

The Park News

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HOA Special Meeting Results

The Park on Florence HOA held a Special Meeting on October 25, 2011 at 6:00pm at the South Broken Arrow Library. The purpose of the meeting was to present the 2012 budget and elect Board officers for the upcoming year.

Current Treasurer, Georgianna Iversen presented the budget for 2012. As part of her presentation she explained each budget item and answered all questions from the homeowners in attendance.

Highlights from the new budget included the hiring of a management company and the adjustment of dues in 2012 from \$85 per year to \$100 per year.

The new management company, Asset Management Services, Inc. which is run by Sharon Pruitt, is now

handling the day to day requirements of managing the Park on Florence HOA. Previously, HOA board members were spending 40-60 volunteer hours each week on collection of dues, covenant enforcement, bill payments, and other necessary management duties for the 241 homes currently within The Park on Florence.

The increase in dues for 2010 was necessary to pay for the management company. Georgianna Iversen explained that she is working with Sharon Pruitt to determine what the maximum amount of dues needed in the future so dues can be capped at a certain amount.

Attorney for The Park on Florence, Tim Studebaker, indicated that homeowners in The Park on Florence pay the lowest dues out of all the HOAs with which he is in-

involved. He also strongly recommended having a management company for a homeowners association as large as The Park on Florence.

The 2012 budget was approved by unanimous vote.

Outgoing President, Tim Steiger presented the nominees for the 2012 Board.

President:
Georgianna Iversen

Vice President:
Bud Heck

Secretary:
Camille Diaz

Treasurer:
Marianna Moore

Members-at-Large:
Deb Arledge
Kathy Heck

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Nationwide Test of Emergency Alert System Nov. 9th

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The nationwide test will occur at 1 pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

The EAS is a national alert and warning system established to enable the President of the United States to address the American public during emergencies. NOAA's National Weather Service, governors and state and local emergency authorities also use parts of the system to issue more localized emergency alerts.

"A national test of our Emergency Alert System, with the vital communications support and involvement of participants, is a step towards ensuring that the alert and warning community is prepared to deliver critical information that can help save lives and protect property," said Damon Penn, FEMA's Assistant Administrator of National Continuity Programs. "Because there has never been an activation of the Emergency Alert System on a national level, FEMA views this test as an excellent opportunity to assess the readiness and effectiveness of the current system."

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Message from the Board

Thanks to all who attended the special meeting electing officers and approving the 2012 budget. If you were not able to attend, your block captain will provide your ballot to you. Your vote matters very much! If you have not seen your ballot please contact the board at board@theparkonflorence.org and we will make sure you get your ballot.

The change from daylight savings time to standard time should remind you to change the batteries and test your smoke detectors and if you have one, your CO tester(s) as well. If you can not reach your smoke detectors to do this maintenance, please ask your neighbor for assistance or call a handy man.

Please accept our wishes for you and your family to have a wonderful holiday season filled with memories and reflection on the many blessings that fill your life. In the hurried frenzy of life, don't forget to pause and give an extra hug to the very ones you are so busy working to make everything just right for.

We need your help! The Christmas lights at the front entrance need to be hung and we need your help to make that happen. Please contact the board and let us know if you can give even a half hour to help make our entrance have a festive appearance. Last year even children helped (not close to the road though) make lasting memories as a family and neighborhood. We will light them up on the 25th of November, so if you can lend a hand on the 19th your neighborhood will be grateful for the help. Please email board@theparkonflorence.org or call 918-872-8730 to let us know what time you can help. If you forget, and see us out working and have a few minutes, come on over and help us out.

Board Officers

President: Timothy Steiger

Vice President: Bud Heck

Secretary: Camille Diaz

Treasurer: Georgianna Iversen

Next Board Meeting

Open to All Residents

Tuesday January 10, 2011

4511 S. Narcissus Avenue

Broken Arrow, OK 74011

6:00 pm

A Message From Outgoing Board President, Tim Steiger

I want to express my appreciation to the neighbors of The Park on Florence for allowing me to serve as President of the HOA for the last two years. Due to an exhausting and demanding schedule I have come to the conclusion that I cannot serve in this capacity at this time and provide the kind of service you deserve. Many thanks go out to you for entrusting me. Even more thanks go to the wonderful people who served alongside of me to create a great team.

Thank you all – And let's get behind the new board and assist them as they work hard to make The Park on Florence the most awesome neighborhood in our community.

