.

We also wanted to ask you if you have any senior citizens that can come to Cooper on Thursdays twice a month to eat lunch with us. The students are really proud to have the Seniors come to eat lunch with us. We really get to know each senior and learn about their lives. If you can come to the luncheons, please call Ms. Kukura, at 746-9484.

Thank you for helping us here at Cooper. You are a part of our family. We appreciate all that you do.

"We are Super Cooper Cowboys the best that we can be. Our hearts are with you and me."



*Christmas
Lighting
Contest
Winners*

1st Place: Robert and Tracey Taylor, 11403 East 17th Street; 2nd Place, The Barraza Family, 13787 East 14th Street; 3rd Place, Aaron Day, 14108 East 19th Street. Honorable Mention: The Garrison Family, 1543 S. 122 E. Avenue; The Russell Family, 12314 E. 16th Street; and The Cupp Family, 1405 S. 138 E. Avenue. Prizes and recognition will be presented at the March CNA meeting.



Neil's Gardening Tips

Neil Flory

March: Fertilize cool season grasses. Apply 1 pound of actual nitrogen (N) per 1,000 sq. ft. at each fertilization in March, late September and late November. Most lawns do not benefit from a complete fertilizer (e.g. 10-20-10) if it has been used for several years because the phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) concentrate in the upper 2 to 3 inches of the soil. Use fertilizers with a high nitrogen content and a low or zero P and K. Slow release fertilizers depend on water and heat to control release and are not recommended for cool season grasses.

Apply pre-emergence now to control summer lawn weeds. Do not apply pre-emergence herbicide if you intend to over seed your lawn. Over-seed fescue lawns now to allow time for the grass to become established before hot weather. Note: Fall is a better time to plant fescue seed.

In early March cut ornamental grasses back to 4 to 6 inches above the ground if you did not do it in February. Try not to cut off any new growth if the grass has started to grow.

Severe winter weather should be over by March 15. Time to clean up flower beds, remove old leaves, weeds and etc. Be careful not to damage new plantlets when removing dead tops from perennials. Divide and transplant most perennials now. To expand your perennial beds, buy perennials in gallon containers and divide into 2 or 3 individual plants.

April: Purchase caladium bulbs now for the best selection, although the price may be lower in late May and June. Do not plant bulbs until late May! Caladium bulbs do not sprout until the 2.0 inch ground temperature is 60 to 70 degrees F. and are prone to rot in cool damp soil.

Allow foliage on spring flowering bulbs to die back naturally. The green leaves feed the bulbs for next year's bloom. Deadhead (remove spent blooms) so that all the energy goes to the bulb instead of making seeds.

Fertilize warm season grasses when they start to green up in April. Quick release fertilizers: apply 1 lb. of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet three to five times per year. Water in quick release fertilizers if rain is not imminent to prevent burning the grass. Consider using a sulfur coated urea* (e.g., 46-0-0), a slow release form that lasts longer and reduces nitrogen runoff in spring rains. Apply 1 2/3 lbs of slow release fertilizer per 1,000 square feet two to three times during the growing season. Establish or renovate Bermuda grass in late April through mid June for best results.

Azalea and Rhododendrons are acid loving plants. Feed after the blooming is complete using a fertilizer with soil acidifiers, e.g. "Osmocote, Azalea, Camellia and Rhododendron plant food" or similar products. Do not work fertilizer into the ground around azaleas because they are very shallow rooted.

This is a good time to apply Bayer Tree and Shrub insecticide for a 12 months protection from insects. It is mixed with water per the label and applied as a drench around the base of the plant. There are other similar products, but most protect for only three to four months. Compare price, protection time and convenience to determine your selection.

May: Plant annual bedding plants and summer bulbs, e.g. cannas, dahlia, elephant ear and gladiolas. Wait until the soil warms up to plant zinnias, periwinkle and other heat loving plants. Gardeners can plant watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumber, eggplant, okra and etc.

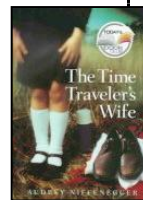
Apply post-emergent herbicide for control of crabgrass, nutsedge and broadleaf weeds from late April To mid-June. Make sure warm season grasses have completely greened up prior to application of post-emergent herbicides.

*Estes Inc. at 11391 E Tecumseh is a source for sulfur-coated urea in Tulsa.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB ...

This group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM at Martin Regional Library.

In February we discussed "The Time Traveler's Wife," a romantic drama about a Chicago librarian with a gene that caused him to involuntarily time travel, and the complications it created for his marriage.



It's an informal group, and we always have a good time. Check with the librarian for the next month's book and read it prior to the next meeting.

Did you know that SHORTLINE DENTAL is a partner with Cooper Elementary School?

Through their partnership, they provide free dental screening for all students at Cooper. Members of their staff also provide bilingual support at Cooper during parent teacher conferences.



When filling out your tax forms, remember that our membership dues are tax deductible, to the extent provided by law.

Forget to pay your dues this year? Make your \$10 check payable to Cooper Neighborhood Association and mail to Treasurer Bill Shannon, 1509 South 117 East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74128, or bring with you to our next meeting.

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COUNCILOR'S CORNER

It has been a pretty quiet winter for District 6.

One thing that we notice ... in CN and in the district ... but fail to report, is parking in yards!!! This is on Tulsa's top 10 code violations and can be easily reported to the Mayors Action Center. You will get a case number and, after a few days, if the problem is still there you can call MAC again, give the case number and ask for the status of that case. Address/color/make/model is important. Be sure to have that. You will not be identified to anyone. IT IS CONFIDENTIAL.

Thank you.

Dennis K. Troyer
City Councilor, District 6

Mayor's Action Center (MAC) 596-2100

WANTED

VOLUNTEER MONITORS FOR STATE TESTING

When: April 13 - 24
Where: Cooper Elementary School
Contact: Rita Kukura, 746-9484

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2 - 6:30 PM	CNA Meeting Cooper Elementary School
MAY	Neighborhood Cleanup Month
MAY 11 - 6:30 PM	CNA Meeting Cooper Elementary School
MAY 16-17	Neighborhood Garage Sales
MAY 18-22	Dumpster Days



FREE IMMUNIZATIONS

will be available for Cooper Elementary students
Monday, March 30th ♦ 10 AM - 2 PM

For more information, contact Rita Kukura, 746-9484

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