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Now Seeking Board Members for 2013

Contributed by Deb Arledge

Are you board?

No I didn't misspell the word – I was thinking are you ready for the board? You are a valuable member of this community and we hope you will consider participating this next year by becoming an HOA board member. Being a board member is like being called for jury duty. You know you should but like everyone, you don't feel you can afford the time away. Until you serve you really don't appreciate what the process provides to us as citizens and in this case how the board assists the neighborhood. Georgianna Iversen has been on the board for several years and needs a break and will be stepping down at the end of the year.

What are responsibilities of the board?

- We are a large neighborhood and most of the duties lie in bookkeeping; sending letters to closing companies on re-finance/ sales/foreclosures; collecting annual dues, sending out billings and past due statements. Georgianna and I have both been the treasurer of the HOA so trust me when I say this is a full time job. Since we acquired a management company to take care of the majority of those responsibilities the time commitment required by board members is much more manageable.
- The board decides and approves the basic operating budget.
- Budgets major renovations and projects.
- From time to time we have clarify covenants and bylaws.
- We meet quarterly to discuss issues, upcoming meetings, newsletters, Facebook & website upkeep, and plan community events like the garage sales.

The board positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. You can also choose to be a Member-at-Large which is someone who attends meetings and helps out with various events. If you would like to become a board member, please contact us by emailing board@theparkonflorence.org. We would love to hear from you!

On Thursday, October 25, 2012, we will hold a Special Meeting for the members of the HOA. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. At this meeting we will present the budget for 2013 as well as the people who are running for the 2013 board. The meeting will take place at the South Broken Arrow Public Library at 6:30 pm. The library is located at 3600 S. Chestnut Ave. near the corner of 101st and Aspen.

Following the Special Meeting, you will receive a ballot in the mail along with your annual statement of dues. Ballots and dues should be returned by January 1, 2013.

So what do you say? Would you like to be on the board for a year? Take a walk in G's shoes and you will appreciate all the work she has done. Thanks Georgianna for all your hard work and leadership.

Message from the Board

The coming year, 2013, will mark the first chance available to make changes to our covenants and bylaws. If you have any suggestions for changes you would like to see in the covenants or bylaws, please submit them to the board as soon as possible. This will be your last chance for this year. Send an email to board@theparkonflorence.org so the board can begin reviewing your suggestions right away. The last day for submissions will be Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

On Thursday, October 25, 2012, there will be a Special Meeting which all homeowners are encouraged to attend. At this meeting, the board will present the budget for 2013 and those who are running for the 2013 board. If you are interested in serving as a board member in 2013 please send an email to board@theparkonflorence.org. We are currently looking for a President as well as Members-at-Large. However, you can run for any board position.

As our children head back to school this August, please be especially careful while driving through the neighborhood as many children will be walking or riding their bikes to school. Remember to stop when a bus is stopped and to watch for children crossing the street.

Board Officers

President: Georgianna Iversen

Vice President: Deb Arledge

Secretary: Camille Diaz

Treasurer: Marianna Moore

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

4511 S. Narcissus Avenue

6:00 pm

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 25, 2012

South Broken Arrow Library

3600 S. Chestnut Avenue

6:30 pm

Remembering Carol Ann Evans

One of our homeowners, Carol Ann Evans (Craig), passed away at the age of 74 on Wednesday, July 27, 2012. She was a retired Union Public Schools teacher and she will be missed.

BA Seasonal Pool Closings

Each year as the beginning of school nears, the City of Broken Arrow loses their lifeguards to the schools, colleges and extra-curricular activity practice, such as band, football and volleyball.

This year the following schedule of pools closings will occur:

Country Aire Swimming Pool located at 100 N. Fir will close for the season on July 31st.

The Family Aquatic Center located at 1400 S. Main will shut its door for the final time this season on August 19th.

The Nienhuis Park Aquatic Facility will be closed during weekdays after August 19th, but will remain open on the weekends and on Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd. The Nienhuis Park Aquatic Facility will close for the season at 7 pm on Monday, September 3rd.

