



VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

*To foster a sense of community, safety, pride
and responsibility among Venice Neighbor-
hood Association Residents and Homeown-*

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Crime Update

We have had numerous car break-ins and a couple of vehicles stolen in Venice Neighborhood. Most have been between 10:00 PM and 3:00 AM. If you see suspicious activity or persons you suspect may be involved in a crime, please call 911.

You can call Sgt. Michael Loruse for non-emergency matters on 316-4525, or e-mail him at michael.loruse@okc.gov.

Upcoming Events

July 5: Neighborhood Meeting

7:00 pm at the Baptist Temple, NW 30th and Villa.

August 7: National Night Out Against Crime

7:00 pm at the Winter Drive gazebo.

Our neighborhood association will host the National Night Out Against Crime on the Winter Drive Parkway at the gazebo. Join us for a potluck dinner. The neighborhood association will provide fried chicken & soft drinks. Bring a covered dish and a couple of chairs and join us. We will have a moon bounce for the kids, and visits from the OKC police and fire departments, and our city councilman Sam Bowman. Our neighbor Victor Gorin will be spinning records from his collection.

September 6th: Neighborhood Meeting

7:00 pm at the Baptist Temple, NW 30th and Villa.

VNA Meeting Minutes, May 3, 2007

submitted by Victor Gorin

The meeting came to order at 7 p.m. at Baptist Temple, President David Thach presiding. The regular order of business was postponed until after our special guest, Matt McNeil, had finished his presentation.

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...Neighborhood meeting minutes

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Matt McNeil is a well known antiques dealer & appraiser. For this meeting members of the Association could bring antiques for him to appraise and, in some cases, elaborate with interesting tidbits of history. Due to a mix up he was not present at the last meeting as planned, so he made it up to us with some impressive antique door prizes.

He pointed out that appraisals are documents used mostly for insurance & other legal purposes (most of his are for the court systems). Fair market value is what something can be sold for by a willing buyer and seller. Collector value is when somebody wants or values something for personal reasons, and the possibilities are endless.

Highlights included Victor's 50's vintage table model RCA radio/phonograph, a children's book from the early 1900's, vintage glass & tableware, & small furniture. Although many of those present learned that their heirlooms or otherwise cherished items had more sentimental than market value, some learned they had some real prizes.

Consensus was that it was a great evening, we thanked Matt for a great time, and Victor Gorin would send him a Thank You card.

Our next major event would be the annual Night Out Against Crime on August 9. David could provide chicken, others would bring covered dishes, and Victor would DJ the event again. We would probably have a bouncy jumper for the kids.

David Thach reported that we are making progress on our historic markers. They have been cast and look nice. Mr. Thach is in the process of getting permission from the respective homeowners of the yards where the markers would be placed. After signed permission has been obtained, the placement of the markers must also be approved by the City of Oklahoma City. We have 12 markers, and

we will try to get them put on sites where they will be noticed. The markers are about 8 feet tall with an aluminum plaque at the top that says "Venice Neighborhood, established 1940."

David Thach wanted us to vote on whether or not we wanted to continue to include Venice Neighborhood crime statistics in our newsletter. He stated that he favored this because it helps us monitor how the neighborhood is doing and guides us as to what we need to be doing to combat crime there. However, he had heard that some members were opposed to this.

Victor made the motion that we continue to include our neighborhood crime statistics in the newsletter, and this was seconded by Robyn Arn. There was discussion that these crime statistics only reflect summons to law enforcement, and therefore don't always mean a crime was committed. It also would not reflect unreported crimes nor does it indicate if reported crimes were solved. Rick Weber amended the motion so that the crime statistics reported in the newsletter would be accompanied by a disclaimer pointing this out. Victor & Robyn accepted this amendment and the motion passed.

We had some discussion about a speaker for the next meeting, leaning towards having someone talk about gardening/landscaping.

Victor Gorin made the motion, seconded by Paul, that we send a \$50 donation to the Neighborhood Alliance. The motion passed.