Special Meeting Results

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Secretary, Camille Diaz, distributed ballots to all members in attendance. New board members must be approved by 51% of the association. Therefore, if you did not attend the meeting your block captain or a current board member will come to your house within the next couple of weeks to get your vote. If you do not receive a ballot and would like to cast your vote, please contact the board by emailing board@theparkonflorence.org. Each home may cast one vote.

The Park Kitchen: Hot Cocoa Sticky Bundt

This recipe is another take on Monkey Bread and was sent to us by Roxanne Saucier, one of the Park on Florence's Bunco players. Note: you could probably use biscuits in place of the dinner rolls in this recipe to reduce time.

Ingredients:

- 24 Rhodes Dinner Rolls, thawed but still cold
- 1 ½ cups Milk Chocolate Chips
- ½ cup milk chocolate hot Cocoa Mix
- ½ cup packed Brown Sugar
- ½ cup Butter, melted
- 2/3 cup Toffee bits
- ¼ cup Pecans (optional)

Cut rolls in half, wrap each around 1 teaspoon of chocolate chips & completely enclose. Dip each bundle in cocoa mix until coated. Place in large bundt pan sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle pecans and toffee bits over each new layer of rolls. Sprinkle any remaining cocoa mix over the rolls. Combine butter and brown sugar in a bowl and microwave 30 seconds. Stir until combined and pour over rolls. Cover pan with plastic wrap and let rise almost to the top of the pan. Bake at 350° F for 35 mins. Cover with foil last 10 mins. Invert onto a serving plate.

Pet of the Month



Rhonda Pattison's red-eared slider, Christy.

This month's Pet of the Month belongs to one of The Park on Florence Bunco players, Rhonda Pattison. Her pet Christy is about 12 years old and is a red-eared slider.

Christy has been with the Pattison family for about one year. She is 13 inches from the front of her shell to the back of her shell. Her favorite foods are raw chicken, shrimp and goldfish. Her favorite activity is sitting on her basking rock on warm summer days.

Christy also enjoys her bonding time with her brothers and sister (the Pattison's black lab, toy poodle and teacup chihuahua) and laying around in the grass soaking up the sun. This summer she had 13 healthy baby red-eared sliders! They are a lot like their mom, they just love to eat, sleep and bask! All of the babies have gone to great homes except for four, and so far they are enjoying their temporary home at the Pattison residence.



One of Christy's babies.

Thank you Walmart!

The family of each "Pet of the Month" is awarded a \$10.00 Walmart gift card from our neighborhood Walmart. If you would like your pet to be considered for next month's "Pet of the Month" contact us at newsletter@theparkonflorence.org.

"My Walmart, My Pet Shop, My Pet"

BAPS News: Free Immunizations

The Oklahoma Caring Van Program delivers free immunizations to eligible children and adolescents to protect them from potentially dangerous illnesses. The program is designed to eliminate barriers that commonly prevent children from receiving on-time, age-appropriate immunizations in traditional health care settings.

Since the program began in 1999, thousands of children have received immunizations from registered nurses aboard the Caring Vans. Immunization information is entered in the Oklahoma State Immunization Information System (OSIIS) so children's vaccine history is readily available.

The Caring Vans travel to licensed child care centers, schools and community locations statewide. With the flu season quickly approaching, the Caring Van has focused their efforts on Broken Arrow Public School sites with the highest free/reduced lunch counts. Visit www.ba.k12.ok.us and look under "Parents" and then "Health News" for a list of sites. There is a list of local pharmacies providing flu shots on this page as well.

Tulsa Health Department also provides low-cost and no-cost vaccines to those who qualify. For more information visit their website www.tulsa-health.org.

Upcoming School Holidays

- November 23-25
Thanksgiving Break

- December 21-30
Winter Break

- January 2-3
Professional Days

- January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Nationwide Test of Emergency Alert System Nov. 9th

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Similar to local EAS tests that are already conducted frequently, the nationwide test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wireline video service providers across all states and the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

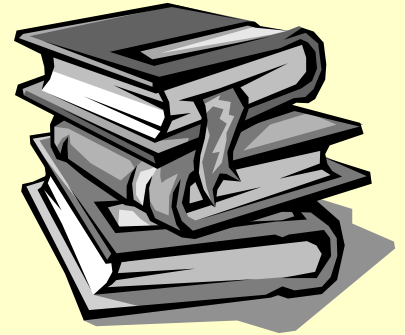
On November 9th, the public will hear a message indicating that "This is a test." The audio message will be the same for both radio and television. A national test will help the federal partners and EAS participants determine the reliability of the system and its effectiveness in notifying the public of emergencies and potential dangers nationally and regionally.