The concession stands at the Family Aquatic Center and Nienhuis Park Aquatic Facility will close on Wednesday, August 15th. After August 15th patrons may bring their own concessions to the pool. No glass containers allowed.

Fall Garage Sale

The Park on Florence will have our semi-annual neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at 8:00 am. The "Garage Sale" banner will be put up on 111th the Monday before to help advertise. You are welcome to do additional advertising with photos and descriptions of your own items on Craigslist or on your own Facebook page if you like.

There is no central meeting place for the garage sale. Each homeowner hosts their own sale at their own garage. If you would like to participate just have your items ready and open your garage at 8:00 am. If you have any questions send an email to board@theparkonflorence.org.

Welcome New Neighbors

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Park on Florence neighbors. We are glad to have you!

Dale & Barbara Greiner – S. Narcissus Ave.

Kendall & Kayla Southern – W. Vicksburg Pl.

William & Myrrah Worsham – S. Narcissus Pl.

Brianna Ross – S. Narcissus Ave.

Maya Srimushnam – W. Vicksburg St.

Brandon & Pamela Thompson – W. Vicksburg St.

Pets of the Month: Co Co and Lassie



The newest Pets of the Month are a dachshund named Co Co and a Shetland named Lassie. Their owner Linda Hood Hanson wrote in to tell us about her lovely dogs.

“Lassie, our Sheltie, is 5 years old now. She joined the family in April

of '07. Co Co is a dachshund and just turned 4 years old in June. They are the best of friends and find it hard to be apart. If one goes to the groomer the other goes with them whether they need it or not... lol.

“They love bacon treats and enjoy regular biscuits. Co Co is very happy about the abundance of rabbits in the neighborhood this year but we have to keep an eye on her that she doesn't 'catch' one. She barks like she is six feet tall but is as sweet as a kitten. Her tail never stops wagging even when she is sleeping!!!

“Lassie is a very gentle little thing. She is a bit shy with strangers and is always watching that she doesn't over step her boundaries. She prefers to be inside all day as she likes to be close to us.”

Will Your Pet Be Next?

The family of each “Pet of the Month” is awarded a \$10.00 Walmart gift card courtesy of *The Park News*. If you would like your pet to be considered as the next “Pet of the Month” send an email to us at newsletter@theparkconflorence.org or send us a message on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheParkNews.

Alarm Permits & Pet Registrations are Due

Permits for intrusion alarms and animal registrations are now due. The annual renewal fee for intrusion alarm permits is \$10. After October 31st, the fee will increase to \$24.

Renewals for pet registrations are due by September 30th and are valid for one year. The registration fee is \$5 for spayed/neutered cats or dogs and \$15 for unaltered pets. If you have lost your tag, replacements are available at the One Stop Center for \$1.

Renew online at www.brokenarrowok.gov or in person at the One Stop Center, located at the north end of City Hall.

If you have questions about the renewals, you may call 918-259-2411, option 6. If you would like to be included on the email list for renewal reminders, please send an email to volivera@brokenarrowok.gov. Be sure to include your name and address in the email.

BAPS News: Schedules and Enrollment

HS Schedules will be Mailed

Due to the ongoing construction at the Senior High School, schedule pickup has been canceled and all junior and senior schedules will be mailed this year. Students should receive their schedules in the mail on or around August 10th. If you do not receive your schedule by August 15th, or if your address has changed over the summer, please

contact the counseling department at 918-259-5900. Counselors will be setting up times to meet with those students who did not receive a schedule in the mail, as well as meeting with those who need to make changes to their schedules.

Once school begins on August 23rd, students will have opportunities during school to purchase parking permits and receive additional information that is typically provided during schedule pickup. Your patience and cooperation are requested as construction continues at the high school. As the school year progresses, this will be one of many changes that occur as a result of the ongoing construction, but each decision will be made with the best interests of students in mind. In spite of these and other adjustments along the way, the 2012-2013 school year will be another great year at Broken Arrow Senior High School.

