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Oakwood East Newsletter

July, August & September 2010

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Annual Picnic: The OEHA Annual Picnic will be held at the pavilion east of the ponds. All Oakwood East residents are invited. The picnic is FREE to residents!!! We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. We plan to have the animals from Tiger Safari, Tuttle, OK again.

Again, our picnic will include National Night Out. National Night Out is a national event started in 1984 to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anti crime efforts. Neighborhood watch groups and neighborhoods plan parties and events----it's a going away party for crime. It is celebrated in communities in all 50 States, US Territories, Canada, and Military Bases worldwide to show appreciation to our law enforcement.

**Oakwood East Homeowners Association
Annual Picnic - Tuesday, August 3, 2010
6:00PM – 8:30PM**



Mike Murphy of the City Café on Reno will be the caterer again this year. This photo from Eastword, April 22, 2010 edition, shows him winning First Place and the People's Choice at the Taste of Midwest City for 2010:

Homeowner Dues Collections – Notice of Collection Agency:

Mr. Richard Rice, our attorney, has been collecting delinquent dues for Oakwood East for 7 years. He does a great job and has collected about \$15,000 for us. The Board of Directors has voted and approved to factor in a collection agency in this process. The collection agency would work the accounts of the current year. Mr. Rice would continue to work the accounts that are 2 years and over past due. With foreclosures and Sheriff's sales happening so quickly, this should help to start the collection procedures more timely. Some of these collection problems were discussed at our annual meeting in January.

Summer and Wildlife: Its summer, a time when Oakwood East homeowners get out of their homes and walk, jog, take their children to the ponds and playground areas. Although there are signs around the pond area, adults, children and teens should take extra precautions around the wildlife. There are snakes and this time of year the Canada geese are raising their young. Some of the goslings get territorial as they get a little older. They've been known to extend their wings and protect the grassy area when they're eating, resting, etc. Usually if the gosling comes toward someone who's walking, running, etc., the adult geese will also try to protect their young. This doesn't always happen, but sometimes it does. Just be extra diligent of your surroundings around the wildlife and enjoy the pond/park area and nature.

Pedestrians: It has been reported to the Board of Directors that vehicles are careless and aggressive to people walking. "One lady reported she walks her dogs at our park and on the way to the park, vehicles are being dangerous. One driver even revs his motor as she tries to cross the street." I know walking my two white Chihuahuas is dangerous for us. I have also experienced what was reported. Remember – pedestrians and animals have the right-of-way. Six people got the tag number of the vehicle that killed two of the Canadian geese two years ago. He got a letter accordingly. If you are a driver that thinks running at people walking in the street is fun, quit before you hurt a child, adult or an animal!

Directors and Officers Needed: How would you like to make a difference in your Homeowners Association? Next year there'll be vacancies and the OEHA Board is seeking volunteers who want to serve this community. It takes a few hours each month. If you're interested, we would like to invite you to come to some of the meetings. They are usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30PM. These meetings are open to all Oakwood East homeowners. They are held at the Community Church of the Nazarene, 10200 SE 15th Street.

Special Thanks: A big thank you to those who pick up trash in our neighborhood. April 5th I saw a man in a white Chevrolet pickup get out of his

vehicle at the entrance of Oakwood East Blvd. He picked up a bottle and a black plastic bag. THANK YOU! I could tell this wasn't the only time he has picked up trash there.

Outdoors & Around the House (by OG&E):

- ◆ When landscaping or doing construction work, find out where it's safe to dig to avoid serious injury and/or outages. Before you dig, call OKIE 1-800-522-6543!
- ◆ Check trees or shrubs for electric wires before trimming.
- ◆ If your vehicle accidentally hits a pole and the power line falls across your car, stay inside the car. Warn others not to touch the car or power line.
- ◆ If you must leave the car, jump clear to avoid being in contact with the car and the ground at the same time, and then roll away from the car.

4-Lane of SE 15th from Lynn Frye Blvd to Anderson Road.

Midwest City held a public meeting on this proposed construction on June 3, 2010. About 10 OEHA residents and 10 others attended, including Gary Banz, Dist. 101 State Rep. City Mgr. J. Guy Henson, City Engineer Patrick Menefee and Wayne Albury, Project Design Engineer, were very helpful to explain the project and answered our questions. Tiana Douglas, TRIAD Design Group was the emcee and arranged the meeting. A vehicle count of 8,800 vehicles a day necessitates this construction.

Proposal: Dates: Environment clearance fall 2010; right-of-way acquisitions winter 2010/spring 2011; utility relocations spring 2011/winter 2011; and construction beginning the spring of 2012 taking almost a year to complete.

1. Sidewalks on south side of SE 15.
2. Traffic light at Westminster & SE 15th.
3. A curb with grass in the middle for a median with cut-outs for entrances/streets.
4. Road will take 7 feet on the south side, but most of the land from the north side.
5. The north area will be paved first.
6. The two "valleys" will be raised 7 feet.
7. The road over the current culvert/box north of the spillway will be raised 4 ½ feet.

Once finished the road will much more attractive and safer. For more information you can email: [**mcordell@triaddesigngroup.com**](mailto:mcordell@triaddesigngroup.com).