Victor Gorin made a motion, seconded by Robyn Arn, that we put in a free advertisement for the Baptist Temple Church in the Venice Neighborhood Newsletter. The motion passed.

We adjourned.

May Winners



Leslie Settle

Yard of the Month 2625 N. W. 31st



Jeff Gaughan & Rocky

Award Home 3228 Winter Drive



Amy Smith

Award Home 2521 N. W. 35th



James Waters

Yard of the Month 2731 N. W. 34th

June Winners



Jamie Warren

Award Home 2608 N. W. 34th



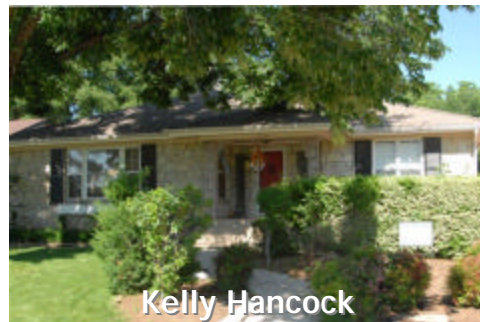
Mike & Durenda Latak

Yard of the Month 2520 N. W. 31st



Travis Forrester

Yard of the Month 2817 N. W. 35th



Kelly Hancock

Award Home 3216 Venice Blvd.

Oklahoma City Community News, June 2007

OKC Beautiful and OKC Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center is hosting Landscape Planning for homeowners in June, Public Landscaping by Citizens August 3, Water Saving Landscaping September 7, Native Plant Landscaping October 5 and a Fall Foliage Tour November 9th. Call them at 943-0927 for details.

The Oklahoma City Fire Department is taking applications for Citizens Fire Academy Class. This teaches citizens about home and office fire safety, provide an insider's view of the OKC fire department and hands on experience in emergency situations. This is not an avenue for seeking employ-

ment with the fire department. Classes begin September 13th. Contact the OKC fire department at 297-3314 for more information or applications for this 8 week class. Classes will be conducted by OKC firemen and various fire department and city officials.

Basic Parliamentary Procedure Workshop on June 29th sponsored by the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians. This will help you conduct meetings, organize into effective committees, discuss matters of contention, officer election, etc. Call 424-8091 for more details.

VNA Crime Statistics

Note: the following statistics only indicate calls received by the police department. Some false reports could be listed here, and some real crimes could be unreported, and thus not listed. You can view crime statistics for the entire city at www.nacok.org.

March 2007:

27xx NW 30th..... no state driver's license
26xx NW 35th..... burglary 2*
27xx NW 35th..... burglary 2*
25xx W Eubanks.. petit larceny
31xx N May burglary 2*

April 2007:

25xx NW 31st..... petit larceny
28xx NW 36th..... receive info
25xx NW 31st..... assault & battery, domestic violence
25xx NW 35th..... threatening phone calls
27xx NW 30th..... leaving the scene of an accident
27xx Cashion Pl. .. burglary 2*
36xx N May burglary 2*

May 2007:

25xx NW 34th..... burglary 2*
25xx NW 35th..... petit larceny
27xx NW 34th..... derelict vehicle
26xx NW 35th..... larceny of a vehicle
26xx Cashion Pl.... destruction of property
36xx N May..... public drunk

** Burglary 2 is burglary of a non-residential structure, or burglary when no inhabitants are present.*

1st Vice President's Report

Thank you for keeping the Venice neighborhood such an attractive area. We are all so fortunate being in an area of OKC that is so nice. My wife and I walk all the time, and I feel safe in our neighborhood.

Betty and I are members of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. We have meetings every month, and at our meetings guest speakers are invited.

At one of our meetings, an OKC police officer said that one of the best things you can do is to clearly show your house number. If there is ever an emergency, your house number needs to be very visible.

Please take a moment in the near future and simply step outside and see if your house number is easy to see. Stand at your curb and look at you home. Get in your car and drive by and see how easy it is to see your address.

