



Cooper Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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You have questions.

We receive calls from many of you regarding what's happening in our neighborhood. You want to know information about crime in our area; you want to know what you can do about a foreclosed home in your area where the property isn't being maintained; and you want to know how we can do something to make our neighborhood better.

We want to help.

Each of our meetings is designed to bring you the finest resources to answer your questions and to bring you helpful information.

Our September 27 meeting is a good example:

Major Walter Evans will talk about what is happening in East Tulsa;

Tim Cartner will discuss Code Enforcement including three ordinance changes that will strengthen the City's ability to deal with eyesores, safety and health problems and other property related nuisances.

Councilor Mautino will be present to make a brief report; and

You'll have the opportunity to meet *Tammy Britton*, Cooper Elementary's new principal.

Now, all we need is YOU. Please attend these meetings to learn more about what's happening in your neighborhood. Meet your neighbors; make a new friend: *become part of the solution.*

COOPER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

MONDAY, SEPT. 27TH – 6:30 PM
Cooper Elementary School
1808 South 123 East Avenue

Brief Committee Reports
Introductions

Major Walter J. Evans
Mingo Valley Division, Tulsa Police Dept.

Tim Cartner, City of Tulsa
Neighborhood Field Inspections

Jim Mautino, City of Tulsa
District 6 City Councilor

Everyone welcome! Come as you are.

Refreshments & Door Prizes



La Asociación del vecindario de Cooper

Lunes, 27 de Septiembre, a las 6:30 PM
Gimnasio de la escuela Cooper, 1808 S. 123 E. Ave.

Todos son bienvenidos!
Puerta Premios Refrescos

DON'T FORGET YOUR 2010-11 ANNUAL DUES



We depend on your voluntary membership dues to provide operating funds for our organization. Please send your \$10 check, made payable to *Cooper Neighborhood Association*, to Treasurer Bill Shannon, 1509 S. 117 E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74128.



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Neighborhood Inspections, a section of the Working In Neighborhoods

Department, enforces nuisance and zoning ordinances to help prevent deterioration of neighborhoods and to help maintain the highest safety and health standards for the many residential, non-residential and vacant properties in the City of Tulsa.

Violations may be reported by calling the Mayor's Action Line at 596-2100 or online at on the City of Tulsa web site, <http://www.cityoftulsa.org/>. Click on City Services and then on Report A Problem.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCES AIMED AT IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE IN NEIGHBORHOODS

Mayor Dewey Bartlett said, "We believe that these new ordinances will help protect neighborhoods and allow our inspectors to deal more effectively with chronic violators who refuse to maintain their properties and buildings and adversely affect the lives and property values of their neighbors."

1) One change creates a new ordinance titled "**Neglected Vacant Buildings Registry & Maintenance.**" (*This is an addition to Title 24, which is the City's nuisance abatement code.*)

The new ordinance will require owners of *neglected* buildings, after being cited for violations, to register their properties and provide contact information for the owner, or, in the case of absentee owners, the name and contact of a local person representing the owner or owners.

It also requires owners to provide liability insurance for *neglected* properties and to provide a plan for either demolishing the building, remediating code violations on the property. Owners will have the option of paying a fee which would allow them to take up to a year to submit their remediation plan and take action.

2) A repeal of Title 55 of Tulsa's City Ordinances was approved and replaced with a *new Property Maintenance Code*. This change will bring the City more in-line with what other cities are using. It addresses issues like fencing around swimming pools, hot tubs and similar "attractive nuisances." It also requires property owners to address defacement – graffiti, offensive drawings, etc., - on their properties.

3) This third *change* is to the **City's Nuisance Abatement Code**. It extends the time in which inspectors can issue work orders for City contractors to do mowing or clean-up or other abatement work, if, after an initial violation, owners fail to keep their property maintained.

While current ordinance allows such action for a period of six months after a case is opened. Inspectors deal with many cases in which violations continue to recur after six months, but after that amount of time they must begin the abatement process anew, creating further delays in getting properties mowed or cleaned or structures secured.



THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

In September we read Barbara Kingsolver's non-fiction narrative *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life*.

The author took us on her family's journey away from the industrial-food pipeline to a rural life in which they vow to buy only food raised in their own neighborhood, grow it themselves, or learn to live without it.

Our Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM at **Martin Regional Library**.

We would love to have you join us! Simply go by the library and ask for the Book Club book, and read it before the next meeting.



COOPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In recent changes within Tulsa Public Schools, Cooper Elementary Principal **Barbara Penrose** was promoted to a position within the Education Service Center. We want to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding work she has done on behalf of the children and families in our neighborhood. Our best wishes go with her in her new position.



We are pleased to welcome Tammy Britton as Cooper's new principal.

Mrs. Britton has had the opportunity to work in the education field not only as a classroom teacher but also as a Reading Specialist. She has served as Interim Principal at Walt Whitman Elementary and Interim Principal at Gilcrease Middle

School. Her previous experience includes her role as assistant principal of Kendall-Whittier Elementary School. Prior to being appointed as principal of Cooper she was principal of John Burroughs Elementary School.