Enrollment Information for 2012-2013

Enrollment for the 2012-2013 academic year is open throughout the summer. Enrollment services are available Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm The Enrollment Center is located in Central on Main at 210 North Main Street, and the main office number is 918-259-4301. Please visit the Enrollment page of the BAPS website (www.baschools.org) for more detailed information and to download forms.

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Dates to Remember

August 21
Elementary Meet Your Teacher

August 23
First Day of School

September 3
Labor Day

October 17-19
Conferences & Fall Break

Visit the BAPS website
www.ba.k12.ok.us for an
updated 2012-2013
calendar.

Code Violations & Common Questions to the HOA Board

In recent weeks the HOA board has been contacted by multiple homeowners regarding similar issues such as lawn and tree maintenance. The board encourages community interaction and encourages you to contact them whenever something effects our community. Unfortunately, the board does not have the power to enforce change in some situations and those issues must be handled at the city level.

HOA covenants state building and basic exterior esthetic requirements that can be enforced by the board. Other issues like improperly parked vehicles and tall grass or weeds are violations of the City's municipal code and should be reported directly to the City. Here is the City's list of the top ten most common code violations:

1. Tall Grass & Weeds (vegetation over 12 inches)
2. Trash, Junk & Debris
3. Inoperable Vehicles
4. Parking Vehicles, Trailers & Recreational Vehicles Between the Building Line and the Street
5. Home Occupation (home-based businesses that increase traffic, dust, or noise within a residential district)
6. Parking or Storing Commercial Vehicles in a Residential District (commercial vehicles with a weight rating over 1.5 tons)
7. Swimming Pools Drained into the Street
8. Signs in the Rights-of-Way (or on utility poles)
9. Dilapidated Structures
10. Building Structures or Installing Mechanical, Electrical, or Plumbing without Permits

To receive a PDF copy of the City's brochure with this list, including descriptions and the most common solutions, send an email to *The Park News* at newsletter@theparkonflorence.org. Please note that this list is not all-inclusive. You can find more information on the municipal code on the City's website www.brokenarrowok.gov. Click on "City Codes & Ordinances" near the top of the red column in the center of the page.

Code Enforcement responds to complaints of violations of the municipal code, including the nuisance, zoning, property maintenance, sign and parking codes. To file a complaint of nuisance violations, please call the Action Center at 918.258.3587. You may also contact the Action Center by email at action@brokenarrowok.gov. Be prepared to provide the address of the violating property, your name, address and phone number, along with the violations you wish to report.

Long time board member Deb Arledge shares a few of her experiences with code violations:

"Believe it or not, I have been called to have a street light replaced. We can't mandate what you can and can't put in your yard. Some have asked about neighbors that are not keeping up with their lawns. You have the same recourse as a board member; you could talk to them, mow it for them, or call the city when it gets to be 12 inches. I know that's not what you wanted to hear but as board members we have no more jurisdiction than you do as a citizen. You can only hope your neighbor will take the same pride in their yard and home as you do. Someone may not like the type of wood you burn in your outdoor fire pit; we all get frustrated with barking dogs; my neighbor may not like the tree I put in my yard because of all the leaves it drops on their property, but there is nothing they can do. I can be a sensitive neighbor and when the tree starts dropping leaves, rake them up. The longer I live the more I realize not everyone thinks like I do and I can only change one person, me. Hopefully, we can all live in peace and harmony. Let's all work on being good neighbors."

Night Out Against Crime with Fun and Games

Sponsored by the Broken Arrow Police Department and the Main Street Merchants, the community party in Broken Arrow will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Farmers Market located at 418 South Main Street.

This will create the opportunity for the Police Department and numerous public service agencies to distribute educational materials to the citizens of Broken Arrow and a fun and exciting experience for everyone. There will be attractions and family entertainment geared for children and parents who want to bring the entire family to participate. Food, drinks, ice cream, and candy. Attractions include the rollover simulator from the BAPD Traffic Division, Broken Arrow Police Dept's: Special Operations Team, bike patrol, communications, animal control, K-9, crime scene investigator, motorcycles. Broken Arrow Fire Dept., Vince and Larry Crash Dummies, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog. There will be over 40 non-profit agencies participating.

