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Oakwood East Newsletter

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Annual Garage Sale: Our community garage sale will be held April 30, May 1 and 2, 2009. You can get a 3-day permit from the city, and use the permit any or all of the 3 days. The permit is purchased from the Water Department at City Hall. We do allow the signs to be put in your front lawn during this time. We DO NOT allow signs (even garage sales) to be put on our common areas or at the entrances. Any signs placed there will be destroyed.

From Your President: I've noticed while walking my white Chihuahuas many front lawns have dog poop left in them. I find it left in my front yard also. I've had many complaints about this problem and have mentioned it in the newsletter several times. Even the contractors who work at the ponds have mentioned how careless our residents are in not picking up after their dog. It seems residents walk their dogs at the ponds so they won't have to clean up after them in their own yard. One contractor mentioned he lives in an addition that has two ponds and people carry "poop bags" when they walk their dog, and he never sees a person just go off and leave the poop. I have my plastic bags and tissues by the dogs' leashes, so it's all one operation for the little dogs and my walk. Please give this some attention. We have a lovely neighborhood. The actions of a few make us all look LAZY and uncaring.

Replacing old Irrigation Wiring: One of the projects approved at our 2008 annual meeting last year was to replace irrigation wire for the west side of the ponds. This work was completed by Escobedo Irrigation, 820-8514. He installs and services sprinklers and has seen to OEHA irrigation problems for 7 years. Escobedo also does french drains. A month after the new wire was installed and every thing working great, vandals/thieves drove onto the common area and pulled up the new wire, valve boxes and sprinkler heads -- creating an expensive mess to clean up. That cost was greater than the original installation as the thieves tore up things that did not need repair before. The thieves may have gotten less than \$50.00 for the copper wire, but it cost us \$8,686.00.

New Bookkeeper: OEHA has a new bookkeeper, CPA Zoe Haskins, 13700 N.E. 23rd St., Choctaw, OK 73020. If you have auto pay, please check to see what address your assessments are being sent to. Some are going to a bookkeeper we haven't had for 2 years.

2009 Annual Meeting: Our annual meeting was held January 15, 2009. Twenty-two families were represented. Frank Cleary read the minutes from 2008 and they were approved. Michelle Mosley recorded proceedings for this newsletter. Sam Yearby and Don Boedeker were re-elected to continue as Directors for another term of three years. The budget was approved with two special projects for 2009; (1) replace the wood stockade fence along 15th Street, which is the homeowner association's responsibility; and (2) have 9 dead and nuisance trees removed, 23 pruned and 28 plus stumps ground up.

Police Lieutenant Matt Dukes, MWC Community Action Service, gave an interesting talk on our neighborhood and our interaction with the MWC Police Dept. Interesting topics were: (1) street parking, which he advised was allowed, except in front of a mailbox; (2) inoperative vehicles, includes expired tags; and (3) the streets belong to MWC, so call 911 if there is a problem. Sergeant Wayne Embrey then told us he drives through our addition once a day, when he is on duty. They both said they were sorry to hear about the vandalism of our underground irrigation wire. They wished they had seen the thieves and caught them.

Our State Representative for District 101, Gary Banz (also a resident) responded to some questions. One was about the widening of SE 15th Street to Anderson Road. He explained that big dip on SE 15th just east of Westminster is most of the hold up. Dirt will need to be brought in to fill that in – BIG JOB! So for now it's on the back burner. Mr. Banz said he brings that problem up before the city council very often. It's just a matter of time and money.

Linda Henson, our Chairperson for Projects, is trying to get help from our residents to pick up trash - "Adopt a Street," trash removal at our entrances along SE 15th Street, and help Mary Fennel and others pick up around the ponds. Sheffield, Yorkshire, Ridgeview, Brighton and Devonbrook have been "adopted." Please call Linda Henson at 769-4323 if you are able to help and pick up a street.

Linda Morphis, our Treasurer, told us 130 residents paid their assessments after April 1, 2008. OEHA assessments are very reasonable when paid on time. Late fees add up quickly. The bookkeeper would have much less work if the dues were paid before April 1 each year. This ends up costing the rest of us also. Your assessments are due January

1 each year. You have 90 days to pay before a late fee is added.

Teresa Morris, our MWC Neighborhood Coordinator – phone 739-8238, was unable to attend, and we missed her. She often helps when there is a problem we can't take care of. Kathy Trainer usually answers the phone for Code Enforcement 739-8240. She is always helpful. Kathy lives in our addition also.

We thank Police Lt. Matt Dukes, Sgt. Wayne Embrey, and State Rep. Gary Banz for visiting with our residents and helping with our meeting. All questions asked were answered with full explanation. Please try to attend next year – you will be glad you did!

Mark Elam, Minister of the Nazarene Church, had the room where we met all warm and friendly – thanks Mark!

Special Project – Trees: Max Williams and Grandson Tree Service got our trees pruned, removed and the stumps ground up for a nominal fee. Their work is always the best and OEHA has used them for 10 years. If you need lawn or tree service, call 732-2681 for a reasonable price.

Special Project – Wood Fence 15th Street: Fencing by George, phone 820-3089, was the best bid to replace the length of wood fence along 15th Street that OEHA is responsible for. A great job!



Don Boedeker (left) and Sam Yearby receiving a Certification of Appreciation and gift from OEHA President Gracie Sullivan for jobs well done!

Pavilion: Residents are curious about the procedures for pavilion use. (1) There is no charge for use; (2) Use is for residents and their guests only; (3) There are no reservations, first come-first serve basis; and (4) The pavilion is jointly owned by all residents, so please clean-up after yourselves and be courteous and respectful to your neighbors..