Rick and I drove around the Venice neighborhood to place the Award Home Signs, and the Yard of the Month Signs. You would be surprised how many homes are lacking in this area.

I love the Venice Neighborhood,

Let me know if I can be of assistance to you.

First Vice President, Venice Neighborhood

Terry Spreier

401-6107

Venice Neighborhood Dues are \$25 a year. Your dues support our Easter Egg hunt, Night Out Against Crime, neighborhood beautification projects, and Christmas Decorating Awards. Please support your association by sending a check for \$25 made out to Venice Neighborhood Association. Clip this and return with your check. Thank You.

Mail to: Venice Neighborhood Association, 2715 NW 33rd, OKC OK, 73112

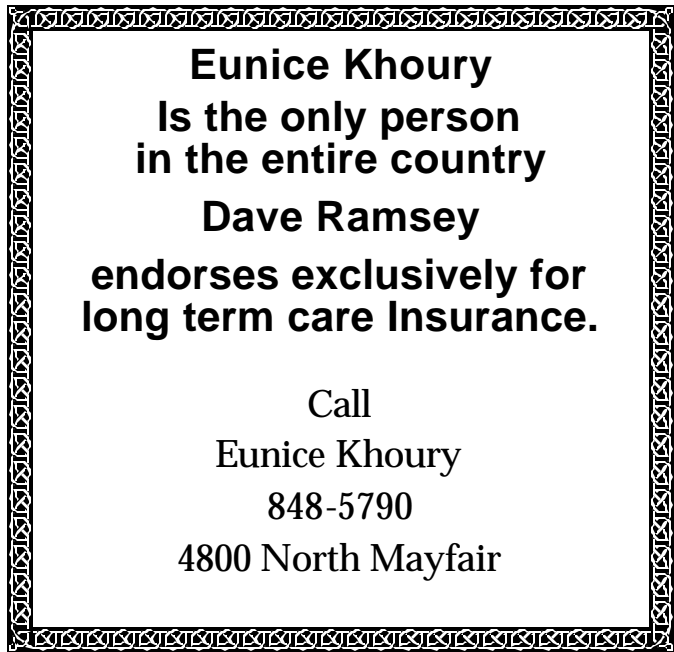
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Bernadine McPherson, Betty Webb, Brian and Trinity Smith, Bruce Stanton, Charlene McCarther, Christy Rush, Darlene Oakley, Jeff Johnson, Jim Bateman, Jim Thompson, Jim Wilson, Paul Kinard, Rick Weber, Robyn Arn, Rocky Moody, and Victor Gorin.



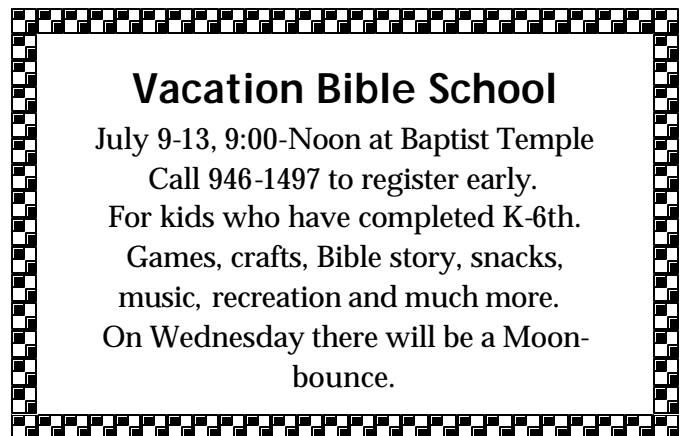
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Vacation Bible School

July 9-13, 9:00-Noon at Baptist Temple
Call 946-1497 to register early.
For kids who have completed K-6th.
Games, crafts, Bible story, snacks,
music, recreation and much more.
On Wednesday there will be a Moon-bounce.

Call David at 946-0346 or
E-mail dmthach@sbcglobal.net
if interested in