Mrs. Britton stated "I believe that our students deserve the highest-quality education experience possible. In addition, I recognize that teamwork is essential to our success. Through a close and collegial partnership with everyone associated with Cooper, I will strive to carry on and build upon the excellent work for which Cooper is known. I pledge to work shoulder to shoulder with you as we strive to provide just the *"right place"* for each student to fit securely as we go to great lengths to help them reach their potential."

A special salute goes out to the AT&T Pioneers. Long time volunteers for Cooper Elementary, you can find them year in and year out volunteering and helping out wherever they are needed. If you've been around Cooper, you're probably familiar with some of these some of these faces.



NEIL'S GARDENING TIPS



Early October: Plant cool season bedding plants, pansies, ornamental cabbage, kale, snapdragons and dusty miller. Also plant spring flowering bulbs, tulips, hyacinths, crocus and daffodils from early October till the ground freezes.

Discontinue deadheading roses, leaving the "hips" (seed heads) on encourages the roses to go into dormancy.

Do not fertilize Bermuda lawns in the fall. Cool season grasses: Apply 1 lb. of actual nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. in late November. Establish or over-seed cool season grasses until mid-October. Keep the soil moist but not wet until the seedling's are well established. Fertilize after the first mowing.



Mow established cool season and warm season grasses at 2½ inches prior to a killing frost. Move outdoor houseplants into shade and reduce the amount of water. The acclimation period will reduce stresses on the plants when you move them indoors.

House plants should be rotated indoors when overnight temperatures drop to 40 degrees F. Some plants are sensitive to temperatures at 55 degrees F, e.g. foxtail ferns. Prior to moving plants indoors, wash them off with a strong water spray, check for insects, and discard disease infected plants.



Fall is an ideal time to plant deciduous trees and shrubs. Select your trees now to see their fall color. Wait until spring to plant broad leaf evergreen and bare root plants. Protect newly planted and young trees (4-5 years) with protective wraps on their trunks to prevent sunscald.

Sunscald occurs during warm periods in the winter and in the spring when warm sunny days causes the sap to rise in the tree. Falling overnight temperatures freeze the saps causing cracks in the bark. Damage appears as vertical cracks on the southwest side (where the sun is the warmest in the afternoon) of the trunks exposing the tree to insects and disease.

The first week in November is the average first date-of-frost in the Tulsa area. Oklahoma weather sometimes blesses Tulsa with a heavy frost in late October.



To protect outdoor faucets from bursting, disconnect all hoses prior to freezing temperatures. Drain and store the hoses.



Other than dead or damaged branches, postpone pruning until trees have shed their leaves. Per Sue Gray, *"When your feet leave the ground to prune, hire a professional"*.

Apply mulch or mound soil 8 inches around the base of roses after the first killing frost. Be sure to cover the bud union.

"One of the best gardening habits you can cultivate is sanitation."



Order your plant catalogs early; planning spring projects will brighten a dreary winter day.



For a comprehensive monthly maintenance resource visit the www.tulsamastergardeners.org web site. See: "Gardening "To-Do" List Right now".



COOPER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

... is seeking your help in filling volunteer positions within our organization. We desperately need to strengthen the organization by recruiting more individuals to accept positions of responsibility. Not only will this allow us to spread the workload among a larger group, it will also allow us to bring in new ideas and energy.

Positions include Board Members, Zone Leaders, Block Captains, and Committee Chairs.

Only have a little time to commit? Then perhaps you could be a "Block Captain" who would be responsible for delivering the quarterly newsletter in the block or small area where you live.

Have a bit more time? Then perhaps a Zone Leader position would suit you better. Have a knack for organizing or getting things done? You might want to serve as a Board Member or a Committee Chair.

Maybe you'd be willing to help count out the newsletters for the Block Captains before they are delivered? We could use your help.

Qualifications: Willing spirit; reliable; desire to work together as a team for the benefit of our organization.

Benefits: Like all volunteer jobs, you will gain more from this than you ever give; a feeling of accomplishment, the camaraderie of working with like minded individuals toward a common goal.

For more information, contact one of our Officers or Board Members listed on Page 2.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if Cooper Neighborhood had a great turnout on Election Day?



Many people say they want to have a say in our government but never go to the polls to cast their vote.

You can become an active participant by:

- ♦ **Studying the issues;**
- ♦ **Studying the candidates** (look at their experience and their record; learn what their views really are);
- ♦ **Registering to Vote** (if you're not already registered); and
- ♦ **Going to the polls on November 2nd and casting your vote.**

Need a *Voter Registration Application*? Come to our neighborhood meeting on September 27th and pick one up. You may also access the registration form online at <http://www.ok.gov/elections/documents/vrform.pdf> or by going by the Library.

For more information, or to locate your polling place, call the Tulsa County Election Board office at **596-5780**.

October 8 Deadline for registering for the Nov. 2nd Election

November 2 General Election



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	9-1-1
Non Emergency Assistance	596-9222
Mayor's Action Line	596-2100
Tulsa Police, Mingo Valley Div.	669-6000
Crime Stoppers	596-COPS
Free Bulky Waste Pickup	597-9777
Tulsa 2-1-1: 24 hour # to access health and human service info	2-1-1
Emergencia.....	9-1-1
Numero de no Emergencia.....	596-9222
Línea de Ayuda Información y Servicios Marque el Departamento de Policía de Tulsa, Mingo Valley Div.	2-1-1
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