Back to School Bash

Sponsored by the Broken Arrow Police Department, Broken Arrow Neighbors and Broken Arrow Campus Tulsa Technology Center, this year's Back to School Bash will take place on Saturday August 4th 2012 from 9:00 am - noon at the Tulsa Tech Broken Arrow Campus 4600 South Olive (129th East Ave & 111th Street South).

A FREE health and safety fair for Broken Arrow private and public school students and Union Public School students to get ready to go back to school. These agencies participated in 2011:

- The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Caring Van gave free immunizations
- Free haircuts provided by cosmetology students at tech (2nd year students) and will also have professional hair stylist to get everyone ready to go back to school
- Lions Club Mobile unit will be there to do vision, screening, blood sugar tests and other tests your child might need.
- OK Child find ID program, for children 5 years and up a video, dental impression, DNA sample will be gathered for the parents to keep in their possession.
- Modern Woodman will be there to do finger prints of the children 5 and under and for those who do not want the total Child ID package.
- Tulsa County Reading Road Show
- Broken Arrow Fire Education Trainer, Fire Truck and BA Ambulance will be there.
- Union Public Schools
- BAPD K-9
- Broken Arrow Crime Prevention Unit
- Broken Arrow Police Department School Resource Officers
- BAPD Traffic Unit with roll-over simulator, motorcycle and marked traffic unit
- BAPD communication officer with 911 CARE program
- BAPD VOCA (Victims Of Crime Advocate) counselor
- Broken Arrow Animal Control
- McGruff the Crime Dog
- Vince and Larry the Crash dummies
- Free Blue bell ice cream (Broken Arrow Civitans will be handing the ice cream out)
- Shriners popcorn wagon
- Free car care clinic provided by the students at Tulsa Tech
- Bicycle clinic provided by student at vo-tech
- Safe Escape program provided by the Crime Commission (safety program for children)
- BA Karate Club with demonstrations
- Girls Scouts of Oklahoma
- Dogs against Drugs
- Red Cross water wagon
- Red Cross education department
- Safe Kids Coalition
- Thunderbird Academy
- 2M2L drug and alcohol prevention program
- Hearing Health care for hearing screening
- Broken Arrow Police Auxiliary
- Broken Arrow Volunteers in Police Service
- Broken Arrow Fire Auxiliary
- Children's Hospital at St. Francis
- T-Town moms website
- Edie Eagle Gun Safety Program
- Children 12 and up can drive a golf cart to simulate what it would be like to drink and drive with the fatal vision goggles (drunk Goggles)

Organizers are also collecting school supplies. If you would like to donate, school supplies can be dropped off at:
Broken Arrow Neighbors, 322 West Broadway 251-7781 (Office)
Broken Arrow Police Department, 2302 South 1st Place Pl 451-8213 (Lisa Ford)

Prevent Identity Theft with Free Document Shredding

The Broken Arrow Police Department has established a partnership with the Gatesway Foundation to prevent identity theft with a free and permanent shredding location. The shredding drop off location is 116 West Commercial, in Broken Arrow. The hours of operation are Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The Broken Arrow Police Department recommends that you shred all documents; including pre-approved credit applications, insurance forms, bank checks and statements you are discarding, and other financial information.

Not only will citizens have the opportunity to dispose of confidential material in a safe and secure setting, the shredded paper will be recycled. In one month's time the Gatesway Foundation recycled 18,375 tons of paper which saved 312,375 trees, saved 7,533.75 kwh of energy, 12,862.50 gallons of water, 60,637 cubic yards of landfill space and 110.25 pounds of air pollution.

Gatesway was founded in 1963 to provide opportunities to learn vital life skills, and gain independence for people who have intellectual disabilities. For almost half a century, Gatesway has provided opportunities and promoted independence to our individuals and their families. For more information on the Gatesway Foundation visit their website www.gatesway.org.

The Broken Arrow Police Department also has a prescription drug drop off container and a cell phone donation program. If you would like more information on the Broken Arrow Police Department's Programs go to www.brokenarrowok.gov.