Take Advantage of the South Broken Arrow Library

As the year winds down, the South Broken Arrow Library would like to remind you about all that it has to offer.

- Storytimes are held, from 10:30-10:50am:
 - Mondays – My First Storytime (for newborns to 2-year-olds with their caregivers)
 - Tuesdays – Fidelia’s Storytimes (for ages 3-5 years old)
 - Wednesdays – Toddler Time (for ages 1 to 36-months with their caregivers)
 - Thursdays – En Familia con Fidelia: Bilingual Storytime (for newborns to 5-year-olds with their caregivers)
- Library staff are available to visit community groups to discuss the library.
- The library's website (www.tulsalibrary.org) provides access to online resources, including free downloadable books and electronic databases for all ages.
- Libraries provide free computer access to customers, including students, with valid library cards. Free Wi-Fi is also available, without a library card.
- The library’s meeting room is available for community group use, at no charge.
- The library’s Facebook page: www.facebook.com/brokenarrowlibraries - keeps the community up-to-date on library happenings.

The South Broken Arrow Library looks forward to serving residents of The Park on Florence community. Library cards are free to residents. Stop by the library with photo id to obtain your card. The library is located at 3600 S Chestnut (one block west of the intersection at Aspen & 101st) and open Monday-Thursday (10am-8pm) and Friday-Saturday (10am-5pm).



Contact the library at 918-549-7662 or sb@tulsalibrary.org for more information.

Broken Arrow Ranked No. 8 in 25 “Best Places to Retire” by Money Magazine

In September, MONEY Magazine announced its 2011 “Top 25 Best Places to Retire,” and Broken Arrow was the only city in Oklahoma to make the Top 25 – coming in at Number 8.

“We are once again thrilled to be recognized as such a great city to retire in,” says Broken Arrow Mayor Mike Lester. “We know what a wonderful community we live in and it’s nice to see the nation taking notice. We are establishing a trend of being recognized year after year for the amenities and opportunities we have to offer.”

The writers from Money Magazine said “In the past few years alone, Broken Arrow has seen some notable new developments, including the opening of a 20,000-square-foot YMCA with many programs geared toward active older adults; an impressive performing arts center that raises its curtain for everything from the local orchestra to Broadway tours; and a 68-bed hospital within the highly acclaimed St. John Health System. A half a dozen golf courses, miles of bike and walking paths, two community centers, and civic groups galore add to the attraction. And with updated one-story homes starting in the low \$100,000s, you’d be paying about half what you would to move to some comparable communities.”

The other top cities include No.1 Marquette, Michigan, No. 2 Cape Coral, Florida, No. 3 Boise, Idaho, No. 4 Danville, Kentucky and No. 5 Weatherford, Texas. To view the full report visit money.cnn.com and click on “Personal Finance” and then on “Retirement” and look for the “25 Best Places to Retire” link.

Broken Arrow was also ranked in Money Magazine’s Top 100 “Best Places to Live” in 2010, and has received other national recognitions over the past 5 years.

November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 BAPS No School: Thanksgiving Break	24 Thanksgiving Day BAPS No School	25 No Trash Pick Up BAPS No School	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Hanukka Begins Winter Begins Winter Break: BAPS No School	22 BAPS No School	23 BAPS No School	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins BAPS No School	27 No Trash Pick Up BAPS No School	28 BAPS No School	29 BAPS No School	30 BAPS No School	31 New Year's Eve



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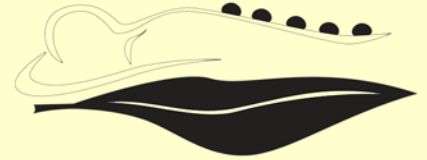
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If you live in the Park on Florence and you have a baby announcement or upcoming event for your school, club or other community organization email us and we'll announce it in the next newsletter free of charge (if space is available). Business ads are free for youth that live in the Park.

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January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2 BAPS No School	3 No Trash Pick Up BAPS No School	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day BAPS No School	17 No Trash Pick Up	18	19	20	21
22	23 Chinese New Year	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				