



Cooper Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST ...



While some of you may have had your decorations up since Thanksgiving, others of us may still be untangling the wires on our strands of Christmas lights.

Whatever your style, we want to remind you that we'll be having our annual lighting contest again this year. *Judging will take place Monday evening, December 21st.*

First, second and third prizes will be awarded (\$25, \$20 and \$15). To nominate a home, simply e-mail or call one of our Board members who are listed on the next page.

FUNDRAISER

... A Bargain for You ... and A Great Christmas Gift!

Take advantage of the outstanding savings found in the *Tulsa Area Entertainment® 2010* book, with proceeds benefitting Cooper Neighborhood Association.



Coupons range from upscale dining to casual and family restaurants, movies and sports, travel and services.

Among those included are: Friday's, Charleston's, The Chalkboard, Schlotzsky's, Avalon Steak House, Incredible Pizza, Steak N Shake, Blockbuster, Curves, AMF, Gordmans, American Airlines, BounceU, Charleston's, Big Splash, Camille's and Incredible Pizza. Also: Backyard Burger, Food Pyramid, CiCi's Pizza, TeKeis, Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede, Camille's Sidewalk Café, Cinemark, Avis & Borders.

Also included are Bonus Cards with an extra \$20 in savings.

Books are \$30 and will be available at our Dec. 7 meeting or by contacting Pat Kendall at 640-2578.

*It's a wonderful time of the year!
We hope you'll join us for our quarterly meeting
as we enjoy the holiday spirit together.*

Monday, December 7th - 6:30 PM
Cooper Elementary School
1808 South 123 East Avenue

PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors, Boy Scout Pack #33

Major Walter J. Evans
Mingo Valley Div., Tulsa Police Department

City Councilor Report

Committee Reports including update on
Neighborhood Watch Program

Open Discussion

We want to know what YOU think!

Want a safer neighborhood in 2010? Have
suggestions for programs for the coming year?

We've got some plans in the making. Come and
talk to us. Together we can make a difference!

Enjoy some homemade **Christmas goodies**
... & some good **DOOR PRIZES!**



¡Todos estan Invitados! Vamos ver qué pasa en su vecindario

La Asociación del Vecindario Cooper
7 de Diciembre - 6:30 PM

En la Escuela Primaria de Cooper, 1808 S 123 E Ave.

La programa incluir:

- Al Comandante Walter Evans,
del Departamento de la Policía de Tulsa
- Presentar un informe de reporte de la Comite
- Consejero de la Ciudad
- Abra discusión

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year has been a year of INCREASE for Cooper Neighborhood Association and with your continued support in 2010 we will accomplish even more. Many new faces are now in leadership, with five new Zone Leaders and 12 new Block Captains. We also received sponsoring membership from 92 families for 2010. For your association to serve you better and keep growing, **WE NEED to ADD YOU.**

The December 7th meeting is going to be a bit different. It will open with the Scouts followed by some required business. Then we **OPEN the floor to YOU.** To know what you wish for your neighborhood **WE NEED to HEAR FROM YOU** and so now is your chance.

Completing the meeting early will give us the opportunity to meet our neighbors and share some **SPECIAL GOODIES!!!**

HEY REMEMBER ... If you received this newsletter, **YOU ARE A MEMBER OF the COOPER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INVITED and WELCOME** at your meeting!!

Please come to the meeting and share your story.

Pat Kendall

SENIOR LUNCH BUDDIES

Several of our neighbors are "senior *lunch buddies*" at Cooper Elementary. Meeting twice a month for lunch, with a small group of 4th graders, has been a rewarding experience for everyone involved. We've done a graph project together, shared memories of our elementary school days, stories about our pets and, most of all, we've shared friendships with the students.



On the day we discussed our pets, Carol Ragan (*left*) and Irene Mabry (*right*) brought pictures of their pets to share with the students.

After learning several of the students had an interest in careers in the health field, CNA Treasurer Bill Shannon was recruited to talk to



the students about his career as a Pharmacist.

It's a great program and not only benefits the children involved, but also the men and women who volunteer. Think you might be interested? For more information, contact Vicki Reagor (557-5602) or by e-mail: ReagoVi@tulsaschools.org.

REMINDER

If you've not yet sent your Membership Dues for 2009-10, you may do so by forwarding your \$10 check (payable to Cooper Neighborhood Association) to:

Bill Shannon, CNA Treasurer
1509 S. 117 E. Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74128

Cooper Neighborhood Association is a 501 (c) 3 organization. Our modest dues are important in helping us cover meeting, block party, scholarship and publication expenses.



The **Thursday Afternoon Book Club** meets the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM at Martin East Library.

This club was started by the Cooper Neighborhood Association five years ago and is a friendly, welcoming group. The only requirement is that you read the book (furnished by the library, free of charge) before you come. The November book was ***Water for Elephants*** by Sara Gruen and tells you everything you ever wanted to know about traveling by train with the circus. I thought it was delightful!

The December meeting will be a party with light refreshments and each member will tell, in 10 minutes, about a book they have read and particularly enjoyed during the year. Everyone is welcome.

Beth McBay

WAREHOUSE MARKET TAPES FOR EDUCATION ...

