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A Note From The President

Hi everyone - I wanted to take this opportunity to report updates from the previous newsletter now that I have had some time as the acting President. First I'm happy to report we had a very successful annual picnic the beginning of October, the weather was perfect and we had a great turn out from our community as well as many of our elected officials, local fire department and police forces. We are planning the picnic for the same timeframe next year. Second, we had a great turnout for the OEHA Trick R Treat on Halloween night (6-8:30 PM) the end of October. I received much positive feedback regarding the event. Next year we will start the event a little later (6:30 PM) to give our community residents more time to get home safely before the kids start trekking the neighborhood. Third, I wanted to give you a report on the status of the common area around the pond. I'm sure many of you have felt the earthquakes we have experienced over the last few months which have played havoc on the irrigation system in the pond area. The system is composed of two wells and an elaborate sprinkler system. As I reported in the last newsletter one of the wells required major repairs and shortly after the repairs were completed on it, the second well experienced a failure which also required a major repair. In addition to the irrigation system repairs the small boat dock on the main pond was recently repaired. As a result of these unexpected repairs we have not been able to do as much as we would have liked for the playground and other areas in need of updating. Finally, I wanted to remind everyone about the annual OEHA meeting January 26. This is a great opportunity to come and speak with the Directors and provide feedback.

**Oakwood East Homeowners Association
Annual Meeting – Thursday
January 26, 2012 - 7:00PM**

Annual Meeting: The OEHA Annual Meeting will be held at the Charles Johnson Center, 8726 SE 15th St (behind Cocopelli's). I encourage all residents to attend. This is an opportunity to see how your annual fees are utilized throughout the year, meet the Directors, and provide your input. As the date gets closer we will post a reminder on the marquees throughout the neighborhood.

Dogs, Dogs, and More Dogs: We have received a number of complaints regarding dogs on the loose in the neighborhood. As a dog owner myself I have learned over the years that dogs are very smart animals. They don't like being confined in a fenced yard and if they can find a way out they will, either by digging, unlatching gates or just knocking a fence down. We want to remind everyone, owners are responsible for keeping their animals under control – **Midwest City Ordinance No. 20093, Sec. 8-87, Running at Large.** **"It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any dog owned, possessed, kept or harbored by him to run at large on the streets, alleys or public places, or on any private premises not under the control of such person, within the city, whether such dog is licensed or unlicensed.** We want to avoid any issues with dogs in the neighborhood – PLEASE, if you own a dog, make sure you have proper locks on your gates, fences etc. and you keep them under your control at all times. We want to make our neighborhood a safe place for all to enjoy without having to worry about being attacked by a dog.

Pond/Common Area Special Project: Many of our residents have enjoyed the opportunity to fish in the main pond over the years. In the past the OEHA has stocked the pond and as a result we hear the fishing is pretty good. We have been approached by one of our own residents regarding a project for his Eagle rank in the Boy Scouts of America. For his project he is planning to install a fish habitat in the main pond. The installation of such a habitat would provide an area for various kinds of fish to breed and grow thereby eliminating the need to stock in the future. We are working the details out now and hope to have the project approved and installed by next year.

Trash pick-up reminder: We have received a few complaints regarding the trash pick-up in our neighborhood specifically regarding the placement of the poly-carts on the day for pick-up. Here are a few reminders:

- The carts need to be placed at least 4 feet from your mailbox
- Do not put carts in your driveway
- Place carts in street or within 2 feet of the street
- Do not overfill carts – lid must be closed
- Additional poly-carts are available to residents for \$5 per month, per cart. Call 739-1252 or 739 1254 to order an additional cart.
- If you have more than 1 cart place them 4 feet apart

Midwest City does not offer a "big trash" pick-up day; however, there is a free dump up to 4 times a year at the refuse station located at 8730 S.E. 15th. For restrictions and regulations please contact Sanitation at 739-1370.

Looking for help with the common area and playground: I'm sure you would agree it is time to consider some major renovations to the playground area and equipment. Unfortunately we have had some vandalism in and around the common area and with our playground equipment. This damage has cost the homeowners association thousands of dollars to repair just this last year. Please keep an eye out for anyone vandalizing or destroying any of this equipment and notify the Police immediately if you happen to witness these activities. We need to get this cleared up before we invest any significant funds towards a playground renovation project.

Caution while out and about: As we approach the winter months it is getting darker earlier and earlier every night. Please use caution if you are out in the neighborhood in the early morning or evening after dark. It is very difficult to see you if you are not wearing some type of reflective clothing.

SoonerSafe – Safe Room Rebate Program: The SoonerSafe safe room program is a program which provides a rebate for the purchase and installation of safe rooms for Oklahoma residents. You can get information and register online at www.soonersafe.ok.gov. Registering ensures you will be considered for the program, but does not guarantee that you will receive a rebate. The random selection process will take place on January 3, 2012.