

# The Park News

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## Home Maintenance Tips For Spring

After a long, dark winter, spring's bright sun and warm winds are, well, a breath of fresh air. The only downside? All that sunshine spotlights your leaf-filled gutters, cracked sidewalks and the dead plants in last year's flower beds. Dwight Barnett, a certified master inspector with the American Society of Home Inspectors, shared this checklist to help you target the areas that need maintenance so you can get your chores done quickly, leaving you time to go outside and play in the sunshine

Check for loose or leaky gutters. Improper drainage can lead to water in the basement or crawl space. Make sure downspouts drain away from the foundation and are clear and free of debris.

Low areas in the yard or next to the foundation should be filled with compacted soil. Spring rains can cause yard flooding, which can lead to foundation flooding and damage.

Use a screwdriver to probe the wood trim around windows, doors, railings and decks. Make repairs now before the spring rains do more damage to the exposed wood.

From the ground, examine roof shingles to see if any were lost or damaged during winter. The summer sun can really damage roof shingles. Shingles that are cracked, buckled or loose or are missing granules need to be replaced. Flashing around plumbing vents, skylights and chimneys need to be checked and replaced. Have a qualified heating and cooling contractor clean and service the outside unit of the air conditioning system. Clean coils operate more efficiently, and an annual service call will be aided by a qualified roofer. To keep the system working at peak performance levels. Change interior filters on a regular basis.

Examine the exterior of the chimney for signs of damage. Have the flue cleaned and inspected by a certified chimney sweep.

Inspect concrete slabs for signs of cracks or movement. All exterior slabs except pool decks should drain away from the home's foundation. Fill cracks with a concrete crack filler or silicone caulk. When weather permits, power-wash and then seal the concrete .

Check outside hose faucets for freeze damage. Turn the water on and place your thumb or finger over the opening. If you can stop the flow of water, it is likely the pipe inside the home is damaged and will need to be replaced. While you're at it, check the garden hose for dry rot.



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## Message from the Board

To report a code violation of any kind such as un-mowed lawns or trash build up in a yard, or to report street lights that are out, call the city's Action Center at 918-258-3587 or email [action@brokenarrowok.gov](mailto:action@brokenarrowok.gov). Make sure to include the address of the property in question as well as your address and phone number so someone from the city can follow up with you.

**Next association meeting is scheduled for Monday April 4, 2016 @ 6:45pm. All Park on Florence homeowners are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the South Broken Arrow Library.**

### Board Officers

President: Mark Eley

Vice President: Bud Heck

Secretary: Mauri Neese

Treasurer: Julie Hogan

### Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

South Broken Arrow Library

3600 S. Chestnut Avenue

6:45 pm

## HOA Notes

Four homeowners were awarded the Holiday Spirit Recognition Award to display in their yard for a week each this past December. There were many beautiful decorated houses to choose from, thanks to all whom put in the time to decorate their houses.

The HOA annual spring garage sale will be soon upon us, no date has been set yet but when it is a special notice will be uploaded to the web site.

## Park on Florence Trash Service Schedule

Trash pickup is Tuesdays and Fridays

If a route cannot be completed on schedule, trash will be picked up first thing the following morning.

### Holiday Schedule

If a holiday falls on a Monday, the Tuesday pickup will be delayed until Wednesday. If a holiday falls on Tuesday or Friday, your trash will be picked up on your next regular pickup day.

# February 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7 Super Bowl 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentines Day 	15 Presidents Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

# March 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patricks Day	18	19
20 Palm Sunday	21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday	26
27 Easter 	28	29	30	31		

# Damaged Mailboxes?

Brick Mailbox repairs—Baster Stone & Brick, Tulsa, 918-747-9569

Cast Iron Mailboxes—Accurate Welding, Tulsa, 918-838-1111

## Broken Arrow Animal Control

If you have a complaint of excessive barking dogs, loose dogs, cats, or if you have a problem with a wild animal such as a opossum, skunk, rabbits, etc, please contact the Broken Arrow Animal Control. 918-259-8311,

email: [www.baanimalshelter.com](http://www.baanimalshelter.com).

## Contact Information

If you would like to place an ad, sponsor an issue, submit an article or suggestion please contact the Editor, Mark Eley at [newsletter@theparkonflorencia.org](mailto:newsletter@theparkonflorencia.org).

If you live in the Park on Florence and you would like to make an announcement about a new baby, school or club event, community organization or your business, email us and we'll announce it in the next newsletter free of charge. Space is limited, first come first served. Ads must follow newsletter formatting requirements.

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# April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 April Fools Day	2
3	4 HOA Meeting @ 6:45 S. BA Library	5	6	7	8	9
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