Save your register receipts from Warehouse Market. Cooper Elementary School will receive a percentage value of the total receipts submitted. You may turn in your receipts at the school office or you may bring to our neighborhood meetings.



CODE ENFORCEMENT ... Cooper Neighborhood Association goals include: *"improving and beautifying the neighborhood, educating residents in the prevention of residential crime and vandalism, maintaining home and business property values and mores ..."*

A number of you have indicated you are concerned with code issues in the neighborhood. To address those issues, you may contact the **Mayor's Action Line, 596-2100**. You will receive a Tracking Number. *It is important that you keep this number and the date you called.*



There are only nine neighborhood inspectors for the City of Tulsa, so it may be a slow process. If you see no response, *call back* and verify what action has been taken. They should give you the name & number of the inspector. *Keep following up* .. it may be slow, but it should eventually work. *(Your identity will not be released.)*

Note: Junk mail on the door or steps of a vacant home draws the attention of vandals. Please help by taking a minute to pick those things up.



COOPER NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION

On behalf of our Police Department and our Mingo Valley Division, I want to first say "hello" and thank you to all of the residents, neighbors and members of Cooper Neighborhood Association for the opportunity to contribute to your neighborhood association's newsletter. I especially have a connection with many of you in this neighborhood, since I have spent over 90% of my 28+ year police career working police patrol in and around your specific neighborhood since the spring of 1984. As a side note, when we're not at work wearing a uniform, I am also involved in coordinating and supervising our Police Department's 10-person Underwater Search and Recovery Unit.

We are in the middle of the "holiday season", and with that comes a lot of excitement & great family memories as well as the not too pleasant and tragic stories in the news. In light of that, I would like just to remind everyone to be aware of their surroundings while out shopping and be on the lookout for possible suspicious persons or vehicles "wandering" around in those parking lots. If you have a cell phone or not and you see something strange and suspicious, please call us and report it to 911. We try our best out there each day, but we don't see everything all of the time. Try to do your holiday shopping preferably during daylight hours if possible and, of course, avoid the heavily traffic congested areas during known noon and evening "rush hours". Do your best to record all of your credit card account numbers as well as the 1-800 number to cancel or inform your credit card company in case of a loss or theft of a card. Try to keep this critical information secured in a safe location so you can go to it if needed later.

Finally, please take the time to make sure that each of your neighborhood homes, residences, apartments, etc. are clearly marked with the correct address numbers. In the event any of our officers (or other emergency services) ever have to respond to an emergency at your residence, knowing exactly where we need to go to is of extreme importance. Seconds wasted in finding you or a family member, due to a simple lack of clear address numbers at your home, is a needless, yet preventable delay of help. So help us – help you!

Until next time, be safe and keep a safe eye on your neighbor and their belongings; hopefully they will return the favor.

Sergeant Ted Umbarger
TPD Mingo Valley Division – Dayshift Patrol



COUNCILOR'S CORNER

Hello Cooper,

As you all know by now, District 6 will soon have a different city councilor. I wasn't re-elected in the Nov. 10th election, but you know what? The sun came up on the 11th, Veterans Day, and I was in that parade. I am still the same positive person I was before the election and we will continue to be active in District 6, CNA, ETPC and some other organizations. The Lord placed us in the councilor position and He took us out, so He has something for us. It was a great experience and I met and worked with a BUNCH of wonderful people at the city and a GREAT Mayor, Mayor Kathy Taylor. (Thank you Mayor for your service and the Best in what you're going to be doing.)

We worked hard for your District and made good progress, met so many good people along the way. I have been encouraged by your phone calls and e-mails exhorting us to stay involved, and we will. You don't have to be a councilor to get things accomplished; look at Tom McBay and Beth :) . We have learned so much from so many of the "Leaders" we have in CNA and District 6. Our prayer is that we can rally up people from around the District and make our voice stronger.

Thank you,
Dennis K. Troyer

FOCUS ON GOOD NEWS ... & Good Neighbors

THUMBS UP TO:

- ◆ The guys who saw a vehicle stalled in traffic near 21st and 129th. They pulled over, jumped out and pushed the stalled vehicle into the QT parking lot.
- ◆ The Tulsa Police officer who responded promptly to the home where a 911 call had originated. The resident had misdialed, and unknown to her, it resulted in a 911 call being placed.
- ◆ This year's "Trick or Treaters" for their good manners. From goblins to witches, the young people brought smiles to our faces as they arrived in their costumes.

If you know of someone in the neighborhood who deserves a "thumbs up," send an e-mail to suelawrence@cox.net so we can share with the neighborhood.



HELPFUL NUMBERS

596-2100 Mayor's Action Line

596-9777 City Bulky Waste Pickup

Did I mention that it's **FREE**? The City will pick up a large piece of furniture or appliance for you. They will schedule a date the item will be picked up and you simply put it at the curb that day.

2-1-1 Free, Confidential Telephone Service for Health & Human Service Info. 24-hour a day information, referral and problem solving. Available in English and Spanish.



Did you know we have a Neighborhood Association web site?

Check it out between our quarterly meetings so you can keep in touch. There are lots of links to sites that will be helpful as well as information that's happening in our neighborhood. Consider making a personal web page. It's free.

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