The Park Kitchen: Two No-Bake Recipes

Did you make s'mores on July 4th? Well if you did the chocolate bars are probably long gone, but you may have marshmallows and graham crackers sitting around waiting for next summer. Before they expire, why not try out these two simple no-bake desserts? Your house is already baking on the outside, so keep the oven off and make something delicious without baking on the inside.

Rice Krispie Treats

Ingredients:

- 4 Tablespoons of butter or margarine
- 1 Package of marshmallows (10 ounce bag) or 4 cups of miniature marshmallows
- 6 Cups of Rice Krispies cereal

Directions:

1. Melt the butter in a large pan over low heat.
2. When the butter is melted, slowly stir in the marshmallows. Keep stirring until marshmallows are completely melted. Remove from heat.
3. Using a spoon or spatula coated with butter or cooking spray, gently stir in the Rice Krispies cereal. Mix until the cereal is well covered with the marshmallows.
4. Begin spooning the mixture into a baking pan (13 x 9 x 2) coated with butter or cooking spray (wax paper can be used as well) while it is still warm. Press the mixture into the desired shape. If the mixture begins to stick to the spoon, recoat it with butter or cooking spray. Allow it to cool and enjoy!

Variations:

- Use Cocoa Krispies.
- Add 1/2 cup of Nutella to the melted marshmallows.
- Add 1/2 cup of peanut butter the melted marshmallows.
- Use Fruity Pebbles instead of Rice Krispies.
- Add frozen chocolate chips (or any flavor of chips you like) when you mix in the cereal. Freezing before adding prevents them from melting.
- Add candy like M&Ms or Reece's Pieces with the cereal.

Chocolate Éclair Dessert

Ingredients:

- 2 individual packages graham crackers
- 2 (3 ounce) packages instant vanilla pudding mix
- 3 cups milk
- 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 ounce) package prepared chocolate frosting

Directions:

1. Line the bottom of a 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan with graham crackers.
2. In a large bowl, combine pudding mix and milk. Stir well. Stir in whipped topping to pudding mixture. Spread half of mixture over graham cracker layer.
3. Top with another layer of graham crackers and the remaining pudding.
4. Top with a final layer of graham crackers and frost with chocolate frosting. Refrigerate until serving.

August 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Elementary Meet Your Teacher	22	23 First Day of School	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 No School: Labor Day	4	5	6 MS Open Houses	7	8
9	10	11 IHS Open Hosues	12	13 SHS & MHP Open Houses	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 No School: Professional Day	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 8:00 am HOA Garage Sale
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Free Legal Information

Did you know you could get free legal information from the Oklahoma Bar Association? Visit their website at <http://www.okbar.org/public/brochures/> to download a wide selection of legal brochures and handbooks for free. Here are just a few that are available for download:

- Advance Directive (Living Will) Form
- Do You Need a Will or Trust?
- Is Divorce the Answer for You?
- Lawyers and Legal Fees (also available in Spanish)
- Should You go to Small Claims Court?
- What are Your Rights as an Employee?
- Thinking of Buying a Home?
- Is Bankruptcy the Answer?
- Senior Citizens Handbook

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BAPS News

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Please note that if your child is currently in a Broken Arrow Public School Pre-K program, your child will automatically be enrolled in your child's home school. This process requires no action on your part.

As a service to their patrons, the Caring Van will be available at the Enrollment Center to administer free immunizations on August 15, 17, 20, and 21 from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Contact Information

If you would like to place an ad, sponsor an issue, submit an article or suggestion please contact the Editor, Camille Diaz at newsletter@theparkonflorence.org.

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.

Contributors: Camille Diaz, Deb Arledge, Anthony Diaz, Bud Heck, Sharon Pruitt



October 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 6:00 pm HOA Board Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 No School: Conferences	18 No School: Fall Break	19 No School: Fall Break	20
21	22	23	24	25 6:30 pm HOA Special Meeting at BA South Library	26	27 6-8pm Night Out Against Crime
28	29	30	31 Halloween			